

# **BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)**

Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2016

Task Force Members Present: David Favello (Chair), Shirley Johnson (vice-chair), Rick Goldman (Secretary), Craig Hagelin, Jon Spangler, Mary Ann Blackwell

Absent: None

## Item 1 Introductions

BBATF members

Others: Steve Beroldo (BART staff), Jon Wong (general public), Robert Raburn (BART Director), Hannah Lindelof (BART staff), Linton Johnson (BART staff),

## Item 2 Public Comments

No Public comments

## Item 3 Minutes of previous meeting approved

## Item 5 Better BART Bond Initiative – presentation by Linton Johnson

- A. BART Board will consider proposal to place \$3.5 billion bond initiative on November ballot.
- B. 90.4% Will be used to upgrade the existing system
  - a. Train Control System
    - i. Allow trains to run closer together
    - ii. More reliability, fewer delays
  - b. Better Accessibility – (i.e., wider fare gates)
- C. 9.6% prepare for the future (more crossover tracks, safety)
- D. Can only pay for fixed assets (not cars).
- E. Includes an Independent Oversight Committee
- F. Motion for BBATF to support bond measure as proposed.
- G. Motion was approved. Letter was written. Chair of BBATF (Dave Favello) will sign for BBATF and designated Jon Spangler to represent the committee at the BART Board meeting regarding the bond proposal.
- H. Update: On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved placing the bond on the November ballot.

## Item 4 BART Access Policy Update – presentation by Hannah Lindelof

- A. Updating 2000 Policy. Will vote for approval at next BART board meeting.
- B. Will return to board in November with targets and timelines.
- C. Shift away from drive alone. Priority:
  - a. Walk, bike, transit/shuttle, pick-up/drop-off, carpool, solo drivers.
- D. Accessible to all users
- E. Invest in pedestrian and bicycle assets on and off BART property.
- F. Invest in transit connections.
- G. Stations were rated into 5 groups:
  - a. Urban, Urban with parking, balanced intermodal, intermodal/auto reliant, auto-reliant.
  - b. Based on feedback (from the board and other stakeholders), some stations were “aspirationally” rated (aspire to be less auto reliant).

- c. Task Force recommended a pilot project at one auto-reliant station to encourage less solo driving by investing heavily in walk/bike infrastructure at the pilot station and then comparing future mode share with other auto-reliant stations.
- d. BART staff will consider and has thoughts on a possible station.

#### Item 7 Member Terms and Reappointments

- A. Bike East Bay has nominated/renominated Jon Spangler to the BBATF. Staff at the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has decided that the ACTC BPAC, which originally appointed Jon in 2011 and reappointed him in 2013, does not have the legal authority under its bylaws to appoint or nominate people to the BBATF.

#### Item 8 Staff Updates

- 1. New Car Schedule
  - a. End of 2017: 60 new cars
  - b. End of 2018: 230
  - c. End of 2019: 420
  - d. End of 2020: 610
  - e. Fall 2021: all 775 cars
- 2. Seating Layout Survey
  - a. BART has removed seats (in 3 different configurations) in 60 cars (20 of each configuration)
    - i. Seats removed by one door
    - ii. Seats removed in the middle
    - iii. Seats on one side are now 1 person wide
  - b. BART surveyed people coming off the test cars.
  - c. 47% said their commute was better, 21% said it was the same, and 32% said it was worse.
- 3. Steve brought 2 sample bike straps that will be put on a few BART cars
  - a. One strap design with Velcro, another design with a buckle
  - b. Will put up sign to go to [bart.gov/bikes](http://bart.gov/bikes) to comment on straps.
- 4. New street grates on Mission street
  - a. Sample grate at Oakland machine shop next week.
  - b. Update: A few bicyclists (including Jon and Rick from BBATF) went to the demo. Grate was well received (smaller and narrower openings)
- 5. Walnut Creek Bike Pavilion
  - a. Pavilion contract approved
  - b. 96 e-Lockers and bike racks for 60 bicycles.

#### Item 6 Jon Spangler attended the May 15 regional BPAC (Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) meeting.

- 1. Hosted by the SVBC (Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition)
- 2. Jon Spangler presented a brief "Bikes on BART" history presentation.
- 3. Jon said VTA is updating their master plan to encourage more bicycling.

#### Item 9 Adjournment. Next Meeting August 1, 2016.