SF BAC minutes 9_25_2023

Monday, September 25, 2023

1. Roll Call - Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:35 pm

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

Absent: D4, D6, D8, D11

Vacant: D3

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

- 3. Approve Minutes August meeting minutes for approval.
- Paul moved to approve, Brandon seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments -

- Luke Bornheimer: Launched a citywide no turn on red initiative. NTORsf.com. Turns on red results in collisions, injuries, and people blocking crosswalks in our city. Encourages the committee to support a resolution.
 - Q: does it require any changes to state law for this to get enacted?
 - A: unclear answer due to zoom issues, check out the site

5. Committee Member Reports (Information)

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	 AB 825: is now on Governor Newsom's desk. Bike yield law was pulled. Public comment: Luke: law would only permit riding on sidewalk that don't have a bike lane
Committee reports	 D1: Successful Ride to End Fossil Fuels which was part of a worldwide coalition as part of the Global Climate Strike. Whitney (D2) and Josh (D4) attended. The response of those who attended was that people wanted to do another one. Suggestion of doing an Earth Day ride to end Fossil Fuels. State of CA is suing big oil including Exxon and Shell for causing multiple billions of dollars of damage after knowing for decades that they knew climate change was happening from the actions of their companies. This is a climate justice issue. Bigoilresistance.org is a link to the petition.

- D2: Bicis del Pueblo have a new bike shop on the mission. Cool space with tall ceilings & did a ride down to the McLaren park & also went to the hummingbird farm. Then rode to ocean beach and back.
 - Great turnout for the ride to end fossil fuels, and it was great to end at Civic Center and City Hall.
 - Spoke with the project manager with Arguello, and am disappointed about what is happening. Nothing is happening, that's too slow. Invited the project manager to come to our meeting. He will be ready to come in October to give a full report on Arguello.
 - Presidio Trust:
- D3: Vacant.
- D4: Absent.
- D5: Attended a Sunday Streets block party, heard about organizing for a citywide bike ride with various bicycle advocacy groups, which will likely happen next year.
 - Phoenix day is coming up, October 16. Will have a more traditional Sunday Streets closure in the Excelsior, and lots of block parties around the city.
 - Random question: how are the big trucks that ford, ram, etc legal? Their grills are taller than I am, how can they see me if I'm at a crosswalk with one of those cars? I feel there could be a class action or something against those monstrocities.
- D6: Absent.
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: Absent.
- D9: Been in touch with Supervisor Ronen's office. No negative comments, obviously is anecdata, not a scientific survey. Based on their experience of issues, when people are upset they are loud, and haven't received many complaints at all from cyclists. Drivers are upset at the lack of turns, thus it's working. A family reached out and let them know that they felt safer riding down on Valencia.
 - Public comment: what about people who have been seriously injured on Valencia?
- D10: Autonomous vehicles are learning what humans value, and a report came out about what people want to save and in what order: doctors over elderly people, etc. AVs are a big nuisance
- D11: Absent.

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long	 Not much to report. D11, point of clarification on the hairball The safe hit posts are all down, it's at CC and Evans. Nothing distinguishes it Livable streets update:
SFPD Report: Vacant	Vacant.
SF Bicycle Coalition: Rachel Clyde	 SFMTA to install more daylighting once the state law is signed, that's exciting. Bike adjacent AB 819, transit fare evasion would be removed as a misdemeanor classification, it's an equity issue Very excited about AB 645, we have been working on it for a very long time (speed safety pilot) Arguello update: going to put out some communications about this to our members. We share Kristin's concerns. Going to add speed bumps and strips, and want them to add soft hit posts. Going to be repaving arguello in the presidio next year. After that is done, theywill be doing more robust improvements. That's about all we know, and we will post it on our website Public comment:
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	Absent
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler	Absent this month.

7. Motion to Adjourn

• Melyssa moves, Brandon seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.