

# **San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District**

2150 Webster Street, P. O. Box 12688, Oakland, CA 94612-2688



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2,006<sup>th</sup> MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026**

### Members of the Board of Directors

Melissa Hernandez, President (District 5)  
Edward Wright, Vice President (District 9)  
Matthew Rinn (District 1)  
Mark Foley (District 2)  
Barnali Ghosh (District 3)  
Robert Raburn (District 4)  
Elizabeth Ames (District 6)  
Victor Flores (District 7)  
Janice Li (District 8)

# **Minutes of the July 9, 2026 BART Board Meeting**

## **MEETING DESCRIPTION**

A Regular Meeting of the BART Board of Directors was held on July 9, 2026 in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California. President Hernandez presided, with Bob Franklin as District Secretary.

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A. Roll Call.

Directors Present in Oakland: Directors Ames, Flores (at 9:04am), Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, Vice President Wright and President Hernandez.

Absent: None.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. President Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

C. Introduction of Special Guests: None.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of the Minutes for the June 25, 2026 BART Board Meeting.

*MOTION: Approval of the Minutes for the June 25, 2026 BART Board Meeting*

B. Resolution Authorizing BART Request to Allocate Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funds to Transbay Rail Crossing (Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program).

*MOTION: The BART Board approves and adopts the attached Resolution entitled, "In the Matter of Authorizing the BART General Manager or Designee to Submit a Regional Measure 3 Allocation Request for the Transbay Rail Crossing Project". This action will authorize the District to submit an allocation request for Regional Measure 3 funds in the amount of \$50 million for the Transbay Corridor Core Capacity Program.*

C. Authorization to execute a single source contract with Dailey Wells, Inc. (Dailey Wells) to provide equipment, services and licensing for six (6) Symphony Consoles for the Operation Control Center Modernization. **(Two-thirds vote required.)**

*MOTION: Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20227, the Board finds that Dailey and Wells Communication, Inc. is the single source supply for the procurement of equipment and services for the Operations Control Center radio consoles, and that such purchase is for the sole purpose of duplicating or replacing equipment in use. The General Manager is authorized to enter into direct negotiations and to execute agreements with Dailey and Wells Communication, Inc for the procurement of radio consoles, support equipment, services and licenses needed for the Operations Control Center Modernization Project in an amount not to exceed \$416,910 (including all applicable taxes). Two-thirds vote required.*

D. Authorization to execute contract with Cisco Systems, official National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Provider, for new network switches, related equipment and licensing for the (MOCC) Operations Control Center Modernization.

*MOTION: This request seeks Board authorization for the General Manager to enter into agreement with CISCO Systems Inc. of San Jose, CA, for the purchase of switches, equipment and licenses for the Operation Control Center Modernization Project for an amount not to exceed \$307,953 (including all applicable taxes).*

### Public Comment

There were no public comments on these items.

### Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by Director Raburn/ Seconded by Director Rinn  
Aye: Directors Ames, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, Vice President Wright and President Hernandez.  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Director Flores.  
Result: 8-0-0, motion carried by roll call vote.

### **3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

President Hernandez introduced BART General Manager Bob Powers, who provided the following report: June Ridership is 20% above budget and 19% higher than a year ago. Ridership during San Francisco Pride events was the highest Sunday ridership since the pandemic. Ridership for Fiscal Year 2026 was 10% above budget and 13% above Fiscal Year 2025.

He said a memo was just sent to the Board about the right-sizing of BART train lengths to accommodate growing ridership.

General Manager Powers thanked BART staff for leading a successful regional initiative providing public transit to FIFA World Cup soccer games to and from the stadium in Santa Clara.

July is Disability Pride Month, celebrating the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADA. BART will recognize this with social media posts highlighting the BART Accessibility Task Force members.

Congressman Garamendi secured \$500,000 for LED lighting at the El Cerrito Plaza station. Director Ghosh was in attendance.

The Oakland Ballers Public Transit Day is coming up on August 1, 2026.

The A85 interlocking replacement project is coming up over the next several weekends.

### Public Comments

Barney Smits and Aleta Dupree address the Board on this item.

### Discussion

Director Raburn and President Hernandez thanked staff for the positive impacts of increasing train lengths to match growing BART ridership.

### **4. ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

President Hernandez turned the committee items over to Director Janice Li, Chairperson, who introduced the following item.

- A. Response to the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2603 "Independence Delayed is Independence Denied".

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager, Performance and Budget, presented the item.

### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Glen Overton, and Barney Smits addressed the Board on this item.

### Discussion

Director Raburn asked General Counsel for the distinction between civil grand jury reports and criminal grand jury reports.

Director Ghosh said staff's response about the role of the Inspector General is useful to have all the information consolidated in one report. She asked if recommendations from the Audit Committee would come to the full BART Board, especially the whistleblower anti-retaliation policy.

Director Ames had questions about recommendation F16.

Vice President Wright thanked the volunteers on the Civil Grand Jury for the report. He also acknowledged the great work that the Inspector General is currently doing, independent of the report's findings. He thinks a lot of the findings are going on and that the Audit Committee is an appropriate forum for discussions on this topic.

Director Foley thanked staff for preparing the recommendations, as well as the grand jury for its oversight. He wants the General Manager to bring back to the Board or to the Audit Committee a report about how the recommendations move forward.

Chairperson Li thought this was a helpful accountability tool, but there are additional actions to implement.

*MOTION: The Board approves the attached Responses from the BART Board of Directors to the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 2603 "BART Office of Inspector General: Independence Delayed is Independence Denied" and directs staff to transmit the Responses to the 2025-2026 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury.*

Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by Director Rinn/ Seconded by President Hernandez

Aye: Directors Ames, Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, Vice President Wright and President Hernandez.

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: None.

Result: 9-0-0, motion carried by roll call vote.

B. BART Mobility as a Service (MaaS) and Mobile App Update.

Ravi Misra, Assistant General Manager, Technology; and Angie West, Director of Technology; presented the item.

### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Glen Overton, and Adina Levin addressed the Board.

### Discussion

Director Foley asked if the app was available on mobile watches. He thanked staff for the paratransit functionality and the reporting features. He also asked if the pathways component directs people to ticket vending machines. Staff said the plan is to direct passengers through the faregates. He also asked if it integrates with the Try My Ride feature. He wanted to look at rewards, as well as correcting for system failures.

Director Raburn asked questions about the pathways pilot, and wanted them to correspond to maps and signage in stations. He wants things to be coordinated together.

Director Ghosh suggested that restroom location would be another great destination point in the pathways app. She said she was sorry to be losing some of the BART branding with the role out of regional mapping and wayfinding, but said that universal familiarity is the greater good. She commended the back-end accounting of the app as well. She said the app has a lot of potential to inform passengers about evacuations and other emergencies. She had questions about data, and how it is being collected and used. She also wants to record positive and negative feedback in real time.

Director Ames supports a regional trip planner, instead of each transit agency having a separate one. Vice President wants a MAAS policy to establish goals and guidelines about how BART approaches mobility as a service.

Chairperson Li also looks forward to an AI policy.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

## **5. ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS ITEMS**

President Hernandez turned the item over to Mark Foley, Chairperson of the committee, who brought forward the following item:

### **A. Communications-Based Train Control Update and Board Authorization for Contract Amendment.**

Joy Sharma, Interim Assistant General Manager of Infrastructure Delivery; Scott Burke, Group Manager of Capital Projects; and Asiann Chan-Velasco, ACTO Central Control Operations Control Center; presented the following items:

#### **a. Communications-Based Train Control Update.**

b. Authorize the General Manager to execute Change Orders to Contract No. 49GH-110 with Hitachi Rail STS USA, Inc. to advance Communications-Based Train Control operational capability, complete the Daly City Yard interface, and finalize the remaining vehicle design and system integration requirements. Board requested to authorize.

*MOTION: Authorize the General Manager to execute Change Orders to Communications-Based Train Control Contract No. 49GH-110 for system design related to additional overnight train storage features, bidirectional operations at transition platforms, a wired interface at Daly City Yard, and completion of the remaining vehicle design and CBTC integration work, in an amount not to exceed \$25,833,741.*

### **Public Comment**

Glen Overton, Aleta Dupree, and Sal Cruz addressed the Board on this item.

### **Discussion**

Director Li asked about the transition between the old and new systems, and whether BART can revert back to the old system if there is a problem. Director Li moved the item, which was seconded by Director Raburn.

Director Ames asked questions about testing the new system and the timing of these tests.

Director Ghosh thanked staff for the comprehensive presentation on a complex topic. She wants to make sure the project is working closely with Train Control personnel who will be running the system.

Chairperson Foley said his focus is not on milestones, but about the obstacles and challenges and how they are being addressed. He doesn't want the timeline to drive the project. He asked some questions about training, since operators will have to know two systems concurrently. He asked if there are protections put in place to address problems that the current system has had with fiber optics.

#### Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by Director Li/ Seconded by Director Raburn  
Aye: Directors Ames, Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, Vice President Wright and President Hernandez.  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: None.  
Result: 9-0-0, motion carried by roll call vote.

B. Fare Gate Enhancements and Station Hardening Update. For information.  
Joy Sharma, Interim Assistant General Manager of Infrastructure Delivery; and Kate-Dysan Masinsin, Project Manager, Engineering; gave the presentation.

#### Public Comments

Aleta Dupree, Jerry Grace, Glen Overton, Laura Hill and Barney Smits addressed the Board on this item.

#### Discussion

Director Li shared her concerns about throughput, which is not great, as it relates to Clipper and software issues. She asked for an update from the General Manager about Cubic, MTC and faregate operations about all of the problems with the new Clipper update. Staff acknowledged the problems with the new Clipper rollout and the General Manager recognized the large impact it is having on passengers, Station Agents and front-line employees. Director Li went through a list of problems and said that BART is aware of these problems, which are because of the contract with Cubic, the vendor who is implementing Clipper 2.0.

Director Raburn also referenced how station agents are the main interface of the Clipper problems and these issues need to be addressed.

Vice President Wright said that the decrease in crime can be attributed to the new faregates and their impacts. He said the hardware is doing well, but the software has been unacceptable. He asked for cost estimates of faregates systemwide, which have cost savings. Also, he asked for a comparison between maintenance costs of the faregates vs. additional staffing.

Chairperson Foley said as BART looks at hardening stations, BART can still make them welcoming with art and other soft effects. He also said there are 50 stations, but only one is unstaffed with the most battered gates in the system. He is looking forward to changes to improve matters at the Pittsburg Center station.

#### **6. PLANNING, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ACCESS, AND LEGISLATION ITEMS**

President Hernandez turned the PPAAL items over to Robert Raburn, Chairperson, who introduced the following items:

A. District Sale of Exempt Surplus Parcels and Grant of Easements. 26-283 1. 2. 3. 4.

Sale of Parcel to City of Oakland. Board requested to adopt.

#### *MOTION:*

- 1. The Board of Directors adopts the attached resolution declaring BART Parcel O-A108 X1 to be exempt surplus land pursuant to Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(D).*
- 2. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Oakland for the sale of BART Parcel O-A108 X1, and to execute any other documents reasonably necessary to effectuate said Purchase and Sale Agreement.*

Sale of Parcel to City of San Bruno. Board requested to adopt.

*MOTION:*

- 1. The Board of Directors adopts the attached resolution declaring BART Parcel D-3163X to be exempt surplus land pursuant to Government Code section 54221(f)(1)(D).*
- 2. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of San Bruno for the sale of BART Parcel D-3163X, and to execute any other documents reasonably necessary to effectuate said Purchase and Sale Agreement.*

Grant of Roadway Easement to City of Union City Board requested to authorize.

*MOTION: The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement to sell an approximately 9,152 square foot roadway easement, and to execute any other documents reasonably necessary to effectuate said sale.*

Grant of Easements to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Board requested to authorize.

*MOTION: The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager or his designee to enter into any agreements and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant of 200 linear centerline feet and 1,800 linear centerline feet easements on a portion of BART Parcel C 597 (Contra Costa County Assessor's Parcel number 177-200-007), and J-1006 and J-1007 (Alameda County Assessor's numbers 525-150-3-6 and 525-150-4-11) to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, subject to receiving \$5,000 from Boldyn.*

Joe Basuino, Director of Real Estate and Property Management, gave a presentation on the items.

Director Ames asked questions about the trailhead at the Union City site.

Joan Malloy, City Manager of Union City, spoke on the item, and reiterated that the purchase does not impact trail usages.

#### Public Comment

There were no additional public comments on this item.

#### Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by Director Flores/ Seconded by Director Li  
Aye: Directors Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, Vice President Wright and President Hernandez.  
No: Ames  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: None.  
Result: 8-1-0, motion carried by roll call vote.

#### C. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program Update.

Boris Lipkin; Assistant General Manager, Planning and Development; introduced Kasheica McKinney, Director of Transit Oriented Development, who gave the presentation.

#### Public Comment

Jerry Grace and Glen Overton addressed the board on this item.

### Discussion

Director Flores said given BART's structural deficit and vulnerabilities are due to heavy reliance on fares. He wants to protect BART to ensure high quality service. He said transit-oriented development impacts can transform a transit system's financial and ridership outlook. Given significant obstacles and his desire for BART to make more revenue on real estate, BART should consider when developing strategic priorities to move from a land lease model and green field development to have more zoning power and control. He wants more funding for housing, to invest in BART projects. He wants to reduce stalling projects and update revenue models to continue to build homes to add riders to system.

Director Ghosh has been involved in a few projects and understands the importance of maintaining good relationships with cities and communities. In the Community Advisory Group for the Ashby project, the developer did a good job cobbling together a wide range of funding, and that it is great to see the project advance. She wants to ask for public input, and also educate stakeholders of challenges. She asked staff if BART has looked at an ownership model. She feels it is good for BART to have an understanding of this. Units for rent are great, but owning housing is a way of building generational wealth and community. Director Li said it is important to set good guidelines for the stewards of BART land – not just financial goals alone. For example, prioritize affordable housing on BART land with commercial partners. Lively areas and spaces are important. AB2923 was a great start to determine which station areas are ready for development Eight years later, with changes, she asked if AB 2923 can be updated. She wants to advance state programs to be more visionary so stations may become more transformative and inspirational. Director Ames encourages BART to collaborate with cities to engage stakeholders and business communities to find out what is needed.

Vice President Wright posed a policy question: does BART want housing to subsidize transit or transit to subsidize housing? He felt that the level of construction costs driving lack of development was missing from the presentation. He also asked, to what extent does BART impact construction costs? He thinks SB 79 is a continuation of AB2923.

Chairperson Raburn, who lives at a Transit Oriented Development, notes that BART has 82,00 homes at 33 stations, 38% of which are affordable units. With respect to construction costs of \$900k per unit, staff from El Cerrito last night were excited about modular construction as an affordable and fast alternative to lower costs of construction, and thus deliver more units.

#### D. Hayward Transit-Oriented Development (TOD): Goals and Objectives.

Shannon Dodge, Principal Property Development Officer, gave the presentation.

### Public Comment

Jerry Grace and George Foster addressed the Board on this item.

### Discussion

Director Foley asked if the ENA identifies the property management firm. Staff said the firm selection comes after the ENA phase. He also asked if BayPass was folded into ENA terms? Staff said the developer works with State for grant funding. He also added that the transit demand management requirements stipulate a 20 point checklist, reducing parking and offering transit passes- not mandated, but incentivized to pass Transit Demand Management requirements.

President Hernandez stated that staff work closely with the City Council and their staff to ensure that high density housing in downtown areas have parking requirements in place.

Chairperson Raburn also detailed his support for the policy, especially given the vitality and structure of Downtown Hayward by the BART station.

*MOTION: The BART Board of Directors approves the Hayward Transit-Oriented Development Goals and Objectives contained in Exhibit A, as well as retention of the existing 1,235-space garage and removal of up to 200 surface parking spaces.*

Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by President Hernandez/ Seconded by Director Rinn

Aye: Directors Ames, Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, Vice President Wright and President Hernandez.

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: None.

Result: 9-0-0, motion carried by roll call vote.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Derrick Blassingame, Barney Smits, Adina Levin, Roland, Aleta Dupree, Glen Overton and Jerry Grace addressed the Board on this item.

## **8. BOARD MATTERS**

### **A. Board Member Reports.**

Director Raburn gave the following report:

July 8, 2026: He attended the BART / AC Transit Interagency Liaison Committee.

Director Foley gave the following report:

July 7, 2026: He attended Congressman DeSaulnier's American 250 Town Hall

He reminded the Board that Form 460 are due at end of July.

He also thanked MTC for the new regional transit map of the entire region's transit systems.

Director Ghosh gave the following report:

June 26, 2026: She attended the WCCTAC meeting, with Pam Herhold providing a BART budget update.

June 26, 2026: She participated in the Community Advisory Group's meeting about Transit Oriented Development adjacent to the Ashby BART station along Ashby and Adeline streets.

July 7, 2026: She attended the event with Congressman Garamendi for the LED lighting project.

July 8, 2026: She represented BART at the BART / AC Transit Interagency Liaison Committee meeting, which included an update on providing restroom access at BART stations for AC Transit bus operators.

July 10, 2026: She attended the event with Congresswoman Lateefah Simon, who presented funds to upgrade station lighting.

July 13, 2026: She participated in the ribbon cutting for the El Cerrito Del Norte Complete Streets Improvement Project.

Director Ames gave the following report:

June 25, 2026 : she gave a presentation with Bradley Dunn to the City of Newark.

July 4, 2026: she attended the Tri-City non-profit event.

July 8, 2026: She attended the BART / AC Transit Interagency Liaison Committee meeting.

Director Flores gave the following report:

July 4, 2026: He participated in Alameda's Fourth of July parade, the largest Fourth of July parade in the country.

B. Roll Call for Introductions. none

C. In Memoriam.

President Hernandez delivered the following In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness that I adjourn this meeting in memory of Scott Haggerty, former President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and former Chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. He passed away on Sunday, July 5th at the age of 68.

Scott was my mentor, a good friend, and my former boss. He did so much for the Bay Area and always fought for what was right.

He grew up in Fremont and was a longtime resident of the Tri-Valley where he represented District 1 for over two decades on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Haggerty will be remembered as a regional leader on transportation, energy, agriculture, and public safety.

He pushed for major transportation investments, including the BART Oakland Airport Connector and BART's extension into Santa Clara County as well as the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, the Salesforce Transit Center, and the Presidio Parkway.

He also advocated for clean energy projects, like the Scott Haggerty Wind Farm Center at the Altamont Pass.

He was the first, two-time chair of MTC. During his leadership terms, he successfully guided the region's transportation network through two major crises: the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, during his second term as Commission Chair, he helped launch the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority and shaped the long-term regional Plan Bay Area 2050.

He also chaired numerous additional governing bodies:

- The Alameda County Congestion Management Authority
- The Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- The Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board and
- The Board of Supervisors' Transportation & Planning Committee

And he served on:

- The Alameda County Transportation Commission
- The Altamont Commuter Express Joint Powers Authority
- The Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
- The Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority and
- The Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority

In recognition of his extraordinary public service, the California Transportation Foundation named him Person of the Year in 2020.

His last project was goodness village, 28 tiny homes in Livermore, the first in tri valley

After completing his sixth term as supervisor, he retired at the beginning of 2021 to enjoy his remaining years surrounded by loved ones in Tennessee.

We end this meeting in gratitude for Supervisor Haggerty's extensive career in public service, where he championed efforts to make public transit more accessible and efficient for communities across the Bay Area.

Our deepest condolences go out to his family, friends, and colleagues.

If you ever met Scott, you know that he was a strong man, a tough guy, but he had the biggest heart.

Vice President Wright also paid tribute to his inspirational grandfather, Dale van Fleet, a Michigan farmer, who passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on this item.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Wright adjourning meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Bob Franklin  
District Secretary