

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

TJPA Office
425 Mission Street, Suite 250
San Francisco, CA

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Brian Larkin, Chair
Brian Shaw, Vice Chair

Paul Bendix
Richard Burnett
Gabriel Chan
Charles Lavery

Pedro Mendez
Mark Monte
Martin Munoz
Anthony Nachor
Mark O'Dell

Natasha Paterson
Andrew Robinson
Eric Schatmeier
Jocelyn Thompson

Executive Director
Adam Van de Water

Staff Liaison
Lily Madjus Wu

CAC Secretary
Herschell Larrick

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Bendix, Richard Burnett, Gabriel Chan, Brian Larkin, Charles Lavery, Pedro Mendez, Martin Munoz, Anthony Nachor, Mark O'Dell, Natasha Paterson, Eric Schatmeier, Brian Shaw, and Jocelyn Thompson.

Members Absent: Mark Monte and Andrew Robinson.

2. Staff Report

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Director, presented the Staff Report.

Member Lavery stated that he is on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Policy Advisory Committee and asked for The Portal talking points so that he could relay at the MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee (PAC) meeting. Ms. Madjus Wu said that she would provide it to CAC members.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun urged members to tune into the MTC PAC meeting mentioned in the Staff Report, especially to item 3a, which would be interesting and important.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 12, 2023

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun corrected his public comment on item 6, where the minutes stated, "California High Speed Rail Authority meeting on September 13, 2023", he corrected it to read September 21, 2023.

Vice Chair Shaw recognized the correction and made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, it was seconded by Chair Larkin. Members O'Dell and Thompson abstained. A majority vote approved the motion.

4. Facility Operations Update

R.E. Walsh, TJPA Facility Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick questioned the validity of the ridership graphs in the presentation since they are being compared to pre-pandemic ridership numbers and suggested that in-depth research be done to determine the new normal, so that the graphs could present a more accurate picture of what is going on.

5. Presentation of Downtown Rail Extension/The Portal Procurement Schedule and Process

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick suggested TJPA needs to sell the project's features and benefits to receive The Portal project funding.

Roland Lebrun stated that he supports releasing the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as soon as possible but suggests putting the Request for Proposals (RFP) on hold to correct inadequacies in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation. He stated that it is important to first address the \$2 billion gap and improve the quality of the RFQ responses to show better industry interest.

6. Downtown Rail Extension/The Portal Workplan Schedule Update

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick suggested that the trainbox cost not be treated as a fixed cost in the past but should be inflated along with other costs to show its true value.

Roland Lebrun reminded members that California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) has already invested heavily in Caltrain's electrification and that investment supports The Portal project. He stated that CAC members should have a dialogue with public commenters to promote public participation.

7. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun reported that the Brightline project in Florida has exceeded use and profitability expectations and the Brightline company should be considered for The Portal project.

8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Chair Larkin requested a presentation on the Link 21 project and effects on The Portal.

Member Munoz requested a presentation on the rail yard redevelopment program.

Member O'Dell requested an update on Parcel F.

Member Schatmeier requested consulting with MTC or another agency for any studies done on current ridership patterns that show changes in the old trends that better predict future trends. Vice Chair Shaw reported that there are multiple studies being done by many agencies studying these patterns and suggested consulting the Bay Area Council data. Ms. Madjus Wu shared that the Bay Area Council conducts a monthly survey on Return to Work employer trends, which she'll share with CAC members.

Future agenda requests include: 1) presentation on train doors and platform heights; 2) AC Transit update on the Bay Bridge Forward project (Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge); 3) San Francisco County Transportation Authority update on Southeast Railyard Station Study; 4) presentation on the Operating and Maintenance plan for the rail portion of the Transit Center; 5) Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise commitment for DTX; 6) Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure update on the former Temporary Transbay Terminal parcels and its future uses; 7) Presentation on Link21 and effects to The Portal; 8) presentation on rail yard redevelopment; and, 9) update on parcel F.

9. Adjourn

Chair Larkin adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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