

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

In the matter of authorizing
the BART Accessibility Task Force
to meet remotely in accordance with
California Government Code
Section 54953.8.6 and other applicable
provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, meetings of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District and its subsidiary bodies are subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act ("Brown Act"), the State's local agency public meeting law (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 *et seq.*), to ensure that the public can attend, watch, be informed about and participate in the affairs of the District as its legislative bodies conduct their proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 707, introduced in February 2025 and passed on October 3, 2025, permits eligible subsidiary bodies to conduct teleconference meetings pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.6; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953.8.6(b)(1), an "eligible subsidiary body" is a legislative body, as defined by California Government Code Section 54952, that (1) serves exclusively in an advisory capacity, (2) is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlement, grants, or other allocations of funds, and (3) does not have primary subject matter jurisdiction, as defined by charter, ordinance, resolution, or any formal action of the legislative body that created the subsidiary body, that focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals; and

WHEREAS, the District's eligible subsidiary bodies may only conduct teleconference meetings if, every six months, the Board makes the findings by majority vote specified in California Government Code Section 54953.8.6(a)(4)(A); and

WHEREAS, the BART Accessibility Task Force ("BATF") is an "eligible subsidiary body"; and

WHEREAS, the BATF provides an option for the public to participate remotely in its meetings via Zoom by either dialing a phone number and being connected via two-way telephonic service or by logging in to Zoom.com and being connected via two-way audiovisual service; and

WHEREAS, fully remote meetings of the BATF would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of members to the BATF by permitting members to participate in meetings remotely from home and from other accessible and convenient locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to authorize the BATF to use teleconferencing to conduct fully remote meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Findings. The Board does hereby find that:

1. It has considered the circumstances of the BATF; and
2. That teleconference meetings of the BATF would enhance public access to meetings of the BATF, and the public has been made aware at a regularly-scheduled Board meeting that it may participate remotely in BATF meetings by either telephonic or audiovisual service provided via Zoom and the public has been provided the opportunity to comment at an in-person Board meeting authorizing the BATF to meet entirely remotely; and
3. Teleconference meetings of the BATF would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of members to that body.

Section 3. Authorization to Conduct Remote Teleconference Meetings. The BATF is hereby authorized to use teleconferencing to conduct fully remote meetings pursuant to all applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 3. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until July 8, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, this ____ day of _____, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: