



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416
San Francisco, CA

SPECIAL MEETING
9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mohammed Nuru, Chair
Jeff Gee, Vice Chair
Greg Harper
Jane Kim
Boris Lipkin
Edward Reiskin
Nadia Sesay
Tony Tavares

Executive Director
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9:30 – SPECIAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Nuru called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and stated he called for the Special meeting to hear the plan to reopen Fremont Street and the Salesforce Transit Center. He indicated that a fissure was found in a steel beam at the transit center and, out of an abundance of caution, that led to the temporary closure of the transit center. He expressed disappointment of the closure but specified that the Board fully supports the agency taking action out of this abundance of caution and that public safety always comes first. The goal of this and future meetings is to be fully transparent with the public about the cause, what the fix will be and why this happened. He understands from staff that the issue is localized to the area around Fremont Street and within the transit center; however, he acknowledged that impacts are broader than downtown and an inconvenience to transit riders and the general public. He stated that the focus of today's meeting would be hearing how Fremont Street and the transit center will open as soon as safely possible. He expressed gratitude to the crews who discovered the issue, so that the necessary measures could be taken to make the repairs.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Gonzales announced that Cheryl Brinkman was joining as Ed Reiskin's alternate, representing from SFMTA, Elsa Ortiz was joining as Greg Harper's alternate, representing AC Transit, and Director Sesay was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Present: Cheryl Brinkman
Jane Kim
Boris Lipkin
Elsa Ortiz
Tony Tavares (*arrived during item 4*)
Jeff Gee
Mohammed Nuru

Absent: Greg Harper
Ed Reiskin
Nadia Sesay

3. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Authority on matters that are within the Authority's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.

None.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE CHAIR.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

4. Update on the Temporary Closure of the Salesforce Transit Center.

Executive Director Zabaneh and Dennis Turchon, Senior Construction Manager, presented the item.

Director Ortiz expressed appreciation to the TJPA for assisting with immediately establishing bus service at the Temporary Terminal which allowed for continued bus service. She stated that AC Transit remains concerned about the safety for its riders and employees, so the review of the structural soundness is very important as well as TJPA's continued support of their bus service at the Temporary Terminal. She also stated that AC Transit must be involved in the Peer Review process. Executive Director Zabaneh confirmed that TJPA will continue to support operations at the Temporary Terminal and TJPA has received peer review candidates from AC Transit for the peer review panel.

Vice Chair Gee thanked staff for the presentation and noted that safety is of the utmost importance, therefore, the team's quick response is appreciated. He requested Mr. Turchon explain the special inspections process and Mr. Turchon described the Quality Control and Quality Assurance Program.

Director Brinkman inquired how assurance would be provided to the public on the integrity of the entire building. Mr. Turchon stated the two specific girders over Fremont Street where fissures were found are uniquely designed and the only other location with the same unique design are over First Street which was immediately inspected, and no issues were found. He further stated the Peer Review panel will assess and make the determination on the safety of the entire facility.

Chair Nuru inquired about the potential to open the park now that the two beams have been isolated, and the loads have been taken off them. Executive Director Zabaneh stated it may be possible to open the park after the test results are back to determine the cause. Chair Nuru requested Executive Director Zabaneh clarify the testing process. Executive Director Zabaneh explained that samples would be cut out of the steel beams with fissures and taken to a lab to do various testing. He then requested that Bruce Gibbons with Thornton Tomasetti, structural engineer for the transit center, elaborate on the testing and Mr. Gibbons provided details on the testing process.

Public Comment:

Mr. Bruce provided comments regarding his understanding of the cracks in the steel beams and expressed his concerns.

ADJOURN – Chair Nuru adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

A recording of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Nila Gonzales
Board Secretary

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