TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

Thursday, September 8, 2022

REGULAR MEETING
9:30 a.m.

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In compliance with the Assembly Bill (“AB”) 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) and its amendments to California Public Resources Code Section 54953(e), this meeting will be held exclusively via teleconference participation of a quorum of Board members in locations not open to the public. This meeting is being held during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, while allowing the public to observe and address the Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Gee, Chair
Rafael Mandelman, Vice Chair
Elaine Forbes
Alicia John-Baptiste
Boris Lipkin
Diane Shaw
Jeffrey Tumlin
Dina El-Tawansy (ex-officio)

Executive Director
Adam Van de Water

Secretary
Nila Gonzales
9:30 – REGULAR MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Chair Gee called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call
Secretary Gonzales announced that Director Galli was joining as Director Lipkin’s alternate and Directors El-Tawansy and Forbes were absent due to scheduling conflicts.

Present:  Morgan Galli
         Alicia John-Baptiste
         Diane Shaw
         Jeffrey Tumlin
         Rafael Mandelman (joined during Item 5)
         Jeff Gee

Absent:  Dina El-Tawansy
         Elaine Forbes

3. Communications
Secretary Gonzales provided instructions on the Public Call-in/Comment process and noted that the next meeting will take place in-person at City Hall, Room 416.

4. Board of Director’s New and Old Business
None.

5. Executive Director’s Report
   • Quarterly Financial Reports
   • Security Operations Quarterly Report
   • Facility Operations Update

   Executive Director (ED) Van de Water presented the ED Report.

   Rodney Harris, TJPA Chief Security Officer, presented the Security Operations Quarterly Report.

   R.E. Walsh, TJPA Facility Director, presented the Facility Operations Update.

6. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Update
Brian Larkin, TJPA CAC Chair, presented the Update.
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.

Roland Lebrun suggested Chair Gee participate on the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Board.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(8.1) Approving the Minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting.

(8.2) Approving the continued use of teleconferencing technologies for meetings of the legislative bodies of the TJPA pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361.

RESOLUTION 22-038

(8.3) Authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Easement Agreement with 181 Fremont to use four feet of the TJPA’s air space above the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency bus lane at the southeast end of the Transit Center for window washing and other maintenance of 181 Fremont.

RESOLUTION 22-039

No public comment.

On the motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Galli, John-Baptiste, Shaw, Tumlin, Mandelman and Gee

REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director of Caltrain and ESC Chair, presented the ESC update and Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Project Director, presented the status of the DTX Accelerated Workplan.
Chair Gee requested staff present a 6-12 month lookahead schedule for the DTX project at every future Board meeting.

Public Comment:
Mr. Lebrun stated that he believes the consideration of using the Seventh street alignment should not have been abandoned and that the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension project eliminates the need for the 4th and Townsend station.

10. Approving the Downtown Rail Extension Rebranding Plan consisting of a new name, marks, and tagline as supported by the Executive Steering Committee under the terms of the San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Memorandum of Understanding.

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications & Legislative Affairs Director, presented the item.

After conversation amongst the Board, Chair Gee continued the item with the Board’s concurrence. ED Van de Water acknowledged the Board’s feedback and stated the team will revisit the effort and return to the Board with an updated tagline recommendation.

Public Comment:
Alex Weber, Editor-in-Chief of Organized Labor, the official publication of the San Francisco Building & Construction Trades Council, stated his support for the proposed rebranding plan.

Mr. Lebrun provided the Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of Portal and recommended alternative names for the rebranding of DTX.

Mike Rieger, East Cut Community Benefit District Deputy Director, expressed support for the proposed name, The Portal.

Jim Patrick, Patrick & Company, recommended alternative taglines for DTX and suggested updates to the mark.

11. Approving the Downtown Rail Extension Governance Study Recommendations as supported by the Executive Steering Committee under the terms of the San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Memorandum of Understanding.

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA DTX Project Director, and Jesse Koehler, San Francisco County Transportation Authority Rail Program Manager, presented the item.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Director Tumlin departed during the presenting of this item.

Public comment:
Mr. Lebrun suggested the TJPA Board adopt a Finance and Audit committee like CHSRA has, which monitors and reports on their project monthly.
RESOLUTION 22-040

On the motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Galli, John-Baptiste, Shaw, Mandelman and Gee
ABSENT – Tumlin

ADJOURN – Chair Gee adjourned the meeting at 11:50 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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