

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)

Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2016

BBATF members:

Present: David Favello (Chair), Shirley Johnson (Vice-Chair), Rick Goldman (Secretary), Craig Hagelin, Mary Ann Blackwell, Jon Spangler

Item 1 Introductions

Others: Steve Beroldo (BART staff), Clarence Fischer (general public), Jonathan Rossen (BART safety), Robert Raburn (BART Director),

Item 2 Public Comments

A. Congratulation to Shirley Johnson for her election to the SFBC board.

Item 3 Minutes for previous meeting were approved.

Item 4 Bicycles on Escalators

- A. Report from Jonathan Rossen from BART safety
 - a. 400,000 exits/day; 1 or 2 reported accidents/day
 - b. Most common accidents on ascending escalators (170 Escalators)
 - c. Most escalators not equipped with safety stops, could be disaster if bicycle got jammed.
 - d. Very few reported accidents with bicycles.
 - e. BART is unlikely to change policy.
- B. Discussion on ways to provide escalator access to bicyclists.
 - a. Current escalators too narrow
 - b. Provide separate escalator for bikes (like cart escalators for certain stores)
 - c. Jon S. suggested a workshop to develop “safe practices”
 - d. Request for more research on access at other transit agencies
 - i. Steve Beroldo to reach out to counterparts at other agencies
 - e. Clarence Fisher (general public) stated his preference for no bicycles on escalators, but if allowed, never allow them to be carried.

Item 5 BBATF input on access mode hierarchy

- A. Original hierarchy was walking, transit, bicycles, car share and solo driving.
- B. Shannon (BART staff) may change priorities (put bicycles before transit) and wants our support.
- C. BBATF supports possible change in priority and is willing to write letter to BART board.
- D. Request Steve to ask Shannon on points we should emphasize.

Item 6 BART police notifications

- A. Is there other information that could be tracked in bicycle theft reports
 - a. Inside/outside paid area
 - b. Thickness of cable
- B. Last month, 24 bicycles stolen with U-locks.
 - a. Most of these were left overnight.
- C. Still occasionally putting hang tags on bicycles for locking best practices
 - a. Add: Don't leave overnight!

Item 7 Review of potential bike straps to hang on bike bar in BART car

- A. Steve showed 3 or 4 prototypes.
- B. BBATF thought straps were good
- C. Suggestion to add loop at end to ease unvelcroing
- D. ½ Velcro ½ Hook webbing on back seemed to be preference.

Item 8 Election of BBATF officers for 2016

- A. Rick Goldman was reappointed by the SF Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
- B. Craig Hagelin's was reappointed from Contra Costa
- C. Jon Spangler still needs to request reappointment from the Alameda BAC
- D. Officers for 2016 were nominated and approved:
 - a. Dave Favello: chair
 - b. Shirley Johnson: vice-chair
 - c. Rick Goldman: Secretary

Item 9 Staff Updates

- A. Access mode data not available yet. Should be available at next meeting.
- B. Locker plazas: Walnut Creek
 - a. South of fare gates (by police substation)
 - b. Bike link locker and rack area
 - c. New lighting
- C. Locker plazas: Lafayette
 - a. 32 Bike link lockers installed end of January
 - b. Downtown side of station
- D. Locker plazas: West Oakland
 - a. Under construction
 - b. 84 new lockers
 - c. Bike link locker and rack area
 - d. New lighting
- E. Bike parking capital plan
 - a. Steve working on finding next round of funding
 - b. Need to meet goal of 8% station access by bicycle
 - c. 60% of these bicycles will need parking.
- F. Steve presented BART memo about bike share expansion to the East Bay
 - a. 850 bicycles in Oakland, 400 in Berkeley, 100 in Emeryville
 - b. Currently identifying sites; 1st phase is likely to include:
 - i. SF: 16th and 24th street
 - ii. EB: 12th and 19th street, Ashby, Downtown Berkeley, Lake Merritt, Macarthur and Rockridge
 - c. Future phases include:
 - i. SF: Balboa and Glen Park
 - ii. EB: Fruitvale, North Berkeley, West Oakland

Item 10 Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:12. Next Meeting April 4, 2016.