

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting  
San Mateo County Center  
March 29, 1999**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee:

Julie Bondurant

Stana Hearne

Tom Mikkelsen

Del Woods

Board:

Leo DuBose

Jim McGrath

Staff:

Janet McBride

Niko Letunic

**Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

Hearne chaired meeting. Suggestion to add discussion of Committee meeting schedule to the agenda. Mikkelsen moved adoption of agenda; Bondurant seconded. McGrath moved approval of minutes; Mikkelsen seconded.

**Announcements by Board**

Mikkelsen- Brought a copy of the "Blazing Saddles" route guide.

**Announcements by Staff**

McBride -

1. The Regional Development Program received an award of merit in the Program Category from the California Trails Conference.
2. Bay Trail Board Change: Dick Sheridan has gone off HASPA. Ms. Minane Jameson has been appointed as HASPA's representative to the Bay Trail Staff sent Bay Trail orientation materials (via County staff HASPA liaison Eric Willyerd).
3. First hearing for SB 494 will be before the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 13.
4. Update on SFIA meeting held March 19<sup>th</sup>. DFG and USFWS staff do not like Alternative 3 of the additional alternatives analysis, based on more recent information on snake and frog habitat than previously known.

## **Future Steering Committee Meeting Dates**

Committee Members like meeting on Monday mornings. Decided to calendar meetings every other month (10:00 a.m. – noon) on the fourth Monday of the month:

May 24

July 26

September 27

November 22

January 24.

## **Port of Oakland Middle Harbor Shoreline & Environs**

The Board of Port Commissioners officially requested the following modifications to the Bay Trail alignment as part of the Berths 55-58 project. The requested changes include:

- Removal of existing Bay Trail along Ferro Street to Middle Harbor Park (Middle Harbor Park will be eliminated).
- Add a new Bay Trail alignment within Middle Harbor Shoreline Park, from Point Arnold to the UP Mole
- Add an alignment along New Road, connecting to Middle Harbor Road and the Adeline Street overpass (to connect to the existing alignment along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

McGrath explained the Port's commitment is to construct the Bay Trail within Middle Harbor Shoreline Park and to reserve ROW along New Road and Middle Harbor Road, and to construct the latter section once issues related to how the Bay Trail will connect to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Jack London Square are addressed.

After Committee discussion, Mikkelsen moved to amend the Bay Trail alignment in conformance with the Port's request, with the proviso that the Port staff continue to work with Bay Trail staff and Oakland Public Works and its bicycle coordinator to resolve the Bay Trail connection issues. Bondurant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **San Mateo-Hayward Bridge**

McBride reported on recent developments regarding Caltrans permit request before BCDC for widening the trestle section of the San Mateo-Hayward bridge. Caltrans is not proposing to provide bicycle/ pedestrian access on the bridge and instead proposed the following public access improvements: construction of a separate bicycle-pedestrian overcrossing of Route 92 about 0.4 miles east of the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center which would connect existing Bay Trail to the north and south; donation of a 4.8-acre parcel to the Dept. of Fish and Game for Bay Trail connections; and donation of approximately \$100,000 to the Hayward Area Recreation District.

In response to a high level of Commissioner concern and a strong showing of public support for nonmotorized access on the bridge, Caltrans identified three additional public access contributions: hourly weekday morning and evening bicycle shuttle service (2-hour weekend service); \$250,000 to construct the Bay Trail through the Baumberg tract; and sponsorship of an application for \$1 million in State TEA (Transportation Enhancements) for Bay Trail enhancements in the South Bay.

The next Commission hearing will be Thursday, April 1. Committee members suggested it is appropriate to re-iterate that the Bay Trail alignment includes the San Mateo-Hayward bridge. However, it is premature to respond to the public access proposals until they have been officially presented.

**REBAC Resolution Asking Caltrans to Appoint a Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator the District 4**

Steering Committee requested clarification on what the relationship would be to the Statewide Bicycle Coordinator. Bondurant stressed that it would be helpful to include “pedestrian” as well as bicycle coordination. Committee also remarked that local communities (no matter how financially strapped) must have a bicycle coordinator to receive State funds. Committee deferred action pending additional information on the relationship to the Statewide Bicycle Coordinator.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.