



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

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

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Agid, Chair
Lauren Post, Vice-Chair

Keysha Bailey
Paul Bendix
Anthony Birdsey
Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum
Helen Han
Charley Lavery
Sean McGarry
Nathan Morales

Alice Rogers
Patty-Jo Rutland
Jason Smith
Pascale Soumoy

Interim Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Eddie Phillips

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Members Present: Vice Chair Agid, Keysha Bailey, Paul Bendix, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales, Lauren Post, Alice Rogers and Jason Smith.

Members Absent: Anthony Birdsey, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Helen Han, Charley Lavery and Patty-Jo Rutland.

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager Scott Boule presented the report. Mr. Boule started by welcoming the three new CAC members; Anthony Birdsey, Jackson Fahnestock and Nathan Morales, as well as the new Interim Executive Director Mark Zabaneh and the new CAC Secretary Eddie Phillips. Mr. Boule also thanked Barbara Pemberton, former CAC Secretary, for her service. Mr. Boule went on to inform the CAC of exciting news regarding the beginning of installation for the Transbay Transit Center (TTC) awning and glazing, which can now be seen on Natoma Street. Legislation approving city financing to increase the Phase 1 budget is advancing through the legislative process. It has been approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee, and the full Board of Supervisors. Mayor Lee is expected to sign the legislation within the next ten days. Legislation regarding the Block 4 option included as part of the purchase and sale agreement for Parcel F will be considered at the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee. The regularly scheduled June 2016 CAC meeting would occur the Tuesday following the June TJPA Board Meeting. When possible CAC members often prefer to move the CAC meeting to the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting. CAC member Keysha Bailey agreed that this was a good process to follow when feasible and no member disagreed, so the June meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Mr. Boule closed with an overview of procedures for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. There was no member of the public wishing to comment.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

CAC member Alice Rogers nominated Vice-Chair Agid for Chair and he accepted. CAC member Paul Bendix nominated CAC member Lauren Post for Vice-Chair and she accepted. Vice-Chair Agid thanked former CAC Chair Ted Olsson for his years of service to the CAC, including his last two years as CAC Chair. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to vote Bruce Agid as Chair and Lauren Post as Vice-Chair was made by CAC member Sean McGarry and seconded by CAC member Jason Smith. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion. Mr. Agid resumed chairing the meeting as the newly elected Chair.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2016

CAC member Jason Smith asked that the last sentence in section 4 be amended and Chair Agid asked that another sentence in section 4 be amended as well. Both requests were edited into the minutes. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by CAC member Alice Rogers and seconded by Mr. Smith. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

5. Consideration of Resolution on the Downtown Rail Extension

CAC member Robert Feinbaum introduced the item, which he proposed. Mr. Feinbaum emphasized his interest in ensuring the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) moves forward as quickly as possible. Chair Agid opened the floor to the CAC members to discuss. CAC member Paul Bendix stated that he believes the DTX has strong support from the high tech

sector. Mr. Boule stated that voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition H in 1999, which stated that Caltrain should be extended into a new Transbay Transit Center (TTC), and that the 2008 high speed rail bond measure specified that the TTC will be the system's Northern terminus. Vice-Chair Post added that she supports moving the DTX forward, but it needs to be done right and the study exploring alternative options should continue, even if there is some delay. Mr. Feinbaum emphasized that the current alignment was environmentally cleared after many years of study and that a new alignment would need to be environmentally cleared, which would delay the project several years. Mr. Boule reiterated that the DTX is currently designated as a regional priority for federal New Starts funding, but a project must be environmentally cleared to move forward in the New Starts pipeline. The city's Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility (RAB) study is currently in its second phase, which will produce up to three alternatives for further study. The current alignment is among the options being studied. Chair Agid stated that he understood the cost to build the DTX was roughly \$3.9 billion. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the current DTX design is 30% complete and the TJPA is updating that estimate for a presentation at the June TJPA Board meeting. Mr. Feinbaum expressed concerns about the pace of the RAB study. A member of the public, Jim Patrick, stated that private funds should also be considered. Another member of the public, Roland Lebrun, reiterated that the Northern terminus for high speed rail is the Transbay Transit Center, not 4th and King, and asserted that the number and volume of trains coming into the TTC per hour was insufficient for high speed rail's needs. Chair Agid proposed forming an ad-hoc temporary working group, which would be comprised of less than a quorum in order to comply with the Brown Act, to further discuss the proposed resolution. Mr. Feinbaum expressed support for proceeding with a working group. CAC member Keysha Bailey also expressed support for the working group and suggested a 60 day timeframe may be appropriate. CAC member Jackson Fahnstock stated that it may need more than 60 days to hopefully reach agreement on something that the entire CAC could support. Chair Agid offered a motion to form the working group. CAC member Alice Rogers seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion. Chair Agid asked TJPA staff to distribute an email to CAC members to find out who is interested in participating as a member of the new working group.

At this time Chair Agid reviewed the remaining agenda items and reevaluated the time allotted for each.

6. Presentation on Disability Access in the Transit Center

The presentation was made by Joyce Oishi of the TJPA Project Management and Project Controls Team. CAC member Paul Bendix thanked Ms. Oishi and stated that it was great to see the latest Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) considerations being fully and appropriately incorporated. Mr. Bendix suggested that the same standards should apply for Phase 2, and that infrastructure in the surrounding neighborhood should meet the high standards used in the Transit Center. Specifically, Mr. Bendix asked that existing curb cuts in the surrounding neighborhood be improved to the new ADA regulations as well. Mr. Boule stated that a portion of Community Facilities District (CFD) funds will go to the city for streetscape improvements in the surrounding neighborhood and could be considered for these improvements. Chair Agid agreed to emphasize this point in his monthly update to the

TJPA Board. Mr. Bendix asked that once the TTC is operational local businesses be surveyed to ask how things are working. The item was open for public comment and one member of the public, Ted Olsson, suggested connecting with Lighthouse for the Blind to involve them in reviewing what is being done.

7. Presentation of Phase 1 Program Budget Update

The presentation was made by Interim Executive Director of the TJPA Mark Zabaneh, . CAC member Robert Feinbaum asked the TJPA to pursue opportunities to clarify misrepresentations in the press regarding the magnitude of the Phase 1 budget increase. Executive Director Zabaneh reiterated that the initial budget was \$1.189 billion, the train box was then moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 when the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) grant for \$400 million was received. This produced the revised baseline budget of \$1.589, which was then further revised to \$1.899 billion in July 2013. An additional increase of \$360 million based on the 2015 MTC cost review is pending, which would bring the revised total to \$2.259 billion. Much of the increase is due to the hot construction market, which has caused bidding on the trade packages to come in higher than expected. Chair Agid further clarified that the proposed \$2.259 billion is about \$640 million higher than the original budget of \$1.589 billion rather than the over one billion dollar increase referred to in some press reports that inaccurately use \$1.189 billion as the basis for comparison. Mr. Boule stated that the TJPA works to educate the media and always makes these points when discussing the Phase 1 budget with reporters. However, if a reporter looks at the minutes for TJPA Board meetings prior to the \$400 million ARRA grant, which again caused \$400 million to be transferred from Phase 2 to Phase 1, they will see an earlier Phase 1 budget of \$1.189 billion. Chair Agid questioned the use of Construction Change Orders (CCOs) for items that should have been a part of the bid package upfront, i.e. the Overhead Contact System, CCOs are sometimes thought of as cost-drivers that increase the costs, and this is an item that should have been budgeted upfront. Executive Director Zabaneh explained that certain scope items, such as the OCS system, will be strategically issued as change orders to existing contracts, negotiated by Webcor-Obayashi to mitigate some of the difficulties encountered in attracting sufficient numbers of bidders and for ease of coordination with existing trades. The item was open for public comment and one member of the public, Jim Patrick, suggested that the TJPA put together a public relations package to educate the media and the public about the Phase 1 budget.

8. Construction Update

Senior Construction Manager of the TJPA Dennis Turchon and Director of Design and Construction for the Transbay Transit Center, San Francisco Public Works Ron Alameida, presented the update. The update discussed present activities, upcoming activities, safety and labor statistics, budget overview and contingency costs. Chair Agid asked that the safety slide be clearer on the comparisons. CAC member Robert Feinbaum asked about AC Transit having additional requests at this late date in the construction process. Mr. Alameida stated this is an operations issue rather than a construction issue. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the TJPA has already accommodated AC Transit and their request for double-

decker buses and AC Transit is now asking to accommodate articulated buses, which the TJPA is reviewing. There was no member of the public wishing to comment.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

There was no CAC member comment or request for future agenda items.

11. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.