



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 7, 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
Vacant, 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

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Edward Phillips

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Members Present: Chair Agid, Paul Bendix, Anthony Birdsey, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Charley Lavery, Nathan Morales, Patty-Jo Rutland and Jason Smith.

Members Absent: Keysha Bailey, Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Helen Han, Sean McGarry, and Alice Rogers.

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

Scott Boule, TJPA Legislative Affairs and Community Outreach Manager, presented the report. Mr. Boule began by announcing that Vice-Chair Lauren Post had resigned from the Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) and read a letter to the CAC from Ms. Post. Mr. Boule announced that CAC appointments will be presented to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Board and that 8 appointments will be recommended, 6 reappointments of current CAC members, 1 new appointment and 1 mid-term appointment to fill the vacant seat left by Lauren Post. The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Commission vote for the Proposition K allotment for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) was continued to the February 28, 2017 meeting and then continued again to the March 14, 2017 meeting. Mr. Boule explained the reasons for the continuations had to do with Federal Electrification Funding and that the Railyard Alternatives and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility Study (RAB) has been updated to add 4 – 6 months to be finished. Chair Agid asked who the decision makers were on this extension. Staff replied that it was SF Planning, California High Speed Rail as well as various other stakeholders. Chair Agid explained to the CAC that the Proposition K funding request was now for \$5.4 million dollars and was broken out into two parts; \$4.5 million for common elements of the DTX and \$900,000 for review of the Townsend and 2nd Street alternative. Chair Agid further asked that CAC members attend the March 14, 2017 SFCTA meeting at 11:00 am to advocate on behalf of the DTX allocation. Robert Feinbaum asked how long would the engineering take to complete once the allocation was approved. Staff responded that it would take somewhere between 10 and 12 months. Patty-Jo Rutland stated that the request for this ask started last summer and that this would delay the efforts and it would seem to also escalate costs due to these delays. Staff concurred. Member of the public Roland Lebrun stated that at last Friday's, March 3 California Department of Finance meeting Caltrain was denied 1A Bonds and he also stated that he believes that there is another alignment that should be considered. Mr. Boule continued with his report by informing the group that the Asset Manager negotiations were wrapping up and that there would be another closed session item on the TJPA Board Agenda for Thursday, March 9, 2017, and that all details would be finalized in the near future. Mr. Boule also informed the group that a two-day peer review of the Security Staffing Plan had taken place on January 31 and February 1 and that the report came back that the current staffing plan is adequate. Mr. Boule also stated that the TJPA had posted Summer Internship Opportunities on the website and that those internships would take place between June 19, 2017 through July 28, 2017. Mr. Boule also announced that Senior Construction Manager Dennis Turchon had attended the February 28, 2017 meeting of the Golden Gate Business Association and was recognized with encouraging LGBT Businesses to participate on the project and to encourage other Public Agencies to do the same. Chair Agid asked where we were with regard to homeless outreach. Executive Director Mark Zabaneh stated that he had spoken to the Director of the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team and that they would be brought in for further discussions once the Asset Manager had been brought onboard. Mr. Feinbaum asked when the Asset Manager would be approved and if they would be able to have retail ready when the Transbay Transit Center opened. Anthony Birdsey also asked if the Asset Manager will be presented to the CAC, and if they would be required to include local businesses in the mix of retail. Staff stated that once the Asset Manager was approved they would be brought to the CAC to be introduced and discuss

their plan, and that local business are a part of the retail plan. Mr. Lebrun stated for the record that the new World Trade Center was being managed and operated at a far lower cost than the anticipated operational costs of the new Transbay Transit Center.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 13, 2016 and January 10, 2017

A motion to approve both sets of minutes the September minutes was made by Paul Bendix and seconded by Jason Smith. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report Update

The presentation was made by Rodney Jeung, Principal with AECOM and Meghan Murphy, Phase 2 Project Manager from the Program Management and Program Controls team. Mr. Feinbaum asked why so many emergency vents. Ms. Murphy stated that the amount of vents was dictated by National Fire Protection Association, Code Number 130, and they are required to be every 2,500 feet. Ms. Rutland asked about the California High Speed Rail rail curvature and how was the final version agreed. Ms. Murphy stated that the final version was agreeable to both parties. Chair Agid asked about the extended train box. Ms. Murphy stated that it was necessary in order to achieve fully tangent completely straight tracks. Mr. Feinbaum asked to assume that there may be a “Phase 3” in the future to take Caltrain through the Transbay Transit Center to the East Bay, has this been accommodated for that possibility. Ms. Murphy stated that nothing that is currently planned would preclude that from being able to happen. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) record of decision was independent or needed to wait for TJPA Board approval. Mr. Jeung stated that it was a process which requires the local sponsor comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), then the Record of Decision and the NEPA are combined and moved forward. Chair Agid asked where will the buses that will use the future Intercity Bus Facility reside until the facility is built. Mr. Jeung responded that the Bus Deck of the Transit Center are anticipated to accommodate them until the Intercity Bus Facility is built. Chair Agid asked what was in the location of the Intercity Bus Facility currently. Ms. Murphy that currently that space is occupied by project trailers and 201 Mission Street building podium. Chair Agid asked how was the decision made regarding 16th Street and impacts for that intersection crossing. Ms. Murphy stated it was a combined effort with Caltrain and addressing the City’s and Public’s comments and that the final decision reduced Caltrain crossings from 48 to 24 with no crossings during peak hours. Jackson Fahnestock stated that he was troubled by the idea of “Peak Hours” and that there are really no “Peak Hours” any longer. Mr. Jeung stated that the “Peak Hours” that had been set are 7:30 – 8:30 am and 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Mr. Feinbaum asked if this was being taken to the TJPA Board as an informational item or for them to act on it. ED Zabaneh stated that it was an informational item and would not be able to be acted upon until FTA approval and in consultation with the SF Planning Department. Chair Agid asked what are SF Planning’s concerns. ED Zabaneh stated that they had concerns with the 16th Street crossing and the use of cut and cover for the DTX. Chair Agid stated that there seems to be a lot of discussion regarding this Environmental document. ED Zabaneh stated that the team is addressing FTA comments, the 16th Street crossing and the design of the vent structures. Mr. Feinbaum asked what about noise coming from the vent structures. Mr. Jeung stated that design had implemented

mitigation measures. Member of the public Roland Lebrun used two minutes to describe how to save \$3 billion, using boring throughout and eliminating the use of cut and cover, and reducing the vent shafts. Member of the public James Patrick asked about the number of letters and public comments. Mr. Jeung stated that the responses would be posted with the 10 day notice. Mr. Patrick questioned why a certain building was being saved with under pinning and not using that location for what was to be a park. Staff stated that the California State Historical Preservation Office had deemed it of historical significance that required it to be preserved and that there would still be a smaller park. Mr. Patrick went on to state that the masonry building being preserved was an eyesore.

5. Construction Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, Director of Design and Construction for the TTC, presented the update. Mr. Feinbaum asked how many bus bays would AC Transit be operating on the bus deck. ED Zabaneh stated that AC Transit would be using 26 spaces and that the others would be occupied by Greyhound, WestCat, MUNI and others. Member of the public James Patrick stated that he had read the Matier & Ross article and felt that it did not make the TJPA look very good and that the TJPA needed to put out some better Public Relation articles. Anthony Birdsey stated that he would like to have the Community Benefit District involved as soon as possible once the Asset Manager/Master Lessee was brought on board.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. 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 Asset Manager/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, 5) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the Transit Center, and 6) involving the Community Benefit District with the Asset Manager/Master Lessee discussions.

8. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.