

SF BAC minutes 06_23_2025

Monday, June 23, 2025

1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:32 PM

Present: D1, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9

Absent: D2, D3, D4, D10, D11

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

3. Approve Minutes – April 28, 2025 meeting minutes for approval.

- Bert Hill moved to approve, Brandon Powell seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

- Maya Chaffee: Valencia is technically supposed to be installed, but MTA isn't following the plans. Those promises aren't being kept. It is frustrating.
 - D9: MTA's response is that we meant to do these infrastructure changes.

5. Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This Sunday was riding on the Great Highway, there's a lot of sand so be prepared for detours• Bike lane has been newly repaved on Sloat! Temporary signage still in place.• Vision Zero meeting tomorrow
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• D1:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Have been officially reassigned to the BAC by my supervisor.○ There was a pedestrian fatality in D1 around 8th and Geary.• D2:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Absent this month.• D3:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Absent this month• D4:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Absent this month• D5:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sunday streets has started for 2025. First one was in the TL on the 15th.

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- D6: Host of the first Sunday Streets. Smaller footprint, which is good for this particular district. Looking forward to more.
 - D7: Chairman report. (see above)
 - D8:
 - We are an advisory committee, and that we
 - Every time I go over a bump in the new Valencia bike lane, that would never been done to do a new car lane. It's much more dangerous for us to have these obstacles in the bike lanes than it is for cars.
 - We have done a lot of volunteer work over the years, and all of our great solutions over the years, and haven't been able to implement
 - Want Valencia to be safer. The current situation with the right turns is extremely unsafe.
 - D9:
 - To build on Diane's comments, the scope of the project included repaving the car lanes, we assumed that would mean the bike lanes would also be repaved. This is insulting. There are lots of seams and cracks, also lots of trash and debris in the lanes.
 - As some predicted, pedestrians on their way to/from their cars don't pay attention to the bike lanes. I narrowly missed someone on my way here.
 - Wanted to say thank you to Clinton & DPW to check out the bike pulled street sweeper for bike lanes. It was very cool, two modes: one to collect, and one to sweep to the side. Made me hopeful to resolve some of the issues we have.
 - Update on left turns on Valencia, belated because I was absent. There was no response. The Mayor didn't care about our recommendation. The supervisor suggested to discuss with the Mayor and with the MTA subcommittee. Lead to nothing.
 - Hope everyone had a good ride on the Juneteenth bike ride. Don't have one here, we should start one. The one in the East Bay was in partnership with Sports Basement Berkeley. Ride was 15 miles and about 120 people showed up.
 - This City Charter says it's supporting bike lanes, but we have not seen any evidence of this recently
 - D10:
 - Wanted to shout out Whitney for her attendance on the very last AIDS Lifecycle ride this past month.
 - Please like and share our public posts so we can get more clout.
 - 25th and Illinois: waiting bikes are not enough to trigger the light signals to change. It only happens when there's a car on the northbound lane. Southbound lane does have a signal to turn it.
 - MTA response: it's a complicated intersection, and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D11: Absent this month.

6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Lydon George, Transportation Planner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have questions or requests, please e-mail: Lydon.george@sfmta.com and jean.long@sfmta.com • Absent this month.
SFPD Report: Capt. Pete Shields, SFPD Traffic division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant AJ Holder, SFPD, is representing this evening in the place of Capt. Pete Shields. • No updates this month, any questions? • D9: Enforcement has gone up, can we get a quick status update and what kind of citations are being doing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We still believe in Vision Zero even if it's expired. I am an avid bike rider, and ride all over the city. I believe in changing the behavior • We have increased our stats of citations • How do you give a citation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dooring: Waymos are new, we do ticket for impeding the flow of traffic, not for the dooring. ◦ Can only cite for seeing the door open. • Is Focus on the Five still a thing that is happening? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Yes, our data people have the numbers •
SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few updates. • Celebrated 7 years. I got a question abt the Bicycle Advisory Committee and how long I have been attending. • Personal update: wrecked my bike, went over head first and busted my shoulder. All this to say is that this committee's passion for bike safety does not fall on deaf ears for me. • They repaved Valencia due to the center bike lane for the rubber curbs. MTA and DPW needs to cooperate for these infrastructure improvements. • Does the bike lane meet the current standard for acceptable bike lanes? NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweeper demo was a success. Brandon and Page Slow streets representative attended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We could contact Dept of Environment and Refuse Refuse and possibly do a collaboration or see if they can help with buy in and this bike powered sweeper. More agencies buying into it will get more eyes on it. ◦ Green benefit districts could also be another idea for these sweepers
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Maya Chaffee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBATF web page: https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle • BART Legistar Calendar: https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx • The thing everyone is worried about is the fiscal cliff. CA state is talking about SB63: <i>Current language in SB 63 authorizes the placement of a 10- to 15-year regional tax to fund transit on the November 2026 ballot in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties.</i> • Move California Transbay Coalition is helping organize around here. https://www.movecalifornia.org/ • Call your representatives to get this passed.
Bay Wheels/Lyft: Tejus Shankar, Policy Development Manager & Greg Chung, Senior Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing their Lyft multimodal report. • We are experiencing explosive growth. • This is all possible due to MTC's investment in our system, and bought 1k e-bikes for us to use and helped our growth immensely • "Bike share for all" for lower income members • Q: re median age? • Q: What was the cost of the new bikes? • Our program is a public/private partnership. Public investment helps grow the system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Q: what happens when you make a profit? ◦ A: we are not able to speak to that • Q: what is bike share for all? How do they advertise, who is qualified as low income? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Snap, or part of a low income eligible program, you are eligible for it ◦ Is there a ceiling on the number of participants? No. • Q: what are the chances you can add cargo e-bikes in the future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Great question. Challenge is scale and distribution. • Q: when does the current contract expire? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2027 • Q: what are the number of stations that have been added recently? Are they in low income areas? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Can get back to you with this info • Q: it's way more expensive to get on this bike than it is in Portland. Is there a plan to match pricing with other similarly sized cities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We are governed around the pricing and our contracts with the govt agencies that we work with.

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- Unlock fee is higher here, locking fee is lower.
 - We plan to expand to Daly City this year.
 - Suggestion: doing a bike ride, like a century, to keep bay wheels in the public eye

7. Golden Gate Slow Street (presentation): Kristin Tieche -- Resolution in Support of Connecting Golden Gate Slow Street to Golden Gate Park and Improving Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety Along Route

- Paul Wells moves, Diane seconds. Unanimously approved.

8. Elections of Officers

- **Chair -**

- Nominations:

- Bert nominates Kristin Tieche. She declines the nomination
 - Kristin nominates Brandon Powell. Melyssa seconds
 - Unanimously approved, no objections.

- **Vice Chair -**

- Nominations:

- Melyssa nominates Kristin Tieche. Paul seconds.
 - Unanimously approved, no objections.

- **Secretary -**

- Nominations:

- Kristin nominates Melyssa. Diane seconds.
 - Unanimously approved, no objections.

- **Parliamentarian** - postponed until next month.

9. Motion to Adjourn

- Paul Wells moves to adjourn, Brandon Powell seconds. Adjourned without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.