

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 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 June 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81666287147>

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

In attendance:

BBATF: Jon Spangler (Chair), Jeremiah Maller, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz, Tyler Morris (Secretary), Phoenix Mangrum

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

BART Directors: Robert Raburn

Guests: Francisco Hulse, Adriano Rothschild (VTABSV), Ashley Von Edge (SFBC), Lauren Ledbetter (VTA), Marc Hedlund, Stephen Marea, Hunter Oatman-Stanford (Caltrans), Patricia S.(BPAC), Sebastian Harper, Cedar Makhijani.

Absent: Rick Goldman (Vice Chair)

Agenda with Minutes follows as:

1. 6:01p.m. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests: All. (For Information) 5 min.
  1. Jon Spangler welcomed guests and colleagues
2. 6:11p.m. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
  1. Tyler M gave a shout out to Bike to Where Ever Day
  2. Marc H commented on bike access through the TOD at North Berkeley BART station
  3. Bill P commented about the Ohlone Greenway at North Berkeley
3. 6:17p.m. Approval of April 3rd, 2023 BBATF minutes: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
  1. Jon Spangler moved to approve minutes. Bill P seconded the motion
  2. Phoenix Mangrum not present yet for vote
  3. Unanimously approved
4. 6:19p.m. Appointment of BBATF Members (For Action) 15 min.
  1. Jeremiah Maller – Santa Clara County
    1. Francisco M motioned to approve, and Tyler M seconded.

2. Approved with Jeremiah Maller abstaining
  3. Phoenix Mangrum not present yet for vote
2. Sebastian Harper – San Francisco County (not yet present)
  1. Moved to August agenda
3. Marc Hedlund – At-large
  1. Bill P moved to approve and Jon S seconded
  2. Phoenix Mangrum not present yet for vote
  3. Approved unanimously
4. Francisco Hulse – San Francisco County
  1. Stephen M moved to approve membership and Bill P seconded
  2. Francisco M abstained from voting
  3. Phoenix Mangrum not present yet for vote
  4. Motion approved
5. Stephen Marea – Alameda County
  1. Tyler M moved to approve the membership, and Francisco M seconded
  2. Phoenix Mangrum not present yet for vote
  3. Unanimously approved
6. Nomination of Cedar Makhijani (At-large) (not yet at meeting).
  1. Moved to August agenda
5. 6:33p.m. BART to Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Update: Adriano Rothschild & Grant Brokl, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. (For Information and Action) 70 min.
  1. Adriano introduces the presentation and asks for questions at the end
    1. 6 mile system extension via single bore
    2. 1 mile above ground track and 5 mile below ground track
    3. Early construction commences late 2023
    4. Design phase extends through 2024
    5. Contractor innovation allows for side-by-side track design and wider tunnel diameter
    6. Vertical accessibility has been shortened from original design
    7. Fare gates at street entrance
    8. Cargo bikes will fit in elevators
    9. 6,700-27,900 daily riders projected for the various stations along the extension
    10. City of San Jose Better Bike Plan 2025 will aim to increase bike access throughout the extension line area
    11. Stair channels will be integrated at the Little Portugal, Downtown, and Diridon stations
    12. May 4th 2023 Central Bikeway was approved to enhance bike transit access

1. 10 mile separated bike path running East to West
13. Jon S asked what kind of class is the Central Bike Way
  1. Lauren L stated its Class 4 at sidewalk level and street level
  2. Francisco M mentioned that a slide better acknowledging the deeper vertical access at some stations would have been nice for the bike community
  3. Francisco M asked why the Downtown station and Little Portugal station have the same number of bike parking spots
  4. Bill P brought up worries about the full funding of the project and asked what sources have been identified for that funding
    1. There is only ~~around~~ a small percentage of funding gap that currently exists and doubts about that funding gap remaining are low on VTA's perspective
  5. Marc H urges having as many double sided elevators since design is relying on elevators for bike access to overcome the deep vertical access
  6. Marc H comment: bike cages are more conducive for cargo bikes vs. lockers
  7. Francisco H asked for clarification about some acronyms and terms contained in the presentation
  8. Jeremiah M asked why there is so many vehicle parking spots at certain stations
    1. There are some State/Federal guidelines governing vehicle parking spaces
    2. VTA is considering future development uses with sites for vehicle parking
  9. Tyler M asked what the construction timeline of the Central Bike Way project is in relation to BART BSV2 extension construction
    1. VTA is in early design phase and has not finalized a project projected timeline
  10. Jon S asked a series of questions about stair width feasibility to accommodate bikes if elevators are out of order; stairwell access, and financial costs to add a North side entrance to Diridon station and a south side entrance to the Downtown station.
6. 7:48p.m. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox, BART Customer Access. (For Information) 10 min.
  1. Heath M shares his graph showing correlation between bike parking and BART ridership
  2. Bike-share users accessing BART has risen dramatically
  3. Heath M shared the executive summary of the 2022 BART customer satisfaction survey
  4. Heath M will email members some project links and details for an informational dive on the Iron Horse Trail project
7. 8:07p.m. Future Agenda Items: All (For Discussion) 10 min.
  1. New Members

2. Heath M project updates
3. SAFE Routes to BART
4. Prior April agenda minutes items
5. Bill P: advocate for better links from BART stations to the BayTrail
6. [Francisco M?] Time-boxing post presentation comments
7. Director Raburn: Update on progress closing BART station network gaps (Network Gap Studies of 18 stations, 2017-20) <https://www.bart.gov/about/planning/station-access>

Meeting adjourned at 8:14p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

Next meeting is called for by Chair Jon Spangler on August 7th, 2023 at 6:00p.m.