



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 1-855-282-6330 — Access Code: 126 445 6671**

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In compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) as superseded by Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), this meeting will be held *exclusively* via teleconference participation of a quorum of Committee members in locations not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  
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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  
Julie Markus

## 1. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Dan Bell, Paul Bendix, Richard Burnett, Jackson Fahnestock, Robert Feinbaum, Derrick Holt, Charley Lavery, Gloria Li, Sean McGarry, Mark O'Dell, Andrew Robinson, Owen Stephens and Howard Wong

*Andrew Robinson arrived during Item 2.*

## 2. Staff Report

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the staff report. She stated the TJPA is looking forward to 2021 and is working collectively to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 to deliver the world-class Transit Center. She 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.

Ms. Madjus Wu stated the TJPA continues to move forward with the restart of Phase 2 of the Transbay Program/Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project and is building up on the momentum created with the accelerated Work Plan recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and approved by the TJPA Board in December 2020. She stated that as the technical planning and project development continues, the TJPA will work to develop an inclusive outreach plan reflecting the Bay Area region's diverse populations.

Ms. Madjus Wu further reported that with President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration on January 20, 2021 his administration promises to bring forth anticipated support and funding for transportation projects not seen since the Great Recession, which will bring communities closer, reduce the impact of climate change and lead in the economic recovery of the nation. Ms. Madjus Wu further stated that TJPA hopes to participate in the reinvigoration of the State's railway system; and be the centralized link for the regional Bay Area to the State. She stated the TJPA is steadfastly committed to obtaining the necessary funding to deliver the project. She noted that the TJPA is looking forward to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg's confirmation and working with his administration at the Department of Transportation as Mr. Buttigieg is a big supporter of an integrated railway system connecting diverse communities and cities, while improving infrastructure and creating jobs in the local economies. Ms. Madjus Wu stated that the TJPA will be working with federal and state advocates to build on the success of the Transit Center and sustain support and engagement for completing the Transbay Program through the DTX project in continued collaboration with local, regional, state and federal partners.

Ms. Madjus Wu stated the TJPA plays an important role in serving as a catalyst for neighborhood invigoration, bringing housing, open spaces and economic revitalization and vitality to the area. She announced the TJPA closed escrow for the transfer of Blocks 2, 3 and 4, the former

Temporary Terminal Site, to the Office and Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII) on January 12, 2021. She stated the transfer to OCII will bring additional housing and open space to the neighborhood. OCII has engaged the services of a property management firm who will ensure the property remains safe and secure until interim activation occurs. As previously announced, the interim activation Request For Proposals has been officially posted and bids from prospective activators are due to OCII by February 3, 2021 with a target date for a contract by April 5, 2021.

Ms. Madjus Wu reported that TJPA will start the CAC annual recruitment process for a new term, filling a total of eight seats with four terming out, three potential reapplications and one mid-term seat. The TJPA will accept applications through February 26, 2021. She stated the TJPA outreach will consist of an online awareness campaign about the recruitment process, which will include email marketing, social media and ad placements in neighborhood newspapers.

Further, she reported that the TJPA has not been able to display the 10-second version of the three-minute DTX video on the Grand Hall video wall due to technical difficulties. In response, the TJPA will update the video as part of the suite of materials needed for DTX outreach. She states that the TJPA will use a still photo image on the Grand Hall video wall to direct transit riders to the TJPA website to learn about the project and view the current video.

Ms. Madjus Wu concluded her report by stating the TJPA was working with Bay Area Rapid Transit to present at a future CAC meeting.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 8, 2020

Mr. Fahnestock requested a revision to the following sentence in Item 5:

“Mr. Fahnestock suggested the TJPA explore reaching out to model railroad clubs in the Bay Area to help promote the Phase 2/DTX project,” revised to: “It was suggested the TJPA explore reaching out to model railroad clubs in the Bay Area to help promote the Phase 2/DTX project”.

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

### 4. Caltrain presentation on the Railyard Study and Electrification and reduced ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Brent Tietjen, Government and Community Relations Officer, and Anthony Simmons, Director of Systemwide Planning and Policy, presented the item.

Mr. Feinbaum stated that he submitted a list of questions for Caltrain prior to the meeting and felt not all of them were addressed. Chair Holt stated that he received Mr. Feinbaum’s questions and sent some of them to Stephen Polechronis, Interim Project Director, so they may not all have been addressed in the presentation. Ms. Madjus Wu requested Mr. Feinbaum send her the entire list of the questions and she would ensure they are addressed. Mr. Feinbaum asked when Caltrain Operations and Maintenance (O&M) report would be issued for public review. Mr. Polechronis

stated that the O&M report may need to be adjusted from the baseline business plan for both Caltrain and California High-Speed Rail Authority. Mr. Feinbaum asked when ridership projections would be available for review and public comment. Polechronis stated that the Executive Steering Committee (ESC)/Integrated Program Management Team (IPMT) has started to put together the technical approach and examine the various sensitivity analysis that needs to be done to update the ridership analysis information. He stated he expects to come to the CAC before going to the ESC and the public sometime in the Spring. Mr. Bendix congratulated Caltrain along with Friends of Caltrain on the recently passed Measure RR and noted that with the Transportation Equity Initiative, the High-Speed Rail Commission can leverage this as it will broaden awareness in the sense of possibilities for California. Mr. Fahnestock noted that issues related to the Railyard and 4<sup>th</sup> and King streets Station were not in the presentation and is hopeful these will be injected into the DTX plans. Mr. Polechronis noted that they are not part of the DTX project, and the City and County of San Francisco is currently working on a project with Prologis and the future of the Railyard. Mr. Aftab congratulated Caltrain on the recent initiative and thanked them for making equity a priority despite the recent challenges and expressed excitement for the 4<sup>th</sup> & King streets Station connection to the Transit Center once DTX is complete. Chair Holt and the CAC Members expressed appreciation to Caltrain for their presentation considering the significant impact the pandemic has had on their agency.

#### 5. Facility Operations Update

John Updike, Facility Director, provided the update.

Chair Holt asked how concerned patrons can voice concerns about nonservice dogs who visit the park. Mr. Updike stated that staff is always present on the decks and available to speak to the public. Rodney Harris, TJPA Chief Security Officer, stated that the phone number for patrons to reach the Security Operations Center is displayed throughout the park. Ms. Li stated that she regularly has to tell patrons that nonservice dogs are not allowed in the park and asked for improved training of security staff on communications, along with improving signage. Mr. Harris offered to connect with Ms. Li on this issue. Ms. Li commended TJPA on increased security and maintenance in the park as it has been a sanctuary for neighboring families. Mr. Bell noticed that there was a handler with a hawk walking around and asked if this is for pigeon control. Mr. Updike confirmed that the handler is a subcontractor of the management company at Salesforce Tower and its presence was used for pigeon control.

#### 6. Phase 2/Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Update

Stephen Polechronis, Interim DTX Project Director, presented the update.

Mr. Fahnestock suggested having a flow chart indicating the organizational roles in the project. Mr. Feinbaum asked if Mr. Polechronis was going to use his operational analysis to drive the Phasing Study. Mr. Polechronis stated that the ESC will get initial results of the operational analysis next month and expect it to be completed in March. Chair Holt stated that the CAC will follow up on the progress of the operational analysis and Phasing Study with Mr. Polechronis next month.

## 7. Public Comment

Jim Patrick, Patrick & Company, commented that he was interested in receiving a presentation from Roland Lebrun on design concepts.

## 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) Bart Link21 project.

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

## 9. Adjourn

Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 7:33p.m.

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