



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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

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

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above (HYBRID with in-person option available). In compliance with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) and its amendments to California Public Resources Code Section 54953(e), this meeting will be accessible via remote meeting through WebEx. The TJPA Board of Directors made the appropriate findings related thereto on behalf of its legislative bodies, including the Citizens Advisory Committee, on November 10, 2022. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide public comment at the physical location listed above or may visit the link below to stream the live meeting.

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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 Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Members Present (In Person): Belal Aftab, Richard Burnett, Gabriel Chan, Anthony Nachor, Mark O’Dell, Hunter Oatman-Stanford, Natasha Paterson and Howard Wong.

Members Present (Remote): Brian Larkin.

Members Absent: Gerald Cauthen, Pedro Mendez, Andrew Robinson and Joshua Rosen.

### 2. Staff Report (10 minutes)

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

#### Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun suggested closed captioning of the meeting and compared California’s Amtrak ridership to Florida’s Brightline rail numbers.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 8, 2022

There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chair Larkin and seconded by Vice Chair Aftab. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

### 4. Downtown Rail Extension Project Update on the Rebranding Plan (15 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Director, and Jennifer Wall, D&A Communications, presented the item.

**Public Comment:**

Citizen Number Zero stated that visual cues are very important as not all transit center users speak English. He asked the TJPA to consider whether the Portal logo could be seen as an important connective structure or a dark scary tunnel.

Mr. Lebrun suggested pairing up with Link21 because he felt that project already has good brand recognition. He also suggested an idea that the Portal is a connection between the Northwest Coast and the San Francisco Peninsula.

**5. Facility Operations Update (15 minutes)**

Robert Walsh, TJPA Facility Director, presented the item.

Member Nachor shared that he had difficulty using cash with one of the new Clipper machines on the Bus deck and asked if the machines are expected to take cash. Mr. Walsh confirmed it is supposed to take cash and stated that he would investigate and report back.

**Public Comment:**

Citizen Number Zero stated that he finds the wayfinding confusing at the Transit Center and wishes for better wayfinding for locating food vendors.

Jim Patrick suggested having digital signage that informs street level visitors of events that are occurring on the Park level.

Mr. Lebrun suggested that TJPA reach out to the private transportation sector to augment possibilities at the Transit Center, and he stated that it is important to incentivize the use of the Clipper system so that business data can be generated.

**6. Downtown Rail Extension Workplan Schedule Update (10 minutes)**

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, presented the item.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Lebrun suggested that the best way to increase funding is to cut the overall cost of the project by \$3 Billion, which he believes is feasible.

*Chair Larkin departed the meeting at the conclusion of the item and Vice Chair Aftab presided over the rest of the meeting.*

**7. Public Comment**

Mr. Patrick shared a graph titled: “BART Ridership Mo/Em: 1.5 year’s difference”. He explained that it shows how much BART ridership is down since the pandemic and stated that it is of critical importance for San Francisco to increase the number of workers downtown.

Mr. Lebrun suggested that San Francisco should convert empty office space into housing as a solution to bringing people into downtown.

#### 8. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include: 1) train doors and platform heights; 2) AC Transit update on reinstating the Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge; 3) SF Planning update on Southeast Railyard Station Study and Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX).

#### 9. Adjourn

Vice Chair Aftab adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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