

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
September 8, 2005**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Rick Parmer, Chair
Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Stana Hearne
Brian Wiese

Bay Trail Staff:

Laura Thompson
Patrycja Bossak
JoAnna Bullock
Maureen Gaffney
Lee Huo

Board of Directors:

Bruce Beyaert
Doug Johnson
Steve McAdam

Guests:

Edgar Mendoza, Senator
Figueroa's Office

ACTION Adoption of 09/08/05 agenda and approval of 08/11/05 minutes.

Wiese moved, Hearne seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes.

Introductions

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- Wiese Provided an update on Eden Landing trail construction and recent TEA-LU appropriations in San Leandro.
- McAdam Announced that Hamilton Public Access Plan approval by the Commission.
- Bossak Announced that a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for the Alviso Bay Trail project on September 24, 2005.
- Huo Announced the completion of the Bay Trail through Richmond's Ferry Point Tunnel and an upcoming Caltrans meeting on TEA-LU authorizations.
- Thompson Announced ribbon cutting ceremony at Union Point Park on October 10, 2005 and the upcoming South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project public access workshop and site tours.

- Gaffney Provided a Gap Analysis update nearing completion and presented the final version of Bay Trail Project's new logo.
- Beyaert Announced that East Bay Regional Park District is considering acquiring the Bruener property in Richmond by eminent domain and distributed brochures with self guided auto tours of the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historic Park.
- DuBose Announced the Solano Stroll event on September 10, 2005.

Review of Planning and Construction Grant Applications for the \$3.8 million Grant Program

- Thompson Provided overview of the new grant program and announced that staff has received 11 applications with requests totaling over \$2.7 million. Staff is following up on four applications that need additional information. Outlined the 7 new construction and planning grant applications under review at this meeting totaling requests of \$793,387. Pointed out that staff used new ranking criteria in evaluating the proposals including the additions of the "Implementation of Planning Studies" and "Assistance to Economically-Disadvantaged Community" criteria with the elimination of the "Unique Opportunity or Circumstance" and a reduction of points for the "Community Support" criterion.
- Wiese Stated that he had some concerns about the grant application ranking criteria and will submit comments to staff for review. Questioned suggested weight of criteria and suggested adding new ones.

Illinois Street Bridge Public Access (\$250,000)

- Gaffney Introduced grant request from the Port of San Francisco in the amount of \$250,000 to contribute towards construction of pedestrian pathway and bike lanes on the new Illinois Street multi-modal bridge.
- DuBose Expressed concern about pedestrian use of the bike path on the bay side of the bridge and potential conflicts. Would like to see future projects separate bicycle and pedestrian uses or provide wider pathways.

ACTION DuBose moved, Hearne seconded approval of the \$250,000 construction grant request to the Port of San Francisco. Unanimous approval.

Sonoma Baylands Trail (\$157,550)

-Gaffney Introduced grant request of \$157,550 from the Sonoma Land Trust for the construction of a trail on top of the levee adjacent to the Sonoma Baylands.

The Committee expressed concerns about the proposed narrow trail width of 5-6 feet and asked if there is a potential for widening the trail to accommodate expected increase in use over time.

ACTION Wiese moved approval of the \$157,550 construction grant to the Sonoma Land Trust. The motion was to approve the grant as requested, with the addition that staff will encourage the Sonoma Land Trust to seek additional funding to widen the trail to 8 feet. If needed, explore possibility of coming to the Bay Trail Project for more funding. DuBose seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

San Mateo Bay Marshes (\$142,837)

-Bossak Introduced grant request for \$142,837 from the City of San Mateo to construct a boardwalk and interpretive observation platform along tidal marsh in Shoreline Park.

Committee expressed support for this project because of its benefits to habitat protection.

ACTION DuBose moved, Wiese seconded approval of the \$142,837 construction grant to the City of San Mateo. Unanimous approval.

San Jose Pedestrian Bridge Study (\$95,000)

-Bossak Introduced grant request for \$95,000 from the City of San Jose to conduct a feasibility study for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Alviso Slough.

ACTION Wiese moved, DuBose seconded approval of the \$95,000 planning grant to the City of San Jose. Unanimous approval.

Cupertino Stevens Creek Trail (\$500,000)

-Bossak Introduced grant request for \$500,000 from City of Cupertino to enhance wetlands and complete trail construction along Stevens Creek Trail.

While a meritorious project, Bay Trail staff did not recommend approval of this grant request due to a construction schedule beyond the Bay Trail grant

program deadline and project location of over eight miles from the Bay Trail spine.

ACTION **Hearne moved, Bondurant seconded support of staff recommendation not to fund this grant request. Unanimous approval.**

Shipyard III Construction Design (\$148,000)

-Huo Introduced grant request for \$148,000 from the Port of Richmond to design a 2.3 mile Bay Trail segment at the Historic Kaiser Shipyard III site.

Wiese suggested involving the National Park Service as a partner in this project.

ACTION **Bondurant moved, Hearne seconded approval of the \$148,000 planning grant to the Port of Richmond. Unanimous approval.**

Sausalito Pathway Study (\$90,000)

-Thompson Introduced the grant request for \$90,000 from the City of Sausalito to complete a feasibility study for a multi-use pathway parallel to Bridgeway Boulevard.

While a meritorious project, Bay Trail staff did not recommend approval of this grant request due to safety concerns along the alignment, recent Bay Trail grant award of \$442,500 to complete Bridgeway bike lanes and effort to close gaps along the Bay Trail alignment.

ACTION **Wiese moved, Bondurant seconded support of staff recommendation not to fund this grant request. Motion passed, DuBose abstained.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.