

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
April 14, 2005**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Brian Wiese, Acting Chair
Joan Cardellino
Stana Hearne
Joe LaClair

Bay Trail Staff:

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
JoAnna Bullock
Maureen Gaffney
Patrycja Bossak

Guests:

Edgar Mendoza, Senator Figueroa's office
Ian Moore, Alta Planning + Design

ACTION Adoption of 04/14/05 agenda and approval of 02/10/05 and 03/09/05 minutes.

Hearne moved, LaClair seconded adoption of agenda.

LaClair moved, Hearne seconded approval of minutes with changes to LaClair's comments on the 02/10/05 minutes:

“Commented that the North Bay salt pond BCDC permit for restoration ~~lacks~~ **has limited** opportunities for public access and lacks funding.”

Introductions

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- Thompson Provided a brief overview of the Wildlife and Public Access Study. The team has entered all the data for Phase 3 and they are in the analysis phase at this time. The report will be submitted later this summer. The researchers have submitted a draft final report on years 1 and 2 in the form of a journal article for internal review. It has been submitted to BCDC for comment and once revisions are made it will be distributed for additional review including circulation to the Steering Committee. Suggestions from the Steering Committee included considering distribution to East Bay Regional Park District EBRPD scientists and the possibility of publishing the report findings in *Coast and Ocean* and *Bay Nature* when the report is finalized.

Announced that staff put out a call for applications under the new \$3.8 million grant program. ABAG and the Coastal Conservancy have signed a contract for this program and staff has received a great deal of interest from local communities ready to apply for the funding. Plan to bring a batch of applications before the Steering Committee this summer.

- Bossak Announced that board director Susan Barnes recently facilitated a discussion about fundraising with several board members and staff. Susan assisted the group in developing a list of Bay Trail assets, short and long term fundraising strategies, and ideas for launching the fundraising initiative around the 20th anniversary of SB 100 (2007). Next steps were identified for staff to meet with Susan again and use the information collected at the meeting to develop a financial picture and short term fundraising plan. Also look into possibility of hiring a fundraising specialist to assist with these tasks. We will continue to update the Steering Committee and Board as we progress.

Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy \$109,000 Grant Request for CIAP Funds

- Thompson Provided an overview of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funding availability and summarized the grant application received from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in the amount of \$109,000. The grant would implement the construction phase of a section of Bay Trail in the Presidio between Battery East and the intersection of Lincoln and Long Avenues.

ACTION LaClair moved, Hearne seconded approval of a \$109,000 construction grant to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

Napa County \$100,000 Grant Request for CIAP Funds

- Gaffney Introduced and provided details on a County of Napa grant request for \$100,000 from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) fund to construct bike lanes on 3,600 feet of Las Amigas Road, just west of the recently constructed bike lanes on Cuttings Wharf Road. Explained that due to the County's other source of funding for the project (STIP-TE funds paying for 76% of the project), the project would not be complete until August 2008, and further, that due to this extended project timeline, environmental review had not yet been completed. While County staff assured us that the project is eligible for categorical exemptions both under CEQA and NEPA, this is something the Steering Committee should weigh-in on.

ACTION Cardellino moved, Hearne seconded approval of \$100,000 grant to Napa County to construct bike lanes on Las Amigas Road with the understanding that language regarding the environmental review as well as the project completion date would be added to the contract in such a

way that the Bay Trail Project would be able to reprogram these funds if the specific conditions were not met.

BCDC Shoreline Sign Program

-Gaffney Provided an update of BCDC's progress to create a shoreline signage program that includes new designs, materials and color specifications for BCDC's Public Shore, Public Shore Parking, and regulatory signage, including buoy signage. This work is being conducted by Hunt Design of Pasadena, California through a grant from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). BCDC included Bay Trail signage as part of the consultant's work program which has resulted in some potential variations on the current Bay Trail logo/sign. These preliminary logo/sign update ideas will be presented at the Spring Full Board meeting.

Gap Analysis Ranking Criteria Considerations

-Thompson, Alta Planning + Design

Provided an overview of how Alta Planning + Design will assist Bay Trail staff to develop a ranking criteria for prioritizing the remaining Bay Trail gaps for funding and generating a final report with a strategy for overall completion of the Bay Trail system. A draft list of ranking criteria has been developed by the consultants for Steering Committee review.

The Steering Committee provided comments for the consultant to incorporate into the ranking criteria list.

Prop. 40 Grant Scoring Criteria

This item was moved to the next agenda to allow the Committee more time to discuss the Gap Analysis ranking criteria.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.