

MINUTES

Rick Goldman called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Attendees

- BBATF members present: Rick Goldman (Chairperson), Jon Spangler (Vice Chairperson), Katie DeLeuw (Secretary), Jianhan Wang, Tracy Jacks, RD Frazier
- BBATF members absent: Allison Quach

Item 1: Self-introductions

Additional attendees:

- BART staff: Steve Beroldo, Kamala Parks
- BART Board of Directors: Robert Raburn
- Guests: Aleta Dubree, Phoenix Mangrum

Mary Ann Blackwell is no longer a member of the BBATF. Task Force members need to start recruiting for fill her position.

Item 2: General discussion and public comment

- Aleta Dubree: Riding bicycles for over 45 years. Experienced bike theft previously. Have started experiencing subscription/bikeshare options. Hope this group will develop an awareness of the importance of these services to try to counteract the perceptions of the media. Advocate for responsible, safe use of shared mobility.
 - Rick Goldman, Chair, briefly described the BBATF's previous discussions regarding shared mobility.
- Robert Raburn: On May 23, the BART Board heard the staff's proposal regarding the FOTF. Two bike spaces per car was more contentious, there were 5 supporting and 4 opposed. Changing from the rack to the bar and adding signage were easily approved. BART received 335 comments in support of two bike spaces and only 9 opposed to it. The BBATF's letter was mentioned repeatedly.
 - Steve Beroldo reported that BART staff are coordinating to remove the bike racks and redesign the cars to accommodate the two flex spaces.
 - ACTION: Add an update on the car design to the agenda for the next meeting.
 - Jon Spangler inquired about whether the cars that currently have bike bars are trackable. He would like to be able to see these and compare to the legacy fleet bike bars. Steve responded it's hard to track but he can help if desired.
 - Jon requests meeting with BART Board of Directors more regularly to be able to share updates and recommendations. Steve responded that he does not know the precedent for requesting meetings with Board members. Anyone can contact them to request the meeting.
- Steve Beroldo: Straps for the legacy fleet bike bars have been ordered and installation has been scheduled. There will be straps on all bike bars soon.
- Steve Beroldo: BART opened the MacArthur Bike Station with 190-bike capacity.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

Jon Spangler moved to approve the minutes. Katie DeLeuw seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Ayes: 6 – R. Goldman, J. Spangler, K. DeLeuw, J. Wang, T. Jacks, RD Frazier. Nays: 0. Abstains: 0. Absent: 1 – A. Quach.

Item 4: Network Gap Study Phase II – Kamala Parks

Kamala Parks provided an update to Phase II of the Network Gap Study. BART is primarily looking for short-term improvements that can be funded through Measure RR Safe Routes to Transit funds. The recommended improvements will be prioritized to take strategic goals into account. Longer-term recommendations that are beyond the purview of this study will be described in a narrative for future consideration.

Kamala and her team have made site visits to all the Phase II stations and found some major themes:

- Pedestrian visibility – removing some parking spots to improve visibility
- Counterflow for people on bikes

The team is currently drafting the recommendations. They will send this out to BART and jurisdictional staff for review. Will be following up to coordinate with agencies such as Caltrans, Samtrans and flood districts. This will be made public very shortly after June 30.

Questions

- Jon Spangler: Can you explain what you mean by counterflow for people on bikes?
 - Kamala Parks: These are areas that are one-way for vehicular traffic but people on bikes could potentially go opposite vehicle traffic to make it safer and more efficient.
- Jon Spangler: Can the BBATF have access to the draft version?
- Steve Beroldo: Will there be opportunities for this group to comment?
 - Kamala Parks: There will be opportunities in the implementation phase. As things come to the point of implementation the BBATF can be involved. BBATF review was not built in to schedule and will be difficult due to tight timeline.
 - Jon Spangler: We would like to have the opportunity to review the recommendations before they are wrapped up. Kamala will determine whether this is possible.
- Rick Goldman: Is there a plan for San Francisco stations to be part of this? In a next phase?
 - Kamala Parks: Potentially in a future phase. This phase was very limited due to schedule constraints. The jurisdictions needed to commit to the timeline.
- Robert Raburn: Are there any projects from the first network gap study that are getting close to funding and implementation?
 - Steve Beroldo: There are some projects that BART has initiated that are moving forward though they may not have occurred directly as a result of this project.
- Jon Spangler: Regarding the Castro Valley station, major changes need to be made to the streetscape network before pedestrian and bike access increases.

Item 5: Bikeshare and Scooter-Share at BART

Heath Maddox was not available to present; Steve provided a brief update. Their objective is to continue to support and encourage shared mobility at BART stations while also ensuring proper operational and maintenance agreements are in place.

- GoBikes: BART roll out is complete. These are at all the SF BART stations and all Oakland and Berkeley stations except Coliseum. Electric assist bikes will be back in June.
- Dockless scooters: Oakland is in the process of selecting a scooter share company. BART will work with the selected company to create a property use agreement.

Questions

- Jon Spangler: Should we look at a proposed policy in August? Or should we think about developing one? It might be appropriate for the BBATF and the Accessibility Task Force to weigh in on a policy.
 - Steve Beroldo: We have a property use agreement which is essentially a policy. We can review what we have already for provisions of the agreement. It might be appropriate to weigh in on objectives for the function or purpose of an agreement.

Item 6: Chair Board Presentation – Rick Goldman

Rick reviewed his draft presentation and the group provided some recommended updates.

Item 7: Closure of swing gates to mitigate fare evasion and the impact to cyclists – Tracy Jacks

Tracy Jacks brought up the issue of getting bikes through the fare gates, especially when the ADA accessible gates are not nearby, since swing gates have been closed. Steve Beroldo explained that the gates nearest the station agent are supposed to be open, and eventually BART will be installing additional ADA accessible fare gates. That should help in the long term. There will likely not be a reversal of the closure of the swing gates because fare evasion is such a problem. Director Raburn explained that the Capital Improvement Plan address accessible fare gate expansions and technology.

ACTION: Discuss fare evasion, fare gates and the implementation of new accessible fare gates at a future meeting.

Item 8: Quarterly BART police report – Steve Beroldo

Quarterly report does not provide the same level of detail that used to be provided. Director Raburn has asked for the more detailed report in the past. Task Force members agreed that the more detailed bike-related information was helpful. The data provided was helpful for the BBATF to understand bike issues in the system and attempt to correlate with where improvements are needed.

ACTION: Jon Spangler will draft a letter to BART PD requesting this information on a bi-monthly basis, with an emphasis performance-driven decision making and the importance of data. The BBATF will review this at the August meeting.

Item 9: Review action items and proposal agenda items for next meeting – Rick Goldman

Katie DeLeuw reviewed the action items.