

**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7, 2021
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Mark O’Dell
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Providing Public Comment

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2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for their turn to speak.
3. When prompted, callers will have two minutes to provide comment.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Richard Burnett, Jackson Fahnestock, Derrick Holt, Claire Kostohryz, Gloria Li, Pedro Mendez, Mark O’Dell, Andrew Robinson, Owen Stephens, Sally Stull and Howard Wong.

Belal Aftab, Claire Kostohryz and Andrew Robinson arrived during Item 2.

Members Absent: Brain Larkin and Bob Planthold.

2. Staff Report (10 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the Staff Report. She reported that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is extending the mask requirement at transit facilities thru mid-January 2022. She also reported that San Francisco Mayor London Breed’s standing Emergency Order requiring City boards and commissions to meet remotely will continue until early November.

Ms. Madjus Wu explained that efforts to acquire federal funding include applying to the recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. She clarified that the TJPA is engaged in drafting an application and coordinating appropriate local, state and federal support for the application. She reported that the TJPA recently hosted site tours for two representatives from Senator Feinstein's Washington, D.C. office, noting it is part of an ongoing conversation with the Senator's staff regarding completion of the Transit Center and the future build out of the trainbox which requires significant federal support from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants Program, FRA's CRISI program, federal loan programs and other resources to complete.

Ms. Madjus Wu concluded her report by sharing that Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director of Caltrain was elected as Chair for the San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and Tilly Chang, Executive Director of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority was elected as Vice Chair at the August 20th meeting.

Member Wong asked if the presentations are linked to the agenda on the TJPA's website. Interim Executive Director (ED) Nila Gonzales replied affirmatively.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun commented that he could not hear the report clearly and asked for the information to be posted on the website. Mr. Lebrun suggested that Closed Captioning be provided in the CAC meetings.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Wong and seconded by Member Fahnestock. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Facility Operations Update (15 minutes)

John Updike, TJPA Facility Director, presented the item.

Member Stull asked for clarification regarding two of the tenants listed in the presentation. Mr. Updike replied that Andytown Coffee Roasters is open and JSSK One, a Japanese food restaurant, is set to begin construction in the coming months. Member Stull congratulated the TJPA on the large turnout for the Portal event over the Labor Day weekend and asked if there was data on how that event was publicized so that the results could be replicated. Mr. Updike stated that the organizers of Portal promoted the event in many locations and through social media, which resulted in an excellent turnout, but that the TJPA does not have access to their promotion data. Member Stull further asked how best to keep informed on happenings at the Transit Center. Ms. Madjus Wu replied that the best place to find information about events is on salesforcetransitcenter.com/events and on social media including on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with the handle @TransitCenterSF and through the LinkedIn Transbay Joint Powers Authority page.

Member Wong asked if steps are taken to control sound reverberation between the buildings due to events on the rooftop park. Mr. Updike answered that amplified sound in the Park is limited to no more than 85 decibels and there are set time limits on Fridays and weekends of no later than 9 p.m. in the Summer and 8 p.m. in the Winter, and on weekdays only at the lunch hour.

Member Li asked to receive information for the Indonesian event to help promote it and Ms. Madjus Wu acknowledged the request and stated she would provide the event material to the CAC members following the meeting. Member Li referenced missing elevator floor labels and asked what happened. Mr. Updike responded that an unknown person removed all the labels on all the elevators over the weekend and that the TJPA operations team was in the process of restoring them. Member Li asked for clarification on mask rules at the Park, which Mr. Updike clarified, consistent with both Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and local

Health regulations, masks are not required on the rooftop Park, but are required within the Salesforce Transit Center, per the TSA.

Member Robinson noted that the East Cut Community Benefit District also promotes Salesforce Park events by reposting on its social media platforms as well as closely monitoring any and all feedback regarding potential sound concerns to ensure there are no disturbances in the surrounding neighborhood.

Public Comment:

Bob Feinbaum shared that he recently visited Salesforce Park and complemented the TJPA on the excellent upkeep of the Park. He asked for construction status on available retail spaces to which he received additional information.

5. Presentation on the Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grants Program for the Downtown Rail Extension Project (20 minutes)

Alfonso Rodriguez, Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Project Director, presented the item.

Member Fahnestock asked for a brief report of what goes into the 30% design noted in the presentation, to which Mr. Rodriguez agreed to provide a presentation at a future meeting.

Chair Holt asked for clarification on the pedestrian connector deferral proposal. Mr. Rodriguez answered that the deferral is necessary because of other projects being built which may affect location of the connector but he clarified that the TJPA will plan for its future placement through the TJPA Capital Improvement Plan.

Member Wong asked if the FTA uses a social equity lens on their project approvals, to which Mr. Rodriguez agreed and confirmed that the DTX project has various elements of social equity that can be found in economic development effects and environmental benefits categories.

Chair Holt asked Mr. Rodriguez if there was anything the CAC could do to support the efforts to advance DTX. Interim ED Gonzales thanked Chair Holt and said that anyone who wants to participate in the public process is a great help. Member Stull asked for direct steps that CAC members can take, and Ms. Madjus Wu replied that CAC members could email support or attend and provide public comment in support of the Community Facilities District bond issuance at the San Francisco Board of Supervisor's (BOS) Budget and Finance Committee on September 15 at 10:30 a.m. and the full BOS meeting on September 21 at 2 p.m.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun stated his concerns about the trainbox extension.

Bob Feinbaum stated that the pedestrian connector is an essential component of the DTX project and asked for it to not be deferred.

Gerald Cauthen, representing the Bay Area Transportation Working Group (BATWG), stated his group's strong advocacy for extending Caltrain downtown into the Transit Center and asked that the pedestrian connector continue to be part of the project.

6. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun recommended that a countdown timer be added to the display for public comment and that additional seats be added to the TJPA Board. He also referenced his public records request pertaining to the operations analysis report.

Bob Feinbaum asked that the email address for contacting the Board be clearly stated on the website.

Jim Patrick requested the TJPA provide an update on the Millennium Tower construction work. He also asked about the foundation plan for Parcel F and how that will impact the DTX Extension and trainbox.

7. 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; and 4) AC Transit update on reinstating the Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge.

8. Adjourn

Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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