SUBJECT: Report on the Opening of Phase 1 of the Transbay Temporary Terminal on August 7, 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

☐ Information Only  ☒ Briefing Item  ☐ Recommended Motion

Consider receiving report.

Fiscal Impact:
There is no new fiscal impact associated with this report.

Background/Discussion:
On Saturday, August 7, 2010, AC Transit will begin to operate bus service out of the new Transbay Temporary Terminal (Temp Terminal) located at Howard Street and Beale Street in Downtown San Francisco. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) has completed Phase 1 construction of the Temp Terminal and will begin demolition of the overhead ramp and construction of Phase 2 once the old terminal closes. The TJPA expects to complete Phase 2 of the Temp Terminal by November 2010. The TJPA also plans to hold a Transbay Transit Center groundbreaking ceremony on August 11, 2010.

In addition to completion of the Temp Terminal, the TJPA must also complete the conditions required for relocation of AC Transit’s operations as outlined in the Transbay Transit Center Program Lease and Use Agreement. The additional conditions include:

• Certification and award of a contract to demolish the Transbay Terminal
• Board adoption of a resolution certifying that the TJPA has the funds available to construct the Transbay Transit Center
• Advertisement of a construction contract for the foundations and substructures for the Transbay Transit Center

BOARD ACTION: Approved as Recommended [ ] Other [ ]
Approved with Modification(s) [ ]

The above order was passed on:

Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary
By ________________________________
As required by the Lease and Use Agreement, the TJPA has formally notified AC Transit that it has met all but one of the conditions required for relocating bus operations (item #3 above) to the Temp Terminal (see Attachment A). However, staff understands that the TJPA will advertise the foundations construction contract on July 22, 2010. To date, the TJPA has released a Request for Qualifications for the foundations contract but has been delayed due to refinement of the design. Attachment B provides the TJPA’s detailed justification for the delay in advertising the foundations construction contract.

The site of the Temporary Terminal at Howard St. & Beale St. is more constrained than the existing terminal and will require different operational and user considerations to compensate for the smaller area and less bus bays, particularly during Phase 1. Therefore, between now and the opening of Phase 1, AC Transit plans to conduct the following:

- Train operators and staff support on Temp Terminal operations
- Relocate and upgrade network capabilities for bus and other communications
- Optimize bus staging opportunities for improved bus circulation
- Conduct a live operations simulation on July 14 with other involved transit agencies
- Install additional directional signage and other traffic control devices to facilitate operations
- In coordination with the TJPA, implement a thorough marketing and public outreach plan to prepare riders for the relocation and changes

Staff will present details on Phase 1 of the Temp Terminal and the tasks listed above during the July 14 presentation.

**Prior Relevant Board Actions/Policies:**
GM Memo No. 10-116 – Consider Report on the Transbay Transit Center Project

**Attachments:**
- Attachment A – TJPA Conditions for Relocation Letter
- Attachment B – TJPA Conditions Exception Letter
- Attachment C – Temp Terminal Photograph
- Attachment D – Temp Terminal Circulation Map
- Attachment E – Temp Terminal Routing Map

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- July 1, 2010
July 1, 2010

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Subject: Transbay Transit Center Program
Temporary Terminal Opening Date - Bus Operations

Dear Ms. Kelly:

The TJPA Executive Director has authorized me to send this letter. The letter provides notice to AC Transit that the Transbay Temporary Terminal construction is complete and ready for occupancy by AC Transit. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) has established Saturday, August 7, 2010 as the opening date for bus operations at the Temporary Terminal.

Sections 1.0C and 3.1B of the Lease and Use Agreement between TJPA and AC Transit state five conditions that must be met prior to AC Transit ceasing operations at the existing Transbay Terminal and relocating operations to the Temporary Terminal. Those five conditions are:

1. TJPA completes construction of the initial Temporary Terminal elements.
2. The Temporary Terminal, excluding the Ramp Space, is ready for occupancy and use.
3. TJPA Board adopts a Resolution certifying that it has the funds available to construct the Terminal.
4. TJPA certifies and awards a demolition contract.
5. TJPA advertises a construction contract for the foundations and substructures for the Terminal.

The first two items have been completed. At its May 13, 2010 meeting, the TJPA Board certified that it has the funds available to construct the new Terminal, satisfying condition number 3. On January 4, 2010, the TJPA awarded a contract for demolition of the existing Terminal to Evans Brothers Incorporated, satisfying condition number 4. Lastly, TJPA is finalizing a contract for three major below grade scopes of work; construction of the below grade shoring wall for the perimeter of the site, construction of a large concrete buttress adjacent to the high rise at 301 Mission Street, and the excavation of the site. This package will be advertised prior to the established date for commencing operations at the Temporary Terminal.

In summary, four of the five conditions have been met, and the fifth will be met prior to the August 7, 2010, opening date for the Temporary Terminal.
The last day of service by AC Transit, Muni, WestCAT Lynx, and Greyhound on the bus deck of the Transbay Terminal will be Friday, August 6, 2010. Beginning August 7, 2010, these bus agencies will no longer drop off or pick up passengers on the bus deck of the Transbay Terminal and will initiate service for these bus routes at the Temporary Terminal.

Golden Gate Transit and SamTrans will also serve the Temporary Terminal beginning August 7, 2010 and will continue to serve their bus stops on Mission Street between First and Fremont streets.

The Terminal and its associated bus ramps will be secured by the demolition contractor, Evans Brothers, Inc., beginning on Saturday, August 7, 2010 with demolition of the structures to commence on August 14, 2010.

Sincerely,

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Subject: TJPA Schedule

Robert,

As stated in the letter of July 1st, condition No 5 of the agreement will be met by issuing a contract for three major below grade components. We are currently finalizing the design of this large package and expect to receive the 100% complete design package from the architect next week. Our contractor Webcor will then assemble the complete bid package and issue a advertisement on July 22nd with the bid packages available to download by the either the already pre-qualified bidders or any newly interested bidders a week later. Keep in mind this is a very large (in excess of $200M) package, so its completion is a significant milestone.

The scheduled move date to the Temporary Terminal was determined from a schedule of the sequence of activities associated with completing an update to our Program FEIS/EIR as requested by the FRA, who as you know is the source of the $400M to build the Train Box. We completed that update over a month ago, and the required public comment period closes next Tuesday. Based on that FRA is to issue it's Record of Decision (ROD) by the end of July. That established a late July / early August time frame to target for the move. Discussions with both MUNI and AC Transit pointed to the first weekend in August as the most convenient for everyone. So that is the background on how the August 7th date was established.

You also may be aware that TJPA has scheduled a major ground breaking event for August 11th and expects a number of high level dignitaries to be attending. So the momentum is definitely there.

I hope this answers your questions, please let me know if there is anything else.

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