

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
June 30, 2008**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair  
Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Brian Wiese  
Moirra McEnespy

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson  
Maureen Gaffney  
Lee Huo  
Patrycja Bossak

Board

Pat Mapelli  
Betty Moose

Guests

Terrence Grindall, City of Newark

**ACTION      Adoption of 06/30/08 agenda and approval of 04/28/08 minutes.**

DuBose moved, Bondurant seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes with a minor revision in the staff announcements section. Motion passed.

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

- Wiese            Informed the Committee that completion of the Bay Trail ranked high (second place) in a recent poll conducted by the Park District to assess support for specific projects under the extension of Measure AA.
  
- DuBose           Announced that the East Bay Bicycle Coalition will provide free valet bike parking at Jack London Square and the Berkeley Marina for Fourth of July festivities.

**Staff Announcements**

- Huo              Announced that the City of Alameda is moving forward with a citywide pedestrian plan.

- Gaffney Informed the Committee that Napa County received \$1.1 million from the Rivers and Parkways Grant Program (Proposition 50). This funding will be used to construct portions of the Bay Trail between American Canyon and the City of Napa along the Napa River.
- Thompson Announced that the Coastal Conservancy released the Bay Area Water Trail EIR for public review - comments are due by July 28. The ABAG Executive Board formally endorsed AB 2954 to establish the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. The Moffett Field dedication subcommittee had its first meeting on June 24 to determine location and date for closure of the Moffett Field Bay Trail gap. Maureen will participate on a panel at the Restore America's Estuaries Conference in Rhode Island in October as part of a discussion about balancing habitat restoration and public access.

**Palo Alto EcoCenter Trail (\$58,749)**

- Bossak Presented for a second time the Environmental Volunteers grant request and recommended approval of a grant in the amount of \$58,749 to construct two parallel paths along a 370-foot Bay Trail gap adjacent to the Sea Scout Building in the Palo Alto Baylands. The Committee's questions of adequate trail width and signage were discussed.

**ACTION** **Moose moved, DuBose seconded the motion to award a grant in the amount of \$58,749. The motion also carries a general request that the City of Palo Alto consider widening trails in the Palo Alto Baylands in anticipation of increased use. Unanimous approval.**

**Newark/Fremont Realignment Feasibility Study (\$80,000)**

- Huo Presented for a second time the City of Newark grant request and recommended approval of a grant award in the amount of \$80,000 to complete a trail feasibility study and alternatives analysis for 13 miles of shoreline between Highway 84 in Newark and the Fremont Boulevard/West Warren intersection in Fremont. Terrence Grindall, Community Development Director for the City of Newark, provided additional information about the study goals and proposed areas of development along the shoreline.

**ACTION** **DuBose moved, Bondurant seconded the motion to award a grant in the amount of \$80,000. Unanimous approval.**

**Fisherman's Wharf Jefferson Street Redesign (\$30,000)**

-Gaffney Presented the City of San Francisco grant request and recommended approval of a grant award in the amount of \$30,000 to complete design for improved bicycle and pedestrian circulation along Jefferson Street in the Fisherman's Wharf area.

**ACTION Wiese moved, Moose seconded the motion to award a grant in the amount of \$30,000. Unanimous approval.**

### **Glen Cove Waterfront Park (\$200,000)**

-Gaffney Presented the Greater Vallejo Recreation District grant request and recommended approval of a grant award in the amount of \$200,000 to complete construction of 0.6-miles of Bay Trail in the new waterfront park along the edge of the Carquinez Strait.

**ACTION DuBose moved, McEnespy seconded the motion to award a grant in the amount of \$200,000. Unanimous approval.**

### **Bay Trail Outreach Overview and Discussion**

-Thompson Presented an overview of the tools used by the Bay Trail Project to inform and educate the public about the Bay Trail. The Committee discussed the following outreach efforts: maps, t-shirts/caps, newsletter, website, signs, fact sheets, brochures, special event display, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary bicycle jersey and outreach to schools. The Committee discussed a variety of ideas for improving and expanding these outreach tools while balancing other important staff tasks.

Ideas included: wider distribution of maps and general Bay Trail literature, closer coordination with partners that have programs with schools, legislator involvement and exploration of new media techniques such as podcasts.

The Committee also suggested polling the board to help define and determine outreach priorities for the project.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.