

# SF BAC minutes 2\_26\_2024

Monday, February 26, 2024

## 1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:36 pm

Present: D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11

Absent: D6

Vacant: D3

## 2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

- Read tonight by Brandon Powell, D9

## 3. Approve Minutes – January 22, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

- Paul Wells moved to approve, Josh Kelly seconded. Unanimously approved.

## 4. Public Comments -

- Dan Federman: lives in D5, started commuting to salesforce tower. Bad wayfinding to get to the salesforce tower/transit center from D5. That's not good for someone who is very competent with cycling. We need to do better.
- Jon Spangler: Started to create bring your own bike BART straps. Looking for people who would be interested in testing them. Preferably bikes with loads, wide bikes, ebikes, etc. 510.846.5356, text or call to say they are interested in testing them out. Thank you.
- Jon Spangler, BBATF Chair. RE: Prototype "BYO" BART Bike Bar strap testing. 510-846-5356 cell/txt or goldcoastjon@gmail.com. Please put "BYO" in email or text headers. THX!

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

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● If you follow the news, the golden gate bridge that the tolls will be raised to \$11. There are people complaining that bikes and pedestrians should also pay tolls. Please send letters in support to keep it free for bicyclists and pedestrians. Look at the website</li></ul>
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● D1: We had our first pedestrian fatality of 2024. Around Feb 8th. A senior was killed, and it is directly related to the Arguello street that we are trying to improve. <a href="https://underscoresf.com/72-year-old-man-becomes-first-pedestrian-fatality-in-san-francisco-for-2024/">https://underscoresf.com/72-year-old-man-becomes-first-pedestrian-fatality-in-san-francisco-for-2024/</a></li><li>● D2: No big news in the neighborhood.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="https://sfbike.org/news/acp-walk-audit-of-the-richmond-with-supervisor-chan-and-seniors/">https://sfbike.org/news/acp-walk-audit-of-the-richmond-with-supervisor-chan-and-seniors/</a></li></ul></li></ul>

- D3: Vacant.
- D4: No big news in the Sunset. Will sidebar with Bert to ask for better treatments in the neighborhood. Tourists are having hard time finding the path to the ocean from JFK. I want to improve signage/wayfinding to JFK.
- D5: No updates. Lots of rain and leaves clogging the drains which create big water puddles on the street.
- D6: Absent.
- D7: Chairman report.
- D8: No update.
- D9: Early this month we got an update from SFMTA on the Valencia Quick build pilot project
  - Bike lane usage up
  - Comfortability was up compared to prior bike lanes
  - Major injuries are down
  - Where there were negative interactions, the conflicts moved to the intersection, and not the side of the roads like before
  - MTA has committed to finishing the pilot and will make a decision by end of year on how to move forward
  - Happy the project has been overall a success. I feel much safer riding with my family, even when i'm in a car, there's less erratic behavior from others in cars.
  - SFBC did a survey of its members, and plurality was satisfied with the pilot.
  - Link to MTA Board of Directors from 2/20 on Valencia: <https://www.sfmta.com/reports/2-20-24-mtab-item-12-mid-valencia-3-month-evaluation>
  - Video here: [https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=55](https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=55)
- D10: Safer 17th st: <https://www.safer17th.com/design-comments>
- D11: Nothing to report at this time

## 6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Jean Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Emailed the police department via a connection in her office. No response yet. Trying to get someone from the police department to attend these meetings.</li> <li>● Want to respond to D1's comment about the first pedestrian fatality in D1. Got feedback from Vision Zero team, it was 1/31 at arguello</li> </ul>

and fulton. The site has speed limit signs. No left turn and no right turn signs are present. The signals were operating. Fulton street safety project will have daylighting, not installed yet. No specific intersections have been confirmed. The fatality happened at 5:18am in the morning. Not sure if lighting was sadly an issue.

- D1: People have to press the cross street button to activate the pedestrian signal. That is against how many people cross streets.
- Followed up with the member of the public that came up who was hit while riding her bike on the embarcadero. will do a scan of the signals along Folsom and Beale and Main. The green straight arrow was her idea that she brought up in the meeting, and it is within the realm of possibility to reduce ambiguity.
- Dawn Tichards did get in touch with him and they were referred to the city attorney's office
- Put a chat to the SFMTA board evaluation pilot in the chat (see above).
- Speed cushions, asked the engineers why they don't have bike divots. The ones on JFK were to slow speeds of cars and that was the priority. Not much was thought about for bikes it seems. Jean mentioned it is a priority to think about bikes and going over speed cushions in the future.
  - D1: Let's keep this conversation going. We've been talking about this for a long time on the BAC, and nothing has been done thus far. The western part of JFK is chaotic and with runners, cyclists, and other active transportation modes. Ideally would like to see the speed cushions removed because there aren't cars there anymore.
- D10: many of the bollards are completely gone, not to mention keeping the ones that do exist not broken. What is the maintenance plan for these for safety?
  - "Soft hit posts" are difficult to maintain over time.
- Chair: if you do end up putting cuts into the speed cushion, it needs to be outside of the door zone if there's car parking. 4ft door zone
  - D8: want to amend this comment, a recessed area in the speed cushion should be 5ft
- D8: speed cushions in general. When they were put in, the MTA staff weren't thinking about bicyclists. A lot of SF bike infrastructure seems like it was put up by people who don't bike. I would really like it that bicyclists were advisors for designs before they were put in.
- Please contact me at [Jean.Long@SFMTA.com](mailto:Jean.Long@SFMTA.com) if you have any questions. As always, a week in advance of the BAC would be

	<p>great so I have time to reach out to my colleagues and investigate. Thanks!</p>
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 this month</li> </ul>
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Chan &amp; Victoria will present. We will present at the agenda items.</li> <li>• I did personally notice that the storms did bring out a lot of debris, and I did see it took a couple of days to clean up. The cleaners did a good job I thought.</li> <li>• D8: Sloat going west, looks like street repairs have been done, but not all of them have been fixed, and there's a lot of loose gravel which is dangerous.</li> </ul>
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Jon Spangler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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: <a href="https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a></li> <li>• BBATF CHAIR- Jon Spangler re-elected. Vice Chair: Jeremiah Mahler (new). Tyler Morris of SF re-elected as Secretary.</li> <li>• Marc Hedlund brought up that the new accessibility/bike fare gates at WEST OAKLAND BART have malfunctioned. IF YOU COME THRU WEST OAK BART, please take a look at them/try them and let Heath Maddox know if you see problems with them: <a href="mailto:hmaddox@bart.gov">hmaddox@bart.gov</a></li> <li>• Next BBATF meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2024, from 6-8 pm. Virtual Only. ON <a href="http://bart.gov/legistar">bart.gov/legistar</a> about one week ahead of 4/1/24.</li> <li>• The BBATF now has 2 vacancies for SF County, 2 vacancies for Contra Costa County, and 3 vacancies in San Mateo County. Please contact Heath Maddox for info or direct interested SF cyclists to the BBATF or Bikes on BART pages for more info. Heath: <a href="mailto:hmaddox@bart.gov">hmaddox@bart.gov</a> or 415-728-1352 cell <a href="https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle">https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul>

## 7. Matt Laskey/SFMTA (Presentation):

Matt Laskey will give a presentation about the status of and updates on the Arguello Safety Project

- Absent this evening.

**8. Resolution in Support of the San Francisco Public Works (Resolution):**

Victoria Chan will present a resolution regarding San Francisco Public Works Transportation Development Act.

- Kristin Tieche moves to pass the resolution. Melyssa Mendoza seconds. Resolution passes.

**9. Motion to Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.