

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

BBATF Members: Jon Spangler (Chair), Rick Goldman (Vice Chair), Jianhan Wang, 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 February 6, 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, Phoenix Mangrum, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz, Tyler Morris (Secretary), Rick Goldman (Vice Chair)

BART Staff Liaison: Heath Maddox

BART Board of Directors: Robert Raburn

Guests: Andrew Thomas, Bill Pinkham, Lionel McNeely, Patricia S.

Absent: None

Agenda with Minutes follows as:

1. 6:02p.m. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests: All. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Jon Spangler welcoming guests and colleagues
2. 6:07p.m. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Lionel McNeely introduced himself
 1. Guest invite of Director Raburn
 2. Cindy Johnson, BIKE WALK Alameda attending because of the Estuary Bridge presentation
 3. Rick Goldman reminded Jon Spangler to update emails for the committee
 4. Jon Spangler updates that agenda item 6 is moved to an action item for sending a letter for BBATF to the BART Board and VTA Board
 5. Director Raburn makes comments on Measure RR oversight board
 1. \$38 million spent on access projects through the measure so far
 2. 10% reserved for trans bay upgrades
 3. 30 projects will enhance access to BART infrastructure/stations
 4. Public report on BART's website and page 52 starts material related to BBATF

5. Alameda-Clement project has made its way through planning committee
6. Jon Spangler recommends we revisit Measure RR as an agenda item proposal later
3. 6:18p.m. Approval of December 5th, 2022 BBATF minutes: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
 1. Jon Spangler echos how detailed the minutes were from last meeting
 2. Rick Goldman moves to approve minutes and Phoenix Mangrum seconds the motion
 3. Unanimous approval
4. 6:19p.m. Oakland-Alameda Estuary Bridge Project: Frank Ponciano, Winter Consulting (For Information) 25 min.
 1. Andrew Thomas starts presentation on behalf of Frank Ponciano
 2. Long term commitment to planning, fundraising, community outreach
 1. Will ask for BBATF support in the future to help move the project forward
 3. 2009 study surveyed potential methods of crossing
 4. 2021 study showed that a bridge is the most feasible, and would be welcomed by users
 1. City of Alameda is taking the lead
 2. 2022 Project Initiation Document
 5. Currently at the 2022-23 PID phase (only funded phase currently)
 1. 2030 and beyond is estimated construction phase
 2. Community outreach and technical outreach meetings are currently being planned
 6. This is important because it bridges two major cities for bicycles and pedestrians that otherwise would travel 5.5 miles until a connection point is reached
 1. State highway infrastructure is substandard at 30 inches wide for a path that's a mile plus long
 7. Caltrans recognizes this as a top 3 corridor improvement project
 1. 48,000 vehicles daily make the Estuary trip
 2. Future development will add an additional 56,000 daily trips in the coming decade
 8. 10 block survey area was looked at to determine a bridge site
 1. Three high-potential sites identified
 2. Center raising bridge to accommodate 175 foot Clarence height for USCG
 9. Existing easements have been developed ahead of this project to make the Alameda side ramp landing planning efficient
 10. Tyler Morris asked what the proposed Clarence height would be for boat traffic and how frequent the boat traffic would cause bridge crossing disruptions
 11. Bill Pinkham asked about the cost vs. use ratio as a-posed to updating current infrastructure
 12. Patricia S. suggested reaching out to the ball park development to partner on this
 13. Rick Goldman thanked Andrew for the work

14. Francisco called out the socio-economic difference between private boat users and bridge users
15. Jon Spangler asked if its life line accessible, and could it hold an emergency power cable
5. 7:14p.m. Executive Committee for Off Agenda Task Force Business: Jon Spangler/Tyler Morris (For Discussion) 30 min.
 1. Tyler presented the general purpose and scope of an executive committee
 1. Formed of the elected officers of BBATF
 2. To send letters or make public agenda comments in support of transit projects
 3. Committee would be kept on short leash and have to present to the full committee at the next meeting
 4. Rick Goldman asked how the Brown Act relates to an executive committee
 2. Jon Spangler discusses what the new bylaws would be including an executive committee
 1. Suggests the executive committee could be 2 members instead of 3 members to lessen Brown Act concerns
 2. Jon Spangler asked Heath Maddox to find out from BART legal what their opinion is
 3. Need to place this on the next agenda as an action item for a vote
 3. Patricia asked if the committee could meet in the off months and just cancel its meeting if no agenda items are advertised
 4. Rick Goldman suggests it might be more work for Heath and why not have just monthly meetings
 1. Heath will follow up on his side
6. 7:33p.m. BART To Silicon Valley: Jon Spangler (For Discussion) 20 min.
 1. Jon Spangler reintroduces the task force to the two platform accessibility designs
 1. Original design is stacked platforms
 2. Proposed design is side by side tracks
 2. New proposed design decreases accessibility height needs
 3. Street height development projects would be disbursed among the station areas instead of directly atop stations
 4. Current budget doesn't allow for all proposed station entrances
 5. Optimized TOD integration
 6. Refined concept allows for future station entrance expansions
 1. Major victory compared to presented design from April 2022
 7. New design allows for high-speed rail integration
 8. Jon presents the drafted letter to the BART Board for consideration
 1. Edits suggested by Jeremiah and Rick to advance the position of supporting bullet points from the second page to the first page of the letter
 9. Jeremiah motioned to approve the letter with edits and seconded by Rick Goldman

1. Approved with unanimous consent
7. 8:00p.m. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox (For Information) 25 min.
 1. Heath Maddox presents BART rider data related to Bike Link locker use
 2. Jeremiah asked about the dip in MacArthur self-parking usage
 3. 24th Street station plaza might host a temporary BayWheels station
 4. Heath presents data that shows bike share delivers a significant amount of users
 5. Applications due in March for cycle II Measure RR funds
 6. North Berkeley station civil work is complete
 1. Curb work, street paving, bollards, two-way cycle-track
 7. Heath presented pictures of the station civil improvements
8. 8:17p.m. Future Agenda Items: All (For Discussion) 5 min.
 1. Jon Spangler for Measure RR and its oversight board
 2. Tyler Morris for Executive Committee formation
 3. Jon Spangler for Estuary Bridge project
 4. Jon Spangler Safe Rides to BART project update
 5. Heath Maddox for New BBATF membership outreach

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

Next meeting is called for by Chair Jon Spangler on April 3rd, 2023 at 6:00p.m.