

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
November 9, 2000**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 PM

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Acting Chair: Stana Hearne
Joe LaClair
Joan Cardellino
Brian Wiese

Staff:

Janet McBride
Laura Thompson

Bay Trail Board:

Tom Huening

Guest:

Peter Bluhon, Strategic Workshop Facilitator

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Huening moved for adoption of the agenda and minutes; Wiese seconded.
Adopted unanimously.

Announcements by Board

LaClair- Reported on the status of BCDC's public access study and the current process of drafting the findings and policies. A staff report will be issued in approximately 2 weeks and will include the recommended findings and policies. Based on feedback from the Policy Advisory Committee, appropriate modifications will be made to the document which will then be sent to the Commission for wider public consideration.

Announcements by Staff

McBride- Announced that Bay Trail staff is following up on issues raised at the strategic planning workshop including working with the Bay Area Open Space Council to coordinate with resource agencies (including USFWS) on habitat and public access issues, new alliances with elected officials, and outreach to homebuilders on the importance of trails.

Strategic Planning Follow-Up

- Bluhon- Provided a summary of the Strategic Planning Workshop Results Report identifying the major issues and themes raised in the Board member questionnaire and in the discussion during the workshop. Bluhon highlighted the proposed strategies for funding, marketing and outreach, trail development, policy and legislative, and organization that were developed during the workshop.
- McBride- Highlighted the objectives and tasks of the Draft Strategic Plan developed by staff from the workshop results. Developing and initiating projects eligible for funding under the \$7.5 million allocation emerged as the top priority objective for the Bay Trail Project at the strategic planning workshop. This objective could have three tracks: identification of a list of trail planning and construction projects ready for immediate funding, development of a list of projects that could be ready for funding within a two to three-year timeframe (along with a list of steps needed to advance), and as separate effort, creation of a list of Bay Trail Project directed items to be considered for funding under the allocation but outside of the competitive grant program.

The Committee discussed moving forward on the more immediate task of developing a focused list of projects eligible for funding under the \$7.5 million allocation and refining the strategic plan for the Bay Trail Project. The Committee provided recommended revisions to the Draft Strategic Plan and offered ideas for project identification.

The next Steering Committee meeting should focus on continued discussion of the Draft Strategic Plan and development of a work program. Additional issues to address could include possible changes to the grant application materials and allocation amounts, discussion of staff assignments and new staff recruitment, Steering Committee and Board involvement, and how focusing on spending the money will affect staff time allocated to current projects. The next Steering Committee meeting was set for December 14, 2000 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.