



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Eddie Phillips

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Chair Agid, Paul Bendix, Anthony Birdsey, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales and Alice Rogers.

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Post, Keysha Bailey, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Helen Han, Charley Lavery, Patty-Jo Rutland and Jason Smith.

A quorum was not achieved.

2. Staff Report

Scott Boule, TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager, presented the report. Mr. Boule began by announcing that the financing provided by the City and MTC to complete Phase 1 was on track to close on January 12, 2017. This represents the final piece of financing necessary to complete Phase 1 on schedule in December 2017. The pending Proposition K allocation request for \$6.8 million to continue preliminary engineering and design work for Phase 2, along with additional risk assessment, ridership, and right-of-way analysis necessary to confirm the Phase 2 cost estimate, has been placed on the San Francisco County Transit Authority Commission's January 24 agenda. Work is continuing on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) with responses to comments being finalized in the next 5 – 6 weeks. TJPA staff hopes to bring this to the TJPA Board for consideration at the March meeting. In order to follow up on the discussion at the December TJPA Board meeting, a meeting with officials from the Planning Department to discuss an integrated schedule for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) and the Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility Study (RAB) is scheduled for January 31, 2017. Mr. Boule stated that the TJPA Board was going to consider inviting the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to join the TJPA Board given the significant role CHSRA will play in the development of Phase 2, including as a major funding partner. Mr. Boule also announced that the first trees for the Rooftop park will arrive next week, so the public will begin to see the park taking shape. And, in closing, Mr. Boule provided details regarding the upcoming recruitment process for new CAC members - 7 seats are up for consideration this cycle. TJPA staff anticipates bringing recommendations for consideration at the March TJPA Board meeting. Chair Agid asked about next steps for the SEIS/EIR and Mr. Boule explained that the State Historic Preservation Office was still reviewing details regarding a historic building near one of the vent shafts for the DTX. Chair Agid stated that he was pleased to hear that a meeting with John Rahaim had been scheduled, however he was disappointed that it had not already taken place. Executive Director (ED) Mark Zabaneh stated that the holidays had impacted Mr. Rahaim's schedule and that this was the first available date for the meeting. ED Zabaneh further reiterated that the pending Proposition K funding request is essential for continuing to advance Phase 2, including coordination with the RAB study. Chair Agid asked if the CHSRA would add a member or replace a current member on the TJPA Board. ED Zabaneh stated that a staff report describing the process for adding a new CHSRA appointment had been posted to the TJPA website. If the Board moves forward with the CHSRA appointment, then the bylaws require that the City and County of San Francisco receive another appointment as well. Anthony Birdsey asked about the warranty period regarding the landscaping. Staff stated that the warranty would begin once all the park landscaping had been finalized and it would continue for a two-year period. Member of the public Jim Patrick suggested considering bringing Planning Department staff onto the project. He also asked about progress on the Master Lessee negotiations. ED Zabaneh stated that TJPA staff is hoping to bring an executed agreement to the TJPA Board for consideration in either February or March. Member of the public Roland Lebrun stated that the \$6.8 million Proposition K funding request was a waste for something that will never be built. He further stated that adding the CHSRA to the TJPA Board was something that should not be considered as they do not have any money or

sufficient engineering experience, and he asked when the staff report was posted. ED Zabaneh stated that the staff report had been posted today.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 13, 2016

A quorum was not present so the approval of the meeting minutes were continued to the next CAC meeting.

4. Presentation of the Annual Program Status Report

Scott Boule; Sara DeBord, TJPA Chief Financial Officer; Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager; and Ron Alameida, San Francisco Public Works Director of Design and Construction for the Transbay Transit Center, presented the item. The monthly construction update was incorporated into this item. Member of the public Jim Patrick asked if the requirement in the project's Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that the highest prevailing wages be paid for construction work has reduced Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation. Ms. DeBord explained that requirement is not due to the PLA, but rather is required by federal and state law regardless of the PLA, so she did not believe it had reduced SBE participation. Member of the public Roland Lebrun stated that with the Trump Administration and Republican majorities in Congress any involvement with the CHSRA will be an impediment to the project going forward. Chair Agid stated that the slide showing safety statistics for the year would be more useful with additional information on statistics for the previous year so that the trend line was clear. Anthony Birdsey asked when the Temporary Terminal would be completely decommissioned. Mr. Alameida stated that it would be done in stages and that the TJPA had an obligation to have Block 4, which is the northern third of the Temporary Terminal site, ready for development by June 2018. Chair Agid asked about the plans for Blocks 2 & 3, which are the southern and central thirds of the Temporary Terminal site. Mr. Alameida stated that Block 3 will be a new park and Block 2 will be affordable housing. Chair Agid asked about the target start date for operations at the Transit Center. Mr. Alameida stated that construction will be substantially completed by December 22, 2017, and that TJPA is working with operators to begin operations as close to that date as is possible. Chair Agid applauded the Project Team for the sense of urgency regarding the beginning of operations and for their efforts to build momentum as construction nears completion. Sean McGarry asked if the respondents to the Master Lessee Request for Proposals (RFP) had provided information regarding their plans to activate the Transit Center, and he requested an update for the CAC from the selected firm once an agreement was executed. Mr. Boule stated that activation of all components of the Transit Center will be a high priority for the selected firm, and that a briefing for the CAC will be scheduled soon after the RFP process is complete and an agreement is executed. Mr. Lebrun asked if weather is having an impact on the schedule and how well was the building is holding up during recent severe weather. Mr. Turchon stated that the building's weatherization systems have been holding up well overall. Mr. Lebrun asked about the blockage of the Auxiliary Water Supply System. Mr. Turchon stated that it had been resolved. Mr. Patrick asked if AC Transit was going to increase marketing efforts to encourage Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) riders to use their buses. Mr. Boule stated that there is a meeting scheduled for later in the month with representatives from AC Transit's

marketing team to discuss the transition from the Temporary Terminal into Phase 1 operations.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

No CAC member comments. Future agenda requests include: 1) transition into operations at the Transbay Transit Center and AC Transit's readiness, 2) presentation of the retail program by the Master lessee and timing for activation of retail spaces, 3) discussion with the Director of the City's new Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing regarding a proactive strategy to prevent homeless encampments once the TTC opens, 4) a review of the plans for Mission Square, and 5) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the Transit Center.

7. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.