

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
October 12, 2006**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Joan Cardellino, acting chair
Brian Wiese
Stana Hearne
Cathy Woodbury
Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Patrycja Bossak
Maureen Gaffney
Lee Huo

Bay Trail Board

Steve McAdam
Bruce Beyaert
Rob Powell

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

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

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- Cardellino Informed the Committee and staff that the Coastal Conservancy offices moved to the 13th Floor at 1330 Broadway in Oakland.

- Beyaert Informed the Committee and staff that the Richmond Bay Trail connection is highlighted as a destination in Travelhost magazine, published by the Richmond Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

- Thompson Informed the Committee that the Bay Trail Board will meet on October 25th at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center to honor State Senator Liz Figueroa, the long-term Bay Trail Champion. Also, Parmer and Thompson will meet with Senator Figueroa to discuss her thoughts on future potential Bay Trail Champions in the State Legislature. Thompson informed the Committee that volunteer students from UC Berkeley will conduct an assessment of existing and needed Bay Trail signage in the East Bay between Albany and the Oakland Airport.

-Gaffney Informed the Committee that Bay Trail staff is working on updating and reprinting the Bay Trail map sets.

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

-Thompson Gave an overview of the construction and planning grant applications received under the \$3.8 million grant program and informed the Committee that a small portion of the remaining grant money will be reserved as a buffer for unforeseen changes.

City of Novato Feasibility Study (\$100,000)

-Gaffney Presented the City of Novato Feasibility Study grant application recommending approval of funds towards this study effort. City of Novato seeks funds in the amount of \$100,000 to develop feasible alignment alternatives for four miles of the Bay Trail along the Highway 37 corridor between Highway 101 and the Petaluma River.

ACTION DuBose moved, Hearne seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

East Palo Alto Bay Trail Extension (\$55,000)

-Bossak Presented a construction grant from the City of Palo Alto seeking funds in the amount of \$55,000 to complete a 0.2-mile segment of Bay Trail in East Palo Alto adjacent to a PG &E substation.

ACTION Woodbury moved, Bondurant seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Ridge Trail – Bay Trail Vallejo Alignment Discussion

-Gaffney Introduced as discussion a proposal to fund a trail feasibility study that would address challenging alignment issues in Vallejo within the vicinity of the Carquinez Bridge and asked for the Committee's feedback on likely recommendations from this study, including a new spine alignment, removal of proposed shoreline spine alignment, addition of parallel route for bicyclists and acceptance of a narrow pedestrian/mountain bicycle route.

-Committee Provided feedback supporting this study concept, including consideration of the following:

- Preserve a shoreline alignment
- Direct involvement of State Parks, including coordination with Rob Powell on the gravel road alignment

- Focus on long-term goal of providing connections to the Carquinez and Benicia-Martinez Bridge pathways preserving commuter bike connections
- Use of spur trails to provide access to the bay
- Develop a partnership with the City of Vallejo on the scope of this project and start communication about its implementation, consider getting a letter of support
- Develop a task force with State Parks, City of Vallejo, the Sanitation and Flood Control District and the Greater Vallejo Recreation District to develop the preferred alignment of the Bay Trail and Ridge Trail in Vallejo
- Ensure a connection to marina down Glen Cove Way

Bay Trail Realignments

-Gaffney Introduced Bay Trail realignments for Committee adoption using previously discussed realignment criteria. The realignments for the Committee's adoption include the following:

1. Southern San Francisco Waterfront
2. Wetlands Edge Trail, American Canyon
3. Cushing Parkway, Fremont
4. Eden Landing, Hayward
5. Seaport Blvd, Redwood City
6. Gold St., San Jose
7. Regatta Blvd. – Harbour Way, Richmond

-Gaffney **Southern San Francisco Waterfront**

Proposed new trail alignment along Phelps, Palou, Keith and Caroll Streets in Southern San Francisco between Cargo Way and Hunter's Point Blvd. The alignment in this area remains on-street until such time as a fully separated Class I pathway can run parallel to the shoreline through Hunter's Point Shipyard, at which time the existing alignment would be removed.

Wetlands Edge Trail, American Canyon

Proposed adoption of a completed Class I pathway as a new Bay Trail spine alignment along Wetlands Edge Road in American Canyon between Eucalyptus Drive and Kensington Way, and adoption of existing Class II bike lanes and sidewalks on American Canyon Road. At this time staff does not propose the removal of the Highway 29 alignment since connections to the north and south of the Wetlands Edge Trail are not yet available.

-Huo **Cushing Parkway, Fremont**

Proposed adoption of a new Bay Trail spine along Cushing Parkway in Fremont, beginning where Boyce Road becomes Cushing Parkway at the intersection with Auto Mall Parkway and ending at the intersection of

Cushing Parkway and Cushing Road. Stated that this alignment follows a more direct route than the existing one.

Eden Landing, Hayward.

Proposed adoption of a new spine alignment that runs in a western direction from the Highway 92 bicycle/pedestrian bridge crossing to Hesperian Blvd. The proposed realignment parallels the existing alignment moving the existing Bay Trail off the streets.

-Bossak

Seaport Boulevard, Redwood City

Proposed adoption of a spur alignment along Seaport Blvd between Seaport Court and Westport Slough. A portion of this segment would be constructed as a part of BCDC public access mitigation for the Westpoint Marina development. The new alignment provides spur access to the Bay in a historically industrial area.

Gold Street, San Jose.

Proposed adoption of a new section of trail spine in San Jose connecting Sunnyvale Baylands to Alviso Marina County Park. Adoption of this alignment would be consistent with the City of San Jose Bay Trail Master Plan.

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Regatta Boulevard – Harbour Way, Richmond

Proposed adoption of a new section of trail spine in Richmond between Regatta Blvd. and Harbour Way South. Adoption of this alignment would be consistent with the City of Richmond General Plan.

ACTION

Woodbury moved, DuBose seconded the motion to approve all Bay Trail realignments as recommended by staff. Unanimous approval.

Highway 92 Bay Trail Sign Proposal

-Thompson

Asked for the Committee's feedback on a Bay Trail and BCDC request that Caltrans display two large Bay Trail signs on the Highway 92 bicycle/pedestrian bridge. The bridge is visible to drivers providing an opportunity for a public education initiative.

Committee offered strong support for this effort and provided this feedback:

- Juan Bautista de Anza Trail has signs along the highway
- East Bay Regional Park District proposes signs at freeway exits
- Purpose is to educate the public about the Bay Trail as an alternative transportation mode, similar to the BART signs
- Coastal Access is signed along Highway 1

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.