



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSIT SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 The Legislature further adopted AB 730 (Quirk) that repealed the sunset provision of law, making the law permanent.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 Public 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.

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:	Siddhant Marar	Home/Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]
City & Zip:	Daly City, [REDACTED]	County:	San Mateo County
Main Phone:	[REDACTED]	Alternate Phone:	
Email Address:	[REDACTED]	Occupation:	Technical Marketing Engineer, Product Management

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:	George	Last Name:	Saman
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]	Zip:	[REDACTED]
Phone:	[REDACTED]	Email Address:	[REDACTED]
First Name:	Sunaina	Last Name:	Karanwal
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]	City & Zip:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Phone:	[REDACTED]	Email Address:	[REDACTED]

III. **Personal Statement of Interest**

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

I am applying as a Public at Large representative because BART safety directly affects me as a San Mateo County resident, San Francisco worker, and transit user. My background in camera and physical security technology gives me a practical perspective on safety, privacy, fairness, and trust. I would bring a balanced, objective, community-minded approach to reviewing BART's prohibition policy and related recommendations.



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.

My experience sits at the intersection of physical security, camera technology, public safety systems, privacy, and product governance. In my role as a Technical Marketing Engineer in Product Management, I work on smart camera and security technology used in real-world environments. I bring a systems-oriented, practical perspective and can translate complex safety, technology, and policy tradeoffs into clear, objective recommendations.



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:		Position:	
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Applicant Signature: _____ Signed by:  Date: 5/31/2026
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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.

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

BART Transit Security Advisory Committee

Supplemental Personal Statement

Applicant: Siddhant Marar | Public at Large

I am applying to serve on the Transit Security Advisory Committee as a Public at Large representative because I care about safe, reliable, and trusted regional transit. I live in San Mateo County near the San Francisco border, work in San Francisco, and regularly experience how closely Bay Area communities depend on BART and the broader transit network. BART is not just a transportation system; it is public infrastructure that connects people to work, schools, healthcare, airports, neighborhoods, and opportunity.

I am especially interested in TSAC because transit safety requires more than enforcement alone. Riders and employees deserve a system where serious misconduct is addressed, policies are applied consistently, and decisions are made with fairness, transparency, and accountability. At the same time, BART operates in a complex public environment where homelessness, behavioral health, accessibility, employee safety, rider confidence, and public trust all intersect. I believe an advisory committee can add value by asking practical questions, reviewing policy implementation carefully, and helping BART improve both safety outcomes and community confidence.

My professional background gives me a practical lens on public safety systems, but my interest in this role is civic. I would approach TSAC as a community member who listens carefully, studies the facts, and contributes in a fair-minded way. I am not applying as a law enforcement, legal, or clinical expert. I am applying as someone who understands operational systems, values public trust, and wants to help ensure that BART's prohibition policy is implemented responsibly.

If appointed, I would focus on being constructive, objective, and prepared. I would bring attention to clarity of process, training, escalation, documentation, appeals, service referrals where appropriate, and the real-world experience of riders and employees. My goal would be to help BART make recommendations that are practical, humane, and effective.

I believe public safety and public trust have to be built together. TSAC is a meaningful opportunity to contribute to that work, and I would be grateful for the chance to serve.

Supplemental attachment to TSAC application

BART Transit Security Advisory Committee

Supplemental Qualifications Statement

Applicant: Siddhant Marar | Public at Large

My qualifications come from professional work in physical security, smart camera systems, AI-enabled video, privacy and security readiness, compliance, and product governance. In my current role as a Technical Marketing Engineer in Product Management for enterprise physical security products, I help translate ambiguous product, customer, regulatory, and operational needs into requirements, launch readiness, and cross-functional decisions. I work at the intersection of hardware, software, cloud, security, privacy, and field operations, which gives me a practical understanding of how safety systems succeed or fail in real environments.

A recurring part of my work is balancing impact, risk, and trust. I have contributed to initiatives where security, privacy, responsible AI, regulatory readiness, and user experience had to be evaluated together rather than in isolation. That background is relevant to TSAC because BART's prohibition policy is not just a rule on paper; it is a public safety program implemented in stations and trains, with consequences for riders, employees, and vulnerable community members. I can help ask the questions that improve consistency, documentation, training, escalation paths, service referrals, appeals, and public confidence.

I also bring program and governance experience. I have led and coordinated work across engineering, product, compliance, operations, customer-facing teams, and leadership stakeholders. I am used to turning complex inputs into clear recommendations, separating evidence from assumption, identifying decision points, and keeping teams focused on outcomes. Those skills translate directly to committee work: listening to multiple viewpoints, reading materials carefully, asking practical questions, and contributing recommendations that are specific enough to be implemented.

As a Public at Large applicant, I would not approach TSAC as a law enforcement, clinical, or legal expert. My value is as a community member with technology-governance and public-safety systems experience. I live in San Mateo County, work in San Francisco, and have a direct stake in safe, reliable, and trusted regional transit. I would bring fairness, discretion, analytical rigor, and a practical bias toward recommendations that protect BART riders and employees while maintaining accountability and trust.

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