

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 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). Marc Hedlund, Cedar Makhijani, Francisco Hulse

Chair Jon Spangler has called a meeting of the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force on December 4, 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, Tyler Morris (Secretary), Marc Hedlund, Sebastian Harper, Phoenix Mangrum

BART Staff: Heath Maddox (Liaison)

BART Director: Robert Raburn

Guests: Barnali Ghosh, Robert Prinz, Whitney Ericson, Estrella Sainburg, Bryan Culbertson

Absent: Francisco Hulse, Francisco Muñoz, Cedar Makhijani

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. 6:08p.m. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Robert Prinz suggested a future agenda item
 2. Barnali Ghosh announces her campaign for BART Board of Directors D3
 3. Jeremiah Maller updated BBATF on potential Executive Committee agenda item
3. 6:17p.m. Approval of October 2023 BBATF minutes: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
 1. Jeremiah motions to approve minutes, and Marc seconds the motion.
 2. Motion approved unanimously
4. 6:19p.m. Bikes on BART Rule Changes: Heath Maddox. (For Discussion) 15 min.
 1. Heath explains that bikes are now allowed on escalators
 2. Bikes are allowed on any car except the first car for operator safety
 3. Heath demos proposed new signage explaining the updated rules

4. Tyler asked if there has been any negative feedback from the public since announcing the rules change
 1. Heath noted most negative feedback has come from BART Risk Management
5. Estrella comments that hopefully BART does educational outreach on the new rules changes and asks what changes will impact cargo bikes specifically
6. Director Raburn provides details about past escalator incidents involving bikes and comments that BART will adapt
 1. BART has also marked platforms for wheelchair accessibility usage and the other areas not wheelchair labeled are fair game for bicycles to enter or egress BART cars
5. 6:41p.m. Coliseum Bicycle Stairway Channels: Heath Maddox. (For Discussion) 20 min.
 1. Heath comments that the first new bike stair channel was installed in Coliseum station and the next ones will go in shortly
 2. The design has been updated to incorporate new materials and a new profile design
 3. Tyler Morris asked if the diamond plating will become slippery during the raining months
 1. Heath commented that the friction from the diamond pattern should hopefully counter that issue
 4. Estrella looks forward to using the new stair channels, especially at 19th St BART
 5. Jon commented that the new design seems bomb-proof and looks forward to its usage
6. 6:49p.m. BART Bicycle Preferred Path of Travel Capital Plan Update & Site Visits Report-Out: Heath Maddox. (For Information) 25 min.
 1. Starting with a phased approach for funding reasons. 10 stations first.
 1. MacArthur
 2. Balboa Park
 3. Coliseum
 4. San Leandro
 5. Walnut Creek
 6. Concord
 7. Hayward
 8. Bay Fair
 9. Daly City
 10. Castro Valley
 2. Heath mentioned the project only had initial funding for 8 stations but will be able to fund the 10 station list
 3. Heath shared GIS maps of the locations being updated
 4. Jon mentioned how the Bay Fair station was poorly conceived for non-vehicle access and how great it is to see a dent starting in making the station more accessible

5. Marc asked if rating stations by bicycle access priority first for improvements inherently discriminates against equity needed communities
7. 7:08p.m. BBATF Executive Subcommittee Rules: Tyler Morris. (For Action) 20 min.
 1. Tyler shared the proposed rules with the BBATF
 2. Jon and Tyler will work with Heath to draft final language for updating bylaws, and creating the Executive Committee.
 1. Heath will run the documents by BART legal
 2. BBATF will vote in February to adopt all documents, and final votes in April per by-laws
8. 7:39p.m. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox. (For Information) 15 min.
 1. Heath discussed DIB 94 updates
 2. Jon asks for a future update on Bailety Road
 3. Jon proposes a motion to author a letter to Cal Trans D4 to consider streamlining clean streets exempting bicycle links from the updated design exception path
 1. Marc motions to approve the motion allowing Jon to author a letter, and Jeremiah seconds motion. Unanimously approved.
 4. Seeing an uptick in bike parking almost double over 2022 numbers
9. 8:04p.m. Future Agenda Items: All. (For Discussion) 10 min.
 1. Longer trains on BART to accommodate bikes that aren't able to fit
 2. Executive Committee and Bylaws
 3. Bikes on BART
 4. DIB 94 follow-up
 5. BBATF expiring seats

Meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

Next meeting is called for by Chair Jon Spangler on February 5th, 2024 at 6:00p.m.