



EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT

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BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) Member Appointment

PURPOSE:

To request the BART Board of Directors appoint a nominated candidate, **Esther Waltz**, to the BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF), beginning January 22, 2026, for a one-year term, or until the Board makes new appointments and/or reappointments for a new term, whichever occurs later.

DISCUSSION:

The BATF is one of BART's eleven Advisory Committees which has been in existence since 1975 to advise the BART Board and BART staff on accessibility issues at BART. The BATF by-laws provide for the committee to be composed of up to eighteen members who live in the BART District. The BATF by-laws state that interested candidates must attend two of three consecutive meetings and then apply for membership. If the candidate is endorsed by the members of the BATF through a majority vote of those members present, then the appointment to the BATF is submitted to the BART Board of Directors for consideration.

Candidate for BATF membership:

- Esther Waltz, a candidate for membership to the BATF, met the criteria detailed in the BATF by-laws and was endorsed by an 11-0 vote by the members of the BATF who were present at the November 20, 2025 BATF meeting.

Attached is the application submitted by Esther Waltz (Attachment "A").

This BATF membership recommendation is being submitted to the BART Board for consideration. The prospective candidate, if approved by the BART Board, will officially become a member of the BATF on January 22, 2026, for a term of one year, or until the BART Board announces appointments and/or re-appointments, whichever comes later. If approved, the BATF will be composed of 14 members.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Members currently receive a \$17.74 stipend as reimbursement for travel on public transportation for each regularly scheduled committee meeting that they attend in-person. The travel stipend amount will increase by the same rate as passengers' fares increase in future years, as per Board action on this topic at its July 27, 2023 meeting. Additionally, members are eligible to be reimbursed for the actual cost of travel for pre-approved meetings.

Funds will be budgeted in the Customer Access Department operating budget (Dept. 1102491, Account 681500-Other Non-Professional Services). Funding for Fiscal Year 2026 is included in the Department's existing operating budget. Funding for subsequent years will be included in the proposed annual operating budget, which is subject to Board approval. This action is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the unprogrammed District reserves in the current fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not make the appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the BART Board approve the following motion:

MOTION:

The BART Board of Directors appoints the nominated candidate, Esther Waltz, for membership to the BATF beginning January 22, 2026 for a one-year term, or until the Board makes new appointments and/or reappointments for a new term, whichever occurs later.