

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

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

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

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Derrick Holt, Chair  
Belal Aftab, Vice Chair

Dan Bell  
Paul Bendix  
Don Dickerson  
Robert Feinbaum

Amy Jalili  
Charley Lavery  
Gloria Li  
Sean McGarry  
Nathan Morales

Andrew Robinson  
Patty-Jo Rutland  
Owen Stephens  
Howard Wong

Executive Director  
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison  
Christine Falvey

CAC Secretary  
Julie Markus

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Aftab called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Dan Bell, Don Dickerson, Robert Feinbaum, Charley Lavery, Gloria Li, Nathan Morales, Patty-Jo Rutland, Owen Stephens, and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Paul Bendix, Amy Jalili, Derrick Holt, Sean McGarry, and Andrew Robinson

A quorum was achieved.

2. Staff Report

Christine Falvey, TJPA Director of Communications, provided the update. She reported that the TJPA officially reopened the transit center to the public on July 1, 2019. In advance of reopening, the TJPA updated the website ([salesforcetransitcenter.com](http://salesforcetransitcenter.com)), provided an

Ambassador Program, and utilized traditional and social media to educate the public about the reopening of the center and upcoming transit operations. The park, the grand hall, and all areas around the transit center reopened on July 1, 2019 and Food Trucks on Natoma Street and other pop up retail also returned. The reopening also included a full schedule of free events and activities in the park. Additionally, Ms. Falvey reported that there has been steady and growing use of and interest in the park. On July 13, 2019, local bus service began at the bus plaza with Muni and Golden Gate Transit. Furthermore, on August 11, 2019, AC Transit bus service will resume on the bus deck, which will be the final milestone to fully reopen the transit center. Ms. Falvey said the TJPA continues to work closely with transit partners, neighbors, the security team, and operations staff to provide a smooth transition back to full operations, as the goal is to provide the public and transit riders with a world-class experience in a safe, clean and easy to navigate transit center. She went on to report that the Federal Transit Administration issued the Amended Record of Decision for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX)/Phase 2. This action by the FTA completes the environmental clearance process for the Transbay Program, which is a significant milestone for the advancement of the DTX. She explained that these concrete steps to advance the development of the design will place the DTX in a competitive position for capturing upcoming funding opportunities, such as the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) under Senate Bill 1. She reported that the TJPA applied for TIRCP funding in 2018, but was unsuccessful, partly because the TJPA did not have an approved environmental document. Applications for TIRCP funding are due in December, and the TJPA will submit an application. Ms. Falvey further reported that a one-cent regional sales tax measure is being contemplated for the November 2020 ballot and, if passed by Bay Area voters, it would generate more than \$100 billion for transportation funding. If the measure is successful and the TJPA is able to advance the DTX to shovel ready status in the next two to three years, the DTX could be the first project delivered by this measure.

Mr. Owens stated that the text on the Jenny Holzer LED light installation “White Light,” which wraps around the elliptical glass enclosure in the grand hall does not spell out clear sentences. Ms. Falvey stated that the text displayed is poetry submitted by the artist; however, the TJPA will inspect to ensure the text is displaying as intended. Mr. Wong stated that he was impressed with the number of ambassadors present at the reopening of the transit center and asked if that program would continue. Ms. Falvey stated that this is part of the three-layered permanent security system at the transit center, which includes ambassadors, security personnel, and the San Francisco Police Department presence. Vice Chair Aftab emphasized the urgency of the advancement of the DTX to bring trains downtown. Executive Director Zabaneh suggested emphasizing the urgency to the Caltrain Board, which could help speed up funding and construction. Mr. Bell stated that while riding the gondola a few weeks ago, it stopped mid-way before reaching the park. Ms. Falvey said that the TJPA will work with Boston Properties to report any instances of the gondola not working as intended. Vice Chair Aftab asked what the timeframe was for the DTX to be shovel ready. Executive Director Zabaneh said that the TJPA is working to secure funding through several sources. Mr. Wong stated that utility relocation as well as street work packages could be shovel ready, which would help advance the DTX. Ms. Li stated that she frequents the park often and recommends posting a sign inside the elevator indicating which floor the park is on, which could be helpful to visitors.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2019

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

*Vice Chair Aftab announced that Item 6 would be called ahead of Item 4 due to a scheduling conflict.*

4. Construction Closeout Update

Ron Alameida of San Francisco Public Works, Director of Design & Construction for the Transit Center, presented the update. Mr. Feinbaum provided positive feedback on the new pathway on the rooftop park and asked how the TJPA would deal with various issues with the trade packages going to dispute resolution. Mr. Alameida stated that the TJPA will work with Webcor-Obayashi Joint Venture (W/O) on one claim; however, (W/O) will be responsible for settling disputes with all trade packages.

5. Facility Operations Update

Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, presented the facility operations update, and Sidonie Sansom, TJPA Chief Security Officer, contributed to the update. Ms. Rutland asked if there was a date scheduled to close the temporary terminal. Executive Director Zabaneh said he is projecting a date of October 1, 2019, pending an AC Transit and Amtrak agreement on licensing the bays on the bus deck. Mr. Feinbaum asked if Pearl Media could display info about the DTX and the future of trains coming to the transit center on the main board for riders. Mr. Stephens asked if there was a map of the transit center available to assist visitors to navigate the transit center. Ms. Velez stated there is a trifold garden guide detailing the rooftop park available at the plaza on the park level.

6. San Francisco County Transportation Authority Peer Review Update

Luis Zurinaga, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), presented the update, and Tilly Chang, SFCTA Executive Director, contributed to the update. Ms. Li asked what types of bonds will be used to fund the project. Mr. Zurinaga stated that all types of bonds would be examined by the team to fund the DTX/Phase 2. Ms. Chang said the key to bond financing is revenue streams, and the idea would be to grow TJPA's current bond contract for difference, passenger facility charges, and Mello-Roos structure. She also stated that the SFCTA is looking at congestion pricing studies, which would be a nexus for bond financing.

7. Public Comment

None.

## 8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Mr. Feinbaum requested to have Caltrain provide a detailed presentation on the Railyard Study.

Future agenda requests include 1) update on the schedule and funding of DTX and the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension; 2) train doors and platform heights for 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; and, 5) update from Pearl Media on digital signage; and, 6) detailed presentation from Caltrain on the Railyard Study.

## 9. Adjourn

Vice Chair Aftab adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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