

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
August 12, 2010**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair
Brian Wiese
Leo DuBose
Joe LaClair

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney

Board

Betty Moose

Guests

Ann Buell

ACTION Adoption of 08/12/10 agenda and approval of 06/10/10 minutes.

DuBose moved, LaClair seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

- Moose Questioned Bay Trail staff on the level of monitoring and involvement in the proposed development in Redwood City at the former Cargill Salt Ponds.

- LaClair Informed the Committee of a community planning pilot project focused on sea level rise planned in coordination with the Joint Policy Committee. Community workshops will select potential bay sub-regions for study, possibly including Hayward, Corte Madera and South San Francisco/northern San Mateo County. Projects are considered within the regional context of the Priority Development Areas.

- Wiese Philip Williams and Associates completed a preliminary sea level rise analysis for the Hayward Shoreline under the direction of HASPA that could have impacts on the Bay Trail alignment. The Park District is moving forward with several projects that involve the Bay Trail: a new entrance to Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline at Atlas Road, master planning

for Gateway Park at the foot of the Bay Bridge in Oakland, and future facilities at Pt. Molate in Richmond.

- DuBose Informed the Committee that Robert Raburn, former Executive Director of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, is running for BART Board. Also announced that the East Bay Bicycle Coalition moved from their Fruitvale location to the new bikestation on Shattuck in downtown Berkeley.
- Parmer Announced that the Tidewater Aquatic Center in Oakland will open in October or November for non-motorized boaters. The Bay Trail segment that has been closed during construction will also open. Also announced that Pat O'Brien, the East Bay Regional Park District's General Manager, has announced his retirement.
- Buell Announced that the revised draft of the Water Trail EIR is out for public review until September 21. A public hearing is scheduled for August 24 at the Ferry Building. Seventy-one potential water trail sites coincide with the Bay Trail. The EIR will be certified by the Conservancy Board of Directors in early 2011. \$2 million from Proposition 84 has been set aside for education, outreach and site improvements.

Staff Announcements

- Gaffney Announced that the Sonoma County Planning Commission approved the countywide bicycle plan update and Bay Trail realignment. The item will go before the Board of Supervisors on August 24. Staff will bring to the Bay Trail Board of Directors for adoption on September 9 at the fall board meeting.
- Huo Informed the Committee that the Newark-Fremont feasibility study, made possible through a Bay Trail grant, is underway and will result in an improved alignment along 13 miles of shoreline. Announced that the Water Emergency Transit Authority (WETA) is moving forward with design of the Berkeley ferry terminal. Bay Trail staff is involved and has voiced concerns about an incomplete connection between existing Bay Trail segments and the terminal. Discussions will continue.
- Thompson Welcomed Ann Buell to her first Steering Committee meeting. // Announced that Bruce Beyaert was nominated as one of five finalists for the 2010 KTVU/Trust for Public Land Cox Conserves Heroes Award. Bruce has generously designated the Bay Trail Project as the recipient of \$1,250 and potentially \$5,000 if he wins. On-line voting will occur between September 13 – October 10 with a decision in early November. //

Informed the Committee that a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge is under construction in Belmont over Highway 101 along Ralston providing an important connection between the Bay Trail and the Caltrain Station. // The land transfer for the 2.4-mile Moffett Field Bay Trail gap will be finalized by the end of the month. An August 18 committee meeting will select a date for the opening ceremony. Thanked to board members Julia Miller and Pat Mapelli for their support and dedication. // Reminded the board of the upcoming bike rides on various sections of the Bay Trail.

Active Community Transportation Act of 2010

-Committee Discussed the congressional bill and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's effort to create a federal active transportation fund providing investments in local communities for construction and improvement of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

ACTION: LaClair moved, DuBose seconded Bay Trail Board endorsement of H.R. 4722, the Active Community Transportation Act of 2010. The item was unanimously approved.

West County Wastewater District

-Huo Provided an overview of modifications proposed by the East Bay Regional Park District for the previously-awarded West County Wastewater District grant. The Committee reviewed the project scope and reasons for the change to the work plan and budget.

ACTION: DuBose moved, LaClair seconded Steering Committee support for a West County Wastewater District modified work plan and proportionate grant reduction from \$150,000 to \$112,500.

Bay Trail Grant Program

-Thompson Updated the Committee on the status of the grant program. Reviewed map of geographic distribution and \$2.1 million remaining to allocate.

Pier 43 Promenade (\$90,000)

-Gaffney Introduced the construction grant application submitted by the Port of San Francisco for \$90,000 to complete an 880-foot Bay Trail segment at Pier 43 in Fisherman's Wharf.

ACTION: LaClair moved, Wiese seconded the motion to award a grant to the Port of San Francisco in the amount of \$90,000. The item was unanimously approved.

Bay Trail Design Guidelines (\$143,000)

-Huo Introduced the proposal to update the Bay Trail design guidelines in coordination with a consultant as a technical resource for staff and Bay Trail partners in building the trail.

ACTION: DuBose moved, LaClair seconded the motion to award a grant to the City of Richmond in the amount of \$143,000. The item was unanimously approved.

San Francisco Bay Shoreline Guide Update (\$115,000)

-Gaffney Introduced the proposal to update the popular San Francisco Bay Shoreline Guide including revised maps, photos, new feature sections, incorporating the Water Trail and use as an outreach tool. ABAG and the Conservancy will work through outstanding contract questions and coordination with UC Press. Buell clarified that the Conservancy recommends royalties go to the Bay Trail Project.

ACTION: Wiese moved, DuBose seconded the motion to award a grant to the City of Richmond in the amount of \$115,000. The item was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.