

Speak Out Now at BART (9/9/19)

101 Things

With more stations selling only Clipper cards, more “Clipper encounters” are developing. Do you think that Lakeside has thought about this, beyond sending their army of yellow vests to stations as the Clippers roll out?

What about:

- A family of 6 with only one credit card?
- Not enough on the card to exit, no money, no credit card? (Can't take it, because it's their possession).
- If it seems that a person is coming up with the no money story more than once, you can't check the history of a clipper card's use, like you can a paper ticket. So???
- Clipper machines are out of order, a big line of riders is building up and since Station Agents can't fix the machines, now what?
- More are on the way....

Danger From Above

Danger can come from different places at work. For those of us working with machinery and ladders, there are many things to look out for – especially falling objects. But the pressure that the Foreworkers and supervisors are under can cause them to create dangerous situations.

For us, workplace safety is a key question of our health and wellbeing – today and in the future. But management uses “safety” as a buzzword to help them avoid Industrial Injury claims and lawsuits. The disregard for our everyday safety often comes from above, from management.

Who Runs This Place?

For workers at BART it never ceases to amaze how disorganized management is. It's especially clear when construction or maintenance jobs require new materials or parts. Things are rarely in the right places, and often the so-called “responsible person” has no idea what's going on.

The lack of communication between managers and departments makes work really difficult – unnecessarily difficult. As usual, if the work was organized by the people doing the work, things would run a lot more smoothly.

Clipped

Imagine you and your friends or family come to San Francisco for a vacation. It's late and of course BART isn't running, so you take a cab or Uber.

What a surprise when you get to the BART station to buy your ticket to get the airport, and you find out that you have to each buy a Clipper card @ \$3 each and will probably never use it again.

Is that why they're called Clipper cards, because they steal (or clip) your money?

Tossed Aside

A recent report shows that homelessness in Oakland rose 47% from 2017 to 2019. It's the highest rate of homelessness of all major cities in the state. It's no mystery why, cost of living in Oakland continues to skyrocket. Over the last five years estimates say that rental costs have increased by around 69%.

No one knows better than BART workers how bad this problem is. The policies of city officials, and the BART Board is to kick people out of stations and encampments, which basically amounts to shuffling them from one place to the next.

That's no solution. That's just a continuation of what pushed people into the streets in the first place. Look at the wealth in the Bay Area! The solutions are all around us.



A MAJOR CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS EXPLAINED...



Climate Disaster?

What are we facing? What can we do?
Come to a discussion about the current situation.

Saturday, September 28

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.
Berkeley (Near Ashby Bart)

7pm (Doors open 6:30) Tickets \$5