

SF BAC minutes 10_23_2023

Monday, October 23, 2023

1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:35 pm

Present: D1, D2, D4, D5, D6, D7, D9

Absent: D8, D11

Vacant: D3, D10

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

3. Approve Minutes – September 25, 2023 meeting minutes for approval.

- Kristin Tieche moved to approve, Mary Kay Chin seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments -

- Luke Bornheimer: The Mayor's Disability Council approved a letter in support of a citywide No Turn On Red policy, in line with the campaign I launched about two months ago and that the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution in support of about one month ago: <https://NTORSf.com>

5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● AB 645: camera enforcement of speed limit was signed by Gov Newsom and passed after 6 years of work.● AB 825: would have legalized bicycle riding on sidewalk throughout the state. Approved by both senate and assembly. Vetoed by Gov Newsom.● Special meeting on implementation on Active Communities Plan: November 13.● Final meeting will be on the second Monday of December.
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● D1: Thanks Whitney for attending the Phil Ting press conference<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cyclist struck by a driver on Arguello, they didn't file a police report, and were talking about it on reddit○ D5 comment: perhaps they didn't want to file due to being undocumented, have no idea if that was the case here● D2: Active Communities Plan, 30 ppl in attendance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ On Arguello phase 1 infrastructure installed○ Winterfest is coming up on November 5○ The skystar is moving and opening at fisherman's wharf and open on November 10

- D3: Vacant.
- D4: good news and bad news
 - Taraval and 46th was a pedestrian fatality, 80 year old neighbor
 - Next sunday, the Great Hauntway is happening and having a trick or treat. Halloween is typically the worst night of the year for juvenile traffic fatalities, so it is a safe place for people to gather and be safe
- D5: [Phoenix day](#) happened on October 16. Will have a more traditional Sunday Streets closure in the Excelsior, and lots of block parties around the city, and lots of
 - Page Slow street opened one of the few residential parklets on Page Slow street & has a free library for children and adults
 - D1: fatality that
- D6: Absent.
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: Absent.
- D9: Absent
- D10: Absent.
- D11: Absent.

6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are working on the active communities plan, and have a special meeting in november to share the development and draft network including all the data from the feedback over the past few months ● We are looking forward to having Christopher report on Nov 13
SFPD Report: Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vacant.
SF Bicycle Coalition: Rachel Clyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent ● Public comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke Bornheimer: Executive Director Janelle Wong announced her planned departure from SFBC.

SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent this month. ● Kristin: Bart now allows bicycles on escalators, and other access changes approved

7. Arguello Safety Project Update - Matt Lasky of SFMTA (Presentation): Matt Lasky will provide an update to bicycle safety improvements on Arguello Boulevard and share existing conditions information for the corridor regarding some issues they are working through.

- Meetings with supervisors offices & stakeholders
- Inventory of existing conditions
- Full extent between fulton to pacific, golden gate park to presidio
- Goal is to upgrade existing bike lanes to be protected
- Assemblymember Ting secured 1.2 million in state funding for protected bike lanes
- Northern section above Geary remains on high injury network, south of Geary does not (after bike lane upgrades)
- During weekend and evening peak traffic hours, bicyclists account for ~20% of traffic are bicycles vs vehicles (including buses)
- We know Arguello is important to getting to the park and the presidio, tends to be a lot of groups of cyclists (platoon? peloton?)
- Muni is also something we need to take into consideration. 33/44. Unique to Arguello, it serves both modes of buses and cyclists.
- 33% of curbsways on Arguello are driveways, this is challenging for cyclists with that potential conflict point
- Next steps
 - Review these existing conditions
 - Develop alternatives
 - Share with D1, D2 offices
 - Share proposal publicly via website, email, etc
 - Coordinate with Presidio
- Questions:
 - Chair: One issue is north/south bike lanes seem less prioritized than east west routes. Would be cool to have wayfinding to get from JFK to north/south
 - Diane Serafini (D8): 10 or so years ago, instructional video was made for muni to learn how to drive on bikes. Do they still have that video?
 - A: will follow up.
 - Jean L: says if you are asking, I am not sure how often they are asked to rewatch that video. All new operators do watch the video for sure, not sure about veteran bus drivers

- D8: Since most collisions happen at bikes at driveways and intersections, what steps are being taken to ensure this gets lessened
 - A: Driveways are definitely a challenge. We do have new best practices for intersections, and those have come further like on Page St. they will be potentially used on these streets. We will use the best tools we have available on Arguello
 - D1 comment: when i went on the survey ride with the members of the SFMTA in April, and i was specifically told it would be protected intersections. I would like to have confirmation that that is still part of the plan. Also one of my friends was involved in an injury crash on Arguello and Geary, took her over a year to get healed due to someone taking an illegal left turn. Will there be something to block that specifically?
- Brandon Powell (D9): I don't find the driveways as the biggest source of conflict, I think it's the buses, and the cars that don't respect the boundaries of the bike lanes. I hope SFMTA will do cycle tracks in a different color.
- Josh Kelly (D4): The speed, especially at Turk is an issue. Any traffic speed humps. Think of us being an asset to you and advocate for it with the larger neighborhood
- Kristin Tieche (D1): when do you think you'll have the new designs ready for review?
 - Ideally in a few weeks!
- D1: Also want to reiterate what both Brandon and Josh said. Driveways don't seem to be a big source of contention, but buses are. And please reach out to us to advocate for and with you to the neighborhoods
- D1: what's stopping from installing some quick builds to move the parking into the street and have parking protected lanes to show the public that changes are coming
 - We need to make sure that the changes will be consistent, we should not change or upgrade one block at a time. Drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists need predictability with the whole street
- D1: What is your collaboration with the presidio? The bike community is not happy with the changes made (rather lack thereof) so far. It remains a mystery why they made the decisions they did. We are all disappointed, the changes are not enough. What is your communication with them like?
 - Met with them 4 months ago. They were doing an initial project then a paving project. We do not have any jurisdiction in the presidio, we have no say on federal land. We can communicate with them, they have their own consultants on board. The communication is very limited to be honest
- D8: thanks for talking about design ideas now, instead at the end when just ask us for approval. This seems like we will have more sway over the design process. Would like to really stress safe protected
- Public comment:
 - Martin Munoz: what certainty is there that there will be protected bike lanes?

- A: that is the goal, we want to have protection

8. SFMTA Request for State Transportation Improvement Program (Presentation): Joel Goldberg Funding for Bus & Trolley Midlife Overhauls.

- 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program
- 5 year program (funds each year for 5 years in a row): \$17MM of funds for any transportation capital project
- Questions:
 - Brandon Powell (D9): Will we have the resolution draft in advance? It would be nice to be review before November 13 meeting
 - Chair (D7):
 - A: Long standing challenge, will take this to the project
 - Josh Kelly (D4): bus replacement, will the city be replacing a number of trolley buses with battery only buses. Is that true, and why?
 - A: Yes, differences between trolleys and transit buses. Will take this to the
 - D9: removal of the overhead lines will help remove one of the reasons the fire dept uses for blocking bike lane expansion. Not necessarily why they are doing this here, though this is a good side effect
 - Chair: all the wires went down and set fires, another good reason to remove them
 - D7: will there be cameras to see bicyclists on the buses?
 - Will ask engineers
- Public comment:
 - Luke Bornheimer: What percentage of requested funding is dedicated to active transportation infrastructure?
 - Will need to talk to engineers to see how much is set aside for access

9. Motion to Adjourn

- Bert moves to adjourn without objection. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.