

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)

Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2019

Task Force Members Present: Rick Goldman (Chairperson), Katie DeLeuw (Vice Chairperson), Jianhan Wang (Secretary), Jon Spangler, Tracy Jacks.

Absent: Allison Quach, Craig Hagelin, Mary Ann Blackwell, RD Frazier.

Item 1 Self-introductions

BBATF members

BART Staff: Aaron Weinstein, Maureen Wetter, Kamala Parks

BART Director(s): Robert Raburn

Guests: JoAnne Lauer, Phoenix Mangrum

Item 2 General Discussion and Public Comments

- A. Robert: Police Reports were very thin this month; someone's bike was stolen on a platform as they turned their back toward it.
- B. JoAnne: Approached by a local bike shop that was interested in pursuing a grant for a Fix-It Station at the Castro Valley BART Station. The grant would cover installation while the bike shop would cover maintenance and any stolen parts. It would be placed outside the fare gates, but inside where the gates are closed.
- C. Rick asked about theft of tools from the fix-it station.
 - a. Steve commented that they had to remove the Civic Center one since tools were stolen very soon after.

Item 3 Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Item 4 Fleet of the Future (FotF) Rider Research – Overall conditions, bike “racks” and bike bar flex space: Aaron Weinstein and Maureen Wetter, BART Research

- A. Aaron asked which members of the BBATF got for racks.
- B. They got the survey results last month: 3,000 responses, 90 from bicyclists; then put a decal - got another 138 responses from bicyclists.
- C. The safety zones for crashes were enlarged on the new train cars along with an additional set of double doors and demands for more wheelchair space, so the bike space was kept to one area per car instead of two.
- D. Aaron will be asking about going with the bike bar or bike rack; then the number of bike spaces.
- E. Maureen Wetter went over results of the online survey.
 - i. 91% used the bike rack; 9% use the open space/bike bar.
 - ii. Dedicated bike space - 90+% excellent/good.
 - 1. Dropped off after with the racks 50%; ~36% on stability, etc. for good/excellent.
 - 2. Comments said that the idea was good, but the execution didn't work well.
 - iii. Open bar had better results.
 - 1. Comments favored the old-style bar vs the new-style bar.
 - 2. They liked the straps.

iv. Discussions: Racks vs Bars.

1. Aaron shared photos of the upside-down U-rack as the bar.
2. All BBATF members present voiced their favor for bike bars.
3. Jianhan commented that it seems like it'll be easier to make improvements on the bike bars to be more effective than working on a better design for the bike "racks".

v. Discussions: One or Two Spaces.

1. Additional bike space (for 2 spaces) vs 4 seats
2. Rick commented about the increased conflict with other passengers if there was only one prioritized bike space per car. Sometimes, it would end up on the opposite side of the boarding side and make it more difficult for the person with a bike to get to it.
3. 54.6 average seats per old car; 54 average seats per new car.
4. Jon commented about adding cars to the length of the train, it would still be an increase in seats systemwide.
5. 1200 new cars goal; 775 under contract currently.
6. Results:
 - a. Layouts A, B, C (2 open spaces)
 - b. Peak vs Off-peak
 - i. Peak favored A & B - one bike space and more seats.
 - ii. Off-peak didn't favor either,
 - iii. Bicyclists favored layout C (2 open), then A (rack), then B (open)
7. BBATF voted unanimously in favor of 2 bike spaces per car instead of 1 bike space – 5 ayes.
8. Removal of racks as a compromise for 2 bike prioritized spaces.

F. The target is to run 10-car trains.

Item (5) Network Gap Study Phase II - update on work to date: Kamala Parks, BART Stations Planning (This was skipped in the interest of time. Kamala will be presenting this at the June meeting).

Item 5 Summary of BBATF Activities for Presentation to BART Board Part 1 – Letter to BART Board (this became item 5): Jon Spangler

- A. Jon read the letter and BBATF members said it was favorable.
- B. Dropping reference to 1,200 cars.
- C. Letter was approved.
- D. To be submitted for the April 25th BART Board Meeting.

Item 6 Election of BBATF Officers: Rick Goldman

- A. Katie will be the new Secretary starting from June's meeting.
- B. Jon will be the new Vice Chair.
- C. Rick will continue to be the Chair.

Item 7 Summary of BBATF Activities for Presentation to BART Board Part 2 – BBATF Report Presentation to BART Board: Rick Goldman

- A. Rick went over his presentation slides.

B. BBATF members gave some suggestions.

Item 8 Bike Program Capital Projects Update: Steve Beroldo

A. Steve highlighted new capital construction for new bike parking spaces - BikeLink lockers, paid area racks, Bikekeep, self-park bike station, and renovations across various stations; also stair channels will be added to 7 stations following the 16th St Mission station design.

Item 9 Review action items and proposed agenda items for next meeting: All

- A. Katie went over the things for the letters.
- B. Jon suggested including 3 people to present along with Rick.

Adjournment. Next meeting – June 3, 2019