



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

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

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Agid, Chair
Derrick Holt, Vice Chair

Belal Aftab
Paul Bendix
Don Dickerson
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum
Helen Han
Amy Jalili
Charley Lavery
Gloria Li

Sean McGarry
Nathan Morales
Patty-Jo Rutland
Howard Wong

Executive Director
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison
Skip Sowko

CAC Secretary
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Members Present: Chair Agid, Belal Aftab, Paul Bendix, Don Dickerson, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Vice Chair Holt, Amy Jalili, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry, Nathan Morales and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Helen Han, Charley Lavery, and Patty-Jo Rutland

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, presented the following report. Mr. Sowko reported that Charley Lavery had to attend a memorial service and would not be able to attend this month's CAC meeting. The TJPA Board of Directors and CAC meetings in August will be canceled. Both meetings will resume in September. Mr. Sowko stated that on June 19, 2018, Mark Zabaneh, TJPA Executive Director, visited the State Capitol in Sacramento to thank the San Francisco delegation for their continued support of the Transbay Program and for their effort towards the passage of Regional Measure 3 (RM3). Executive Director Zabaneh also took the opportunity to brief them on the status of the program including the need for funding from Senate Bill One (SB1) and the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX). Mr. Sowko stated that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provided their comments on the Draft Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (SEIR/EIS) which included a request to incorporate the results of the recently completed tunnel options study in the final SEIR/EIS, as this was submitted to FTA before the study was contemplated. The TJPA intends to resubmit the SEIR/EIS to the FTA with their comments incorporated in the next few weeks. The TJPA and the FTA team remain fully engaged. Mr. Sowko also stated that the TJPA is in the process of securing funding from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to fund the 30% design completion of Phase 2. Mr. Sowko went on to say that the SFCTA Board of Directors approved an allocation in the amount of \$9.7M for the DTX and that the allocation is expected to be ratified by the SFCTA Board at their July 24, 2018 meeting. TJPA will seek the remaining funding, that is needed to complete the 30% design, from MTC early next year when RM3 funds become available. Mr. Sowko further reported that summer interns were working with TJPA, the Program Management Team, and Webcor Obayashi Joint Venture (W/O) on various aspects of the project. The summer internship program will run from June 11 through August 10. Chair Agid commended the TJPA for hosting the internship program for another year and emphasized that it is a great opportunity for students to work and learn about a project of this size and magnitude.

Ms. Falvey provided an update on Grand Opening events. She stated the event celebrations were on schedule; however, with very limited resources, the TJPA has engaged all sponsors to open the center in a manner befitting its importance to the region and to the State. Ms. Falvey stated that, as reported last month, the TJPA will have a series of events, which include an Art & Architecture Symposium hosted by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, a series of public tours hosted by TJPA, along with a Neighborhood Block Party scheduled for Saturday, August 11 from 12pm to 4pm, with a worker preview party from 10am-12pm. She explained that the Neighborhood Block Party will activate several areas of the transit center to showcase its features: the Grand Hall, Natoma Street, the bus deck and bridge and the rooftop park. Ms. Falvey stated that each level of the transit center will have events and activities including music, fitness classes, arts and crafts, and children's music lessons. The bus deck will also include new and historic vehicles, transit education including outreach, and an opportunity for the public to take a photo on the cable-stayed bridge. Also, the pop-up retail program will be activated during the Block Party. Mr. Wong asked about possible educational displays or models of the DTX and the future vision for train operations. Mr.

Feinbaum suggested a possible video display of the DTX on the large screen in the Grand Hall. Ms. Falvey stated that the TJPA will be partnering with Caltrain along with California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to provide information to the public about the DTX. It was also confirmed by Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, that staff will be working with Pearl Media to incorporate the vision for the DTX within the transit center. Mr. Aftab asked about press coverage at the Grand Opening. Ms. Falvey stated that the press will be present at the Ribbon Cutting on August 10 as well as the Neighborhood Block party on August 11.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick expressed disappointment that the train box will not be accessible to the public once the transit center opens. Mr. Sowko explained that the space is not developed to the level needed to be considered as an occupiable space and it is still considered a construction area.

Roland Lebrun stated that he sent an email to the CAC members on July 9 that he had previously sent to the SFCTA Board of Directors. He feels the TJPA will not obtain environmental clearance because of the throat design with the 7th Street alignment, as this was not reviewed by the 2018 DTX Peer Review Panel.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2018

Chair Agid asked that the following sentence in the staff report be modified:

- Chair Agid mentioned that a few TJPA CAC members who are part of the RAB Citizens Working Group unanimously approved the RAB Study at the May 21, 2018, meeting because they felt it best met the key criteria.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Feinbaum. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion with the above changes incorporated.

4. Under Ramp Park Design Overview presented by the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII)

Benjamin Brandin, Development Specialist with OCII, and Scott Cataffa, Principal with CMG Landscape Architecture, presented the update. The TJPA CAC complimented the OCII and CMG Landscape Architecture staff on the design of the park. Mr. Bendix asked how the design would accommodate the ever-changing weather with regard to shelter and drainage. Mr. Cataffa stated that OCII is trying to maximize the sunny areas near the café, but concessioners may want to think about putting umbrellas up for patrons during the rainy season. He said that the drainage aspect is still being worked out. Mr. Feinbaum asked about lighting within the park. Mr. Cataffa stated that pattern lighting will be implemented near the darker areas by the ramps during the day and safety lights will be on at night. Mr. Feinbaum asked about security within the park once the park closes. Mr. Cataffa stated that OCII plans to implement security cameras within the park, which will have a direct feed into the security

office at the transit center. It was also stated that Under Ramp Park will most likely follow the same hours as the rooftop park. He further stated that the East Cut Community Benefit District (CBD) has set aside funds for maintaining the park as well as provide their own security staff for the next 15 years. Chair Agid asked what types of concerns OCII's Transbay CAC had with the park. Mr. Brandin stated that OCII's Transbay CAC is very excited about the park and they had many of the same types of concerns that the TJPA CAC has expressed, which mostly had to do with lighting and security.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick suggested having lights illuminate when the buses come down the ramps, similar to how the fountains activate in the transit center, which he feels will promote activity within the park. He also said that if proper security measures are not implemented, the TJPA could potentially have quality of life issues arise.

Roland Lebrun stated that he feels circular columns are more attractive and recommended a graffiti-proof protective coating. He also suggested that the consultant consider redoing the visuals once the coating has been selected.

5. Downtown Rail Extension Update (DTX)

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, presented the report. Mr. Wong suggested that the TJPA investigate the benefits of an accelerated schedule approach instead of a conventional one due to the high cost of potential schedule delays. Mr. Sowko stated that the TJPA will be exploring different types of options as funding becomes clearer but feels right now the schedules are reasonable. Mr. Aftab asked if the TJPA will need approval for additional funding once the \$9.7 million is depleted next spring. Mr. Sowko stated that the TJPA will be able to draw on the RM3 funds next year. The TJPA will work with the MTC to ask for the allocation of the RM3 funds.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick urged the design team to try and come up with a better cost analysis that will drive the costs down or risk losing SB1 funds in the upcoming election.

6. Construction Update

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, and Ron Alameida, San Francisco Public Works Director of Design & Construction for the transit center, presented the construction update. Mr. Wong asked about the magnitude of unresolved change orders. Mr. Alameida stated that the amount of change requests are coming in at a normal rate and received claims have already been incorporated in the estimate of completion. Mr. Alameida also expressed confidence that W/O will meet the substantial completion date of July 12.

7. Facility Readiness Update

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, with support from Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer, presented the update. Ms. Jalili asked if Ms. Velez was confident that the TJPA will have all leases signed by the end of the 3rd quarter and her confidence level on meeting this target. Ms. Velez confirmed that the TJPA is on track and is expected to meet this quota. The TJPA also has more potential leases in the pipeline, which have not been presented yet. Mr. McGarry asked what the schedule was for tenant improvements once the leases are signed. Ms. Velez said that the normal time frame for the buildouts is about six months.

8. Public Comment:

None.

9. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Chair Agid suggested displaying a model of the future transit center showing the trains to let riders know exactly how the center will operate.

Future agenda requests include: 1) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 2) train doors and platform heights for the DTX 3) follow-up presentation by the City's Vision Zero Task Force; and 4) presentation on updated plans for Phase 2 funding.

10. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

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