

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
February 10, 2005**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Rick Parmer, Chair
Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Stana Hearne
Joe LaClair
Brian Wiese

Bay Trail Staff:

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
JoAnna Bullock
Maureen Gaffney
Patrycja Bossak

Board of Directors:

Jim McGrath
Bruce Beyaert

Guest:

Edgar Mendoza, Senator
Figueroa's office

Changes to minutes suggested on page 2 related to fundraising discussion. Revise third bullet to read, "There is no formal agreement between ABAG and the Bay Trail Project regarding ABAG employees and fundraising."

ACTION Adoption of 12/08/04 agenda and approval of 12/08/04 minutes

Wiese moved, LaClair seconded. Revised minutes adopted. Agenda adopted unanimously.

Introductions

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- Wiese Commented that the City of Oakland has not yet adopted the Waterfront Pathway Plan, while the Estuary Plan was adopted.
- McGrath Announced that Assemblymember Hancock plans to introduce legislation for the Bay Area Water Trail designating the virtual route and utilizing existing launch and landing sites.
- LaClair Commented that the North Bay salt pond BCDC permit for restoration lacks opportunities for public access and lacks funding. The item goes to the Commission in one month.

-Thompson Introduced Lee Huo and Patrycja Bossak, new Bay Trail Planners. Lee will be working on projects in the East Bay in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and coordinate the Bay Trail newsletter. Patrycja will work on projects in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, and environmental document review. Lee and Patrycja introduced themselves.

Updated the Steering Committee on a recent Ridge Trail and Bay Trail meeting. Shared opportunities for collaborative fundraising and efforts to secure a park bond line item with help from Coastal Conservancy. Noted the need for working together to achieve a compelling broad vision to complete both regional trail systems.

Announced celebration of completion of the Wildlife Public Access Study research that took place on January 20, 2005 and involvement in promoting the Bay Trail Project on Tom Steinstra's "Great Outdoors" television show thanks to support from PG&E.

-Bossak Noted that San Mateo's Shoreline Park improvement project is moving along and it will be completed in May. On May 21 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with all the legislative representatives and supporters of the project including the Bay Trail. The Bay Trail will assist with organization of a bicycle tour.

-Gaffney Presented the Steering Committee with recent pictures of the Reservoir Trail project in Novato. Noted that the Gap Analysis Study maps and questionnaires were distributed to local agency contacts and results are coming in.

-Huo Noted that Bay Trail Project resubmitted funding requests for four projects along the Bay Trail under the TEA-LU reauthorization.

-Parmer Noted that the Wildlife Study should be complete in June 2005 and should receive press coverage. He suggested contacting Rasa Gustatis from the Coastal Conservancy for publicity in "Coast & Ocean" magazine, Jane Holtz Kay from the Chronicle, Paul Roger from the San Jose Mercury News and National Trail Journal. Noted that publicizing the study will build a foundation for the need to continue this ground-breaking research.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Grant Request

-Thompson, Bossak

Introduced and provided details on a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant request in the amount of \$16,000. This grant request is a revised scope of work for a project previously approved by the Steering Committee. LaClair

proposed a motion to approve the project, Hearne seconded. Project was approved. LaClair brought up a question of funding project improvements versus new trail segments. This topic will be discussed in a future meeting.

ACTION **LaClair moved, Hearne seconded approval of \$16,000 grant to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to complete improvements on the Bay Trail at the Don Edwards Refuge.**

Bay Trail Realignment

-Thompson

1. Illinois Street, San Francisco

Proposal Adopt new spine alignment on Illinois Street between 24th Street and Cargo Way, including proposed Port of San Francisco bridge over Islais Creek. Eliminate spine alignment on Third Street between 24th Street and Cargo Way. The Illinois Street alignment is in the adopted San Francisco Bicycle Plan. LaClair proposed showing spur connections on Bay Trail maps to 3rd Street and multiuse path on 23rd and 24th Street making connections to the 3rd Street transit corridor.

2. Oakland Waterfront Trail

Proposal Adopt new parallel spine alignment along shoreline of Oakland's Inner Harbor between Jack London Square and Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline. Proposal retains parallel spine along Embarcadero. Committee determined that since the city has not yet adopted the Waterfront Pathway Plan, decision will be deferred until city takes formal action.

3. Point Potrero Marine Terminal Spur Trail (Shipyard III), Richmond

Proposal Adopt new spur trail to provide access to the Kaiser Shipyard III buildings and sites at the Port of Richmond's Point Potrero Marine Terminal. Beyaert noted that map should be updated to show trail extending to the terminal buildings. LaClair indicated that the new spur is a part of a BCDC Port Priority Use area.

4. Port Richmond Shores (Terminal I), Richmond

Proposal Adopt a revised spine trail segment along the edge of the shoreline between Dornan Drive and the Richmond Yacht Club through property that is commonly known as Terminal One. Eliminate the on-street trail alignment along Brickyard Cove. City strongly supports continuous access in the area. Committee recommended keeping the Brickyard Cove Road alignment as a parallel spine.

5. Pennsylvania Avenue to Gertrude Avenue (Peres School), Richmond

Proposal Adopt new spine alignment along Hensley Street between Garrard Boulevard and Richmond Parkway. Eliminate spine alignment along Garrard in this area. Support for this realignment was identified in a feasibility study funded by the Bay Trail Project.

6. West County Wastewater District, Richmond

Proposal Adopt new spine trail along the edge of the West County Wastewater District facility from the Wildcat Creek viewpoint to San Pablo Creek, connecting to the existing spine along the Richmond Parkway and the future trail around the West County Landfill. Adds a parallel spine segment along the Richmond shoreline.

7. West County Landfill, Richmond

Proposal Adopt new spur trail around the perimeter of the West County Landfill. Adds a new spur along the shoreline. LaClair noted that this is a designated BCDC Park Priority Use Area.

8. State Highway 12 – Jameson Canyon Connector Trail, Napa and Solano counties

Proposal Adopt new connector trail along Highway 12 between Highway 29 and Highway 80. Adds a new proposed North Bay connector trail linking Solano County bikeways to the Bay Trail.

ACTION DuBose moved, Hearne seconded approval of all proposed realignments except #2, Oakland Waterfront Pathway. Action includes approval of additional Committee recommendations for several proposals as noted above.

Update on Bay Trail Renaming Proposal

-Thompson

Stated that Assemblymember Klehs plans to propose a ceremonial resolution to the State Legislature to rename the Bay Trail the “Bill Lockyer Bay Trail.” As soon as the new language is known it will be shared with the full board and staff will invite comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.