

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Measure RR Program

BART Bond Oversight Committee

Friday, June 20, 2025

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Agenda Item	Meeting Notes
1. Call to Order	9:30am Chair McGill calls meeting to order
A. Roll Call	Staff conducts roll call. All members present.
2. General Public Comment	<p>Staff read the requirements for public comment, stating that comments can be submitted in three ways: in person at the meeting, online via Zoom, or in advance through written correspondence sent to the agenda email address, which will be read during the public comment period.</p> <p>No written public comment was received. No virtual public comment was received. No in-person public comment was received.</p>
3. Administrative Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Meeting Minutesb. Vote on Bond Oversight Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 Term	<p>The Committee moved to approve the April 18, 2025 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Committee Member Sonja Stewart asked for clarification on whether the term limits are three two-year terms or four two-year terms, noting possible confusion in the amended resolution.</p> <p>Rachel Russell, Measure RR Program Manager, responded that staff will review the resolution and use it to guide the standing rules, with clarifications to be provided at the September meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve April 18, 2025 Minutes Rosenthal. Second Loosen. Roll Call Vote. Motion Passes. 5 Yes.</p> <p>Chair McGill nominated Vice Chair Rosenthal to serve as Chair of the Bond Oversight Committee for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.</p> <p>Motion to approve Cindy Simon Rosenthal as Chairperson of Bond Oversight Committee for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 Term Committee</p>

	<p>Member Wang. Second Committee Member Loosen. Roll Call Vote. Motion Passes. 5 Yes.</p> <p>Stewart nominated Committee Member Sonja Stewart to serve as Vice-chairperson of the Bond Oversight Committee for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.</p> <p>Motion to approve Sonja Stewart as Vice-Chairperson of Bond Oversight Committee for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 Term Chair McGill. Second Wang. Roll Call Vote. Motion Passes. 5 Yes.</p>
4. 2025 Annual Report Outline	<p>Rachel Russell, Measure RR Program Manager, presented the 2025 Annual Report Outline for Measure RR. Due to timeline shifts, the final draft will be prepared by August, with final review by the Committee in September, and presentation to the BART Board in October. The Annual Report Subcommittee continues to meet through the summer to finalize the report.</p> <p>Wang inquired about the use of social media and online platforms for public outreach.</p> <p>Michelle Robertson, Principal Marketing Representative in BART Communications, responded that their focus is on showcasing the economic impact of infrastructure investments and what it takes to operate a railroad. Michelle mentioned that storytelling is published at bart.gov/news and collected under bart.gov/railtales. They are producing short social media videos (~1 minute) to visually tell these stories.</p> <p>RusselRussell responded that the outreach efforts, including social media storytelling, will be included in the Annual Report under Section 23: Informing the Public About Large Projects.</p> <p>Loosen requested a schedule for the report timeline.</p> <p>Stewart added that the report should clearly state how riders and other stakeholders can provide feedback. She emphasized the</p>

	<p>importance of showing that BART welcomes ongoing input and consistently listens to public concerns in order to improve and act in the community's best interest.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the annual report outline, emphasizing schedule recovery, public engagement, impactful storytelling, and various report content elements.</p>
5.A. Measure RR Project Success	<p>Rachel Russell, Program Manager of the Measure RR Program, provided an overview of the Bond Oversight Committee framework. This quarter highlights a year-in-review from April 2024 to March 2025, showcasing project successes and previewing upcoming projects. At the September quarterly meeting, the committee will review budgets, schedules, staffing levels, project milestones, and discuss how Measure RR funds are being leveraged to support additional critical work.</p> <p>Russell presented the Executive Summary and highlighted progress of the critical projects including additional canopy at Embarcadero and Montgomery Street Stations, Platform escalators at Powell and Civic Center Station and Ashby Bicycle Access Improvement Project.</p> <p>Russell presented the Accomplishments and Project Progress for various RR projects in the 8 areas of the RR Program.</p> <p>Kamala Parks, Principal Planner, presented the project success story for the Ashby Station Bicycle Access Improvement Project, highlighting BART's commitment to access and safety for riders, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Stewart asked about the design choice at the Woolsey and Adeline intersection, specifically regarding ramp placement for improved access.</p> <p>Parks responded that the project includes two directional ramps, one crossing Adeline and another crossing the driveway rather than a single shared ramp, to better serve accessibility needs.</p>

	<p>Stewart commended the team for proactively considering the needs of individuals with disabilities and for implementing feedback rather than just collecting it, highlighting the project's inclusive and thoughtful approach.</p> <p>Chair McGill added that placing a ramp at the nose of the return tends to direct users into the intersection, whereas the two right-angle ramps provide safer, more controlled crossings. He noted this was a great improvement.</p> <p>Loosen asked about the timeline for Berkeley's portion of the project.</p> <p>Parks responded that the City of Berkeley is expected to begin construction in spring 2026, with the project currently still in the design phase. The city received funding from the same source, through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Strategy.</p> <p>Wang asked about the use of other social media platforms beyond YouTube Shorts, including TikTok, and inquired about public engagement metrics such as likes and shares.</p> <p>Robertson responded that BART is sharing content across multiple platforms, including TikTok, Facebook Reels, YouTube Shorts, Twitter, BlueSky, and LinkedIn and noted that some videos receive likes in the thousands.</p> <p>Avineet Garg, Project Manager, presented the project success story for the Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program's New Traction Power Facilities at West Bay Project, highlighting the 2 new substations at Civic Center and Montgomery Street.</p> <p>Loosen asked when the crane operation to lower heavy electrical equipment into the substation took place.</p> <p>Garg clarified that the Civic Center substation crane operation occurred in 2022, and a similar operation at the Montgomery substation was</p>
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	<p>completed in 2024, as part of efforts to upgrade BART's power infrastructure.</p> <p>Stewart asked about the April 2025 California PUC approval and what type of approval it was, and whether it indicated project completion.</p> <p>Garg clarified that "substantially complete" means construction is finished. Final approval comes from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) after reviewing all documentation and testing. For this project, the CPUC required a three-day confidence run before issuing certification to place the substation into service.</p> <p>Rosenthal asked whether there is any documentation yet on the operational benefits such as reduced service delays and quicker return to service.</p> <p>Garg responded that it is too early to quantify those reductions, though operations does document service delays. He added that the new substation will also support future upgrades by allowing adjacent substations to be taken offline for replacement without disrupting service.</p> <p>Chair McGill emphasized the growing awareness of substation safety and risks like arcing, noting their critical role in system reliability. He commended the team for making essential upgrades to protect operations and public safety.</p>
5.B. 10-Minute Break	10 min break
5.C. Preview of Next Year's Projects by Program	<p>Rachel Russell, Measure RR Program Manager, provided a preview of upcoming Measure RR projects by program, noting completion of the Montgomery Street Substation in Oakland, the North Berkeley Station Access Improvement Project, and 21 downtown San Francisco canopies.</p> <p>Russell also reported that forecasted expenditures for the next year are approximately \$308 million, with anticipated spending levels extending into fiscal year 2026.</p>

	<p>Rosenthal asked about the Renew Stations program, specifically the 21 downtown canopies, noting that some have already been completed and inquired how many are finished to date and how many will be completed this year.</p> <p>Russell responded that they did not have the exact number available at the meeting but would confirm and provide the information.</p> <p>David Silva the Project Manager of the Market Street Canopies Project confirmed that as of 6/20/25, 17 canopies (including the 2 pilots) were completed. As per the current project schedule, it is anticipated that 20 canopies (including the 2 pilots) will be completed by the end of 2025.</p> <p>Rosenthal asked whether the North Berkeley Station Access Improvement Project is being closely coordinated with the City of Berkeley, noting the recently finalized redevelopment plans for the area. He emphasized the importance of alignment to avoid rework, referencing Chair McGill's earlier reminder about not tearing up newly completed improvements.</p> <p>Russell confirmed that coordination with the City is ongoing given the complexity of the site and surrounding area.</p>
5.D. Leveraging Measure RR for Greater Value	<p>Rachel Russell, Measure RR Program Manager, concluded by previewing a topic for the next quarterly meeting focused on leveraging funds to extend the reach of Measure RR. She explained that the District has successfully matched RR funds with more flexible external sources, enabling delivery of more critical infrastructure projects than originally anticipated.</p> <p>As examples, she noted the Transbay Tube Retrofit Project, which utilized \$177 million in RR funds matched with \$412 million from other sources; the Communications-Based Train Control Project, which leveraged \$400 million in RR funds with \$893 million of external</p>

	<p>contributions; and the Traction Power Substation Project, which applied \$47 million in RR funds matched with \$120 million from outside funding.</p> <p>Russell reported that through April 2025, approximately \$2 billion in Measure RR funds have been expended, leveraging more than \$3 billion in external grants and other BART funding. Sources include the Federal Transit Administration, the California State Transportation Agency, regional bridge toll revenues, and county transportation agencies. Russell added that staff will return in September with a more detailed discussion of fund leveraging strategies and noted that this theme will also be featured in this year's Annual Report.</p> <p>Rosenthal thanked staff for the update and asked for clarification on the other funding sources that had been leveraged and emphasized the importance of illustrating both the diversity and the breadth of those sources, noting that it demonstrates the District's nimbleness in pursuing opportunities. Rosenthal added that, in addition to county transportation agencies, local partners highlighted in recent presentations should also be recognized.</p> <p>Chair McGill noted that Measure RR represented only about one-third of the capital needs identified to rejuvenate the overall BART system. He commended the agency for its efforts not only in addressing projects outside the scope of RR, but also in effectively matching funds to RR projects to maximize their impact.</p>
<p>6. Future Agenda Items & Questions</p>	<p>Russell shared that the Annual Report Committee met to outline this year's report, with input from the workshop. A draft will be presented at the September 19th meeting.</p> <p>Russell also announced efforts to fill three vacant seats - Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer and CPA and will share info with the committee for outreach.</p>

7. Committee Member Announcements	General Manager Bob Powers commended Chair McGill for his eight years of leadership as the founding Chair of the Measure RR Bond Oversight Committee. He highlighted Chair McGill's role in establishing the committee, ensuring accountability, and overseeing successful delivery of Measure RR commitments. Mr. Powers noted that Chair McGill's independent reports strengthened trust with the BART Board and the public, and expressed gratitude for his lasting contributions, affirming he will always be part of the BART family.
8. General Public Comment	No virtual public comment was received. No in-person public comment was received.
9. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 11:01 am.