

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
February 12, 2004**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Rick Parmer
Joan Cardellino
Leo Dubose
Stana Hearne
Brian Wiese

Bay Trail Staff:

Janet McBride
Melissa Barry
David Lipsetz
Laura Thompson
Ceil Scandone

Guests:

Lynne Trulio
Jana Sokale
Ian Moore, Alta Planning + Design
Jill Keimach, El Cerrito
Heather Koch, El Cerrito

ACTION - Adoption of 02/12/04 Agenda and Approval of 11/14/03 Minutes

Hearne moved for adoption of agenda and approval of minutes; Wiese seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Introductions

Announcements by Staff

-McBride

Announced that Bay Trail expects to receive \$1 million this year from Prop. 40 through the Coastal Conservancy to continue the grant program.

Noted that in December, as part of the long-term Regional Transportation Plan process, MTC approved the first ever regional set-aside (\$200 million) that will be reserved for regional bicycle and pedestrian projects over a 20 year time frame. The Bay Trail is identified in MTC's Regional Bike Plan as a project of regional significance.

-Barry

Announced completion of a construction grant project, San Tomas Aquino Connector Trail, that connects Sunnyvale Baylands Park to Santa Clara, San Jose and eventually to the Ridge Trail. The \$300,000 grant funded the undercrossing connection below Highway 37. Interpretive panels and artwork cast in concrete were developed by local artists contributing unique

design features to the project. A dedication is planned for late March or early April 2004.

Melissa announced that she is leaving the Bay Area at the end of February and the Steering Committee expressed their appreciation of all her hard work and dedication to the Bay Trail during the past three years.

-Thompson

Provided an update on the joint BCDC and Port of San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf planning effort to update waterfront plans for both agencies. Alternatives for the Jefferson Street corridor, a gap in the Bay Trail, are being developed through public workshops. A preferred alternative is expected to be identified in June 2004. Bay Trail staff plans to focus on this project at the Spring board meeting.

-Lipsetz

Noted that as part of the BCDC condition requiring Caltrans to provide funds for public access between the San Mateo and Dumbarton bridges, Union City is developing a feasibility study to identify alternatives to close this key gap along Union City Boulevard. Off-street alternatives will also be considered in the study.

The October 2003 statewide Walk-Bike Conference held in Oakland led to an informal group of public agency staff that meets on a regular basis to share resources and information on bicycle and pedestrian planning issues.

Encouraged involvement in the APA National Planning Conference which will be held in San Francisco March 19-23, 2005

Public Access and Wildlife Study Update

-Trulio
Sokale

Provided an update of the Public Access and Wildlife Study data analysis with a summary of the hypotheses being tested, the database design, steps in data analysis, limited results of some analyses and next steps. The detailed analyses will assess the effects of trail user numbers on bird species and abundance at the three study locations. The research team plans to complete the statistical analyses in April 2004 and submit a journal article for publication in the fall.

Tiburon Trestle Glen Trail Grant Request

-Thompson

Introduced and provided details on a \$205,700 construction grant request for Tiburon's Trestle Glen Boulevard pathway project. The project would construct a 0.6-mile pedestrian pathway along the north side of Trestle Glen Boulevard. Additional grants from other sources would fund striping of

bike lanes along the roadway. The committee discussed the details of the project and approved the grant request.

MOTION - Approval of \$205,700 grant for the Trestle Glen pathway.

Wiese moved for approval; Hearne seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed Cerrito Creek Connector Trail

-Lipsetz
Moore

Lipsetz introduced the project and provided context for the proposed new connector trail. Moore provided a summary of the Bay Trail-funded Cerrito Creek Connector Trail feasibility study and outlined the findings and recommendations for a new connector trail linking the Bay Trail to the Ohlone Greenway.

MOTION - To adopt the preferred alignment of Cerrito Creek Connector Trail as a connector.

Cardellino moved for approval; Hearne seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Cerrito Creek Connector Grant Request - El Cerrito Section

-Lipsetz

Introduced and provided details on a \$191,358 construction grant request for El Cerrito's portion of the Cerrito Creek Connector Trail. The project would construct 0.9-miles of separated path and bike route segments within the City of El Cerrito between San Pablo Avenue and the Ohlone Greenway.

MOTION - Approval of \$191,358 construction grant for El Cerrito's portion of the connector trail.

DuBose moved for approval; Cardellino seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Establish Upcoming Meeting Schedule

In the interest of time, Steering Committee members agreed to forward meeting preferences to staff by e-mail.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.