

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center  
May 26, 1998**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee Members:

Bill Bliss (Co-Chair)  
Julie Bondurant  
Stana Hearne  
Tom Mikkelsen  
Rick Parmer

Staff:

Janet McBride  
Niko Letunic  
Carla Wedner

**Adoption of Agenda**

Hearne moved adoption of the agenda. Move was seconded.

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

- Bondurant announced an interjurisdictional trail committee meeting to discuss the role of nonprofit trail groups in Santa Clara County, scheduled for Thursday, July 23 with a pre-meeting to be scheduled. Invitees include representatives from the Anza Trail, the Bay Trail, the Ridge Trail and the Trails Center.
- Bliss raised the issue of the potential impact of SB 45 on trail planning and "TEA" \$. The role of the regional transportation agency will increase since more funds will flow to the region. Also the total amount of money would increase, with an expectation of approximately \$55 million each year.
- Hearne asked for an update on the schedule for Bay Trail completion in Berkeley from University Ave. up to the Berkeley border.

**Approval of March Minutes**

Hearne moved adoption of the minutes. Bliss seconded.

**Announcements by Staff**

- Welcome to new permanent Bay Trail staff member, Niko Letunic.
- Agendas and minutes will now be posted to the Bay Trail web site. Also, the Bay Trail now has a more direct address: <http://baytrail.abag.ca.gov>.
- Victoria Eisen continues to take a lead on promoting Bay Trail (bicycle/pedestrian access) on the Bay Bridge. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be making recommendations to MTC on May 29<sup>th</sup> on overall configuration and design. Current cost estimates are now about half the original estimates (roughly \$35 million for a pathway on one side of the bridge and \$70 million for a pathway on both sides). Also AB 2038 (Migden) is moving forward in the legislature.

## **Priority Inventory**

McBride reviewed status of priority inventory and circulation to date (sent to Bay Area legislative delegation). Mikkelsen announced an upcoming meeting with BCDC, the Coastal Conservancy and Bay Trail staff to discuss common project development priorities.

## **Signage Project**

Wedner gave an update on the signage project including jurisdictions surveyed, identified signage needs and cost estimates for purchasing new signs. We have contacted all 53 jurisdictions with existing Bay Trail sections. We now have sign orders for 36 jurisdictions and are waiting for orders from 17 jurisdictions. To date: identified sign needs include: 196 large (18 inch square) trail signs; 191 small (3 inch square) trail markers; and requests for 116 mid size signs (if developed). Cost estimates for various material types were presented. Staff also discussed the idea of contracting with the CCC for installation when jurisdictions indicated a need for signs but an inability to install.

Steering Committee discussion included:

Materials: use of carbon fiber decals; and leads for published comparative evaluations for cost/benefit/ performance of different materials for interpretive signage.

Other: suggestion to deliver additional signs so jurisdictions can replace signs when needed.

CCC installation: concerns about cost-effectiveness; liability; and whether local unwillingness to install signals an overall lack of commitment (and therefore potential lack of overall maintenance, etc.).

Steering Committee approved an expenditure of up to \$5,000 from the nonprofit account for the printing of new signs.

## **Funding Update**

McBride identified overall funding in 2 accounts: the general nonprofit (approx. \$16,000) and the Wildlife and Public Access Study account (approx. \$47,000).

### Wildlife and Public Access Study

McBride summarized funding status: our objective for Phase 2 is \$65,000. To date, we have raised about \$31,000 for Phase 2 (with an additional promise of \$5,000 in late June). We are having some difficulty in fully funding this study; some potential donors indicate they do not fund “research”. Staff is contacting prior Bay Trail donors who have not been approached on the Study and is also setting up face-to face- meetings with funders to solicit feedback and donor suggestions.

The Steering Committee discussed enlisting additional support to fully fund Phase 2. They approved spending \$2-3,000 on this item.

### Other fundraising:

Two proposals were submitted to California Trails and Greenways (one for printing signs and one to develop presentation materials to address neighbor (and elected official) concerns.

### **July Board Agenda**

The Steering Committee directed a theme of honoring Senator Lockyer for his original vision and consistent support for the Bay Trail Project. Key partner agency heads would also be invited. A tentative date of Thursday, July 30 was selected, pending logistics. Potential agenda items for the summer business meeting include: fundraising (consider inviting a professional fundraiser); increased involvement of Board members; strategic plan update; and Regional Development Program.

### **South Bay Ad Hoc Committee**

McBride gave an update on efforts to reconvene the South Bay Ad Hoc Committee. Boardmember Del Woods met with McBride and Letunic on-site to give a briefing and history. Steering Committee members advised keeping the technical/staff focus of the Ad Hoc Committee membership. A new forum should be established for elected officials, including the possibility of serving on the Bay Trail Board of Directors.

### **San Francisco International Airport**

McBride reported a delay as the Steering Committee partners (BCDC, San Mateo County, the Airport, and Bay Trail) evaluate the appropriate level of environmental review. Bondurant stressed the importance of timely and early public meetings to work through potential controversy.

### **Regional Development Program Update**

Contracting is underway for all of this year's projects. The San Rafael Shoreline had a very successful "fennel busting" event on April 27. The Sunnyvale Baylands project is expected to begin construction on July 1. Funding is the State budget for next year's RDP looks promising – but there is a long way to go yet in the process.

We are continuing to build upon our collaborative partnership with the CCC. Staff met to brainstorm additional partnership including the possibility of having Corps members available to do Bay Trail work outside of the Regional Development Program.

### **Alternate Steering Committee Meeting Schedule**

Based on polling results on availability, Committee decided to change the standing monthly meeting to the afternoon of the **second Tuesday of the month**, beginning with the **August** meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.