



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bruce Agid, Chair  
Derrick Holt, Vice Chair

Belal Aftab  
Paul Bendix  
Don Dickerson  
Jackson Fahnestock

Robert Feinbaum  
Helen Han  
Amy Jalili  
Charley Lavery  
Gloria Li

Sean McGarry  
Nathan Morales  
Patty-Jo Rutland  
Howard Wong

Executive Director  
Mark Zabaneh

Staff Liaison  
Skip Sowko

CAC Secretary  
Julie Markus

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Agid called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Members Present: Bruce Agid, Belal Aftab, Paul Bendix, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Charley Lavery, Nathan Morales and Howard Wong

Members Absent: Don Dickerson, Helen Han, Amy Jalili, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry and Patty-Jo Rutland

**2. Staff Report**

Skip Sowko, TJPA Senior Design & Engineering Manager, along with Martha Velez, TJPA Facility Manager, presented the update. Mr. Sowko reported that the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR) was approved by

the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) on November 20, 2018. Mr. Sowko stated the SEIS/EIR will be presented at the TJPA Board of Directors December 13, 2018 meeting for approval and that same presentation will be provided later in the agenda. Mr. Sowko further reported that on December 4, 2018, Mayor Breed sent a letter to the TJPA, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrain, and California State Transportation Agency supporting the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Resolution 19-12, indicating that the City and County of San Francisco supports the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX) in addition to the advancement of the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX). TJPA staff plans on taking the PAX to the TJPA Board of Directors early next year for approval to incorporate it into the DTX project. Mr. Sowko provided an update on the SFCTA suspension of funding for the DTX 30% Design and stated the SFCTA is in the process of assembling a team to conduct a review of the international mega rail project delivery best practices and assist in the review and evaluation of alternative governance and oversight arrangements for management and delivery of the DTX project as well as review and advise on overall funding and project delivery strategy and any implications for the organizational structure. The SFCTA anticipates completion of the team selection by January 4, 2019 and completing the effort by May 2019. Similarly, the San Francisco City Controller's review of the management and delivery of Phase 1, Transbay Transit Center project is anticipated to be completed in the same time frame. Additionally, Mr. Sowko announced that the notice for 2019 CAC recruitments will be sent out in January. Ms. Velez reported that two additional retail leases for the transit center, Tycoon Kitchen and Foundation Café, will be presented to the TJPA Board of Directors for approval at their December meeting. Chair Agid expressed concerns about the transit operators being forced to close the gap on Operating and Maintenance costs if the center is not generating the forecasted revenue from retail leasing. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the TJPA continues to have a high amount of interest in retail leasing at the transit center, however it is dependent on market conditions. Chair Agid suggested to reduce San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) staffing at the transit center to reduce costs. Executive Director Zabaneh stated that the TJPA gets a better deal with a fixed cost with the current contract in place. SFPD also back up the security officers and provide an armed response to all TJPA project properties, including the temporary terminal. Mr. Sowko provided a copy of the letter from Mayor Breed to the CAC members and others that requested it at the meeting.

#### Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stated that employing Allied Universal would be less expensive than the current contract with SFPD. Mr. Patrick also stated he feels there are too many lease restrictions which is distasteful for potential small business owners and with the high tenant improvement costs, this could be counterproductive in achieving the leasing goals.

Roland Lebrun stated his concern about Regional Measure 3 funding being tied up in the courts. He also said if the TJPA Board approves the SEIS/EIR, in conjunction with the Mayor's letter, the TJPA should expect lawsuits. He additionally stated that he understands one of Mayor Breed's representatives is looking into why there is a large cost difference between similar type projects built abroad versus projects built in California.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2018

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

4. Presentation of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for refinements to the previously approved Downtown Rail Extension component of the 2004 Transbay Terminal/Caltrain Downtown Extension/Redevelopment Project (Transbay Program)

Rod Jeung, AECOM Principal and Environmental Planning Director, along with Meghan Murphy, DTX Project Manager, presented the update. Mr. Feinbaum asked if the Pennsylvania alignment will take as long as the SEIS/EIR process for the DTX. Mr. Jeung stated that the entire process took approximately three years which is relatively fast and would not be an unreasonable timeframe for the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX). Mr. Wong asked about the impact on businesses with the cut and cover construction and mitigating circumstances. Executive Director Zabaneh stated the TJPA was highly successful with mitigating circumstances during Phase 1 construction and they will apply the same philosophy for Phase 2 construction.

Public Comment:

Jim Patrick stated that he believed the lines on the diagram showing the turnback track were trains, however Ms. Murphy clarified that these were tracks, not trains. Mr. Patrick also stated that he has an office nearby and during Phase 1 construction, TJPA was always accommodating to local businesses when mitigating issues.

Roland Lebrun stated that he believes the Pennsylvania Alignment eliminates the turnback track and he expressed concern about the number of vent structures required under the tunnel alignment. He was also concerned about the structural integrity of the third tunnel which will be connected to the two tunnels in order to establish the three tracks. Additionally, he stated concerns about the feasibility of the tunnel extension to the East Bay from the transit center.

5. Update on Construction and Temporary Closure of the Salesforce Transit Center

Dennis Turchon, TJPA Senior Construction Manager, presented the update. Chair Agid asked about the potential for a partial opening of the transit center. Mr. Turchon stated that at the present time, there are no plans to partially open the center. Chair Agid asked about the cause of the fissures and if it would be reported at the upcoming TJPA Board meeting. Mr. Turchon stated that the findings report would be presented at the TJPA December Board meeting by Robert Vecchio, Professional Engineer, with LPI, Inc., however, the entire report, which will identify the cause, will be presented to the TJPA Board once MTC's Peer Review is complete. Mr. Wong asked if there was enough independent review of the forensic engineering and Mr. Turchon replied that the MTC Peer Review Panel was hired to oversee the entire repair process which includes LPI, Inc. AECOM was brought in to review just the temporary

shoring of Fremont and First Streets to assist the MTC Peer Review in their oversight. He also said that there are multiple layers of oversight during the entire process.

#### 6. Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun asked if the TJPA is still planning on installing structural acoustic health monitoring and Mr. Turchon replied that it is being considered.

Mitchell Bonner stated that many countries are using energy efficient escalators, which run on sensors and shut off when not in use. He asked if these types were installed in the transit center and Mr. Turchon stated that all the escalators are Buy America products which run continuously and do not start/stop on sensors.

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

Chair Agid stated that the TJPA CAC is in full support of the SEIS/EIR.

Future agenda requests include: 1) Update on the schedule and funding of DTX and PAX; 2) train doors and platform heights for the 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; 5) Update from Pearl Media on digital signage; and, 6) Caltrain operational plans.

#### 8. Adjourn

Chair Agid adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

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