



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

Thursday, March 11, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

9:30 a.m.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Gee, Vice Chair

Elaine Forbes

Alicia John-Baptiste

Boris Lipkin

Rafael Mandelman

Diane Shaw

Jeffrey Tumlin

Dina El-Tawansy (*ex-officio*)

Interim Executive Director

Nila Gonzales

Interim Secretary

Donald Pollitt II

9:30 – REGULAR MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Gee called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Interim Secretary Pollitt announced that Rafael Mandelman was joining as the newly appointed San Francisco Board of Supervisors representative, replacing Supervisor Matt Haney. He also announced that Director Lipkin would not be present due to a scheduling conflict.

Present: Dina El-Tawansy
Elaine Forbes
Alicia John-Baptiste
Rafael Mandelman
Diane Shaw
Jeffrey Tumlin
Jeff Gee

Absent: Boris Lipkin

3. Communications

Interim Secretary Pollitt provided instructions on the Public Call-in/Comment process.

4. Board of Director's New and Old Business

None.

5. Executive Director's Report

- Facility Operations Update
- Quarterly Financial Reports

Interim Executive Director (ED) Gonzales welcomed Director Mandelman as the San Francisco Board of Supervisors representative, replacing Supervisor Matt Haney, who resigned on February 18. She stated the TJPA looks forward to working collectively to execute TJPA's initiatives, especially the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project.

With President Biden signing the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan package, the TJPA is pleased that the package will provide funds for Bay Area transit operators and capital transportation projects. She also stated the TJPA joined the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and other transit operators in thanking Speaker Pelosi for her commitment in getting this relief package passed. The TJPA continues to work with MTC to ensure the TJPA

also receives formula funding for revenue losses incurred during the pandemic. With federal opportunities on the horizon, the TJPA is working with its federal advocates to prepare “asks” which have been broken into three categories: 1) DTX funding from the infrastructure package; 2) Community Project funding; and, 3) Grant opportunities, such as the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program and the Transit Security Grant Program.

Regarding COVID-19 and the City’s red-tier status, Interim ED Gonzales reported that the TJPA is optimistic about the reopening of the City, which now allows certain indoor and outdoor services to operate, and noted the TJPA continues to work with Biederman Redevelopment Ventures on park programming. She also 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. She further reported that TJPA’s security team holds a monthly meeting with operators and personnel from the Transportation Security Administration to remain informed on security trends to ensure the overall safety of daily riders and visitors. She also noted that TJPA issued a Request for Proposals in February for Unarmed Contract Security Services as the current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2021.

Interim ED Gonzales stated that the TJPA continues to advance DTX through multiple efforts with its partners, which includes briefings with local and federal partners, such as United States Senator Diane Feinstein’s State Director Jim Lazarus, State Senator David Cortese’s staff, and Senator Lena Gonzales, Assembly Transportation Chair, to introduce them to the DTX project. The TJPA also plans to engage its federal congressional delegation later this month. Additionally, TJPA has provided briefings to local Supervisors and regional Commissioners at MTC. She stated that the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) unanimously approved the first reading for the Prop K allocation of \$6.2 million on March 9, to advance the DTX project with an Accelerated Work Plan, which is now set to be heard on March 23 for final approval.

Interim ED Gonzales stated the TJPA joins its partners in supporting the California High-Speed Rail Authority’s Revised Draft 2020 Business Plan and noted the TJPA’s effort and commitment to deliver passenger rail service to the State.

She concluded her report by recognizing the outgoing four CAC members: Paul Bendix, Bob Feinbaum, Sean McGarry, and Charley Lavery for their support over the years in helping shape the Transit Center, ongoing TJPA initiatives, and the DTX project.

John Updike, TJPA Facility Director, presented the Facility Operations Update.

Erin Roseman, TJPA Chief Financial Officer, provided the Quarterly Financial Reports.

6. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

Derrick Holt, TJPA CAC Chair, reported that CAC members expressed excitement regarding the recent approval of the first reading of the \$6.2 million Prop K funding by SFCTA to advance the DTX project with the Accelerated Work Plan, thanked outgoing CAC members for their service and appreciated the updates on several topics and TJPA initiatives by Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager.

He stated that the CAC appreciated the presentation by the San Francisco Planning Department representatives on the 4th and King Street Railyard project and thanked Ms. Harvey for answering brief questions from CAC members on several topics. He also stated the CAC appreciated the presentation on Phase2/DTX by Stephen Polechronis, Interim DTX Project Director, and the Facility Update by TJPA Facility Director John Updike.

He concluded by noting that the CAC supports the funding asks identified in Mr. Polechronis's DTX report and stated that the CAC acknowledges the TJPA's effort to maintain current tenants as well as identify new ones during these unprecedented times.

With the concurrence of the Board, Item 11 was called after Item 6 before the departure of Director Mandelman.

7. 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.

Director Mandelman departed during Item 7 and Director Chang sat in as his alternate for the remainder of the meeting.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. Approving the recommended applicants to the TJPA Citizens Advisory Committee.

Lily Madjus Mu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, presented the item.

Bob Planthold, recommended applicant for the CAC, stated his primary concerns are getting trains into the Transit Center and the financing operations of the Transit Center. He also asked what the current process is for submitting questions to the Board. Vice Chair Gee stated that an orientation session will be provided to incoming CAC members to address administrative tasks and responsibilities.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun voiced his support for Brian Larkin, recommended applicant for the CAC.

RESOLUTION 21-007

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chang, Forbes, John-Baptiste, Shaw, Tumlin, and Gee

9. Approving the Minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting.

No public comment.

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Chang, Forbes, John-Baptiste, Shaw, Tumlin, and Gee

10. San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Update.

Tilly Chang, ESC Chair, presented the item.

Director Tumlin stated that the region continues to show interest in linking the DTX project with a Transbay project as BART progresses with the Link21 project and asked would it be possible to save costs on the DTX project if the Transbay Terminal was a through-running station versus a terminal station. He also asked would it possible to save costs without having to change the environmental document and suggested it be considered in the studies. Mr. Polechronis stated that as part of the DTX Phasing Study and Operations Analysis, the project team is looking at the effect of a through-running station and the infrastructure that would be required to support the DTX under both scenarios, through-running and terminal. Mr. Polechronis also stated the major question regarding the through-running scenario is whether a full three-track DTX connection between 4th and Townsend and the throat is needed and noted it is part of the Operations Analysis that is being conducted.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun stated he emailed a letter to the SFCTA Board on January 25 where he expressed significant concerns regarding the DTX project and noted he received a response from the SFCTA with a memo from the TJPA dated February 24. He stated that he plans to respond to the memo.

Jim Patrick inquired if the Transit Center was going to be a through-running station or a terminal station and suggested the Board review Mr. Lebrun's letter to the SFCTA to evaluate the ideas he proposed.

11. Election of Chair and Vice Chair pursuant to the TJPA Joint Powers Agreement.

Director Tumlin nominated Director Gee as Chair of the TJPA. Director Forbes seconded the nomination.

No public comment.

On the motion to elect Director Gee as Chair:

AYES – Forbes, John-Baptiste, Mandelman, Shaw, Tumlin, and Gee

The motion to elect Director Gee as Chair passed.

Director Gee nominated Director Mandelman as Vice Chair of the TJPA. Director Tumlin seconded the nomination.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun welcomed Supervisor Mandelman to the TJPA Board of Directors and thanked newly elected Chair Gee for allowing members of the public to provide public comment at the conclusion of the Executive Director's Report. He also stated that the best location for Caltrain storage would be the train box located at the Transit Center.

On the motion to elect Director Mandelman as Vice Chair:

AYES – Forbes, John-Baptiste, Mandelman, Shaw, Tumlin, and Gee

The motion to elect Director Mandelman as Vice Chair passed.

ADJOURN – Vice Chair Gee adjourned the meeting at 10:31 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.

Donald Pollitt II
Interim Board Secretary

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