

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
August 23, 2007**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer  
Stana Hearne  
Brian Wiese  
Cathy Woodbury  
Julie Bondurant  
Joe LaClair  
Joan Cardellino

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson  
Maureen Gaffney  
Patrycja Bossak  
Lee Huo

Board

Bill Long  
Jim McGrath  
Betty Moose

Guest

Katie Tague, Senator Ellen Corbett's office

**ACTION      Adoption of 08/23/07 agenda and approval of 06/14/07 minutes.**

LaClair moved, Woodbury seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes. Motion passed.

**Announcements by Staff and Board Members**

- Moose            Expressed an interest in helping with preparations for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Bay Trail.
  
- McGrath        Announced that the design for the Berkeley marina is close to being finalized and as soon as it is approved, construction will begin.
  
- LaClair         Announced that the BCDC's Project Manager for the San Francisco Water Trail, Sara Polgar will be on maternity leave in September. The Coastal Conservancy has launched the Water Trail Plan EIR process.

- Gaffney Highlighted an Absolute Vodka advertisement that shows the Bay Trail completed on the West Span of the Bay Bridge. Announced that she attended the *Trail Link 2007* conference in Portland..
  
- Thompson Announced that she met with Doug McConnell, a host of the popular Bay Area Backroad's show on the Bay Trail in Marin and that the filmed segment will be featured in the fall. Informed the Committee that all Bay Trail staff participated in the *Walk-Bike California Conference* in Davis and that the *State of the Estuary Conference* will take place from October 16-18. Informed the Committee that Bay Trail staff has been assisting ABAG planners with review of Priority Conservation Area nominations. Informed the Committee that Bay Trail staff continues to meet and make process with Chevron on the trail alignment in Richmond. Announced that the Fall Bay Trail Board meeting will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> in Port Costa.
  
- Wiese Informend the Committee that a passionate cyclist and trail advocate, Alex Zuckerman passed away at age 86 and that the memorial ceremony will take place on Septmeber 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington.
  
- Huo Announced that the Alameda Point ground breaking and "fence-cutting" ceremony was a success and that MTC is in the process of updating their regional bike plan for the entire Bay Area.
  
- Bossak Announced that the dedication ceremony to celebrate Julia Miller's donation to the Bay Trail in Sunnyvale was well attended and included special guest, former Senator Liz Figueroa.
  
- Cardellino Announced that the state budget was signed and that the *Urban Waterfront Conference* will take place in November in Boston.

**Review of Planning and Construction Grant Application for the \$3.8 Million Program**

- Thompson Proposed shifting two projects from the Proposition 40 program to the future Proposition 84 program. Both construction projects, West County Wastewater District and BioRad, were awarded to the East Bay Regional Park District and will be ready to begin in 2008. Informed the Committee that the 21 grants awarded under the \$3.8 Million Proposition 40 grant program will result in 7.7 miles of new trail construction and over 25 miles of planned Bay Trail.
  
- Introduced the new \$3 Million Proposition 84 program to be authorized by the Coastal Conservancy on September 20. Distributed a list of potential projects and asked for the Committee's feedback. The Committee stressed the need for transparency of the evaluation process and perhaps the need

for shortening the application and encouraging local governments to secure more matching funds.

### **Coyote Point Park Bay Trail (\$348,000)**

-Bossak Presented San Mateo County’s grant request and recommended approval of funds in the amount of \$348,000 to improve and construct 1.3 miles of Bay Trail in Coyote Point Park. The Committee asked staff to clarify whether the bluff trail is continuous along the shoreline.

**ACTION Wiese moved, Bondurant seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

### **Marin County Class III Status Change**

-Gaffney Presented the Committee with a recommendation to accept as complete three on-street, Class III trail segments in Marin County based on local jurisdiction plans and restricted rights-of-way. The segments are on San Pedro Road through China Camp State Park, Paradise Drive in Tiburon and Strawberry Drive with portions of Seminary Drive in unincorporated Marin County. The Committee acknowledged that this decision sets a new precedent for the Bay Trail, and asked staff to bring back for further review before action is taken. The Committee requested more information about each segment, including level of local jurisdiction support, vehicle volumes, speed limits and general policy context for this change.

### **Electronic *Bay Trail Rider* Newsletter**

-Huo Informed the Committee that the Bay Trail staff is considering a transition of the *Bay Trail Rider* newsletter into electronic format. The transition to an electronic format would improve efficiency of newsletter delivery, save significant costs to the Bay Trail Project, reduce the environmental and resource impacts as well as the staff time involved in mailing the newsletter. The Committee agreed with the effort to convert the newsletter into electronic version while still printing approximately 300 copies of the newsletter for outreach purposes.

### **Bay Trail/Ridge Trail Coordination Update**

-Gaffney Provided an update on recent meetings with the Bay /Ridge Trail subcommittee that identified potential joint efforts such as pursuing completion of Bay Trail/Ridge Trail connectors, working together on the completion of the “Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail” that completes the spine of the Bay Trail and the primary alignment of the Ridge Trail

between the Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez bridges, and working together towards a joint 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event/celebration in 2009.

- Wiese Recommended that staff consider referring to the “Carquinez Scenic Preservation Trust,” a plan/effort supported by Congressman George Miller that focused on tourism as a tool to revive the Carquinez Strait area and create a nationally significant destination.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.