

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WATCH LIVE:

<https://transbaycenter.webex.com/transbaycenter/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9a08a1cc87762309614f5035a8852605>

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 1-855-282-6330 — Access Code: 182 513 6375

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Room is closed. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely.

Please see additional information on the next page for remote meeting access.

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) as superseded by Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), this meeting will be held *exclusively* via teleconference participation of a quorum of Committee members in locations not open to the public. The purpose of the orders is to provide the safest environment for all persons consistent with San Francisco Department of Public Health Orders of the Health Officer and current public health recommendations, while allowing the public to observe and address the Committee.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Derrick Holt, Chair
Belal Aftab, Vice Chair

Dan Bell
Paul Bendix
Richard Burnett
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum
Gloria Li
Charley Lavery
Sean McGarry

Mark O'Dell
Andrew Robinson
Owen Stephens
Howard Wong

Interim Executive Director
Nila Gonzales

Staff Liaison
Lily Madjus Wu

CAC Secretary
Donald Pollitt II

REMOTE MEETING ACCESS

WATCH LIVE:

<https://transbaycenter.webex.com/transbaycenter/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9a08a1cc87762309614f5035a8852605>

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 1-855-282-6330 -- Access Code: 182 513 6375

Providing Public Comment

Ensure you are in a quiet location – Speak Clearly – Turn off any TVs or radios around you

1. When prompted, “raise hand” to speak by pressing *3 (star, 3) to be added to the queue.
2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for their turn to speak.
3. When prompted, callers will have the standard three minutes to provide comment.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Bell, Paul Bendix, Richard Burnett, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Gloria Li, Charley Lavery, Sean McGarry, Mark O’Dell, Owen Stephens, and Howard Wong.

Members Absent: Belal Aftab, Jackson Fahnestock and Andrew Robinson

2. Staff Report (5 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the Staff Report. She stated that Julie Markus, former CAC Secretary, is no longer with TJPA, and Donald Pollitt II, current TJPA Board and Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Secretary will serve as CAC Secretary.

With President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris's inauguration in January, Ms. Madjus Wu shared the TJPA’s excitement for the new administration and the potential funding and support transit operators and their projects will receive over the next few years. She also shared the TJPA’s excitement for the new Transportation Secretary, Pete Buttigieg, and his team of transportation experts, which consists of a few representatives from the Bay Area. She reported the TJPA continues to monitor the federal stimulus package as it makes its way through the legislative process, in hopes that the \$30 billion dollars identified for transportation will be included in the final package.

Ms. Madjus Wu reported the TJPA will welcome two new Directors to the TJPA Board on February 11. Alicia John-Baptiste of SPUR will join as the San Francisco Board of Supervisor’s second representative and Diane Shaw will join as the AC Transit representative.

She reported that the TJPA is optimistic of what is to come with the lifting of the Regional Stay at Home Order and the City's slow reopening of services and outdoor dining. Ms. Madjus Wu reported the TJPA continues to work with leasees to respond accordingly to the updated Order. She also reported the TJPA continues to monitor the local and regional Stay Safer at Home Order to ensure the Transit Center fully supports the collective efforts to reduce the community spread of COVID-19. The TJPA continues to monitor and adhere to all guidance from the City's Health Officer and continues working with transit agencies and tenants. Additionally, the TJPA continues to provide commuters and visitors of the Transit Center the most up-to-date information about mask wearing and social distancing, while ensuring enhanced cleaning protocols remain in place.

With the increased rollout of vaccinations, TJPA expects more activity to occur at the rooftop park and noted the TJPA is working with Biederman Redevelopment Ventures to plan for and help ensure the TJPA is ready for increased activations sometime this Fall. Additionally, Ms. Madjus Wu reported that TJPA is hosting Salesforce for its annual company kickoff events, which will highlight the park to its 50,000 employees and partners, locally and internationally.

Ms. Madjus Wu stated the TJPA continues to advance the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project through multiple efforts with its ESC partners through the development of a funding plan strategy, travel demand forecasting and ridership modeling. Interim Executive Director Gonzales and ESC Chair Chang have been coordinating briefings with local and federal partners, such as Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 9 Regional Administrator, Ray Tellis and his local team to reintroduce them to the DTX project. Additionally, Ms. Madjus Wu shared the TJPA's excitement for the launch of Link21, a proposed mega-regional transportation project led by BART and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), as the DTX is a lynchpin to realizing the Link21 connection to the East Bay. Further, Ms. Madjus Wu reported that the TJPA will be sending a letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requesting their continued support for the DTX project in Resolution 3434 as a regional priority project to ensure it continues to receive funding through local and regional measures in Plan Bay Area 2050's five-year implementation plan. She also reported that the team is working to display DTX images on the Grand Hall video wall to direct the public to visit the TJPA website, where they can learn more about the DTX project.

Ms. Madjus Wu concluded her report by providing an update on the CAC recruitment and noted that TJPA has received two new member applications and one reapplication. The TJPA will accept applications through February 26, 2021.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2021

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

4. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) presentation on Link21 (20 minutes)

Andy Heidel, Principal Planner, and Duncan Watry, Manager for Planning, representing BART and Camille Tsao, Link21 Program Lead, representing Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority presented the item.

Mr. Bendix compared the Link21 project to London's Crossrail project and asked how Link21 could match the fast completion of London's Crossrail project. Mr. Watry stated they reviewed London's project for similarities and noted Link21's planned completion date of 2040 as a significant turnaround for an American project. Mr. Watry also noted London's access to funding, which allows for an accelerated advancement of projects. Mr. Wong asked if there is a more overarching way to look at the regional integration of transportation and land use, not just rail. Mr. Watry stated that the MTC and Association of Bay Area Governments (Bay Area Metro) make up the regional planning entity that is responsible for transportation and land use. From the rail side of things, Mr. Watry noted that BART is coordinating with Caltrain and MTC's Blue Ribbon Task Force to better understand the services being provided in Northern California between the different transit agencies.

Mr. Feinbaum referenced the three track options from the presentation and asked if the project considers BART and/or dual track as options. Mr. Watry replied that BART and Regional Rail are possibilities and noted BART would not connect with Caltrain in the Transit Center because of the different track gauges and stated Regional Rail as the viable option to connect with Caltrain. He also noted the most efficient way to use the available platform and track space at the Transit Center would be a through operation, from the Caltrain Peninsula, through the Transit Center and over to the East Bay because the Transit Center is not able to turnaround trains being operated there.

Mr. Feinbaum asked if the Link21 project will be a separate or joint venture and Ms. Tsao replied that CCJPA and BART are working collectively on the project with the mission to improve the overall passenger experience, regardless of transit provider. Stephen Polechronis, Interim DTX Project Director stated the TJPA is collaborating with Link21 to ensure DTX does not preclude a future connection.

Mr. Bell asked for a better understanding regarding the connections between alignment alternates 1, 6 and 7 and Mr. Watry noted the alignment alternate track plan, and its numbers were alternate numbers only and that Link21 is currently reviewing for landing points in the East Bay.

Public Comment:

Dollene Jones asked if the second BART tube that connects San Francisco to the East Bay will be built quicker than the first BART tube and noted she would like to receive her answer offline.

Roland Lebrun noted his appreciation for Mr. Watry and the Link21 presentation. He expressed concern for alignment alternates 1 and 7 and noted alternate alignment 6 as the best option, which would connect Embarcadero to the Transit Center without having to remove buildings in

the process. He also noted the Transit Center has six tracks and questioned why only four are being proposed.

5. San Francisco County Transportation Authority presentation on Travel Demand Forecasting (20 minutes)

Jesse Koehler, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Rail Program Manager, presented the item.

Mr. Feinbaum referenced the inputs from a previous model noted in the presentation and asked if this information was publicly available. Mr. Koehler stated that specific information is not yet available on this particular modeling but noted information regarding the tool itself could be found on SFCTA's website. Mr. Feinbaum asked Chair Holt to provide the website link referenced to CAC Members once received from Mr. Koehler.

Mr. Bell asked how the forecast modeling would change post-COVID and if that would be a factor in remodeling. Mr. Koehler noted the project plans to explore these types of questions through several sensitivity analyses to understand potential impacts. Mr. Polechronis also noted the TJPA would coordinate its efforts with the FTA to address all possible questions to ensure the TJPA's work is acceptable as the TJPA prepares to secure federal funding.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun expressed concern regarding the current DTX alignment and how it will limit the number of trains going in and out of the Transit Center. He suggested that TJPA develop a model that allows trains to turnaround and offered to share his model rendering.

6. Facility Operations Update (15 minutes)

John Updike, Facility Director, provided the update.

Chair Holt referenced the last time the pedestrian path was closed due to updates and safety repairs and asked for further details regarding the additional repairs that need to be completed. Mr. Updike stated that the TJPA entered into a license agreement with 181 Fremont, who is currently planning some building maintenance, such as window repairs above the 40th floor and repairs to the bridge deck that connects to Salesforce Park. He noted that a small section of the pedestrian path will be closed for safety reasons.

Mr. Wong asked if the park had free Wi-Fi and suggested the TJPA use the space for educational purposes. It was confirmed that the Transit Center and Park offer free Wi-Fi and Mr. Updike noted the TJPA has partnered with SF School of Film, who have been using the space three days per week to host outdoor classes. Mr. Feinbaum asked about the park restaurant and Mr. Updike noted negotiations are still being worked out with JSSK One.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun thanked the CAC for inviting BART to present on the Link21 project and noted the February 9 meeting as a major milestone.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include 1) train doors and platform heights for DTX; 2) review of bus and traffic circulation in the area surrounding the Transit Center; 3) update from Pearl Media on digital signage; 4) AC Transit update on reinstating the Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge; 5) Presentation on the rebranding and outreach plans for Phase 2/DTX; and, 6) overview of DTX for new CAC members.

Note that agenda Item 4 above satisfies the previous future agenda request that was on this list and is now removed.

Chair Holt suggested a virtual tour of the Transit Center for new members if a in-person is not feasible.

9. Adjourn

Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ACCESSIBLE MEETING POLICY

The Ethics Commission of the City and County of San Francisco has asked us to remind individuals that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [Campaign and Gov't Conduct Code, Article II, Chapter 1, § 2.100, et seq.] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102, telephone (415) 252-3100, fax (415) 252-3124 and web site: www.sfethics.org.