

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

BBATF Members: Jon Spangler (Chair), Rick Goldman (Vice Chair), Jeremiah Maller, Phoenix Mangrum, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz, Tyler Morris (Secretary).

Chair Jon Spangler has called a meeting of the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force on October 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81666287147>

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

In attendance:

BBATF: Jon Spangler (Chair), Jeremiah Maller, Bill Pinkham, Francisco Muñoz, Tyler Morris (Secretary), Cedar Makhijani, Marc Hedlund, Sebastian Harper

BART Staff: Heath Maddox (Liaison), Bob Franklin (Manager, Department Manager, Customer Access and Accessibility)

BART Directors: N/A

Caltrans Staff: Jasmine Stitt, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Branch

Guests: Hillary Brown (Member, BART Accessibility Task Force), Michael Sacks.

Absent: Francisco Hulse, Rick Goldman, Phoenix Mangrum

Agenda with Minutes follows as:

1. 6:01p.m. Self-introductions of members, staff, and guests: All. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Jon Spangler welcomed guests and colleagues
2. 6:05p.m. General discussion and public comment: Jon Spangler. (For Information) 5 min.
 1. Jeremiah asked about CalTrans' complete streets and the exclusion of interchanges and overpasses.
 2. Marc mentioned that elevators don't have locations on Google Maps, but the stations specifically do: he has been adding BART elevator data, one by one.
3. 6:14p.m. Approval of August 2023 BBATF minutes: Jon Spangler. (For Action) 5 min.
 1. Tyler Morris motions to approve minutes, and Jeremiah seconds the motion.
 1. Motion passes
4. 6:16p.m. Approval of BBATF Member Applications: (*For Action*) 10 min.
 1. Ashley Von Edge withdrew her application
 2. Sebastian Harper application moved by Jon and seconded by Jeremiah

1. Approved
5. 6:18p.m. Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan Update: Jasmine Stitt, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Branch 30 min.
 1. Jasmine introduced the presentation
 2. CalTrans D4 updated bike plan
 3. 5 years old
 4. 81 projects have been completed in the last 5 years involving bike infrastructure
 5. Increase in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities over the 5 years
 6. New directors policy to provide comfortable, convenient and comfortable means of accessibility
 7. Jon asked who can be contracted at CalTrans on the technical committee
 8. Policy progress DIB 94 draft released in April
 9. www.dot.ca.gov/D4Bikesurvey to give bicycle feedback
 10. Francisco mentioned that flyers should be better placed with the survey link
 11. Jon asked why not have partner agencies issue a press release for the updated bike plan and survey link
 12. Jon commented that bicyclists are happy to see infrastructure updates on SR61 (Encinal-Central-Webster) in Alameda.
 13. Jeremiah asked about location-based needs, and the tiered lists of upgrade needs.
 14. CalTrans will have a best practices guide for navigating inconsistencies in infrastructure
6. 6:56p.m. Bicycle Rules Update: Jon Spangler, (*For Action*) 30 min.
 1. 10 narrow (32-inch-wide) escalators in BART system (Antioch, Coliseum, and 19th Street) that would be affected by updated bike rules
 2. Jon suggests that it's a good idea to clean up the rules and grammatically clean up policies
 3. Marc agrees with the draft letter Jon authored, but asks if calling out e-bikes specifically is feeding into false narratives about e-bikes
 4. Bill notes that e-bikes shouldn't be allowed on escalators
 5. Cedar suggests BART should produce a public information video on how to use bikes on escalators safely
 6. Jeremiah speaks in support of banning e-bikes on escalators
 7. Tyler mentions that signage and policies should mirror and educate how users actually use BART vs what the policies written suggest
 8. Jon proposes a motion that 32 inch escalator width restriction be removed, e-bikes be allowed, and BART rules be strengthened to highlight individual responsibility to control bikes on BART infrastructure as an update to his draft letter
 9. Marc motions and Jeremiah seconds the motion and passes with Bill abstaining

7. 7:29p.m. Bicycle Stairway Channel Design: Heath Maddox, BART Customer Access & Accessibility (*For Discussion*) 30 min.
 1. First of seven stations complete at Coliseum station under the pedestrian tunnels
 2. Jon asked if the channel placement can be moved to the middle of the stairway rails
 3. Bill asked if the channels are wide enough for e-bikes or wider MTB tires
8. 7:46p.m. BART to Silicon Valley Follow-Up: Jon Spangler. (*For Action*) 15 min.
 1. Marc comments that Jon's draft letter has his support
 2. Jeremiah comments that he also supports the letter
 3. Jeremiah motions to approve the letter and Francisco seconds the motion to send Jon's draft letter
 1. Motion is approved
9. 7:52p.m. BBATF Executive Subcommittee: Tyler Morris. (*For Action*) 15 min
 1. Tyler gave background to the proposed formation of an Executive Subcommittee
 2. Heath clarified that the intent of this creation is to author and submit letters of support in-between meetings
 3. Marc motions to approve the formation of an Executive Subcommittee and the establishment of governing policies at the next meeting
 1. Seconded by Jeremiah
 2. Motion approved
10. 8:08p.m. BART Bike Program Updates: Heath Maddox (*For Information*) 15 min
 1. Heath will colorize some charts
11. 8:10 p.m. Future Agenda Items: All (*For Discussion*) 5 min
 1. Public comments received about bikes on BART
 2. Executive Subcommittee rules
 3. Coliseum stair channels

Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m. by Chair Jon Spangler

Next meeting is called for by Chair Jon Spangler on December 4th, 2023 at 6:00p.m.