

SF BAC minutes 1_22_2024

Monday, January 22, 2024

1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:30 pm

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

Absent: D4, D6

Vacant: D3

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

3. Approve Minutes – October 23, 2023 & December 11, 2023 meeting minutes for approval.

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

4. Public Comments -

- **Clarissa Garvey** – Resident of Dogpatch. I was hit by a driver at Folsom and main. Driver didn't know the left turn was illegal. They missed a lot of left turn signs, etc. There's many confusing green orbs around there. I strongly believe that lives could be saved if intersections change the green orbs to arrows because left turns are prohibited. No changes are necessary to update the programming, just make the full light a green arrow instead. Want to urge the BAC to work with the SFMTA to help alleviate this issue.
 - D8 & Jean Long from SFMTA discussed how to make signs more effective for people. Infrastructure changes are hard in this city, and we should make them safe for all. SFMTA does run into both money, political, and staffing constraints.
- **Stacey Randecker** – Chicago activists started using the term “bike grid.” The road never ends for drivers, but it does end for people walking and biking. We need to have everything connected as cars do. Could be no car streets. We need to build infrastructure, and provide people with bikes. We should have Slow Street in every neighborhood. And have arterials with K Rail. Drivers don't read signs, they follow design.

5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of January 1, cyclists are permitted to cross at lights if no danger, similar to pedestrians are able to.

Committee reports

- D1: Sup. Chan sent update to her D1 mobility study, not quite ready to release to the public yet. Should be ready by the February meeting.
 - Neighbors in Richmond district have continued to mobilize for the neighborhood greenway for 8th Ave
 - Arguello, will be discussed
 - Annoyed at the speed humps not having bike cutouts to reduce friction between bikes and cars. Cars now park where the cut out is and so there's essentially no where for bikes to go and it's dangerous. I have seen cargo bikes crash on those speed humps. It would be great to have protected bike lanes.
 - D8: I have been advocating for this for years, and for before. There's many reasons it is a good idea, and I wanted them in before the speed humps were put in the park
 - Jean: speed humps and speed cushions and traffic calming is Damon.
- D2: At SFBC meeting, and enjoyed hearing Brandon speak for candidates for board of directors.
- D3: Vacant.
- D4: Absent.
- D5: *Here are a few quick updates on Page. Back in November, Supervisor Preston and the Transportation Authority approved \$1M in Design and Construction for page street. The final details are still being worked out by the MTA.*
 - *Installation of Purple Slow Street signs started last month.*
 - *MTA is collecting fresh batch of traffic data in January to inform if different street segments are meeting the Slow Streets Program speed and volume targets*
 - *MTA is working to upgrade existing traffic diverters to concrete, starting with Divisadero in 2024*
 - *Outreach in spring/ summer 2024 pending data and staff capacity*
 - The intersections that Page Slow Street would like MTA to prioritize are **Baker, Broderick, Shrader, Steiner, and Fillmore** as well as addressing those 311 tickets around daylighting and rogue residents painting red curbs gray, presumably to create more street parking spaces
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- D6: Absent.
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: No update.
- D9: release of information on the Valencia due to a public informations request. Release of the data of fewer cyclists on center bike lane before

the lane was put it—and without context— is troubling. Would have hoped SFMTA would have had a more robust response.

- Valencia bikeway SFMTA Project Update [here](#).
- D11: the bollards are flattened, and it's not obvious to anyone what drivers should be doing. There should be maintenance on that lane and in the city in general.
- D10: Will be some walkthroughs on the hairball this month. The soft posts have been put back up.
- D11: Attended meeting with Aaron Peskin for lithium ion safety ordinance for e-bikes catching on fire in apartments. It's modeled after the ordinance in NY. The fire dept was adamant that ebikes need to be 3 feet apart from each other. That means even less space for bikes.
 - Bike shops were concerned about the spacing recommendations and standards.
 - Discussion ensued to talk about struggles of getting police representation on BAC and talking to SFMTA about various projects.
 - Have been 5 lithium ion fires in the past month, but unclear if the batteries were part of e-bikes or not.

6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Always happy to take questions and comments, and respond timely. Email is best to reach me:● Chris Kidd is leaving SFMTA. Will be working with alta plaza and design. Succession plan will be in soon. It will be 2 co-PMs● Looking for a new Livable streets director. If you know of any candidates, let us know! It's a very dynamic, never boring job. Link to job description is here.● Don't forget to sign up for project you are interested in, and you'll receive email updates.● What is working is that the committee is giving ample time for email questions a week before the meeting.● December 2023 quick build project updates PDF here
SFPD Report: Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Vacant.

<p>SF Bicycle Coalition: Rachel Clyde</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quick recap of what we're doing this year ● Focused on advocacy, have a new strategic plan that was launched in the next 18 month ● Three main priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Active communities plan: making sure city is committed to it ○ 17th st quick build, we want to see it implemented this year ○ Arguello and protected bike lanes from city to presidio ● Oak st, Valencia, regional measures, election, safe streets to school, grow our bike it forward program, more creativity with communications with members, etc. ● Hoping to grow the bike valet program this year as well ● D9: increased advocacy is special interest,
<p>SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Future endorsement needed from BAC for DPW and that will be coming soon ● D7 wanted to know about paint in the bike lanes prior to install: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MTA request ● Lighting in hairball is in the works and in coordination ● Bike lanes in leaves, trying to secure new equipment and fell street will be on the priority list ● Murals on boxes are up to the box owner ● Sloat: potholes will be bringing up with MTA ● Recology, cannot come behind them, you are to call 311 ● Re leaves coming out of street sweepers, working on a solution, now aware of the issue. ●
<p>BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The next BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF) Meeting is on Monday, 2/5/2024, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, via ZOOM only. More information will be available here, including links to our ZOOM meeting, will be here soon: https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx ● Station access updates sent to Kristin and Bert. ● The narrow escalators are not allowed on the 32 inch elevators, presumably because there's no space for someone to walk past on the left

7. Discussion of Expanding our Bicycle Mandate to Include other Active Transportation Entities e.g., Pedestrian, Senior & Disabled Communities

- Moved to February.

8. Motion to Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.