

SF BAC minutes 8_26_2024

Monday, August 26, 2024

1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:33 pm

Present: D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11

Absent: D3, D6

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

3. Approve Minutes – July 22, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

- Kristin moved to approve, Paul Wells seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments -

- Aaron Breetwor - wants to follow up with the skateboarding info. Melyssa will follow up with him. Want to ask about scooter education, but no skateboarding info. Wants to know how we can get more funding to at least match the scooter education. Contact info: aaron@cometskateboards.com, 650.996.0616.

5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We will not be discussing endorsing any ballot measures since we are a government committee.
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● D1: Took an ebike to go to Stern Grove. Had a great time riding the bike, until realizing the only safe place to ride on 19th ave to get to Stern Grove was on the sidewalk. This is one of the most popular events in SF, and we need to make that Sloat & 19th entrance more bicycle friendly, especially since that's where the bike parking is.● D2: Sadly there's been a pedestrian fatality at Glen Park. Woman hit and killed in the Glen Park neighborhood on August 15 is 15th pedestrian fatality this year.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Staff from ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) this summer released the Bay Trail Gap Closure Implementation Plan (BTGCIP) final report, which establishes prioritization criteria to rank the benefit of closing the remaining gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail.● D3: Absent.● D4: Pedestrian improvements to N Judah turnaround is done. Traffic calming has been working!<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ D7: new signal at Sloat & Skyline getting built

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be sure to check out live music on Fridays on the Great Highway ● D5: Walked along Page Slow Street with D5's office, SFMTA, and Page Slow Street (the organization) to show what changes could happen, and discussed and gave feedback about the treatments that could happen. ● D6: Absent. ● D7: Chairman report. ● D8: Nothing to report, agenda item is later. ● D9: [listen to the recording around 7:10ish pm] ● D10: Safer 17th St went in, and now there are merchants on 17th that realize they don't have parking they used to have. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D8: Re Waymo, one cut me off during their right hand turn. ● D11: We should have driver education to know how to drive around bicycles. It's unsafe and it's frustrating. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D8 comment: Two way bikeways is challenging.
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6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long & Lydon George	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have questions or requests, please e-mail me at Jean.Long@SFMTA.com. ● Jean Long will be passing the torch to Lydon George. Will continue to attend the meeting together until the end of the year. ● Lydon George just joined the team and is a transportation planner, rides a bike. ● Having last open house in D5 for the Biking & Rolling plan. We have had a lot of positive enthusiasm for the plan across the city in the next decade to come. ● Postponed D9 for reasons that include prioritizing outreach re homicides taking place in the district. Our note regarding D9 is at the top of the page: https://www.sfmta.com/projects/biking-and-rolling-plan ● Actively incorporating the feedback in our outreach report. Targeting Feb 2025 for the approval.
SFPD Report: Capt. Pete Shields, SFPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have lived in SF for over 30 years and I want to applaud all of you for riding on these streets. ● Staffing issues continue to plague us ● So many hot spots in the city, we have directed enforcement, if they have concern about a specific intersection, we are upping our lidar in those intersections.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D8 comment: young men who ride dirt bikes in Valencia st bike lane. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are aware of that group, and we have staffing challenges. We have to follow public safety and are trying out more tactics. We are trying to be more proactive and working with other agencies to try to get that group under control.
<p>SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No much to report. ● Response from request from Vanessa, about safety on Polk Street. The info said PG&E project should be completed by the end of this week. ● Public comment: public works puts up barricades in the mission to stop open markets. They are ADA compliant, but it's become an inhabitable public space. These barricades are problematic and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Often Public Work gets asked to put them by other agencies for various reasons. ○ D9: Our committee has limited reach, we have Resolution power, but you should really be talking to the District Supervisor. This committee won't be giving you the action that you are seeking. ○ SFPD: want to respond to the word "weaponization" we are reactionary to something that happens. Every captain has a monthly meeting and the community members bringing up these issues. If there's a mobility issue, please come out to the monthly meeting, we really do want to work with you. This committee is not the platform for this ask.
<p>Bay Wheels: Joshua Johnson, Sr. Policy Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Station updates! We work on the expansion with the conjunction of the SFMTA. ● Some areas for expansion are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in D4, looking at 11 potential new stations that are going in on September. ○ 3 near the Presidio (including near GGB and Baker Beach) ○ Treat and 23rd ○ China Basin Park and 16th and Illinois ● Sunset station expansion is going to be outreach ● Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D5: baskets are better, maintenance is happening and is noticeable, thank you. ○ D11: What is the life expectancy of the e-bikes you have? What are the numbers you have on the people who are going to the Presidio? ○ D3 & D4: we'd like to see the proposed station maps!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ D1 comment: affordability is what bay wheels needs to work on. ● Multimodal report here. On first/last mile connections - 81% of riders have used Bay Wheels to get to or from public transit.
<p>BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended Sunday Streets in the Mission. Talked with a lot of Bart customers yesterday. It felt good and important to chat with these people and we want to continue doing this sort of outreach, good feedback about the new faregates. Hearing it makes bike access worse. ● Some people didn't know that one could take bikes on Bart, which was surprising to us! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback from Lydon: did notice some faregate issues with bicycles at West Oakland. Think about scalability going forward. ● chaffee.maya@gmail.com: send me any comments you have on the gates or if you want to talk about the station improvements ● Next BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Meeting is Monday, September 27, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 PM via ZOOM. (See agenda for ZOOM link) ● Agenda and packet will be available around August 1, 2024, on BART Legistar calendar (link below): ● BBATF web page: https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle ● BART Legistar Calendar: https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

7. Proposal for Separated Bike Lanes on Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett (Presentation): Matt Lasky

Livable Streets is working on separated bike lanes on Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place in front of City Hall between McAllister and Grove. The Mayor's Office would like to implement this before January 2025.

- Goal to have this out at the October board meeting.
- Questions:
 - D8: Are there going to be separated traffic lights at the intersections to have the left turns
 - Yes and also there will be concrete islands for vehicles to make slower right turns.
 - D5: why is this happening now, it's good to know that when there's political will behind something, it can happen quickly. I wish, though, this political will would happen when people are dying on the streets and install more protected bike lanes around the city.
 - D8: don't see good turns on left turns from Polk turning left on to Grove & Polk turning left on to McAllister. Please look into that.
- Public comment: is there an opportunity to push for a raised bike lane?

8. Resolution in Support of the SFMTA Transportation Development Act Article 3 Request for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 – (Resolution) Drew Taplin & Jen Wong, Project Manager

The SFMTA seeks approval from the BAC regarding plans to submit a claim coming from combined Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA) funds to the MTC for the construction of the 13th Street Safety Project.

- Need to make corrections on the members.
- Public comment: this is intent to enhance safety for all users, using “Non-motorized User-propelled Vehicles” would be a great win
- Please feel free to email: Re: 13th Street Safety Project Jennifer Wong, Transportation Planner, Streets Division, Jennifer.Wong@SFMTA.com

- Kristin Tieche (D1) moves to approve the resolution as amended to include “reduce the number of conflicts between those who walk, bike, use non-motorized user-propelled vehicles and drive along this corridor”, and amended to update the names of the newer and BAC representatives.
 - Josh Kelly(D4) seconded. Approved without objection.

9. Resolution Draft (Presentation) - Diane Serafini

Proposing the City and County of San Francisco replace all plastic posts or bollards, delineating a protected bike lane, with metal ones or posts and bollards that have the capacity to prevent vehicles from entering a protected bike lane.

- Received feedback and will bring back next month for approval.

10. Motion to Adjourn

- Diane Serafini moves to adjourn, Kristin Tieche seconds. Adjourned without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.