

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
December 9, 2010**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair
Brian Wiese
Leo DuBose
Cathy Woodbury
Julie Bondurant
Ann Buell
Joe LaClair

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney

Board of Directors

Bruce Beyaert, Trails for Richmond Action Committee
Betty Moose, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

ACTION Adoption of 12/09/10 agenda and approval of 10/14/10 minutes.

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

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

- DuBose Informed the Committee that Robert Raburn, former Executive Director of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, was elected to the BART Board of Directors.

- Beyaert Announced that the TRAC Steering Committee recommended using the \$5,000 Cox Conserves Heroes award as matching funds to improve the Bay Trail between the Richmond Plunge and the Ferry Tunnel pathway.

- Buell Informed the Committee that the Coastal Conservancy will release sea level rise guidelines for grantees by February 2011 // Announced that the Final Water Trail EIR will go to the Conservancy Board for certification on

March 17, 2011 along with the recommendation to award a \$1 million block grant to ABAG for shared implementation of the Water Trail.

- LaClair BCDC is in the process of conducting local government meetings in all counties on proposed new Bay Plan climate change policies. The Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) sub-regional study area has been identified along the East Bay shoreline between the Bay Bridge and the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge. Many jurisdictions, including the Bay Trail Project, will participate in this effort.
- Wiese The East Bay Regional Park District received a \$10.2 million federal TIGER II grant for construction of regional trail segments, including the Bay Trail at the Hercules inter-modal project and along the Carquinez Scenic Drive between Crockett and Martinez. Design and construction drawings are due by the end of 2012.
- Parmer Informed the board of his attendance at the Statewide Recreation and Leisure Roundtable at Mare Island where the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service spoke in support of the recently-opened Moffett Field Bay Trail gap. // Provided the Committee with general trends in recreation department management in California.
- Moose Announced that the CalPine power plant was approved and construction has begun near the Hayward shoreline. // Informed the Committee that the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year with a ceremony in July 2011. // Attendance and interest in the Bay Trail has increased since the 20th anniversary celebration was held at the center in 2009.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Congratulated Bruce and TRAC on the \$5,000 Cox Conserves Heroes award. // Requested feedback from the Committee on preferences for receiving meeting packets in electronic or paper format. // Announced that discussions are underway with MTC regarding a funding commitment for the Bay Trail Project.
- Gaffney Announced that the online Bay Trail maps have been updated to reflect recent alignment changes in the North Bay and gap closures region-wide. // Announced that the planned trail connection on Yerba Buena Island between the Bay Bridge East Span pathway and Treasure Island has been upgraded from narrow bike lanes to a 16-foot wide Class I along Macalla Road as the result of pressure from Bay Trail and partner organizations. // Informed the Committee that the Bay Trail Project has initiated a Toll

Bridge Strategy session with partner bicycle coalitions throughout the region.

- Huo Informed the Committee that staff submitted detailed comments for the Richmond Bicycle Plan update and will comment on the Richmond Pedestrian Plan later this month. // Announced that Caltrans and the City of Emeryville have reached an agreement that has reinstated the forked trail access design concept at Shellmound Avenue connecting to the new Bay Bridge pathway.

Bay Trail Grant Program

- Thompson Updated the Committee on the status of the grant program and announced a schedule for final review of grant applications under the Proposition 84 grant program: application deadline of January 17, 2011 for February 10, 2011 Steering Committee consideration. Some projects may be considered later in the spring.

Marina Green Zone H Bay Trail (\$97,339)

- Gaffney Introduced the construction grant application submitted by the City of San Francisco Public Works Department for \$97,339 to complete a trail gap along the edge of the San Francisco Marina East Harbor parking lot connecting Fort Mason and existing shoreline trail at the Marina Green. The Committee questioned the level and timeframe for environmental work associated with this project.

ACTION: Wiese moved, LaClair seconded the motion to award a grant to the City of San Francisco in the amount of \$97,339 with the requirement that staff resolve the environmental review question. The item was unanimously approved.

Cargo Way Bicycle Path (\$70,000)

- Gaffney Introduced the construction grant application submitted by the Port of San Francisco for \$70,000 to complete a ¾ -mile gap closure in the BlueGreenway along Cargo Way between Illinois Street and Heron's Head Park.

ACTION: LaClair moved, DuBose seconded the motion to award a grant to the Port of San Francisco in the amount of \$70,000. The item was unanimously approved.

Wildcat Creek Bay Trail Connector (\$100,000)

-Huo Introduced the construction grant application submitted by the City of San Pablo for \$100,000 to complete construction of a 0.2-mile segment along the Wildcat Creek Bay Trail Connector.

ACTION: LaClair moved, Woodbury seconded the motion to award a grant to the City of San Pablo in the amount of \$100,000. Wiese abstained.

Water Trail Implementation

-Thompson Provided an overview of the proposal for shared Water Trail implementation responsibilities between the Coastal Conservancy and ABAG. Outlined the schedule for authorization of Conservancy grant awards to ABAG: first \$1 million 2-year grant to be considered by the Conservancy Board in March 2011 followed by a second 2-year \$1 million grant. The funds will enable ABAG to hire up to 1.5 people for limited term to serve as water trail planner and outreach and education coordinator.

The Committee supported this proposal as a “diversification of ABAG’s portfolio” coordinating the completion of regional trails. Committee members raised questions about work load concerns for the project manager and the anticipated rigorous permitting requirements for launch site improvements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.