TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

TJPA Office
425 Mission Street, Suite 250
San Francisco, CA
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Brian Larkin, Chair
Brian Shaw, Vice Chair

Paul Bendix
Richard Burnett
Gabriel Chan
Charles Lavery

Pedro Mendez
Mark Monte
Martin Munoz
Anthony Nachor

Mark O’Dell
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Executive Director
Adam Van de Water

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Lily Madjus Wu

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Herschell Larrick
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Larkin and Vice Chair Shaw were absent; therefore, Secretary Larrick initiated the process for a member to preside over the meeting. Member Nachor nominated Member O’Dell to be Acting Chair for the meeting, no other nominations were made. A motion to elect Member O’Dell as Acting Chair for the meeting was made by Member Nachor and seconded by Member Mendez. There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Acting Chair O’Dell called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Members Present: Paul Bendix, Charles Lavery, Pedro Mendez, Mark Monte, Martin Munoz, Anthony Nachor, Mark O’Dell, Natasha Paterson, Andrew Robinson and Eric Schatmeier.

Members Absent: Richard Burnett, Gabriel Chan, Brian Larkin, and Brian Shaw.

2. Staff Report (10 minutes)

Lily Madjus Wu, TJPA Communications and Legislative Affairs Director, presented the Staff Report.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 11, 2023

There was no member of the public wishing to comment. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Acting Chair O’Dell and seconded by Member Munoz. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

4. Contract Security Quarterly Report (10 minutes)

Rodney Harris, TJPA Chief Security Officer, presented the item.
Public Comment:
Roland Lebrun shared that the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation: Creating Economic Opportunity Summit, occurring this November in San Francisco will be critical to San Francisco’s economic recovery.

5. Facility Operations Update (10 minutes)

R.E. Walsh, TJPA Facility Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:
Jim Patrick thanked TJPA for displaying an alternate view of recorded park attendance during the presentation and suggested using high attendance numbers as a marketing tool for attracting tenants to the Transit Center.

6. Presentation of updated Downtown Rail Extension Project Scope, Project Schedule, and 20-Year Financial Plan including Capital Cost Estimate and Capital Funding Plan to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration for entry into the Engineering Phase of the Capital Investment Grants–New Starts process (20 minutes)

Andrea Miller, TJPA Chief Financial Officer and Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, jointly presented the item.

Public Comment:
Jim Patrick offered suggestions to increase revenue at the Transit Center and decrease project costs and he inquired on the status of the Phase 1 closeout.

Roland Lebrun discussed recommendations to slides 14, 16, and 17 of the presentation to help present the data in a more concise manner.

7. Presentation of the Governance Blueprint for the Downtown Rail Extension, now also known as The Portal, as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee under the terms of the San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and the City and County of San Francisco Mayor’s Office (20 minutes)

Adam Van de Water, TJPA Executive Director, presented the item.

Public Comment:
Jim Patrick expressed the importance of building needed train features during design instead of retrofitting them later.

Roland Lebrun stated significant changes should be vetted by the proposed Executive Working Group.
8. Downtown Rail Extension Workplan Schedule Update (5 minutes)

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, presented the item.

Member Munoz departed meeting during item 8.

Public Comment:
Roland Lebrun praised the value engineering that will allow the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX) to interface with the Caltrain tracks without extra work.

9. Public Comment

Roland Lebrun shared his concerns that the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) is using the wrong platform heights standard and also that they are going to try and use the signaling system for the southern portion of the project on the hybrid portion from Gilroy to San Francisco but believes that the two portions must use different signaling systems.

10. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Future agenda requests include: 1) presentation on train doors and platform heights; 2) AC Transit update on the Bay Bridge Forward project (Bus Only Lane on the Bay Bridge); 3) San Francisco County Transportation Authority update on Southeast Railyard Station Study; 4) presentation on programming for future train station beneath the Transit Center to assist with Operating and Maintenance costs; and 5) Small Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise commitment for DTX.

11. Adjourn

Acting Chair O’Dell adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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