



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSIT SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Final Filing Date – Applications are due by Tuesday, June 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. (PST)

The Transit Security Advisory Committee (TSAC) for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is the citizen and community oversight committee that works to ensure Assembly Bill 716 (Dickinson) is implemented as the Legislature intended. The Legislature further adopted AB 730 (Quirk) that repealed the sunset provision of law, making the law permanent. See attachment: “Prohibition Policy to Protect Riders and Employees” for further details on the law.

The oversight group, comprised of at least five citizens, and no greater than seven citizens, serves as a volunteer review body for the implementation of BART’s prohibition policy. Drawing from their private and public sector experiences, the committee brings a diverse set of skills to the review and execution of the prohibition policy.

The TSAC is dedicated to finding solutions to problems which impact the safety of BART, its riders and employees. Along with other public safety initiatives, the District will continue to work to address passenger misconduct through the BART prohibition policy allowed by AB 716 and report results to the State Legislature on an annual basis.

TSAC Committee Member Requirements

The advisory committee members and alternates are appointed by the BART Board of Directors. At least one of the committee members must have experience working with individuals with psychiatric or other disabilities, one must have experience as a youth advocate, and at least one advisory committee member must have law enforcement experience as a sworn peace officer.

The advisory committee reports directly to the BART Board of Directors. Meetings are generally held once per month, and service on the TSAC is voluntary. As a volunteer member of this committee you will:

- 1) Provide recommendations regarding the type and extent of training that should be undertaken by individuals with responsibility for issuance and enforcement of prohibition orders, with particular emphasis on training designed to assist those individuals in identifying and interacting with persons who are homeless or who have psychiatric or other disabilities.
- 2) Identify services and programs which persons who are homeless or who have psychiatric, developmental, or other disabilities may be referred by transit district enforcement personnel prior to or in conjunction with issuance of a prohibition order.
- 3) Review appeals to prohibition orders.
- 4) Compile an annual report to the State Legislature.
- 5) Participate in community outreach.

All TSAC members must be fair-minded and objective with demonstrated commitment to community service. Appointees to the TSAC are subject to a background check and must not have any felony convictions. Members serving on the TSAC are not required to be U.S. citizens.

The TSAC Committee is a legislative body for the purposes of the Brown Act. Accordingly, committee meetings are open public meetings subject to the noticing and meeting requirements under this law except in those proceedings where a closed session may be appropriate and required.

It is important that you complete all parts of the application. If your application is incomplete or does not clearly show the experience and/or training required, your application may not be accepted.

The application process will include two phases:

PHASE 1 – Application and Recommendation Review

All applications will be reviewed for all Membership Representation requirements and qualifications, letters of recommendation, and any supplemental documents.

PHASE 2 – BART Board of Directors Appointment

Selected candidates will be invited to appear before the Board of Directors to briefly explain their interest in serving on the committee, followed by a Board vote.

Tentative Board Meeting Date(s): Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (PST).
Please note Board Meeting start times may vary.

I. Personal Information

Please consider my application for the following representation(s) on the TSAC:

<p>Select a Representation: Check the Box</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Disabilities: Must possess experience working with individuals with psychiatric, developmental, or other disabilities.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocate: Must possess experience as a youth advocate within the region of the BART system.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Must possess experience as a sworn peace officer within the region of the BART system.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public at Large Preferably users of the BART system.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate		
First, Last Name:	Ayaka Habu	Home/Mailing Address:	██████████
City & Zip:	San Francisco ██████	County:	San Francisco
Main Phone:	(██████████)	Alternate Phone:	N/A
Email Address:	██████████	Occupation:	Port Strategic Planner

II. **Recommendation Contact Information** (must provide *two* recommendations)

Please provide the contact information for the individuals recommending your appointment and attach their letters of recommendation to this application.

First Name:	Colleen	Last Name:	Liang
Mailing Address	██████████	City & Zip:	██████████
Phone:	██████████	Email Address:	██████████
First Name:	Emilia	Last Name:	Sanchez
Mailing Address	██████████	City & Zip:	██████████
Phone:	██████████	Email Address:	██████████

III. **Personal Statement of Interest**

Briefly explain your interest in serving on the TSAC. Please feel free to attach an additional page.

Having grown up overseas in cities with robust public transit systems, I have been a lifelong advocate for public transportation. As a daily commuter between 24th St and West Oakland BART stations, I am invested in the success of BART. Safe access to regional public transportation is indispensable to the Bay Area. As a public-at-large member, I am excited for the opportunity to help ensure that BART's safety initiatives, specifically the AB 730 prohibition order program, are properly administered. My goal is to provide reasonable recommendations to ensure these policies are effective, fair, and beneficial to the safety and well-being of daily riders, BART Police Officers, and the offenders themselves.

IV. **Qualifications and Experience**

What qualifications/assets do you have that make you a strong candidate for service on the TSAC? Please feel free to attach a resume or an additional page.

Academic Background: I hold a Master of City Planning degree, which provides me the foundational knowledge of infrastructure, funding, and data.

Career Background: As a transportation planner in the public sector, I possess a clear understanding of the decision-making structure and dynamics between staff, board members, advisory committee members, and the public. In my current role as a Strategic Planner at Port of Oakland, I specialize in dissecting complex issues into actions while incorporating the operational, political, and financial contexts of a project.

Community Representation: As a community-at-large applicant, I reflect major demographics of BART's rider profile as a 25-to-34 year old Asian or Pacific Islander female rider. My lived experience will bring an authentic perspective to discussions on safety and security.

V. **Organizations/Group Membership**

List any organizations or groups that you belong to or are involved with that you believe bear

relevance to your candidacy for service on the TSAC:

Organization Name:	Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS)	Position:	Member
Organization Name:	Muttville, Senior Dog Rescue	Position:	Foster Program Member
Organization Name:	Asian American Architects and Engineers	Position:	Member/Volunteer
Organization Name:		Position:	
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Applicant Signature: Ayaka Habu 羽生彩華 Date: 06/16/2026

Return this form and relevant attachments to the BART Office of the District Secretary:

2150 Webster Street, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612 or email to

TransitSecurityAdvisory@bart.gov

Please contact the District Secretary's Office at
(510) 464-6083 with any questions.

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Thank you for your interest in serving on the Transit Security Advisory Committee (TSAC).

AYAKA HABU

EMPLOYMENT

Port of Oakland, Port Strategic Planner. Oakland, CA (current)

As part of the Environmental Programs & Planning Team, I lead the Port-wide Sustainability Management Plan and I manage the transportation and land use planning for Maritime and Commercial Real Estate teams.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Active Transportation Planner. San Francisco, CA

As part of the Operations Team, I served as the Project Manager for Napa Valley Forward Commute Policy Program, which provided subsidies for purchasing electric bicycles to 20 participating winery and hotelier partners in Napa County to reduce overall GHG emissions from transportation sector.

Nelson/Nygaard, Transportation Planner and Designer. Seattle, WA

As a consultant, I served as a deputy project manager and technical lead for multiple projects. Specifically, I was responsible for data analysis, report writing, policy analysis, site planning, stakeholder engagement, and project management. Key client types included city agencies, transit agencies, DOTs, and private developers. Key project types included safe routes to school programs, vision zero initiatives, curbside management, parking policies, commuter benefit programming, and bicycle planning.

EDUCATION

Master of City Planning University of Pennsylvania

Studio Topic: Utuado, Puerto Rico's waterfront activation urban design plan as part of an environmental resiliency plan to relocate residents within a 100-year flood zone.

B.A. Environmental Studies New York University

Capstone Topic: NY's commercial solar energy rebate programs for East Manhattan StuyTown.

CERTIFICATES

- AICP Candidate '20
- LEED GA '19
- Pursuing Certification for Construction Management (UC Berkeley)

SOFTWARE

- ArcGIS
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- Photoshop
- Excel
- SketchUp

MEMBER OF

- American Planning Association (APA)
- Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS)

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Port-wide Sustainability Management Program (Ongoing)

Leading a team of consultant on a \$3 million contract to develop the first ever SMP for the Port of Oakland. With the goal of becoming a Green Seaport and Airport, the SMP covers carbon reduction, emission inventory, and corporate sustainability within resource categories like transportation, energy, waste, water, and air quality. It will be heavily based on establishing a quantifiable baseline, performance metrics, and achievable targets. Planned stakeholder engagement plans for tenants and surrounding communities participation.

Port-wide Waste Management Program and Diversion Roadmap (Ongoing)

Developing a technical study that includes all facilities that house port employees and operations. Auditing waste practices, collecting baseline data with the waste hauler, and leading conversation about new goals with port leadership teams. The waste management plan will be incorporated as part of the SMP.

Port of Oakland Airport Business Park Land Use and Development Code Revision (Ongoing)

Led a consultant team and produced a Market Scan, Site Assessment, and Visioning for the Business Park. Reviewed City's land use and zoning compliance with Port's own. Worked with Senior staff on stakeholder outreach and consensus building. Developed future planning scenario based on market scan and land use compatibility.

Seaport Planning Program: Truck Parking Initiative (2024)

Led a consultant team and collected truck parking occupancy and utilization data via aerial drone images to forecast future demand; compared pricing points between surrounding parking lots; and finally developed policy and program recommendations on truck parking program at the Port. Surveyed truckers' parking experiences are part of stakeholder engagement efforts.

Napa Valley Forward Commute Initiatives (2023)

Led a consultant team and launched a commute program for employees of 20 hoteliers/wineries in Napa Valley. Provided transit subsidies, Uber/Lyft vouchers, electric bicycle discounts, and vanpool/carpool coordination.