

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
March 8, 2001**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Chair: Rick Parmer
Brian Wiese (Alternate)
Joan Cardellino
Stana Hearne
Julie Bondurant

Staff:

Janet McBride
Niko Letunic
Laura Thompson

Board Members:

Tom Huening
Bill Bliss

Guests:

Bill Carroll, Solano County Supervisor and ABAG president
Leslie Gould, Planning Director, City of Oakland
Colin Burgett, Planner, City of Oakland

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Discussion of a resolution for TRAC members at next the board meeting was added to the meeting agenda. Hearne moved for adoption of the agenda and minutes; Wiese seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

Cardellino announced that the city of Redwood City had recently completed a segment of the Bay Trail along Steinberger Slough. The Conservancy contributed funding to the project.

Parmer announced an upcoming workshop in Mill Valley on interpretive signage to be held on April 11-12th.

Announcements by Staff

McBride- Announced that the Regional Development Program funding forum was held on February 14th. The event was well attended with representatives from every county. Applications for funding are due on April 6th.

MTC held a kick-off meeting on March 1st for the Regional Bike Plan. The Bay Trail was highlighted as a major component to be

included in the plan. The consulting team will be directed by Alta, and Jana Sokale will serve as a subconsultant focusing exclusively on the Bay Trail.

Requested volunteers to staff the Bay Trail booth at the annual Berkeley Bay Festival scheduled for April 28th.

Announced that BCDC had made revisions to the policies and findings in response to concerns from the Bay Trail Project and other public access advocates. The Commission will be meeting next week to review and approve the revisions.

Staff recently attended a birding walk near Skaggs Island organized by the Sonoma County Trails Committee to discuss the possibility of public access on Skaggs Island. Staff also participated in a Marin bike ride organized by the Marin Bicycle Coalition looking at Bay Trail connections between Tiburon, Corte Madera and Larkspur.

Bay Trail Funding Requests

- McBride- Provided background on the partnership with the Coastal Conservancy's Bay Area Conservancy Program and the request to provide joint funding for three projects: Oakland's Waterfront Pathway Study, \$200,000; Richmond Redevelopment Agency's Rosie the Riveter and National Historic Park, \$75,000; and City of Berkeley Marina Pathway and Seawall Drive Promenade, \$100,000.

- Gould- Provided an overview of Oakland's proposed design/feasibility study for a shoreline pathway between Jack London Square and the Oakland Airport. Identified this project as an opportunity for a new and improved Bay Trail alignment. The Oakland Estuary Plan set the stage for planning a waterfront pathway, but a detailed study is necessary to identify the feasibility of the 9-mile trail focusing on engineering, design, and environmental issues.

- Burgett- Identified the details of the work program for the Oakland shoreline pathway project including existing conditions, land ownership research, design specifications and cost estimates.

- Committee- Recommended that the Oakland pathway route identified by this study be officially designated as new Bay Trail alignment by the Steering Committee when the study is completed. The Committee directed staff to ensure that identification of the new alignment as Bay Trail be reflected in the work program.

McBride- Provided a status summary of the \$2.5 million pot: with \$375,000 for these three projects taken out of this pot, \$422,500 remains to be allocated. A summary was provided of the Richmond and Berkeley projects and the funding requests for each.

Hearne moved, and Huening seconded approval of the recommended funding for the three projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Follow-Up

Letunic- Provided background on the recent efforts of staff and Bay Trail board members to develop a strategic plan. Asked the Steering Committee to consider and amend the Vision, Mission and Principles of the Strategic Plan. The Goals and Objectives will be discussed at a later meeting. Committee members provided comments and suggestions for staff. The amended document would be presented to the full board for approval at the April 12th meeting.

April Board Meeting

The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the April 12th Spring Board Meeting as well as the TRAC certificates that will be presented to its members on behalf of the Bay Trail Project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.