



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9, 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 5:32pm.

Members Present: Chair Agid, 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 and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Vice Chair Holt

2. Staff Report

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will oversee the peer review panel that was established to identify the cause of the cracks in the steel girders. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) has been sent to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). After FTA signs the document it will then go to the TJPA Board of Directors meeting for approval. Chair

Agid asked about further approval needed for the SEIS/EIR and Mr. Sowko explained that FTA will take a minimum of 30 days to provide the Record of Decision (ROD) that will conclude the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and the TJPA will take a few days to provide the Notice of Determination (NOD) which would conclude the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. Chair Agid inquired about the steel beam Peer Review panel and Mr. Sowko stated there will be members with expertise in steel structures, metallurgy, fracture mechanics and forensic investigations. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the panel would have an engineer who would evaluate the modeling of the structure and calculate the live loads and Mr. Sowko stated that the peer review panel will be evaluating all aspects of the structure related to the identified areas along with the quality of the materials, fabrication of the structural members, and design calculations considering all required loading conditions.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stated that it's possible the transit center was designed for static loading instead of dynamic loading which could be a strategic error in the engineering. Mr. Patrick agrees with the use of the dynamic loading, but by how much considering the 10-mph speed limit on the bus deck which he says seems awfully slow and could pose a problem coming from an engineering perspective. For example; if a bus coming in accidentally hits a curb, this may not account for the dynamic push.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2018

- Chair Agid stated that Adrian Caratowsa's last name was misspelled within Item 4, Public Comment as well as in Item 6, Public Comment.

A motion to approve the minutes were made by Mr. Fahnestock and seconded by Mr. Feinbaum. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Update on the Temporary Closure of the Salesforce Transit Center

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, presented the update. Executive Director Zabaneh and Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, contributed to the update. Chair Agid asked what was being used to protect the support structure above Fremont Street and Mr. Turchon explained there are multiple levels of protection of the shoring system. K-Rail Concrete barriers and freeway rated crash cushions will be installed in addition to arrow boards, which will be used to direct traffic in the proper direction with the splitting of lanes.

Ms. Rutland asked if the shoring system was temporary and if it was used to correct or replace what is wrong and Mr. Turchon confirmed that the shoring system is a temporary support being used to take all the loads off in order to repair the girders. Mr. Aftab asked how testing was being performed to make sure all the girders are intact, and Mr. Turchon replied that there is an ultra-sonic test, where they are able to look inside the girder, a magnetic particle test that looks for cracks, dye penetrant tests, as well as visual testing. Mr. Fahnestock asked if the damage was done to the web or just the flanges and Mr. Turchon replied that the flange has the cracks which are the horizontal piece of the structure; the web, which is the vertical piece, is completely intact. Ms. Jalili inquired about routine inspections and monitoring at the center. Mr. Turchon stated once construction is complete, there is very limited access inside the building walls and it is good the workers installing the ceiling panels discovered the crack and reported it to the TJPA. Executive Director Zabaneh added

that if the crack was not discovered by the workers, there would likely be other warning signs and he stated that currently First Street is being monitored, however, after the forensic testing and results are received to identify the cause, additional testing in other locations can be done. Ms. Rutland asked who is paying for the repairs of the steel beams and Mr. Turchon stated that all testing and repairs are covered under a warranty or insurance, so there should be no out of pocket costs for the TJPA. Mr. McGarry inquired on the level of inspections that were performed during construction and Mr. Turchon stated that there were four levels of inspections performed; three through Webcor Obayashi Joint Venture and one through Turner Construction. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the TJPA will be implementing double decker buses into the transit center and if there is enough space on the bus deck to accommodate a double decker bus and Mr. Turchon confirmed that the transit center can accommodate double decker buses. Ms. Han asked if the temporary closure has affected any pending retail lease deal or interest in the transit center and Ms. Velez stated that the retail lease deals have not been affected and interest remains high. The CAC complimented the TJPA on their composure and level of transparency with the press during this stressful situation.

5. Public Comment

Jim Patrick commended the TJPA staff on how this information has been presented from a public relations perspective. He also suggested that the contractor that was at fault may want to pay for a reboot of the opening of the transit center to get the momentum back that was exhibited at the Grand Opening.

Adrian Caratowsa with the East Cut Community Benefit District suggested sensors be put in the structure in case of an earthquake.

6. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Chair Agid asked Mr. Sowko for an update on the approval of the Pennsylvania Alignment and Mr. Sowko stated that the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) unanimously approved the Pennsylvania Avenue Alignment at their September 25, 2018 meeting and it will now be presented to Mayor Breed for approval.

Ms. Jalili suggested the TJPA consider discussing ways to bring momentum back to the transit center through public relations services.

Future agenda requests include: 1) Update on the schedule and funding of the DTX and Pennsylvania Alignment 2) train doors and platform heights for the DTX; 3) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the transit center; 4) follow-up presentation by the City's Vision Zero Task Force; 5) Update from Pearl Media on digital signage; and, 6) Caltrain operational plans.

7. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

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