



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

TJPA Offices
201 Mission Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ted Olsson, Chair
Bruce Agid, Vice Chair

Keysha Bailey
Paul Bendix
Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz
Robert Feinbaum

Helen Han
Charley Lavery
Sean McGarry
Lauren Post
Alice Rogers

Patty-Jo Rutland
Jason Smith
Pascale Soumoy
Patrick Valentino

Executive Director
Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Barbara Pemberton

1. Call to Order

Chair Olsson called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Members Present: Chair Olsson, Vice Chair Agid, Paul Bendix, Robert Feinbaum, Lauren Post, Patty-Jo Rutland, Jason Smith, and Patrick Valentino.

Members Absent: Keysha Bailey, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Helen Han, Charley Lavery, Sean McGarry, Alice Rogers, and Pascale Soumoy

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager Scott Boule announced that the sale of Block 5 for \$172 million closed in September and that Block 8 is expected to close in October. TJPA is participating on a number of panels and providing numerous tours of the Transit Center this week for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI), both of which are currently holding their annual meetings in San Francisco. The overnight work associated with placement of structural steel over Fremont Street is scheduled to be completed on Sunday, October 11. Steel had to be brought over both First Street and Fremont Street. Since these are two of the busiest streets in the entire region, the city would not allow them to be closed during the day. This required much of the work to be done overnight. The overnight steel work for First Street was completed in May 2015. The major structural elements of the Transit Center's light column were constructed in September 2015. In addition to being a major design element of the facility, the light column is a key sustainability feature that will help the Transit Center achieve a LEED Gold rating. It brings daylight into the underground rail levels, reducing electricity usage during daylight hours.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2015

Chair Olsson requested a motion to approve the September 8, 2015 Minutes. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Jason Smith and seconded by Paul Bendix. A voice vote approved the motion with one abstention from Lauren Post.

4. Vision Zero

Commander Ann Mannix from the Special Operations Bureau of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) began the presentation with a brief overview of Vision Zero and SFPD's enforcement efforts related to the goals of Vision Zero. The City of San Francisco initiated Vision Zero to coordinate the work of all City departments to achieve the goal of zero traffic fatalities by 2024. The new Transbay Transit Center is located within the Southern San Francisco police district. A division of SFPD referred to as "Traffic Company" serves the community and plays an important role in the implementation of Vision Zero by providing traffic enforcement, accident investigations and education.

Patrick Valentino asked how the CAC can help advocate for police enforcement of traffic violations. Mr. Valentino also wants the police to better understand the street-level perspective of pedestrians and cyclists. Commander Mannix answered that the SFPD staffing level has been reduced by 250 officers. The City has committed to having more academy classes to increase the number of officers. Robert Feinbaum asked if the cameras mounted on San Francisco Muni buses help traffic enforcement efforts. Commander Mannix answered that the cameras are an effective deterrent; they aid in traffic enforcement, as well as capturing suspected criminals, and reducing court costs. Ms. Post asked if there are signs at intersections that state not to "block the box." Blocking the box occurs when a vehicle remains in an intersection or crosswalk after the signal light turns red. Commander Mannix responded that signage is in place at certain high volume intersections.

Chair Olsson asked how the Transit Center can be used as a model to educate San Franciscans about Vision Zero and advance it throughout the City. Commander Mannix suggested that the volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic surrounding the Transit Center will provide opportunities for education and for innovative use of foot and bicycle patrols. Patty-Jo Rutland asked how pedestrians were being educated on Vision Zero principles. Candace Sue, Communications and Marketing Division Director of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) described the agency's educational and outreach strategies. Ms. Sue and John Knox White, SFMTA Transportation Planner, then provided a presentation on SFMTA's efforts to date to implement the educational and outreach components of Vision Zero. Commander Mannix suggested a link to Vision Zero be placed on the TJPA website once the new Transit Center is operational.

Vice Chair Agid expressed that citations are an important part of effectively addressing existing traffic safety issues, but they need to be combined with more public education in order to make Vision Zero a success. Mr. Smith stated that the intersection at 4th and King Streets is especially difficult to maneuver, given the significant construction activity currently underway in that area. Mr. Smith expressed that issuing more citations could be an effective deterrent because members of the public would witness greater levels of enforcement. Mr. Valentino asked if street reengineering had improved conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. Commander Mannix replied that improvements have not yet been assessed. Mr. Bendix stated that he was concerned about wheelchair safety since they cannot be easily seen. Ms. Rutland expressed that the same concern exists for pedestrians.

5. Presentation of Phase 1 Program and Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Updates

Senior Program Manager Mark Zabaneh presented the budget update. Robert Feinbaum asked how adopting a budget based on a 50% Risk Assessment Confidence Level instead of 30% will impact Phase 2. Mr. Zabaneh answered that the balance between the 30% and 50% Risk Assessment Confidence Level will be placed in the Program Reserve and any money not utilized for Phase 1 will be available for Phase 2. Mr. Valentino inquired on the status of Parcel F. Mr. Zabaneh responded that Parcel F was in the procurement process, and he could not comment publicly about that process. Mr. Feinbaum asked for the identity of the parties in negotiations for Parcel F. Mr. Zabaneh responded that he could not reveal the names of the parties in negotiations for Parcel F. Ms. Post is appreciative that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is involved in the budget and cost review process. Mr. Zabaneh expressed that MTC's participation is a good cross check.

6. Construction Update

Jack Adams of Turner Construction Company, Construction Management Oversight, presented the update. Chair Olsson asked when steel fabrication and erection would be complete. Mr. Adams answered that April 2016 is the scheduled completion date for steel erection.

7. Public Comment

Member of the public Jim Patrick expressed that it is important to set parameters to measure the success of Vision Zero in the area surrounding the Transit Center because he feels achieving Vision Zero's safety goals is important for both the retail and transit components of the Transit Center.

8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Mr. Smith expressed that the primary dangers to pedestrians and cyclists are autos. He is interested in learning more about incentives to encourage vehicle drivers to use public transit. Mr. Valentino wants to explore the concept of effectively integrating transit into a dense urban environment. Patty-Jo Rutland suggested that all transit operators will need to work together to make operations at the new Transit Center a success. Vice Chair Agid would like to know more about the additional capacity that will be available when the Transit Center opens. He also suggested a future presentation on the implementation of the educational and engineering aspects of Vision Zero at the new Transit Center. Ms. Post would like a future Vision Zero presentation that is more focused on the immediate impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

9. Adjourn

Chair Olsson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.