

MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2000

**Attendance:**

Commission on Aging: Betcher  
Commission on Disability: Craig, Shaw, Wilcox  
Staff: Katayama

**I. Public Comments**

Introductions: Fred Lupke and Hal Nelson (BART) in attendance for item on BART Elevator Concerns.

**II. April 28, 2000 Minutes**

The minutes of the April 28, 2000 transportation subcommittee meeting were approved.

**III. BART Elevator Concerns**

Lupke initiated the discussion regarding preparations for accommodating transportation needs of disabled persons when the Downtown BART elevator is being renovated later this summer. Lupke suggested that BART personnel should use a counter system to quantify the number of disabled persons which will be inconvenienced when the elevator becomes inoperative in order to identify the level of accommodation needed.

Hal Nelson, Operations Manager, spoke on behalf of efforts being considered by BART. Nelson reported that it is anticipated that Downtown BART elevator is planned for closure beginning last week in June. The duration of the closure is anticipated to be less than the two months initially thought and may be ready by the first week in August. BART is considering a shuttle system that could be available 5-7 days per week. BART will be looking for feedback from consumers to help decide on the best alternatives to accommodate consumer needs. Nelson reported that they are attempting to put together a mailing list to advise the disabled community of the situation and what alternatives are available to accommodate ride needs.

Input provided as follows: Shuttle system should be in operation for more days and hours; informational material should be available in alternative formats to accommodate the needs of low vision and blind persons; BART station

employee is needed close to and within eyeview of elevator; some disabled persons cannot ride on certain types of shuttles/buses; patrons should not have to pay for extra fare if they are required to travel beyond their desired destination point; Katayama volunteered the paratransit client list to use as a mailing list for dissemination of elevator closure information.

#### **IV. Alternative to Speed Humps/Traffic Calming**

Wilcox reported on the activities of the Traffic Calming Subcommittee. The subcommittee will be concluding procedures/policy issues and begin moving on to define speed hump criteria. Meanwhile, the bicycle subcommittee is still grappling about meeting times. Betcher agreed to contact Rochelle Wheeler in an effort to get the meeting times changes to after 11:00 a.m.

Committee members requested that Katayama obtain copies of the three council minutes which address the involvement of the Commissions on Aging and Disability in the activities of the Traffic Calming Subcommittee. Copies to be mailed to Craig, Betcher and Wilcox.

#### **V. Paratransit**

Comission members discussed EBPC issues of recertification, and drivers going over speed humps.

Also discussed was the recommendation to fund Berkeley TRIP an additional \$50,000. Subcommittee members recommended that the full-body Commission on Aging and Disability consider recommending to Council that these funds be dedicated to the Paratransit Program as opposed to funding Berkeley TRIP.

#### **VI. Miscellaneous**

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2000.