

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)

Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2022

AGENDA

1. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests: All. (For Information) 5 min.
2. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
3. Approval of May, June & August 2022 BBATF minutes: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
4. BBATF bylaws revision: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 15 min.
5. Francisco Muñoz membership application. Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
6. Election of BBATF Secretary. Jon Spangler. (For Action) 10 min.
7. Berkeley El Cerrito Corridor Access Project (BECCAP). Kamala Parks, BART. (For Information) 20 min.
8. East Bay Greenway Update. Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission. (For Information) 30 min.
9. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox. (For Information) 20 min.
10. Future Agenda Items: All (For Discussion) 5 min.

Jon Spangler calls meeting to order

Task Force Members Present: Jon Spangler (Chair), Rick Goldman (Vice-chair), Tyler Morris, Jeremiah Miller, Phoenix Mangrum, Jianhan Wang, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz

Absent: None

BART Staff: Heath Maddox, Kamala Parks, Principal planner BART (presenting on Berkeley El Cerrito Corridor Access Project (BECCAP))

BART Director: Robert Raburn

Public attendees: Patricia S (Oakland BPAC Chair), Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission (Presenting East Bay Greenway Update)

1. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests: All. (For Information) 5 min.
2. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
Tyler Morris: Response to Heath's email chain. Tyler's courier company bike was stolen over the weekend. Someone broke into the garage, broke 4 separate shackles and chain locks. It is a large yellow cargo bike (value \$15k), photo included in email. Please spread the word about this stolen bicycle.

Update from SF bike advisory meeting Mon September 26th (attended by Jon Spangler and Tyler Morris): Moving ahead on projects, working on Sansom and Battery Corridor, upgrading bike lanes on Sansom (2 way cycle track, makes it easier to get from NE SF to Embarcadero BART station).

Heath Maddox: Last week, Heath attended a stakeholder meeting for the City of Alameda on behalf of BART. Clement Ave. & Tilden Way project (Heath sent out email with details), major improvements to the area in the railroad right of way. Heath will invite them to a future BBATF meeting.

Jianhan Wang: Announcement of a new State bill: Within 1/2 mile of transit stations, parking minimums are removed. The Definition of a major transit station is specific.

3. Approval of May, June & August 2022 BBATF minutes:

Minutes for August meeting: Rick sent minutes on August 5th? Heath didn't see minutes from the last meeting.. Will approve minutes next month, including for May/June if we have minutes..

4. BBATF bylaws revision: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 15 min.

Heath shares screen with BBATF bylaws revision: Article 4 revisions to cover situation for BBATF member, Francisco. He was living in San Mateo county, working in Santa Clara County, now moved to Santa Clara County. (10,11,12,13,14).. 11. Moving or workplace b/t counties, when county resident..

Question: If a spot becomes available in the county, what happens?

Answer: The acting representative has no priority in the next round. Once the term is up, they can re-apply. The nominating agency may or may not choose them.

Jeremiah moves to approve, Rick seconds. Unanimously approved.

Jon: Brainstorming proposal for possible consideration in a future BBATF meeting: Responding more quickly to approve the text of a letter - executive committee (3 officers) could approve a letter on behalf of BBATF - to aggrandize for December..

5. Francisco Muñoz membership application. Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.

Francisco is moving. He rides bikes and transit more than ever after his move..

Rick makes a motion to approve.. Jon was second. Unanimously approved with Francisco abstaining.

6. Election of BBATF Secretary. Jon Spangler. (For Action) 10 min.

Nomination for secretary - Tyler Morris starting at the next BBATF meeting in December. Rick makes the motion to approve. Jon Spangler Seconds the motion. Unanimous consent, Tyler Morris abstained.. Because it is about him..

7. Berkeley El Cerrito Corridor Access Project (BECCAP). Kamala Parks, BART. (For Information) 20 min. (See presentation slides document).

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Kamala Parks (BART)

Berkeley El Cerrito Corridor Access Project (BECCAP)

Purpose: BART and cities are pursuing transit oriented developments (TOD)

El Cerrito Plaza

North Berkeley

Ashby

These three TODs will:

Result in ~2,500 mixed-income homes

Be built on surface parking lots (will not replace all parking spots used for construction)

Improve corridor improvement for alternatives to driving to get to BART stations to eliminate need for so many parking spots

BART rider car parking spaces after TOD (% of current)

El Cerrito Plaza ~150 (20%)

North Berkeley 200 max (29%)

Ashby

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Berkeley El Cerrito Corridor Access Project (BECCAP)

Process (Gray boxes, already done)

Did in person popups, online, in person office hours, now confirming which access strategies will help existing BART riders, how to fund them, and expect to have a public draft of plan no later than winter. El Cerrito Plaza TOD planning is the most advanced

Relationship to TODs and Other Projects

Development Process and Station Timelines with Corridor Access Plan

Preliminary Planning (zoning, planning studies, vision)

Developer Selection (Request for Proposals, choose developer, onboard)

Project design construction (Station access plans, Design process with community, entitlements, financing, construction)

Timeline to begin construction (planned)

El Cerrito Plaza 2024

N Berkeley 2025

Ashby Some time in 2026

Ashby BART bicycle safety connector from MLK at Prince to Woolsey and Adeline at the Ashby BART parking lot, provide way to get east/west through Ashby station area

Access Strategies

Central Core ~.25 mi radius, improve walking/biking corridors, including lighting, improved bike parking, parking management

Inner Ring: Ways to encourage biking and e-biking, lending library, e-bike subsidies, improve transit service, both local and Transbay, improve multi-modal connectivity at stations

Outer Ring ("Hills")

Vehicle based strategies: e.g., improvements to fixed route transit...

Access strategy scoring methodology

Still evaluating all strategies

Evaluation Framework:

1. Respond to public support
2. Shift to environmentally sustainable access options
3. Ensure a transportation network for people

Questions:

Strategies considering at El Cerrito Plaza:

El Cerrito PLaza TOD FUture access strategies (existing 740 parking spaces to 150 spaces for BART riders), in place 800 homes, 45% affordable, library), wider sidewalks

Protected bike lanes

Secure bike parking

Potential for e-bike lending library - but would need primary sponsor for that..

Transit strategies: include TODs in bus service planning (AC Transit)

Design TODs to improve transit connections (Developer)

On Street - looking into feasibility of allowing bart riders to pay to park on street (City)

Berkeley will not change parking rules to accommodate bart riders parking on street

Implementation planning:

Deep dive into access strategies with undetermined agency leadership and/or a high degree of complexity:

1. Financial incentives for shared/active travel
2. Expand docked bike share system
3. Improve lighting
4. Bike lending library
5. Implement and coordinate micro mobility
6. Transportation coaching
7. Clipper cash

Draft Plan will be released in late fall or by early winter 2022. Contents will be existing context, what BART heard, What those strategies are

How to implement

If interest in providing comment, subscribe to

bart.gov/beccap/comment - subscribe to email lists, make comments to plan, get emails about projects, find out when plans come out...

In other news:

Safe routes to BART (Measure RR bond money, BART making available to Cities/counties)

1st call for project 2020, 2nd call for projects late this year

At least \$5 million to distribute this cycle

Visit bart.gov/sr2b for more information

Revising application materials review /comment

Email Kamala Parks and/or Rachel by Oct 7 if you want to review or comment

Bill Pinkham:

Question: What is the status of community opposition to the TOD project at North Berkeley?

Answer: North Berkeley is proceeding forward, politically there is support for building housing, some residents concerned about height of buildings, proceeding per normal..

Question:

At El Cerrito plaza BART, how do you deal with people parking in the shopping Plaza parking lot?

Answer: BART invited El Cerrito plaza to join an email list for updates on the TOD project. It will be up to the shopping center how to enforce parking by BART customers in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot. The City of El Cerrito is going with the option of letting BART riders (pay to park?) on streets.

Tyler Morris:

Question: How does this relate to Del Norte BART and the long term master plan for developments to the San Pablo Avenue corridor? Is re-development to plaza station planned with the Del Norte revamp and the San Pablo redevelopment?

Answer: The El Cerrito Plaza project is proceeding in near term, the El Cerrito Del Norte project is proceeding in the medium term 5-10 years out and will begin the process. It takes 6-7 years from deciding a station will be developed to beginning construction due to community outreach, steps taken.. BART will not demolish the parking garage in El Cerrito Del Norte, but rather build the TOD on the surface parking. The San Pablo Ave project planners are very engaged and involved with the City of El Cerrito.

Jianhan: Will zoning allow mixed use: Residential and commercial? El C Plaza: Residential + Library, N Berkeley may be community amenities, neighbors don't want a lot of commercial, may not be much commercial, Ashby haven't done RFP for that, zoning is mixed use..

Bill Pinkham: Period when construction happens, will you put in extra BART parking before construction begins? BART wants to implement strategies that can be done in advance, like secure bike parking, in advance of construction if possible..

Fruitvale, replaced all garage parking, station area plans made it better for walking biking, There is more pressure to make sure there are options for people who drive for new TODs

Differences between these projects and Fruitvale BART TOD? Lessons learned from Fruitvale TOD?

Answer: In the Fruitvale TOD project, there was pressure from the City of Oakland. They wanted to use E Oakland, from High Street to BART stations.
To connect the Diamond District to the Fruitvale neighborhood.

Rough definition: The Inner Ring is the Oakland flatlands, the Outer Ring is the Oakland Hills.

Question: Impacts of parking removal, how many years are being considered for the impact analysis? What are the costs of removing parking?

E-bike lending library - separate from City e-bikes (this proposal would require a primary sponsor)

An E-bike lending library could be run out of the Berkeley Bike Hub

Question: Is a bike station being considered for the El Cerrito Del Norte BART project?

Answer: Yes, it is likely. However, it is not clear whether there will be a bike station El C Plaza BART

Question: Could bike safety classes be offered for bike commuters?

Answer: BART would rely on community partners to fill that need

Transit coaching - coaches would provide training on using apps to plan trips

8. East Bay Greenway Update. Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission. (For Information)

Matt for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Sr Transportation Engineer with Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)

Proposal: A Regional trail for biking and walking entire length of Alameda County along BART corridor

This is included in the Measure BB transportation expenditure Plan

2008 project first envisioned, an urban ecology trail along the BART corridor (shared by UP RR)

Envisioned to be like Ohlone Greenway, a trail along BART tracks, North/South biking spine and walking access

2015 - The first segment was opened from Coliseum BART to 85th Street

2018 - Environmental documents were certified

2019-2021 ACTC E 14th/Mission Corridor plan was proposed. It is an alternative, which doesn't require use of the RR right of way, it uses on street alignment, so it can be implemented in a near term timeframe. Both projects will proceed on separate timeframes.

Phase 1: Started in 2021, near term project

Phase 2: Long term project

Project benefits:

Multimodal Connectivity along bart line

Sustainable Transportation Options

IMproved Safety for bicyclists and pedestrians

Access to key destinations

Investment in equity Priority Communities - lower income, higher concentrations of people of color.

Planning Context: East Bay Greenway is included in numerous local, county regional plans including: (plans listed in slides, attached).

The proposed project will create a 16 mile long corridor connecting oakland, san leandro, hayward, and connecting 7 BART stations.

Phase 1: includes some existing segments: Coliseum to 85th, a few other segments are going into construction on E 12th St in Oakland, on San Leandro St, complete streets on E 14th and Mission blvd.

Project Phasing

East Bay Greenway Multimodal Phase 1: Plan to deliver the project in 3-5 years, funding permitted.

Phase 2: Potential linear park enhancements, off street, a 10 year plus timeframe.

Phase 1: Class 1 pathways, Class IV separated bikeways, Class III neighborhood bikeways, enhanced pedestrian crossings, protected intersections, transit loading islands, placemaking elements

Project Schedule:

Conceptual Design Being Finalized, Community engagement, environmental clearance (Summer 2022, Spring 2023), Spring 2023-Spring 2024 Final Design, Construction Summer 2024, Fall 2026

Construction pending funding, will leverage measure BB dollars

Presented to BPAC 9/15, Popups, mailers, online survey, [find link to online survey]

For more info, visit:

www.AlamedaCTC.org/eastbaygreenway - concept plan drawings, links to surveys, other project materials..

Questions:

Tyler: Who has jurisdiction on path, cleaning debris, dealing with encampments that pop up, Alameda CTC is responsible for maintenance, hires contractors to perform maintenance, had difficulty doing so, Along city streets, maintenance becomes local cities responsibilities,

Rick: Compared to Ohlone Greenway, places where the bike path crosses the road, the road has no stop sign. Cyclists had to slow down for cars. This makes the greenway less useful when bikes need to slow, stop at each street..

In certain sections of corridor, there are long industrial blocks,

Robert Raburn: This plan represents compromise from original UP right of way, accessing right of way allows BART to get rid of current barriers at coliseum, bayfair, hayward, where must go on pedestrian underpass to get to other side of RR tracks, there is general alignment with trying to acquire, hope to push through a better plan, E 12th st bike lanes blocked 1/4 mile by trailers, debris, must enter high speed roadway,

Maintenance is important.. Design separated bike lanes wide enough so can sweep, but not wide enough to park

Connection to Bayfare bart station will be addressed..

WHen will we see plans for Hayward?

In Hayward, still getting community input, more tradeoffs parking, existing landscape medians, etc.

Bill Pinkham: The East Bay greenway ends in Oakland, can it be connected to the San Pablo multi modal corridor? Up to El Sobrante? Class 4 connection between the two? Link up the East Bay?

Alameda CTC did adopt a county wide bikeway network. Plans show a continuous corridor south to Union City, Fremont, North link to Ohlone Greenway. It is still a sketch level exercise.. (San Pablo Multi Modal corridor)

Jon Spangler: It is difficult to imagine safe bicycle and pedestrian paths along San Leandro Blvd, tunnel for San Leandro Blvd not wide enough for bikes to get under Railway, seems like difficult task,

North of the TUnnel, Class 1 facility on the BART side of Street, vertical railing b/t travel lane and Class 1. To get around the tunnel, reconfigure local frontage roads, turn one into a bike ped, or paralel bike blvd class 3 to get around the tunnel...

Can we put pressure on DOT to lean on Union Pacific RR.. Access to right of way, Contamination, Cleanup, maintenance, it is environmentally cleared project,

Patricia: Trail b/t 85th + Coliseum, had huge homeless problem on trail, during covid, moved homeless to other side of the street

In San Leandro, make south bound, what would happen to the homeless there, where a trail will be built? Future segments would be owned and maintained by local jurisdictions (this applies to homeless encampments as well)..

Trail will be extended to Seminary.. After seminary, will it be street access? Seminary North to Fruitvale? Seminary to 54th will continue on San Leandro St as Class 1, looking at Road Diet bc San Leandro St narrows, class 2, 3 to Fruitvale BART Station..

9. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox. (For Information) 20 min.

Heath Maddox with Bike BART updates:

BART bike parking charts update: BART Bike parking occupancy, Valet station use increasing faster than self park bike parking

Monthly Rental at BikeLink Bike Lockers, divergence due to: Bike lockers have 6 month lag in the data

Monthly volumes at BART Bikekeep Smart Racks:

Pleasant Hill location continues to have the highest traffic..

Keeping Pleasant Hill bike repair retail location closed until hit 50% of pre pandemic bart traffic hopefully later this year

In final design for bike station at 21st and Broadway next to paramount theater (19th st bart) getting final comments for 95% design

BART issued a permit to Lafayette to begin construction, need to make changes to design to update design drawings, then can advertise for construction, should have final drawings stamped by the end of the month, advertise early next year, but the Lafayette city project manager has retired.. A bike station may begin construction there in 1.5 or 2 years.

10. Future Agenda Items: All (For Discussion) 5 min.

Future agenda items: Dec 5 and beyond:

Tyler: continue to explore creation of executive committee to handle off month issues as they come up.

2nd reading of bylaw amendments we approved tonight for the first time.

Presentation on Sansome and Battery Project (December)

Clement / Tilden (city of Alameda)

Announcement of Community Events:

November 6: SF Bike Coalition Winterfest

Sat, October 8: [Bike East Bay BikeTopia](#)