

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG MetroCenter
September 11, 2014**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair
Betsy Wilson

Bay Trail Staff

Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Laura Thompson

Guests

Bill Keene, Sonoma County
Steven Grover, Steven Grover & Associates
Gary Antonucci, Moffat Nichols
Diane Tannenwald, City of Oakland

Bay Trail Board

Corinne DeBra
Bruce Beyaert

ACTION: The minutes from the 07/17/14 meeting were not adopted because a quorum was not reached.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

-Beyaert Announced that Richmond has ten more miles of trail to build, and more than half are near the junction of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. At Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, the East Bay Regional Park District is working to complete the trail and wetland restoration project at Breuner Marsh. Over 150 acres of land that was degraded over time will be transformed into tidal marshes. Next year the Bay Trail will be incorporated into the project.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Presented a Bay Area Toll Authority proposal for bicycle-only access on the upper-deck of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge as part of reconfiguration to the bridge lanes. Announced that the Bay Trail purchased a table at the upcoming East Bay Regional Park District 80th anniversary gala.

-Huo Informed the Committee that he is working on the approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on the Richmond side with numerous stakeholders. Announced that the City of San Leandro City Council rejected the Heron Bay subdivision's proposal to block access to the Bay Trail and upheld the Planning Commission's decision.

-Gaffney Announced a tentative agreement on the Napa Plant Site section of Bay Trail. In October the California Department of Fish & Wildlife will open public access to the existing levee along Ponds 9 and 10 between Fagan Marsh and the railroad crossing. Canogle and Convergence Media, with Doug McConnell, have completed two mobile phone audio tours and they are working on two more. We are working with them on additional smartphone tours that will include third party sponsors along the trail. Staff will be talking to ABAG's lobbyist to discuss how best to connect with our representatives around the bay and demonstrate how Conservancy funds have been leveraged.

City of Richmond Goodrick Avenue Design (\$63,000)

This item was not discussed because it required a vote and a quorum was not reached at the meeting. A special meeting will be convened to discuss this grant application.

Media Partnership

Thompson informed the Committee about a proposed media partnership with Bay Crossings and CBS that will be presented at the next full board meeting in October. The Committee discussed potential components of the contract that would need to be addressed, such as permission to use the Bay Trail logo, content authority, the timeline of the partnership and termination clause.

Lake Merritt Channel Trail Update

Steven Grover of Steven Grover & Associates presented an overview of the Lake Merritt channel trail project. A few public workshops have been held to gather input on the flyover. Connecting Lake Merritt to the Bay Trail. Not designing for the current conditions. Assessing growth and improvements in the vicinity of the project area. A new at-grade crossings will not be approved by PUC if there are other options. Waiting for trains 8-10 minutes, not a comfortable pedestrian experience. A new bike/ped bridge could present an exceptional experience. The number of options are large. Looked at alternatives to a bridge and did not come up with good ones. Learned from the public that the project is important, quality and user experience are of great importance, bridge should beckon would-be trail users, a visual symbol of Oakland's commitment to the shoreline and bike/ped transportation, connect to both sides of the channel. Make space under the freeway attractive. Should serve those that want to get somewhere quickly and those who want to stop and enjoy the space. Mode separation – yes. Recently received \$3.2 million ATP grant for design. LM2BT.com

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3.20 p.m.