

# SF BAC minutes 12\_11\_2023

Monday, December 11, 2023

## 1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:31 pm

Present: D1, D2 D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11

Absent: D4

Vacant: D3

## 2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

## 3. Approve Minutes – October 23, 2023 meeting minutes for approval.

- Paul Wells moved to approve, Kristin Tieche seconded. Unanimously approved.

## 4. Public Comments -

- none

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

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No big announcements today</li></ul>
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D1: The alleged drunk driver has pled not guilty to manslaughter resulting in the death of Ethan Boyes, the competitive cyclist who was killed on Arguello. His license should be taken away while he's undergoing trial<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bicyclist advocates are doing some neighborhood beautification for 8th avenue neighborway to make it more inviting.</li></ul></li><li>• D2: XX was a fun event with many familiar faces.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Swung by the new tree, and that was really fun.</li></ul></li><li>• D3: Vacant. We hope to have good news on filling the vacancy in January.</li><li>• D4: Absent</li><li>• D5: Oak Street is getting a pilot for a parking protected bike lane. This is something the community has been asking for for years, and I am wondering why and how it is getting pushed through now. I am very glad to see it is happening, just want to know what the instigation was to start this project now. Can we get a presentation on it for the next meeting?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jean spoke to Jen Long, and the PM for this and they are making progress now due to learnings from the Fell St learnings.</li></ul></li></ul>

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Now with the Fell example, the planners feel it's more feasible to design and implement

- D6: Updates on the Hyde Street quick builds, and that is good to see they are working
  - There was a pedestrian death in D6 on Polk and Ellis, we need to hold some space as a vulnerable road user.
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: Re the center bike lane has been nearly hit once a week from left turners. There's less broken glass in the bike lane. Doesn't feel safe on it due to the left turns.
  - D7: we used to fight against right hooks, but now it seems left hooks are up next
- D9: MTA has delayed the preliminary analysis results in the center lane on Valencia.
  - Anecdotally has seen more children on the bike lanes. He continues to enjoy riding it.
  - Heard rumors about a pedestrian focused pilot in conjunction with the bike lanes.
  - Has also had time to use the bayshore bike lanes, the connection from Bernal Heights and get over to bayshore, that wiggle is less than ideal. Once on the bike lanes, it's a marked improvement.
- D10: Hairball: Caltrans have been putting up fences, including the south side near Cesar Chavez. Bayshore quick build on the hairball
  - No immediate answer from SFMTA, but Jean did send an inquiry to Caltrans for more lighting. She will update on this for January.
  - Bayshore related: livable streets are looking to doing a quick build on south from Silver to Paul Avenue.
- D11: been doing a lot of quick builds around Lake Merced.
  - Supervisors are going to be voting about ebike batteries. Not going to mandate that they should use UL batteries, and the legislation should address that if they want to get to the issue of fires.
  - AB 75:

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## 6. Governmental Reports

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MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always happy to take questions and comments, and respond timely</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>• Absent</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D7: Are they going to paint the bike lanes on Sloat? It's very hard to ride in its current state. Tons of potholes. It doesn't seem to be part of Lake Merced, but if they are already there, why not try adding the paint and taking care of the potholes</li> <li>• D10: Will see about lighting in the Hairball</li> <li>• D1: The fell street bike lane is usually covered in leaves, etc. it would be great if they can have regular cleanings with the bike specific street cleaner</li> <li>• D1: does public works take care of graffiti abatement, and get a mural on a utility box. I would love to get one going near fulton &amp; stanyan by golden gate park</li> <li>• D8: want to piggyback on Sloat bike lane. It's eroding really quickly. It's really dangerous for people on road bikes. If you had to come to an emergency stop on gravel, that could be really bad</li> <li>• D8: broken glass on the street. Recology says that the bladder in their trucks are not leaking, so it's not them from the glass leaking all over. Is it possible to coordinate street cleaning to pick up broken glass after recology picks up the trash.</li> <li>• D8: in fall with fallen leaves, they leak leaves, is it possible to empty them more often in the fall?</li> </ul>
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent this month.</li> <li>• Kristin: <a href="#">Bart now allows bicycles on escalators</a>, and other access changes approved</li> </ul>

**7. Resolution in Support of the MTA Safe Routes to BART Grant Application – (Resolution)** Elliott Goodrich will present the proposed resolution in support of the Grant Application to the CTA.

- Discussion ensued.
- Kristin Tieche moved, Brandon Powell seconded. Unanimously passed.

**8. Active Communities Plan – Christopher Kidd (Presentation):** Christopher explain the plan for 2024.

- Housing elements is new! We are going to have 82k new units, and we cannot take that many new cars, and not all of them will have parking spaces.
- We need safe access to school, less than half live a mile or less from their school. We need them to get to school safely.
- ACP will create the first plan for rolling and bicycling since 2009
- Have had over 100 community and neighborhood orgs for outreach. Amazing!
- Solutions should benefit everyone, not just those that bike, people are using the network, the network is getting safer. Fatalities by bicycle commuter is down by over half
- More diversity would use the lanes if it felt safer
- Most people are frustrated in how it's functioning at the moment. A lot want more enforcement.
- Mentions the trust problem re SFMTA and the public. Perception is they have already made up their minds and MTA only goes to people to check off a box
- Rebranding from a bike path to be a path that welcomes scooting, rolling, and bicycles. Our vocab should reflect that
- School streets: to provide safe streets to all SFUSD, emphasizing middle or high school because policy allows them to ride or scoot themselves.
- Multi modal corridor studies: columbus street, 3rd street in bayview, or silver ave in Portola
- Guiding principles for the network: protected bike/rolling lanes & slow streets. Can't currently mix transit and slow streets. We need to be a supplement to transit.
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- D5: I was recently in Japan and they have a separated walking/bike path with large bike parking facilities next to a station. Transit and slow streets don't need to be at odds with each other.
- Chair: thanks for paying attention to Ocean avenue
- D8: Can we see the plan in progress so we can make comments along the way? That would be great
  - Draft version of the plan is in march/april
  - We need more funding, and more staff capacity. We need to streamline our project process. We can't take 10 years to do things anymore to get us to vision zero.
- D9: appreciate the presentation and also detailing getting community feedback earlier on in the project
  - Encourage you and the agency to pushback on the default assumptions on usage of streets in the city. Agency is devoted to transit, and parked cars are not moving, why not replace that with bike parking?
- D1: soft hit posts don't make us feel safe, recommend taking a look at that slide and considering a different option when talking about protected bike lanes.
  - Flex posts, concrete, 2 way protected, and car parking protected lanes. The data we took on that, will be used for recommended projects in the future
  - Will also have a facilities design tool kit, start setting standards at first
- D11: we need more enforcement

- There's an uptick since the pandemic in broad side pedestrian and cyclist injuries and fatalities. Maybe speed cameras and other infrastructure changes are needed.
- D8: can speed cameras be used for illegal left turns?

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

- Kristin moves to adjourn, Brandon seconds. Adjourned without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.