

# **EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT**

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# Authorization to Appoint Vacant Seat for the Measure RR Bond Oversight Committee

### **PURPOSE**:

Request the BART Board of Directors appoint Sonja C. Stewart, PMP, CQRM, to fill the vacated Measure RR Bond Oversight Committee Project Management Institute (PMI) seat in the current Committee term, which began on July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2021.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On June 9, 2016, the BART Board of Directors passed resolution 5321, which placed Measure RR the \$3.5 billion **BART Safety, Reliability and Traffic Relief** bond subject to independent oversight and annual audits on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Section 11 of the resolution called for the establishment of a Bond Oversight Committee (the "Committee"), which would consist of seven members appointed for two-year terms and eligible to serve for up to 6 years in total. The members would be nominated by the following organizations:

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Budgeting and Financial Management section of the American Society of Public Administration

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- Project Management Institute
- League of Women Voters

On March 13, 2020, Committee member, John Post, appointed by PMI, vacated his seat

because of a conflict of interest. In July 2020, the District began to reach out to PMI to seek nominations to fill the vacant seat.

On September 30, 2020, PMI submitted two applicants. On November 4, 2020, staff interviewed each applicant to make sure each had the experience to serve on the Committee and to ensure they were qualified in accordance to Section 11 of Resolution 5321. Staff believes of the two nominees, Sonja C. Stewart is the most qualified to fill the vacated PMI seat.

Ms. Stewart has more than a decade of experience in the field. She has project managed the business side of several multi-million and multi-billion dollar capital projects in both the public and private sectors including at Chevron, PG&E and the Port of Oakland. Ms. Stewart is an expert in project success assurance, communications, cost/schedule control, change management, risk, and stakeholder management.

Ms. Stewart was born and raised in Oakland. She graduated California State University East Bay with a B.S. in Business Administration and Finance. Sheearned her Project Management certificate from University of California atBerkeley Extension and Project Management Professional certification in2006. Her resume and application are attached.

# FISCAL IMPACT:

Each of the seven Committee members is eligible for a \$15 per meeting Clipper card reimbursement for transportation expenses. The Committee typically meets once per quarter.

# **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could reject the applicant and direct staff to reopen the application process.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Fill the current vacancy of the Bond Oversight Committee by appointing the applicant recommended by staff.

# **MOTION:**

That the BART Board appoint Ms. Sonja C. Stewart of Oakland to fill the vacant Project Management Institute seat for the remainder of the current term, which ends on June 30, 2021.