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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)

June 4, 2012 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: David Favello (Chairperson), Craig Hagelin, Mike Jones, Rich Goldman, Mariana Parreiras, John Spangler

Chairperson David Favello has called a meeting of the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force on June 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The Meeting will be held in Room 171 at Joseph P. Bort Metro Center, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California.

- I. Introductions & Designation of Minute Taker.(5 min.)
- II. General Discussion and Public Comment.(10 min.)

Marina Parreiras announced that she will be stepping down from the committee. The committee expects SF BAC to nominate a replacement.

III. Update on Bikes-on-Board August Pilot. For discussion and/or action. (10 min.) Steve Beroldo, BART Customer Access

In August, BART plans to allow bikes on all trains every Friday in the month (there are 5 Fridays). Additionally, bikes will have unrestricted access to 12th & 19th St. stations in Oakland. Bikes in the first car will still be prohibited and so are bikes on escalators. The project is a trial to see what happens, but Fridays in summer are quieter days and regular commuters will probably see little benefit for one day a week. The trial will receive advanced publicity and electronic media will be changed to reflect the relaxed restrictions. Riders will be expected not to try and use over-crowded cars.

Director Raburn pointed out that NYC has no restrictions on bikes and gets on fine. Though, in general, bike numbers are low. The idea of "busy guides" was mentioned to let potential riders know which trains might be too full for bikes. The committee strongly supported this trial.

IV. Current Actions to Reduce Bike Theft. For discussion and/or action. (20 min.) Lauren LaPlante, BART Police

Lauren suggested environmental design and education are key to reducing bike thefts. Environmental design is lighting, visibility, high traffic area for locating bike racks, but not places where people congregate for other reasons. Ashby is a poor design.

Hang-tags will educate users, persuading bikers that cable locks are not enough. BART is also working at education within the community. BART will be attending a number of Night Out events (Aug 7) near stations with high bike thefts. However, it is not felt that there is a particular epidemic of bike thefts and

car crime (thefts and vandalism) is an equal concern. BARTs target is less than 150 bike thefts per quarter; it is currently a little higher than this.

Jon was concerned regarding old Kryptonite locks still in circulation while Mike felt the hang-tag suggesting 2 U-locks for security was a little over the top. Mariana suggested better and more consistent data collection would help target issues.

V. BART Bicycle Plan, Final Comments. For discussion and/or action. (10 min.) Mariana Parreiras, BBATF

Mariana said that the bike blackout period (something not specifically dealt with in the plan) was the main issue in comments to the plan. There was also concern that there was no implementation element, but again this was not specified. The reports shows that 50% of bicyclists using the system take their bikes on the train, yet apparently 25% of these don't really need them. This suggests that better parking is required, but Mike pointed out that if the train service was doubled (an aspiration anyhow) this could potentially accommodate half of the growth to meet the 8% bike mode share in the plans (currently the mode share is 4%).

- VI. Bike Coalitions Summit to Reduce Duplication of Efforts. For discussion and/or action. (10 min.) Dave Favello, BBATF Chair
- VII. Discussion of steps needed to wrap up BBATF bylaw development. For action. (15 min.) Dave Favello (Mariana Parreiras, John Spangler)
- VIII. Next Meeting Agenda Items –August 6, 2012. (5 min.)
- IX. Adjournment.

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