

Minutes - Oakland BPAC Meeting
April 15, 2010

Attendees:

Brian Toy, Carol Levine, Chris Hwang, Daniel Schulman, Dave Campbell, Jason Patton, Jennifer Stanley, Jonathan Bair, Karen Smulevitz

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. Introductions were made.
2. Minutes approved from February and March

3. BPAC Charter

This item was last discussed in June 2009. Two years ago a new charter was written but was never moved forward to adoption by City Council. The question remains, should we revisit the idea of a charter again due to changes in BPAC membership and council/commission policy changes? This idea was discussed with the following comments:

- It would be good to revisit and resolve this issue for closure.
- It would be good to get some resolution on BPAC membership.
- There continues to be a question on how information comes into and leaves BPAC.
- Do we want to be a sub committee of the Transportation Commission (assuming one is appointed)?
- To resolve the discrepancy between the draft BPAC charter which says that members are appointed by City Council with the City's regulations that states that committee members are appointed by the mayor.

Following discussion it appears that there is interest in pursuing the BPAC charter via a sub committee.

MOTION: To form a sub committee with membership solicited by email over the BPAC discussion list to review the existing and draft BPAC charter.

MOTION PASSED

4. Biannual bikeway status update

Staff presented their new format for tracking bicycle projects and providing this information in a readable and understandable format to the public. This format includes both striping and signage projects. The tables include project limits, length, % design complete, status of review by BPAC, AC Transit, public, environmental clearance, status of Council approval, estimated implementation date, and funding source. Additional information is available from the master spreadsheet.

For signage projects, there are 12.5 miles of projects where design is completed with 14.7 miles with design in progress. Much of this work is likely to be done by June 2010. Design for 15.0 miles of striping projects has been completed with 17.4 miles in progress. Feedback from the BPAC included:

- Great! Would like to see what additional information is available in the master tables.
 - Would like to see a list of what projects are expected to be completed in the next 6 months. That would make it easier for us to track the successes of the program.
 - It would be good to capture the locations where striping falls short of the intersection or where there are other gaps.
 - Switch the indicators for striping and signage on the map, i.e. line shading for striping.
 - Add clarification for what ‘striping’ means in this context.
 - Why isn’t 2nd Street facility between Brush and Oak on 3rd Street instead? 3rd Street is wider, has signal at Broadway and seems to have less truck traffic.
Answer: The 2nd Street segment is included to be consistent with the Bay Trail. Moving this segment to 3rd Street would require coordination with the Bay Trail which may be considered for the future.
5. Announcements: Bike-to-Work Day materials are available for distribution. There is a good article on Building Green Businesses in Oakland including the bike program in the San Francisco Business Times. Jason provided copies. May 1st and 2nd there will be some good walking tours of Oakland. Chris will provide information or go to the WOBO website.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Levine