

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)
Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

BBATF Members: Jon Spangler (Chair), Rick Goldman (Vice Chair), Jeremiah Maller, Phoenix Mangrum, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz, Tyler Morris (Secretary).

Chair Jon Spangler has called a meeting of the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force on April 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81666287147>

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

In attendance:

BBATF: Jon Spangler (Chair), Jeremiah Maller, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz, Tyler Morris (Secretary), Rick Goldman (Vice Chair)

BART Staff: Heath Maddox (Liaison), Kamala Parks, Alex Walker

BART Directors: N/A

Guests: Mayor Ann Schneider (City of Millbrae), Pamela Morris, Scott Feeney, Bryan Culbertson, Cedar Makhijani, Lionel McNeely, Matt Richmond, Patricia S., Sebastian Harper, Stephen Marea, Adina Levin (Seamless Bay Area).

Absent: Phoenix Mangrum,

Agenda with Minutes follows as:

1. 6:06p.m. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests: All. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Jon Spangler welcomed guests and colleagues
2. 6:12p.m. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Mayor Ann Schneider of Millbrae mentions e-bike service, homelessness, and broken elevators in Millbrae.
 1. Invites the public to the city's BPAC future meetings
 2. Jeremiah informs participants of the Valencia Street SFMTA public forum this week
 3. Jon Spangler informs participants items 4 and 5 will be combined tonight
3. 6:19p.m. Approval of February 6th, 2023 BBATF minutes: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
 1. Tyler Morris corrected minutes from prior meeting and has presented the corrected minutes
 2. Jeremiah Maller moved to approve the corrected minutes and Rick Goldman seconded

3. Unanimously approved
4. 6:20p.m. State Transportation Funding Update: Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area (For Information) 20 min.
 1. Adina Levin introduces the presentation
 2. Campaign to seek budget funds to avert transit fiscal cliff for California/BayArea mass transit agencies
 1. Letter presented form over 100 stakeholders in support for funding sources to step up
 2. Transit ridership has plummeted from COVID-19 and is only back up to 55% of pre-pandemic levels
 3. Vehicle traffic is back to prior levels
 4. Federal relief funds are coming to an end that were keeping transit funding at pre-pandemic levels
 5. State emissions reduction plan calls for public transit ridership increase in the coming future to combat greenhouse gas emission increases from private vehicles
 6. Ridership Recovery Enhancements plan is to improve the challenges around accessibility for the aging population and those with disabilities
 7. Budget negotiations are going on until May budget hearings
 1. Petition circulating to show support for fiscal funding
 2. Write your legislator campaign is underway
5. 6:40p.m. BART State Funding Lobbying Efforts & BBATF Support: Alex Walker, BART Government & Community Relations. (For Information/ Action) 20 min.
 1. Alex Walker introduces the presentation
 2. End goal is to get to sustainable funding strategy
 1. Address customer service, safety, rider satisfaction, and reliability
 2. Know there's always more to be done
 3. Make tough choices and hard cuts to get back in fiscal line
 1. Can't cut the budget to get out of this fiscal cliff
 2. Streamline future transit projects
 4. Building up to a regional measure to curtail future major investment needs
 5. 15 minutes for discussion
 6. Mayor Schneider supports in principal but addresses the customer dissatisfaction of riders at Millbrae station
 1. References how this will be difficult for voters to support the regional measure
 7. Alex Walker responds to Mayor Schneider acknowledging the ongoing mission to maintain infrastructure at end-of line stations

8. Marc Hedlund asks if trade-offs to make things easier for transit riders and harder for private vehicle usage is being advocated (i.e. increased bridge tolls)
 1. Adina Levin mentioned transit priority projects that are in the pipe-line
 2. Bike Share is “8th” largest region transit system
9. Adina Levin asks Alex Walker if social services funding will be paired up with transit agencies
 1. Alex Walker comments that this is being talked about, AB 1377, but nothing is set in stone
10. Stephen Marea asks if BART/transit was cheaper, if that would incentivize riders to take transit
 1. Kamala Parks from BART comments that its more about system proximity vs. price
 2. Adina Levin mentioned 27 different transit agencies in the region and they are working on better transfer efficiencies between agencies for riders
6. 7:09p.m. Safe Routes to BART Update: Kamala Parks, BART Station Planning. (For Information) 10 min.
 1. Kamala Parks introduces the presentation
 2. Purpose is to provide funds to safely access BART via non-BART owned/maintained land
 3. Two (2) calls for projects since 2020 with one more cycle within a year
 4. Measure RR funds Safe Routes to BART
 5. Increase active access from 44% to 52%
 6. Bill Pinkham asks if funds project could be used to build pedestrian bridges for the Richmond Greenway.
 1. Kamala Parks responded “yes,” and that projects need to be completed within 3.5 years of SR2B grant submission.
7. 7:pm. Berkeley El Cerrito Corridor Access Plan (BECCAP): Kamala Parks, BART Station Planning. (For Information) 10 min.
 1. Kamala Parks introduces the presentation
 2. TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
 3. Will add 2,000 mixed-income housing atop existing BART parking lots
 1. El Cerrito, North Berkeley, and Ashby
 4. Strategies for accessing BART after TOD’s are built
 1. Projects identified in BECCAP
 2. Incorporates AC Transit and off-BART properties
 3. Kamala Parks shared maps of the various streets, intersections, and existing bike/pedestrian paths that have been identified for access upgrades through various funding sources

5. Heath Maddox asks Kamala Parks if these project stations were incorporated in the GAP Study
 1. Bill Pinkham asks if increasing BIKE LINK lockers are included in these plans

8. 7:37pm. BBATF Meeting Format – Decision to meet remotely or in-person: Heath Maddox, BART Customer Access. (For Information/Action) 10 min.
 1. Heath Maddox introduces the agenda item
 2. Meetings have been remote since special order from the Governor for bodies governed under the Brown Act
 1. BART is returning to in-person meetings
 2. BBATF isn't actually governed by the Brown Act according to BART legal
 3. BBATF can remain meeting virtual but is up to the Task Force members
 3. Jon Spangler recommends staying remote and maintaining our platform
 4. Tyler Morris asked if the Task Force should change or stay as is
 5. Rick Goldman suggests maybe meeting once a year in person but is in favor of “status quo”
 6. Jon Spangler moves to keep meeting via Zoom, and is seconded by Rick Goldman
 7. Unanimously passed

9. 7:50pm. Formation of Executive Committee for Off Agenda Task Force Business: Jon Spangler/Tyler Morris. (For Discussion/Action) 20 min.
 1. Agenda Item postponed until next meeting

10. 7:51p.m. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox (For Information) 25 min.
 1. Heath Maddox introduces the Quarterly Service Review
 2. BART tracks bike theft incidents
 1. Prior quarterly goal was around 100 thefts, but has been reduced down to 50 now...meaning less theft
 3. Jon Spangler mentions that BART punctuality and train malfunctions have reduced
 1. Robberies are up system wide

11. 8:00p.m. Future Agenda Items: All (For Discussion) 5 min.
 1. Formation of Executive Committee
 2. Bylaws provision changes
 3. Advertising for meetings on BART
 4. SB817 for Brown Act remote meetings

Meeting adjourned at 8:06p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

Next meeting is called for by Chair Jon Spangler on June 5th, 2023 at 6:00p.m.