



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for their turn to speak.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Members Present: Belal Aftab, Richard Burnett, Jackson Fahnestock, Derrick Holt, Claire Kostohryz, Brain Larkin, Pedro Mendez, Bob Planthold and Howard Wong.

Members Absent: Gloria Li, Mark O’Dell, Owen Stephens, Sally Stull and Andrew Robinson.

2. Staff Report (15 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the Staff Report. She welcomed Herschell Larrick as the new Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Secretary and thanked Donald Pollitt for serving as CAC Secretary in the interim.

Ms. Madjus Wu reported that CAC members Dan Bell and Owen Stephens, advised that they are resigning from their respective CAC seats. Mr. Bell, who served as the Bicycle Advocate member, resigned in mid-July as he is moving out of the area. Mr. Stephens, who serves as the Daily MUNI Rider on a line that serves the Transit Center member, has agreed to remain in his seat until it is filled. She thanked both members for their contributions to the CAC and encouraged remaining CAC members to reach out to their networks to help the TJPA’s recruitment efforts to fill the two open seats.

Regarding COVID-19, Ms. Madjus Wu reported the TJPA continues to track the City’s response to other COVID-19 variants and noted signage has increased at the Transit Center asking riders to remain vigilant regarding masking.

Ms. Madjus Wu further reported the TJPA joined forces with 26 transit agencies located throughout the Bay Area for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) “All Aboard Bay Area Transit” campaign in an effort to help guide the future of the Bay Area’s public transit network in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign, which is scheduled to continue

into the Fall, includes messaging in English, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese and Filipino. She noted that more information can be found at AllAboardBayArea.com.

Regarding Salesforce Park, Ms. Madjus Wu highlighted the TJPA's partnership with RAWdance, an award-winning contemporary dance company, noting a live performance titled Portal will be held at the Main Plaza in the park over Labor Day weekend (September 3-5) at 7:30 p.m., and will transform the park's landscape through dynamic contemporary dance and multimedia. She noted that more information can be found at Rawdance.org/events/portal.

Ms. Madjus Wu concluded her report by discussing ongoing legislation relevant to TJPA and stated that TJPA continues to work with its federal and state advocates to identify and take advantage of funding opportunities. Ms. Madjus Wu also thanked MTC for their continued support of the Transbay Program, as well as their planned allocation of \$1.8 Million for Transit Center operations. She reported that TJPA recently hosted a behind-the-scenes tour with State Transportation Chairs, Senator Lena Gonzalez and Assembly Member Laura Friedman, and asked for their support regarding funding for the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project. Jeff Gee, TJPA Board Chair and Caltrain Director, and Boris Lipkin, TJPA Director and Northern California Regional Director for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, also joined the tour and emphasized the importance of funding for DTX to bring their trains into the Transit Center.

Nila Gonzales, TJPA Interim Executive Director (ED), announced that Franklin Wong, the leading candidate to be the TJPA's next Chief Financial Officer (CFO), will be recommended to the TJPA Board for approval on August 12. Interim ED Gonzales provided a brief overview of his biography, noting that Mr. Wong comes from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), where he served as Deputy Director of Finance, Budget and Program Management and brings 20 years of experience in transportation with a special focus on operations, funding and capital improvements.

Vice Chair Aftab stated it was great to hear about the \$1.8 million allocation from MTC and asked if there will also be any funding allocations from the Federal infrastructure bill that just passed the Senate. Ms. Madjus Wu replied that the TJPA is monitoring that package to see if the DTX project or TJPA Operations will qualify for any available funding once the bill is approved by Congress.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun welcomed Mr. Larrick as the new CAC Secretary and commented on incoming CFO Franklin Wong joining the TJPA.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 13, 2021

There was no public comment.

Member Wong noted that on page 4 in the last sentence of paragraph 2 the dates were in the wrong order and needed to be rearranged. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Member Fahnstock and seconded by Member Kostohryz. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

4. Facility Operations Update (15 minutes)

John Updike, TJPA Facility Director, presented the item.

Member Wong asked about lawn reseeding on the rooftop park and Mr. Updike stated that usage of the lawn during events over the last year necessitated a reseeding of the lawn. He stated that maintenance of the lawn may be needed on an irregular, but ongoing basis as events occur.

5. Update of Project Development Funding Plan for the Downtown Rail Extension Project (30 minutes)

Alfonso Rodriguez, DTX Project Director, presented the item.

Member Fahnestock commended Mr. Rodriguez on the clarity of the presentation and asked if the presentation was available online. Interim ED Gonzales verified that the presentation is available on the TJPA website and located with the CAC meeting materials.

Member Wong asked if Federal agencies are holding new projects such as DTX to a higher scrutiny, because of other large project's cost over-runs. Mr. Rodriguez responded affirmatively and stated that updates will help TJPA develop a more robust plan.

Public Comment:

Bob Feinbaum stated that Save Muni, a group where he serves as its President, supports the DTX Project and hopes to help TJPA in any way they can at the San Francisco Board of Supervisor's consideration of the Community Facilities District bond issuance in September.

Roland Lebrun appreciated the presentation and expressed concern regarding the length of the train box.

6. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun spoke about the technical abilities of the WebEx meeting communications system the CAC is using to broadcast its meeting. Mr. Lebrun also suggested that there be an update on Link 21.

7. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

There were requests for the following: 1) an update on the DTX project schedule and design details (including the 4th and Townsend station), in addition to the 4th and King station efforts; and 2) Wayfinding efforts. Chair Holt offered to consult with TJPA staff to confirm what recently presented information could be provided to new members or if updates at future meetings are needed.

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 6:41 p.m.

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