



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

TJPA Offices
201 Mission Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Andrew Brooks, Chair
Ted Olsson, Vice-Chair

Bruce Agid
Helen Han
Sandra Padilla
Pascale Soumoy
Marla Wilson

Michael Freeman
Jessica Lorenz
Nathan Rapp
Patrick Valentino

Mark Garcia
D'Arcy Myjer
Joseph Scott
Todd Williams

Executive Director
Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan

Staff Liaison
Scott Boule

CAC Secretary
Margie Cleland

1. Call to Order

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Chair Andrew Brooks, Bruce Agid, Michael Freeman, Mark Garcia, D'Arcy Myjer, Joseph Scott, Pascale Soumoy, Patrick Valentino, and Marla Wilson.

Absent: Vice-Chair Ted Olsson, Helen Han, Jessica Lorenz, Sandra Padilla, Nathan Rapp, and Todd Williams

A quorum was achieved.

2. Approval of October 8, 2013 and November 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Brooks asked for a motion to approve the October 8, 2013 and November 12, 2013 Minutes. The motion was made by Mark Garcia and seconded by Patrick Valentino. A voice vote unanimously approved the motion.

3. Staff Report

Scott Boule, TJPA Staff Liaison, presented the Staff Report. He announced that the annual recruitment for TJPA CAC members had begun. The deadline to receive applications is February 10, 2014 with a goal to bring the nominees to the TJPA Board of Directors at the March 2014 meeting. A year-end report was presented to the TJPA Board of Directors at the January 9, 2014 Board of Director's Meeting providing an overview of progress made in 2013 and discussing what is planned for 2014. This report is available on the TJPA website. Thirty-five (35) of the remaining thirty-eight (38) trade packages will be awarded by the end of the year. Excavation will be complete by the end of the month. The superstructure will start in July and the project site will start looking very different. The economic benefits report (*Key Investment in San Francisco's Future as a World Class City*) has been finalized, is posted on the website, and was e-mailed to the TJPA CAC members. This report shows that private property values in the area surrounding the new Transbay Transit Center will increase by \$3.9 Billion.

4. Construction Update

Steve Rule, Turner Construction Company, presented the Construction Update. Bruce Agid commented on the importance of the structural steel and asked about the schedule. Mr. Rule explained the sequence of events from the Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) issuance in August 2013 to upcoming staff quality control foundry visits in February 2014. Mr. Agid commented that it would be good to have milestone dates to determine if they are on schedule or need to catch up. Mr. Rule explained float, the critical path process, and that the schedule is being actively reviewed. A member of the public, Roland Lebrun asked what had happened to the shoring wall and if it had any relationship to the buttress. Mr. Rule explained that there was a leak in the shoring wall between Fremont and Beale Streets. It was successfully repaired and did not have any relationship to the buttress. There has not been any indication of movement. It was repaired at no cost to the TJPA and the schedule was not impacted.

5. Update on Status of Caltrain Electrification

Casey Fromson from the Caltrain Modernization Program provided a status update on Caltrain Electrification. Ms. Fromson announced that on Saturday, January 18th Caltrain is celebrating 150 years of rail service on the Peninsula and invited all to attend the celebration event being held at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station. There will be a free special train leaving San Francisco at 9:40 a.m. to take San Francisco attendees to the Santa Clara Station. She also distributed a card announcing the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project. D'Arcy Myjer requested a definition of grade separation and she explained that the road is separated from the tracks. Patrick Valentino commented that the original plan was to have 4 tracks fully grade separated. Pascale Soumoy asked if Ms. Fromson feels that there has been an

increase in acceptance on the Peninsula. Ms. Fromson responded yes, there has been a good response to the blended system approach and people are very excited about electrification and understand its importance. There is still some skepticism regarding High Speed Rail. Ms. Soumoy also asked if the tracks are at risk for sea level rise and the response was yes and it needs to be considered. Bruce Agid asked if there are concerns regarding receiving the expected \$600 million high speed rail funds and when the timing becomes critical. Ms. Fromson replied that the judge didn't stop the project and they have confidence in the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA). They are not concerned about receiving funds at the moment, and they do not have a specific date when it would be critical.

Bruce Agid asked if there would be any impact on electrification if the 280 freeway is cut back to Mariposa. Ms. Fromson replied that in the last eight (8) months the City of San Francisco asked about 4th & King development opportunities and proposed a study of 4th & King and 280. It could impact Caltrain operations and lots of conversations are taking place and Caltrain is working with the City. Andrew Brooks commented that the City is seriously interested. Scott Boule mentioned that an RFP is about to be issued by the end of the week. Ms. Fromson said that the proposed changes are not appropriate to be done in Caltrain's EIR. Bruce Agid commented that no one wants to see electrification held up. A member of the public Jim Patrick asked about the diesel and electric train mix and Ms. Fromson replied that electrification is to San Jose and that Caltrain diesel trains would continue to run between San Jose and Gilroy as they are then on Union Pacific tracks.

6. Public Comment

A member of the public Roland Lebrun commented on grade separation and expressed concerns about the availability of Prop 1A funds for electrification and the possibility of the 4th and King station being closed.

7. CAC Member Comments & Future Agenda Requests

Bruce Agid proposed the following for future agenda items:

1. Current status update on Phase 1 budget and expenditures.
2. Insight into the issues, risks and key milestones associated with Phase 1 including associated mitigation measures/strategies (Tied to schedule, scope and costs).
3. Process and timeline to finalize decision on the Phase 2 delivery option.
4. Phase 2 funding plan.
5. Update on supplemental EIR/EIS.
6. Presentation regarding the timing and elements requiring grade separation at both Mission Bay Blvd and 16th Street.
7. Update on operation and maintenance needs for City Park.

Chair Brooks invited members to contact him or Scott Boule if they had any further Agenda requests.

8. Adjourn

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2014.

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