

# SF BAC minutes 3\_27\_2023

Monday, March 27, 2023

## 1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:34 pm

Present: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D10

Absent: D6, D11

## 2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

## 3. Approve Minutes – Approve February 27, 2023 BAC Meeting minutes

- Kristin Tieche moves, Paul Wells seconds. Unanimous. Motion passes.

## 4. Public Comments -

- None.

## 5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Still unclear on whether or not we are returning to City Hall before the next meeting. Will reach out again, and see what room is open for us to use, if it is necessary.</li><li>• Attended the first Vision Zero meeting once started up again. Controversial bike fatality because it didn't qualify as vision zero (bike hit a rock and fell, not caused by traffic). May have had either 1 bike fatality or zero bike fatalities.</li></ul>
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D1: Was in Europe last month. Rode bicycles in France and Amsterdam. Paris is quite different and amazing. Goes to show how quickly change can happen. Amsterdam has two new underwater bicycle storage, which has thousands of spots. In Sweden the bike share program is \$10 a year. Can keep the same bicycle all day, for one low cost. Filled with hope we can<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pedestrian was injured, hit by a driver in the outer richmond. 21st or 23rd and California.</li><li>○ D1 mobility and transportation study. <a href="https://www.sfcta.org/D1-study">https://www.sfcta.org/D1-study</a></li><li>○ D1 constituents got together for a <a href="#">petition</a> for a protected bike lane on Arguello. Is a continuation from the resolution this committee passed recently re Arguello.</li></ul></li></ul>

- D2: No report.
- D3: Sign for CA & Jones. Wants to do a similar resolution that happened in Arguello for D3.
- D4: Southbound lanes on upper GH will remain closed for the foreseeable future.
- D5: Short update:
  - from D5 office: No major updates other than the Golden Gate Greenway received approval for a street closure from the traffic engineering hearing 6am to 6pm. It now goes to the full mta board in late April.
  - From D5 office: Additionally, we introduced a reso on vision zero, getting the BoS on record to re-support. Since our reso passed unanimously, the SFMTA has restarted vision zero quarterly meetings.
  - No updates on bike parking yet, but I have had some great meetings. More to come!
- D6: Absent
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: Wants to welcome new DPW representative, Clinton Otwell
- D9: No report, beyond Agenda item 7.
- D10: Concerned about the lack of attention of people in cars, in scooters, etc. Have seen a lot of reckless driving, it's disturbing.
  - Started some work on Bayshore blvd
- D11: Absent

## 6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Danny Yeung & Forest Barnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Danny and Forest Barnes, transportation planner, are both on the call.</li> <li>● Here to talk about the powered scooter program.</li> <li>● Current scooter share program permits are going to expire at end of June (end of fiscal year)</li> <li>● Want to request a one year extension of the program of the April 18, MTA Board meeting, with most of the same rules, and addition to add to the transportation code, which have sidewalk protection abilities.</li> <li>● Program will continue to have lime &amp; spin. Bird left SF in February.</li> <li>● Q: how will the scooters know if thye are riding on a sidewalk?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A: adding a camera and GPS with very detailed coordinates to know if they are riding on a sidewalk and throttle the speed.</li> </ul>
SFPD Report: Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vacant</li> </ul>
SF Bicycle Coalition: Rachel Clyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lots of staff changes. New director of advocacy, Claire, was community organizer for downtown, then moved to citywide organizing.</li> <li>● Valencia,</li> <li>● working on state policy build (automated speed enforcement pilot)</li> <li>● Various quick Build projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ D1: would love to chat for the potential quick build on Arguello</li> <li>○ Chair: would like to chat about Portola for another quick build</li> </ul> </li> <li>● If you want to meet with us, always happy to talk and ride! rclcyde@sfbike.org</li> </ul>
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sloat bike lane: 39-40th ave, cleaned on the 2nd and 4th week of the month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 19th to 39th: 1st and 3rd wednesday of each month</li> </ul> </li> <li>● More bike lane cleaners for the protected bike lanes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How often do we clean, when do we clean, where do we clean?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Q: A lot of ghost bikes have been removed even though there's an ordinance to keep them. How can we follow up with you about that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A: happy to follow up via email</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The next BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force meeting is via ZOOM on Monday, April 3, 2023, 6-8 PM.</li> <li>● BART Bike Advisory Task Force Agenda will be posted soon here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BART Calendar - Meetings and Agendas: <a href="https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a></li> <li>○ BBATF web page: <a href="https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle">https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Upgrading bart elevators, there's been ongoing discussions, and will continue to follow up, especially at Glen Park</li> <li>● Still looking to fill BART BAT spots for each county</li> </ul>

**7. Better Valencia Plan** - Luke Bornheimer - Better Valencia is a plan for curbside protected bike lanes on Valencia Street, which would make the street safer for all.

- Learn more (and support the plan): [BetterValencia.com](http://BetterValencia.com)
- Help spread the word: [tinyurl.com/HelpValencia](http://tinyurl.com/HelpValencia)
- Flyers and signs you can print [here](#)
- Related Twitter thread [here](#)
- Related Mastodon thread [here](#)
- Related Instagram post [here](#)
- Related data and information in this [press release](#)
- Twitter thread with related public comment and related data [here](#)
- Q: Does this plan remove parking on Valencia?
  - yes
- Q: My concern is that all Handicapped spots that were on Valencia from 15th North were NOT restored.
- Q: What community organizations in the mission have supported this?
- Q: Valencia Question: Does the auto volume on Valencia justify 4 auto travel lanes (2/direction)? My traffic volume question was aimed at the technical warrants for traffic capacity currently in place on Valencia.
- Q: Are there ADA requirements for amount/frequency handicapped parking spaces?
- Q: My observation of Valencia and 16th is that between ride shares and uber eats etc. private cars at work, it is clogged and dangerous.
- Comment: please keep up the good work, Luke, and please keep advocating for safer bicycle infrastructure, Brandon.

**8. Valencia Bikeway Improvements** - (Resolution) Brandon Powell - This is a proposal to implement a center-running bikeway on Valencia Street between 15th and 23rd Streets. It would provide people on bicycles an isolated bikeway outside the door zone of parked cars and alleviate obstructions of that bikeway by double-parked cars and vehicles loading and unloading passengers and cargo.

- Robin Pam, Kid Safe SF in support of this resolution, not as a perfect solution, but as a solution who will be watched carefully, and will stay in close touch to a responsive SFMTA for constant feedback.
  - You can reach me at [robin@kidsafesf.com](mailto:robin@kidsafesf.com) if you have any questions or would like to follow up
- SFBC in support of the MTA proposal, for similar reasons. Adds that we should also ask the long term residents of the neighborhood
  - Blog: <https://sfbike.org/news/safety-on-valencia-cant-wait-any-longer/>
  - Other blog: <https://sfbike.org/news/valencia-future-studies-and-a-placemaking-pilot/>
  - Twitter thread: <https://twitter.com/sfbike/status/1637927213613092864>
- Supervisor Ronen also in support of the MTA proposal for similar reasons, and Brandon read a letter from the Supervisor stating as such.
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- Paul moves in favor of calling a vote on the resolution. Kristin Tieche seconds. 4 yays, 1 nay. 4 abstains. Motion does not pass.
  - Chair would like to add the green wave, which has 13 mph, but it is not a blocker to voting.
  - D1 wanted more facts in the resolution from the organizations we heard from. Was convinced from the discussion it should pass, not from the resolution itself.
  - D11 wanted more advocacy from the disability and senior communities.
  - D3 didn't want to prevent perfect being the enemy of good, but couldn't bring self to vote on this.
  - D8 wanted something to move forward, but a better plan would take many more months and something needs to get done. Wants to vote for better advocacy, and not bad policy.

### **9. Motion to Adjourn**

- Paul moves, Diane seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.