

# SF BAC minutes 8\_28\_2023

Monday, August 28, 2023

## 1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:30 pm

Present: D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D9, D10, D11

Absent: D6, D8

Vacant: D3

## 2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

## 3. Approve Minutes – May, June & July meeting minutes for approval.

- Kristin moved to approve, Josh seconded.

## 4. Public Comments -

- Aaron Breetwor here to listen and learn. Sitting in as a resident of the Mission, I instructor of skateboarding for transportation and a representative for small-wheeled mobility of all kinds. Happy to link offline at [aaron@cometskateboards.com](mailto:aaron@cometskateboards.com)

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

Report	Discussion
Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● AB 645 camera speed enforcement. Going forward for consideration, we will see how far that gets. It has opposition from the ACLU and some police unions.</li><li>● AB 825, bicycles on sidewalks. Last was in Senate committee. Now modified that cities with commercial or retail districts is a ban, but then is ok on residential areas. Can be in the same city.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ D1, Because this is complicated, perhaps there's an opportunity to get better and proper infrastructure for bicyclists in the city</li></ul></li><li>● AB 73 was pulled, thus no update.</li><li>● Public comment:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ As written now, it basically echos the skateboarding law, not allowed during dark hours or on sidewalks</li></ul></li></ul>
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● D1: Had interaction with Kelly from D1 office and SFMTA re Arguello safety project. Not good news, they are planning on construction starting in 2024. Plans are not finalized. Need to do a vetting process with community stakeholders. The update is contrary to what we were told</li></ul>

earlier on a bicycle ride with SFMTA, SFBC, D1 office, etc. Community members are upset that no quick build is available.

- Organizing a ride to end fossil fuels. Ride to End Fossil Fuels starts at 5pm on Great Highway at Judah on Fri Sep 15.
- D2: No report.
- D3: Vacant.
- D4: 3rd annual trick or treat extravaganza, the Great Hauntway! Sunday before halloween, goes up and down the Great Highway.  
<https://www.greathauntway.com/>
- D5: Last month went on the Active Community D5 ride with Chris from SFMTA, D5 office, SFBC, Kidsafe SF and other community groups through D5 to Soma and ended in Salesforce park.
- D6: Absent
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: Absent.
- D9: Happy to report that the middle bike lanes are going well. Spent some time at the issue intersections and haven't seen much. I have seen some cars turning right into the bike lane. Ridden through it many times over the past few months. Now that it is complete, I think it is a success. I would like a better solution for the turn from 17th towards the wiggle. I haven't seen any cars going down the lanes, no u-turns going down the lanes since the posts were put up. It would be wrong for me to say people like it, but i think it's much safer and it has improved the conditions of cycling.
  - D1: First time heard this perspective.
  - D5: thanks for this perspective, have heard a lot of negative reviews and feedback on social media. Another bike advocate reached out to me and is hesitant to voice their support for this due to fear of social media backlash, but is in general support of this bike lane
  - Public comment:
    - Aaron B: the bus curbs are awful and dangerous. They are not good use of this application
    - Parker Day: the SFMTA Board of Director's (specifically Chair Eaken) directed staff that cars and delivery vehicles must physically not be able to block the Valencia bikeway, and I don't think that staff are living up to that commitment yet. Also agree that bus curb is very dangerous. Was a tripping hazard during Sunday Streets. Intersections seem difficult
    - Vanessa Gregson: In the times I have traveled to the Mission since the center running lane was installed, I have seen cars enter the lane each time. It's been very

	<p>scary. I am now actively avoiding biking that route as a result of some very scary encounters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● D10: Car crash at the hairball which resulted in a pedestrian fatality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://walksf.org/news/for-reporters/press-releases/pedestrian-fatality-bayshore-marin-august-25-3rd-in-2-weeks/">https://walksf.org/news/for-reporters/press-releases/pedestrian-fatality-bayshore-marin-august-25-3rd-in-2-weeks/</a></li> <li>○ Assumptions and choice by autonomous vehicles are programmed to choose bicyclists down on the list, not first.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● D11: No report.</li> </ul>

**6. Governmental Reports**

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not much to report. No questions from the BAC.</li> </ul>
SFPD Report: Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We have a possible lead via a Vision Zero meeting. Should be here next month.</li> </ul>
SF Bicycle Coalition: Rachel Clyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Absent. Would like to know how to better participate in the meetings, and wants members to ask specific questions.</li> </ul>
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Question about Fell bike lane, are there street cleaners for them? How many street cleaners are in the fleet. Two types, one is more reliable than the other. The bigger one is more reliable</li> <li>● Q: about the hairball</li> <li>● Q: what about things gathering on the side of the road</li> <li>● Q: what about the bike , abandon concrete bike lanes</li> <li>● Q: lots of glass in the polk street bike lane, i call 311, and it's seemingly never fixed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If you have the app with pictures, it seems to funnel up the request</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Please email me: <a href="mailto:Clinton.otwell@sfdpw.org">Clinton.otwell@sfdpw.org</a></li> </ul>
Bay Wheels – Sarah Barnes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Absent this month</li> </ul>

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BART Bicycle  
Advisory Task  
Force Report:  
Jon Spangler

- Absent this month.

## **7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENDING THE BAN ON BICYCLES ON BART**

### **ESCALATORS – (Resolution) Kristin Tieche –**

Urban and transit planning organizations call for a better integration of bicycles with public transit in order to increase ridership. This resolution supports ending the ban on bicycles on BART escalators, thereby allowing people who ride BART with their bicycles on board to use the escalators without risk of fines.

- Paul Wells moves, Melyssa seconds. Unanimously approved.

### **8. Motion to Adjourn**

- Kristin moves, Bert seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.