

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
April 11, 2002**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Chair: Rick Parmer
Co-Chair: Controller Tom Huening
Julie Bondurant
Joan Cardellino
Leo DuBose
Stana Hearne
Joseph La Clair
Brian Wiese

Staff:

Janet McBride
Laura Thompson
Melissa Barry
JoAnna Bullock
David Lipsetz
Ceil Scandone

Board Members:

Bruce Beyaert
Mark Frederick
Jim McGrath
Steve McAdam
Del Woods

Guests:

Jana Sokale, Wildlife & Public Access Study researcher
Dr. Lynne Trulio, Wildlife & Public Access Study researcher
Clarice Olson, Paden Parent Teacher Association

Adoption of Agenda and 2/14/02 Minutes:

Huening moved for adoption of the agenda; Hearne seconded. Adopted unanimously. McBride noted that a request for additional funding for the Redwood City levee trail will be added to the agenda.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

- Cardellino Noted that the Coastal Conservancy has a part-time position for someone with experience in real estate transactions.

- McGrath Announced that the Port of Oakland's Phase I construction is complete, and that an opening event, possibly in September, is being coordinated.

Announcements by Staff

-McBride Called attention to the Bay Trail Earth Day flier included in the board packets and encouraged Boardmembers to attend Bay Trail Earth Day events. Noted that DuBose will be leading a bike ride in the East Bay on April 27th, and that Cardellino will be attending the April 21st San Rafael Shoreline Park dedication.

Announced that the ABAG Service programs will be having another golf tournament on July 19th, and that the Bay Trail will be the beneficiary of any proceeds from the tournament.

Welcomed and introduced new Bay Trail Planner David Lipsetz.

-Barry Distributed new “Bike the Bay Trail” stickers and Bay Trail Earth Day fliers to attendees.

Noted that boardmembers can direct information about Bay Trail events to her for inclusion in the “News & Events” section of the Bay Trail webpage.

-Thompson Announced that Cardellino & Bondurant expressed interest in serving on the Bay Trail Mapping Committee, and requested that others call her if they are interested.

Map Realignments and Plan Update

-Thompson Presented several realignment recommendations for the Steering Committee’s approval and introduced a discussion about the process of updating Bay Trail alignment. Presented 23 recommended realignments on maps, and highlighted some in detail with the committee. Asked the committee to act on realignments presented.

The Committee discussed Bay Trail policy for situations where a local jurisdiction asks to move the alignment away from the Bay to a more inland route. Wiese suggested that in such situations, the jurisdiction should be responsible for implementing the trail. McGrath noted that while this policy works in principle, it may not be the ideal policy for all situations.

The Committee agreed on the following realignments (#’s refer to previously distributed maps):

#3, South San Francisco, Committee agreed to include parallel alignments for this case.

#6, Redwood Shores, Committee agreed to include parallel alignments on maps, and show the bay alignment as the long-term permanent alignment (noting temporary closure) and the inland route as a temporary alternative route.

#7, Bair Island, Committee adopted Bair Island realignment recommendation.

LaClaire noted that the alignment in Alameda should be corrected because it is shown too far south.

#8 Embarcadero trail, a dual alignment will not be included on trail-user maps, but will be included on planning maps.

#15, Marina Way trail, the existing trail should not be realigned yet.

LaClair noted that staff should look into including trails through Martinez Regional Shoreline on the maps in the future.

McGrath moved for adoption of realignments as presented, including the restrictions listed above, LaClair seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Discussion on the process for bringing forward future realignments to the Committee and on the overall Bay Trail Plan review/update was deferred to a later meeting.

Grant Funding Requests

Planning Study for a new spur along Paden school in Alameda

-McBride Introduced a grant request for \$18,000 for a feasibility study for a new spur connecting Bay Trail alignment on Central to Paden Elementary School in Alameda.

-Olson Briefly discussed the concept of using the Bay Trail in conjunction with a science curriculum for the school.

McGrath moved and Hearne seconded a motion to approve a \$18,000 contribution from the Regional Development Funds for the feasibility study. The motion passed unanimously.

Cardellino noted that this project should be included on the May Conservancy Board meeting calendar; late May would be the schedule for final authorization of funding.

Bay Trail supplement in Bay Nature Magazine

- McBride Introduced a proposal to include a supplement for the Bay Trail in Bay Nature magazine. Discussed the options available and the unit costs for each option.

Several committee members suggested that artwork, ownership and the ability to reproduce the design in the future should be investigated.

Bondurant moved and Beyaert seconded a motion to authorize McBride the flexibility to seek Coastal Conservancy authorization for either of the three Bay Nature advertisement options discussed, including advanced agreement to obtain additional copies for Bay Trail use. Motion adopted unanimously.

Request for Additional funds for the Redwood City Levee Trail

- Barry Introduced up to a \$100,000 request for augmentation for the Redwood City levee trail. Discussed the history of a previous grant request, and reasons for introducing a request for additional funding.

- McBride Provided more history on the grant progress and discussed the role of U. S. Fish and Wildlife and Redwood City in the project.

Huening moved and LaClair seconded a motion to authorize up to an additional \$100,000 contribution from the Regional Development Funds, with discretion, for the Redwood City Levee Trail. DuBose Opposed. Hearne called a vote. Motion failed (3 in favor, 5 opposed).

Spring Board Meeting Brainstorm

In the interest of time, the discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Wildlife & Public Access Study Report

- Sokale Briefly provided a review of the *Wildlife & Public Access Study* methodology and progress to date. Reiterated that the research question is whether trail use has an impact on shorebirds and waterfowl on non-motorized trails. Noted that the strongest comparison is between weekend vs. weekday data, with comparison between trail and control sites also useful. Discussed that they will also be looking for information about particular species or guilds of birds, bird behavior, seasonal variations, migratory variations, etc.

Noted that they have now collected 48 data sets for weekend and weekday (96 total) at each of the sites for a total of 248 data sets. Specified that the results obtained so far are based on summary data, defined as the total number of people, total number of birds (abundance), and total number of bird species (species diversity) counted during each 4-hour observation period. Noted that they would like to receive written comments on the report within 2 weeks.

-Trulio Discussed the preliminary summary findings. Noted that the analyses were conducted using t-tests and described how the t-test works. Reiterated that the strongest comparison is between the weekday vs. weekend data at the trail site. Noted that the control plot was moved in the second year to obtain more habitat variation, and that this has proved to be very useful for the study.

Noted that the study is functioning as designed. The preliminary summary results indicate that they are not finding much of a pattern related to trail use by people. Trulio noted that that the results reported were obtained from a very coarse analysis, and that much more analysis will need to be done.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.