

# SF BAC minutes 08\_25\_2025

Monday, August 25, 2025

## 1. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum

Meeting start time: 6:32 PM

Present: D1, D4, D5, D7, D8

Absent: D2, D3, D6, D9, D10, D11

## 2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

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

- Bert Hill moved to approve, Paul Wells seconded. Unanimously approved.

## 4. Public Comments

- Mika, Bernal Heights. Wants to draw attention to the mayor's recent decision to open up Market Street to rideshares. Reintroducing rideshare is a rejection to years of advocacy, and doesn't make sense as a plan to bring people downtown. It's a threat to cyclists and pedestrians. Terrible decision, please do what you can to push back on this.
  - Demonstration tomorrow promoted by several bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups scheduled for tomorrow, August 26.

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

Report	Discussion
Chairman report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Absent this month</li></ul>
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● D1:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Continued my walk, this time with the Supervisor's office, and Casey, a project manager from SFMTA, and Jean Long of SFMTA said sidewalks have been designated for bicycle riding.</li><li>○ Supervisor Chan noticed little to no infrastructure, USF students and parents were concerned about bike safety. Supervisor was outraged by lack of infrastructure on Stanyan.</li><li>○ SFMTA agreed to come back with our BAC meeting in October for next steps.</li></ul></li><li>● D2:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Absent this month.</li></ul></li><li>● D3:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Absent this month.</li></ul></li></ul>

- D4:
  - There's been public news articles about bike riding that have been negative. Seems there's a media push to villainize cyclists around Sunset Dunes, and this is in conjunction with the recall of Supervisor D4 happening this month.
  - I run the bike bus for my son's elementary school, and part of the safe routes to school. The school now has enough people cycling to school, no longer "need" the program. West side is having more and more people riding to school. Interesting connection with the villanization in the media.
- D5:
  - Lower Haight Art Walk. Had a few car free streets, which was cool.
  - There was also a slow street block party this past Saturday afternoon that was lively and was great for community building.
  - Noticed a guerilla bench installed by a group that installs benches at muni stops. It was a nice gesture, and I hope it stays
- D6:
  - Absent this month.
- D7:
  - Frustrated to see that terecita isn't part of the bike routes for city college. It's a great need.
- D8:
  - Everyone I know who bikes, including myself, still hates the Valencia bike lanes. We want something to be done.
- D9:
  - Absent this month.
- D10:
  - Between public works and muni there have been improvements in the hairball lighting at night. The light that has been out for years is back on. The path that runs along the south part is lit. improvement at the marin and bayshore area.
- D11:
  - Absent this month.

## 6. Governmental Reports

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<p>MTA Bicycle Program Report: Lydon George, Transportation Planner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have questions or requests, please e-mail: <a href="mailto:Lydon.george@sfmta.com">Lydon.george@sfmta.com</a> and <a href="mailto:jean.long@sfmta.com">jean.long@sfmta.com</a></li> <li>• Update on Illinois and 25th, I told our engineers about it, and they installed the second sensor to detect people in the bike lane. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ D8: rode past there today, and saw two vespas stuck waiting for the green light.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No progress on Aruguello. He will be back in a week, and will let him know that you are waiting for an update.</li> <li>• D7: Seattle has back in parking, it's much safer, if they are backing in, bicycles are much harder to see. If seattle can do it, we should be able to do it in a much smaller area. It's safer for bicycles and pedestrians. This would be for Sloat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lower great highway does have some back in parking.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sanchez slow street: six painted safety zones on Sanchez. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ D8: the signs have been taken down. Why spend all this money for it to have been taken down with no signifiers?</li> <li>◦ D8: There have been very few collisions on Sanchez, so why was there money spent when it should be redirected to higher priority intersections?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• D8: We wanted replacement racks for removing of the metered parking. The removal of the coin part has also removed a lot of our bicycle parking. We need some enforcement of bike lanes with the larger ebikes</li> <li>• D8: most people don't understand that bike lanes are single files, and i got passed by two men on either side of me and it was a dangerous move.</li> <li>• D8: Sloat and Lake Merced: is a Caltrans intersection. It's unsafe to people going east. There needs to be a light on both sides of that.</li> <li>• Had a meeting with the 17th street bike planner. There's not a lot of understanding of the conditions of the bike lane. Lots of bumps, potholes, etc, it's not great. The main motivation to revert the bike lane back was for the businesses to have a summer without construction. Challenges of different designs with those considerations. There should have been certain patchwork done, and it wasn't based on the needs of the areas. There are curb ramps that need to be done, and proper evaluation of the design itself. Currently is in the back and forth stage right now.</li> </ul>
<p>SFPD Report: Capt. Pete Shields, SFPD Traffic division</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent this month</li> </ul>
<p>SF Dept of Public Works: Clinton Otwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valencia: I ride the area, and i've been injured. I agree with most of what was voiced earlier. "We serve everyone and we please no one," "one person's shade is another person's obstruction." that's the lot of the city worker. After I rode from 17th to 23rd and sent a</li> </ul>

	<p>note to Jacob, especially from the 1000 block, and the 800 block. If it was a subcontractor, and it wasn't done to spec, they can go back and fix it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p>BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Maya Chaffee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBATF web page: <a href="https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle">https://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle</a></li> <li>• BART Legistar Calendar: <a href="https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">https://bart.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a></li> <li>• Absent this month</li> </ul>

**7. Resolution in Support of the Street Safety Act (Resolution):** Kristin Tieche.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee supports Supervisor Myrna Melgar's Street Safety Act.

- Diane Serafini moves to pass the resolution, Bert Hill seconds. Unanimously approved.

**8. Motion to Adjourn**

- Bert Hill moves to adjourn, Diane Serafini seconds. Adjourned without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.