

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
June 23, 1998**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee Members:

Bill Bliss (Co-Chair)

Alternate:

Karen Rust

Staff:

Janet McBride

Niko Letunic

Colin Burgett (intern)

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Absent a quorum, no official actions were taken. (Adoption of both the May and June minutes will occur at the September Steering Committee Meeting.)

Announcements by Staff

- Welcome to Summer Intern Colin Burgett who will pick up on the logistical coordination for the signage project and also develop a framework for a comprehensive inventory of the trail identifying all gaps.
- Jim McGrath, Port of Oakland has agreed to serve on the Board. A nomination along with his bio and letter of interest will go to the full Board at the Summer Meeting.
- An update on the Bay Bridge: the 7-member MTC Advisory Committee met yesterday (6/22) to vote on recommendations to the full Commission. Among other actions, the Advisory Committee recommended (6-0-1 vote) for a 15-foot bike/pedestrian path on the south side of the bridge. The full MTC Commission votes on Wed. (6/24). AB 2038 in on the Governor's desk.
- The dedication ceremony for a bench in memory of Irv Besser was very successful, with about 50 attending. Glen Lyles threw down the gauntlet and challenged everyone to press to complete the trail.
- A Joint Bay Trail/Ridge Trail dedication ceremony for completion of a segment from just west of the Benicia Martinez Bridge is planned for Sat. Nov. 7th.
- McBride and Letunic attended a BCDC Commissioners' Tour of Hamilton and Sonoma Baylands last week. Currently the Spine alignment extends along the R/R ROW and a spur alignment runs on the outside (shoreline side) of Hamilton. The

proposed wetland restoration will eliminate the continuous spur connection. At the same time, the spine alignment is in some question with the Marin-Sonoma transportation corridor proposal. Staff is working with all parties to protect a continuous Bay Trail alignment.

- Letunic report on a recent San Francisco Trails summit.
- The South Bay Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene on July 7 after a one-year hiatus.

Wildlife and Public Access Study

Staff summarized the status of the Wildlife & Public Access Study (contained in a staff memo from Ceil Scandone. Two more site visits are planned prior to finalizing the site selection. We are focussing on securing an additional \$25,000 to proceed with Phase 2. Three proposals are outstanding.

Other Funding Issues

A \$5 million line item augmentation to the CCC was included in the Senate budget. The item must still go through the joint Conference Committee.

The Project submitted a proposal to MTC for funding through the 5% Toll Revenue. The proposal stressed recent project activity on the toll bridges. The award has been constant for many years and a small increase was requested. Notice of the proposed fund programming will be available on 6/26 and the Commission is scheduled to vote on 7/22.

Summer Board Meeting

The Summer Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 30th (Note: was actually held on August 11). Locations under consideration include: the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, Hayward City Hall, and Centennial Hall in Hayward.

Items for consideration on the Business Program include:

1. Pathway on the Bay Bridge (and an update on other bridges).
2. Strategic Plan Update
3. Updates on: the Regional Development Program, the Wildlife and Public Access Study, and the San Francisco International Airport.
4. Round-robin update from Board Members.

Bill Bliss mentioned that he though the discussion of the Strategic Plan should be brief, the emphasis should be a prioritizing of what can be done in the near term and an identification of we do not have the time or resources for right now (which should be reserved for future activity).

The group brainstormed about the reception, including invitees, ideas for displays, and ideas for gifts and commemoration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.