

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
Bort Metro Center, Oakland
December 28, 1998**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Bill Bliss

Julie Bondurant

Stana Hearne

Tom Mikkelsen

Board:

Joan Cardellino

Staff:

Janet McBride

Niko Letunic

Guest:

Kelly LaBlanc, Port of Oakland

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Cardellino noted a correction to the November minutes that the location of the Coastal Conservancy's Oct. 22nd meeting was in Carpentaria. Hearne moved adoption of agenda and minutes with that amendment; Mikkelsen seconded.

Announcements by Board

Bliss- Discussed single point urban interchanges and how they affect bicyclists. They are in Sunnyvale and Mountain View and several more are planned including Monument and 680 in Pleasant Hill, 2 in San Jose and 1 in Santa Rosa. The issue has been taken to the California Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Bondurant - Asked about the status of additional analysis on the San Francisco International Airport

Announcements by Staff

McBride -

1. We have been working on identifying one or more legislative sponsors to fund a new round of Bay Trail extension grants through the Regional Development Program. We've been meeting w/ key legislative staff. We've also sought input from Lockyer on helping to identify a new champion.

2. We took a somewhat different approach with the annual fundraising letter this year. We used our database to identify past contributors and mail merge to personalize the letters and save on printing and mailing costs. So far \$1,445.00 has come in to the nonprofit.

Letunic

1. Reported on recent environmental review comment letters submitted for the Gateway Project and Hamilton.
2. There will be a public meeting for the Oakland Estuary connection on February 3rd.

Winter Board Meeting

Staff reported on plans to tour the Port of Oakland's Middle Harbor Shoreline project site. Steering Committee members reviewed date and time constraints and discussed award nominations for annual Bay Trail Friends awards. The Steering Committee decided to confer the following: 1st Bill Lockyer Legislative Champion to Assemblywoman Carole Migden; Bay Trail Champion awards to: Alameda Supervisor Mary King, the California Coastal Conservancy, and Victoria Eisen.

Port of Oakland – Middle Harbor Shoreline Park

Port staff Kelly LaBlanc gave an overview of the Port's Middle Harbor Shoreline which is part of the Port's Berths 55-58 Project. Issues raised include proposed changes in the Bay Trail alignment including a new spur alignment around Middle Harbor shoreline, a deletion of the existing spur to Middle Harbor Park and a designation along a newly configured Middle Harbor Road. The level of future truck traffic is a concern on the new Middle Harbor Road. The Port is currently proposing to reserve right of way for a Bay Trail alignment on new Middle Harbor Road, but would not construct it until the Bay Trail connections at Adeline are clarified. The Committee thanked Kelly for her presentation and reiterated their interest in the upcoming Board tour.

Bay Trail Segments with High Transportation Potential

Letunic presented draft graphic materials intended to highlight the transportation potential of targeted Bay Trail segments and asked for Committee input. Bliss commented that travel time is a more important consideration than distance. Mikkelsen noted the importance of congestion. Bondurant suggested trying to identify Bay Trail segments proximate to highly congested auto travel routes. Mikkelsen suggested trying to identify particular segments with the strongest commute and/or alternative transportation potential and to promote those. Examples might include Eastshore, the Fremont/Hayward industrial areas. In the South Bay – look at a corridor from Milpitas connecting to NASA and large employers like Silicon Graphics and Lockheed. Also promote segments linking to transit and routes suitable for children riding to school.

Investment of Nonprofit Funds in Money Market Account

Committee voted unanimously to endorse Chief Financial Officer Joseph Chan's recommendation to start an account with the Fidelity U.S. Government Reserves.

Resolution to Accept a Coastal Conservancy Grant of \$30,000 for the Wildlife and Public Access Study

Committee voted unanimously to support the resolution as drafted to approve receipt of a \$30,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy for Phase 2 of the Wildlife and Public Access Study.

Open Space Council Membership

Committee voted to support membership dues for the Open Space Council with the proviso that staff receive justification of services received for the dues.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.