

## **Message from the Transit Security Advisory Committee Chairperson**

Honorable Members of the California State Legislature,

The Transit Security Advisory Committee (TSAC) of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is a volunteer, community-led advisory committee that works to ensure that Assembly Bill (AB) 730 (Quirk, 2017) is implemented as intended. One of the requirements of AB 730 is to provide an annual report from BART to the Legislature regarding prohibition order statistics and crimes of violence.

Our work includes examining BART's monthly prohibition order statistics, making findings related to the issuance of prohibition orders such as use of force involved, disproportionately affected populations, as well as proposing ways BART can effectively promote the safety and security of riders and their employees. To accomplish this, over the past year, we conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the 10-year history of the TSAC's proposed recommendations.

We also initiated a Strategic Planning effort to build off of and follow through on recommendations created by previous TSAC members. The purpose of this effort is to provide additional comprehensive and informed recommendations to the BART Board of Directors and BART staff regarding (1) the evaluation of and procedures for personnel charged with issuing and enforcing prohibition orders, (2) to conduct community outreach to youth, the unhoused, those disproportionately impacted by prohibition orders, and to those who have psychiatric, developmental, or other disabilities, and (3) to recommend contemporary courses of training for all five categories of BART employees regarding de-escalation, intervention, and prevention strategies designed to keep themselves and riders safe.

While not a requirement, the TSAC has never had a strategic plan. It is our belief that strategic planning is one of the fundamental duties of any board, commission, or committee. The data we collect and the recommendations that result will assist us with better serving BART employees and their ridership through current or future challenges.

Kind regards,

Omar Farmer  
2024 Chairperson