

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Bay Area Metro Center
December 14, 2017**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, *Chair*
Brenda Buxton
Leo DuBose
Ethan Lavine
Steve McAdam
Juan Raigoza

Bay Trail/MTC Staff

Ben Botkin
Maureen Gaffney
Lee Huo
Kara Oberg
Laura Thompson
Alix Bockelman

Board

Don Weden

Guests

Amanda Brown-Stevens, Resilient by Design
Isaac Pearlman, BCDC

ACTION: Adoption of the 12/14/17 agenda and the 4/6/17 minutes: Lavine moved, Buxton seconded.

Yes Votes:

*John Woodbury
Brenda Buxton
Leo DuBose*

*Ethan Lavine
Steve McAdam
Juan Raigoza*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

None

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Informed the Committee that the MTC/BATA golf tournament on November 13 raised up to \$20,000 for the Bay Trail nonprofit through sponsorships and a silent auction. Announced that the Restoration Authority received 22 applications with requests totaling over \$47 million for restoration and public access projects under the first round

of Restoration Authority (Measure AA) funds. Announced the Steering Committee meeting dates for 2018.

- Gaffney Informed the Committee that the S.R. Highway 37 design process is underway. The latest designs have been revised to show better public access along the 21-mile corridor where there are 13 miles of gaps in Bay Trail. Rick Parmer has volunteered to gather board members for a site visit to engage in the planning process. A Baylands working group has also been convened to look at the hydrology and habitat within the corridor. Informed the Committee that the California Trails & Greenways Conference will be held in Rohnert Park in March 2018 and MTC has signed on as a sponsor. We submitted a mobile workshop proposal for a Water Trail excursion on the Petaluma River and a Bay Trail mobile workshop at Sears Point. Also announced that staff is working with Ridge Trail and Delta Trail on a joint Carquinez Scenic Loop Trail project after the City of Benicia/Ridge Trail received a National Park Service assistance grant, working with committee to raise awareness of the loop.
- Huo Announced that the East Bay Regional Park District received a \$2.1 million grant from cap and trade funds for Lone Tree Point in Contra Costa County. The Richmond-San Rafael Bridge bid process closed at the end of November and is currently in process of review for third lane construction in early 2018. Tomorrow, the East Bay Regional Park District and Caltrans celebrate the official opening of the Bridge Yard Building near the Bay Bridge pathway in Oakland. The Caltrans D4 bike plan is wrapping up; Bay Trail staff submitted a project list for Bay Trail gaps.
- Bockelman MTC approved local partnership funds in the amount of \$2 million for PS&E + \$2 million from BATA from SB1 for Gateway Park. Additional SB1 funds will be ongoing from BATA, if not appealed. Buxton stated that the Coastal Conservancy has BCDC mitigation funds of \$1 million they would like to apply to the project.
- Botkin Announced the release of new Water Trail maps in October. He is also moving forward with a Strategic Plan and design guidelines for the program. Informed the Committee about a recently formed partnership with Wilderness Inquiry and a pro-bono grant from Seed SF to explore strategies to bring the Canoemobile program to the Bay Area. He also added that there will be an advertisement for the Water Trail in the next issue of *Bay Nature*.
- Oberg Informed the Committee that she submitted a panel presentation proposal for the California Trails & Greenways Conference to highlight bike share and the Bay Trail in partnership with bike rental shops. To date, 256 bike share stations have been deployed out of 500 planned. This time next year the full deployment will be complete. Also announced that the MTC Commission approved more funds for bike share capital to support bike share in Richmond, Fremont and along the SMART corridor.

2018 Priority Tasks

Thompson introduced the item with an overview of 2017 accomplishments. It was a year of exciting promotion and recognition for both the Water Trail and the Bay Trail, including feature television stories on *OpenRoad*, awards to the Bay Trail Design Guidelines & Toolkit, the launch of *Bay Trail on Tour* to

promote the mobile phone tours, an East Bay Summit, a golf tournament fundraiser and new Water Trail maps and an updated website. Thompson went over the proposed 2018 priority tasks and the Committee discussed several topics:

Strategic Funding Plan for the Bay Trail (#1) Now is the chance to be more opportunistic with funding, given that RM3 calls out funds for completion of Bay Trail gaps and Bay Trail gaps are competing well for Active Transportation Program funds and Cap & Trade funds. A Bay Trail strategic funding plan would identify the best use of these potential funds.

Adopt a trail (#2 & #3) The Committee is interested in exploring an Adopt a Trail program similar to the Adopt a Highway program where local businesses could help offset trail maintenance costs for shoreline managers. Bay Trail could provide a clearinghouse to connect organizations to promote awareness and stewardship and encourage volunteers to report problems.

Legislative Champions (#8) The Bay Area Trails Collaborative (BATC) is developing a coordinated regional strategy for trail organization outreach to legislative champions. Staff should check with BATC before moving forward with a Bay Trail strategy.

Smart Phone Audio Tours (#11) BCDC could potentially help fund smart phone audio tours as part of a funding condition of development. Work with BCDC staff to identify a few areas where development is proposed and where audio tours could be created.

FOLLOW UP: The Bay Trail Steering Committee is interested in seeing the polling information on Regional Measure 3.

ACTION: Buxton moved, Raigoza seconded the motion to adopt the 2018 Priority Bay Trail Tasks list. The vote was approved unanimously.

Yes Votes:

*John Woodbury
Brenda Buxton
Leo DuBose*

*Ethan Lavine
Steve McAdam
Juan Raigoza*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Resilient By Design

Brown-Stevens provided an overview of Resilient by Design (RBD), inspired by Rebuild by Design in New York City, rethinking how the Bay Area can improve the waterfront and ensure the safety of its residents in the face of sea level rise and storm surges. RBD is bringing the region together to plan for a more resilient shoreline. Ten design teams were selected from a pool of over 50 applicants with a wide variety of expertise. There are two phases to the initiative: 1) Collaborative research phase, where teams shared their approaches to resilience, based on research and visits to vulnerable shoreline places. Teams presented 3-5 ideas, called design opportunities. They were encouraged to think big and present ideas that spark conversation. Public comments were received. 2) Collaborative design phase, between now

and May 2018, where teams will be matched with places and asked to delve more deeply into specific areas. This phase will bring in public agencies and communities, transportation agencies, Bay Trail board of directors and other organizations to develop potential solutions. Bay Trail staff can help the design teams connect with the right people. Final designs will be presented in May 2018 along with an implementation plan.

The Committee emphasized the importance of engaging the public after the design proposals are developed, beyond the agencies and organizations. It was also suggested that these concepts be brought into future scenarios as part of Plan Bay Area.

Adapting to Rising Tides Bay Area

Pearlman presented the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) Bay Area initiative, the first regional planning effort addressing sea level rise. BCDC has been working on this for years, starting in 2011 with NOAA to promote climate adaptation strategies with local governments. The first studies focused on the Alameda County shoreline and a 5-step planning process with localized assessment of Hayward as well as Oakland Coliseum/Damon Slough area. The purpose was to develop adaptation responses. Out of this process came the ART Portfolio and Help Desk, now available to shoreline managers including maps, strategies for engagement, and other tools.

ART Bay Area is a \$1.2 million initiative funded by Caltrans and the Bay Area Toll Authority. Bay Trail staff is part of regional working group and the study will evaluate: 1) the regional transportation network, 2) Priority Conservation Areas, 3) Priority Development Areas, and 4) communities of concern. The study will look at the impacts of overtopping existing facilities, including the Bay Trail. The study will conclude in spring/summer of 2019. Incorporate into PBA?

The Committee discussed the challenge of wastewater treatment plants along the shoreline and the solutions to protecting these plants are also the solution to protecting the Bay Trail. These facilities will be captured in ART Bay Area if they are part of PCAs or PDAs, but not specifically. The question of how the project will address the concept of abandoning areas and retreating inland was raised, and the study will explore a phased approach.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.