

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
February 14, 2013**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Brian Wiese: Chair
Jo LaClair

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney

Guests

Jason Patton, City of Oakland
Maggie Wenger, BCDC
Jana Saastad, Hunter Squared

Board Directors

Betty Moose
Minane Jameson

ACTION: Adoption of 02/14/13 agenda.

A quorum was not reached for this meeting. Approval of the 12/13/12 minutes was postponed to the next Steering Committee meeting.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

-Wiese Announced progress on the bridge construction project to build a connection to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline along the Bay Trail from Atlas Road in Richmond. // Mentioned the closure of the Ferry Point Tunnel through June that coincides with the herring run at Keller Beach. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline can still be accessed from Canal Boulevard. // The Park District is updating the master plan for Miller-Knox Regional Park and is working with BNSF to remove tracks that have long separated the park from the shoreline. Eventually a new section of the Bay Trail will be built along the shoreline between Keller Beach and Ferry Point.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Announced that the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee had its first meeting last month with plans to bring an update to the next Steering Committee meeting in April and review by the Board in June. // Informed the Committee that staff is updating the gap analysis numbers with more accurate cost estimates for design, environmental review and construction. These numbers will be shared with local councils and boards during 2013.

- Huo Followed-up on a topic discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting regarding Bay Trail support for interim access at the Oak to Ninth property in Oakland. Other stakeholders recently met with the Port of Oakland and the property owner to discuss this issue, and Bay Trail staff will wait until May to formally request a commitment for interim access. Bay Trail staff plans to present a general project overview to the Port Commission on March 19. // Berkeley Labs is conducting a long-range plan for their site in Richmond and staff has supported connections to the existing Bay Trail.

- Gaffney Informed the Committee that public meetings are occurring for the Greenbrae Interchange Project in San Rafael and staff is requesting that the Central Marin Ferry Connection project be included as part of the highway changes proposed by the Transportation Authority of Marin. There is renewed public interest in a Bay Trail alignment along the shoreline between Larkspur and Corte Madera.

The Benefits of Bike Lanes and Bike Boulevards

Jason Patton, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager for the City of Oakland, presented a detailed overview of Oakland's work to construct high quality on-street bike lane and bike boulevard facilities. The Port of Oakland's presence along the shoreline requires the Bay Trail route to follow the city's on-street bicycle network. Jason used three on-street case studies along the Bay Trail to illustrate the constraining factors that are considered for different road widths and traffic volumes. Bike lanes and bicycle boulevards are appropriate in different scenarios. Discussion centered on taking this conversation to the board with a staff recommendation for a policy approach after presenting more details to the Steering Committee about where these situations occur along the Bay Trail.

Adapting to Rising Tides and the Bay Trail

Maggie Wenger, NOAA Coastal Management Fellow at BCDC, presented an overview of the Adapting to Rising Tides sub-regional pilot project. The project is bringing together agencies affiliated with the shoreline between Emeryville and Union City to increase preparedness and resilience to sea level rise and storm events. The project is in its third year, and the current work involves developing adaptive planning strategies, specifically for parks and recreation. Maggie discussed how the Bay Trail could be significantly impacted by storm surges and rising waters. Discussion centered on possible adaptive strategies for the Bay Trail and the challenge of maintaining the vision of a continuous shoreline trail in the face of these climate changes.

Bay Trail Alignment Discussion

Postponed to a future Bay Trail meeting.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.