

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG MetroCenter
January 15, 2015**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair
Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Maggie Wenger (Alternate)
Betsy Wilson

Bay Trail Staff

Maureen Gaffney
Lee Huo
Laura Thompson

Guests

Patrick Golier, SF MTA

Board

Betty Moose, HASPA

ACTION: Adoption of the 12/11/14 meeting minutes: Wenger moved, Wilson seconded.

Yes Votes:

*Maggie Wenger
Betsy Wilson
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

-Moose Updated the Committee on the Heron's Bay neighborhood Bay Trail and distributed an article from September 2014 about the city's decision to keep the trail open and accessible. City staff and BCDC are working on getting the public access easement recorded, also requesting public access parking along the street. Homeowner's association is in violation of BCDC permit, BCDC sent a letter informing the HOA to get rid of the gate.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Informed the Committee of recent informational meetings with state legislators; announced an application for Measure A grant funds to complete the gap along the Ravenswood Bay Trail in San Mateo County; shared concerns about the compatibility of

hunters and trail users in the Sunnyvale area; announced a need to reschedule the May 14 Steering Committee meeting since it coincides with the Bay Area Open Space Council annual conference.

-Huo Announced the release of the RFP for the Bay Trail design guidelines update, with a closing date of February 6.

-Gaffney Submitted an award nomination for the Canogle/Bay Trail mobile phone application to the California Trails & Greenways. Pacific Sun, a Marin County weekly newspaper, will do an article on the Bay Trail and the mobile phone application next week.

East Bay Regional Park District Lone Tree Point Bay Trail Planning Studies (\$20,000)

Huo provided an overview of the East Bay Regional Park District's request for \$20,000 to conduct planning studies for a 0.75-mile segment of Bay Trail spine near Rodeo. This project would complete the planning work to connect the Victoria-by-the-Bay trail in Hercules with San Pablo Avenue in Rodeo. The project work will include a hydrology study, biological resources study, archaeological and cultural resources study and a geotechnical report. The Park District has committed \$50,000 for initial design which will be completed soon. The trail is proposed as a Class I ADA-compliant trail. The Contra Costa County Public Works Department will conduct a feasibility analysis for an on-street facility on San Pablo Avenue from Rodeo to Crockett that will connect to this segment. The total project cost of the planning studies is \$70,000 and it will begin in March 2015, completed within one year.

The Committee discussed the various studies necessary to inform CEQA. Noted that the high construction cost is because of a steep incline, maintaining ADA access from the existing trail, and may include some boardwalk and bridging over resources.

Discussed data for economically-disadvantaged communities. State Parks has data on consolidated census tracts and NOAA sea level rise site also has data.

ACTION: Wilson moved, Wenger seconded the motion to award a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District in the amount of \$20,000 to conduct planning studies for a 0.75-mile segment of the Bay Trail spine at Lone Tree Point in Rodeo, Contra Costa County. The vote was approved unanimously.

Yes Votes:

*Leo DuBose
Maggie Wenger
Betsy Wilson*

John Woodbury

No Votes: None

Abstentions: Julie Bondurant

Embarcadero Enhancement Program

Gaffney introduced Patrick Golier, project manager for the Embarcadero Enhancement Program with the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Patrick provided an overview of the vision of the Embarcadero Enhancement Project to accommodate the large volume of people who travel through the corridor by foot, bicycle, private vehicle and transit. He presented PowerPoint slides that highlighted the various concepts improving this section of the Bay Trail. The program will result in a descriptive concept, conceptual design and cost estimates for a bikeway along The Embarcadero from Third Street in South Beach to Powell and Jefferson Streets in the Fisherman's Wharf area. Bay Trail staff will continue to be involved as this program moves forward.

Public Art along the Bay Trail

Thompson introduced the concept of Migrations, a partnership initiative to install temporary public art along the Bay Trail, involving the Bay Trail Project, art curator organization Fung Collaboratives and the cities of Oakland, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. The group applied for a \$1 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies with the City of Oakland as the lead agency.

The Committee enthusiastically supported the concept of Migrations and the potential for a larger regional public art initiative along the Bay Trail. They supported the temporary art concept and mentioned a few other places where they have seen it work successfully. The idea of citizen involvement in fabricating art installations and bringing community character into the pieces was a positive component. In short, the Committee thought this program would bring a great deal of positive press to the Bay Trail and enhance the trail experience. And while they recognized that public art can be controversial, they think the Bay Trail Project should be involved in helping to shape the program and assisting the local jurisdictions with this effort.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.