

**Bicycle and Active Transportation Advisory Committee (BATAAC)
San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building
Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

Draft Minutes of May 19, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Bargar (Vice Chair), J. Bolka (Chair), J. Hyde, S. Atkinson, R. Mohtashemi, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Brazil, N. Opfell

STAFF PRESENT: L. Lipps, L. Low, D. Provence, S. Wong

Chair John Bolka called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2022

Motion/Second: R. Mohtashemi/J. Bolka moved to approve and amend the header from BAC to BATAAC

Ayes: C. Bargar, J. Bolka, J. Hyde, S. Atkinson, R. Mohtashemi, D. Ortiz, N. Rodia

Absent: J. Brazil, N. Opfell

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Lori Low, Government & Community Affairs Officer, announced the new member representing San Mateo County General Public seat, Natasha Opfell, who would be present at the next meeting.

PALO ALTO BIKE LOVE PILOT

Justine Burt, Executive Director of the Palo Alto Transportation Management Association, provided a presentation on their new bicycling incentive online application (app) that included information on the following:

- Electric bike usage
- Bicycling community
- App measuring and supporting essential workers
- Payment for cycling in certain areas (geo-fenced)
- Behavior change toward biking

Steve Raney, Palo Alto Transportation Management Association, continued the presentation for their new bicycling incentive online application (app) that included information on the following:

- Behavior change towards biking
- 60% interested but concerned
- Fresh Start On Return To Office
- Go Pass Donation Program
- Bike Commute Programs (only 11 in the U.S.)
- \$600/year max incentive
- First mile to Caltrain
- Tricky characteristics of the app
- Outreach to commuters
- Looking for two committee beta testers

The committee members had a discussion and the presenters provided further clarification in response to committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Including other businesses along El Camino
- Whether service workers have a smartphone and virtual banks
- Different languages for the app
- How the reward system works

Public Comment

Mr. Drew commented on electric scooters and asked whether the pilot includes skateboards.

22ND STREET STUDY

David Pape, Caltrain Planner, provided a presentation on the 22nd Street access feasibility study that included information on the following:

- Context (22nd Street Station only accessible via stairs)
- Long range planning work
- Study overview (determining feasibility of ADA access improvements)
- Funding opportunities
- Outreach participants
- Stakeholder feedback
- Draft recommended alternative
- Next Steps (identify funding, outreach, advance designs)

Public Comment

Adina Levin of Friends of Caltrain, commented on follow up steps, San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) board timing, sources of funding, timeline of the project and access to regional transit.

Mr. Drew commented on ramps and stairs to connect different sections.

The committee members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Adding bike channels on existing stairs
- Estimated cost on alternatives studied
- Ramp length

ELOCKER UPDATE

Dan Provence, Caltrain Principal Planner, provided a presentation that included information on the following:

- Background (bike car space, survey, funding, pricing at www.bikelink.org)
- Recent Installations at Bayshore, SSF, Tamien, Mt. View, Menlo Park Stations
- Summary of installations
- eLocker use (weekday/weekend rentals, rentals by station, unique cards by station, total rentals)Upcoming efforts
- eLocker promotion

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, commented on the convenience of eLockers, and efforts to correlate wayside bikes and bikes onboard over time.

The committee members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to committee comments and questions on the following topics:

- Information for 22nd Street Station
- Information for 4th & King Baywheels & Diridon Station
- Double level lockers
- Hang tags
- The amount of people using bike link cards versus clipper

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- 2022 Work Plan

Chair Bolka noted the updates to the workplan, including the single tracking way-finding committee suggestion.

Member Mohtashemi recommended agendizing a staff presentation on improved wayfinding at Millbrae and improving transfers between BART & Caltrain in Millbrae.

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, commented on the BART and Millbrae connection, Caltrain schedule, and suggested bringing in BART staff.

STAFF REPORT

Lori Low, Government & Community Affairs Officer, provided updates on the following:

- a. Bike Bump Report YTD 2022 – 3 bike bumps reported
- b. New Website launched in April– mobile friendly, interactive maps, etc.
- c. Caltrain Electrification Update – all foundations completed in January, 2 EMUs arrived, static testing phase, 10 of 10 traction power under construction
- d. Updating guidelines for emerging bike types onboard while maintaining safety

The committee members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to Committee comments and questions on oversized and tandem bikes.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Bolka and Member Bargar spoke about written correspondence.

COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Member Nicole Rodia requested plans for reinstalling the 3rd bombardier bike car for bike onboard ridership increases.

Member Bargar requested three bike cars on all the bombardier trains, and requested a presentation from Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) on station design at Santa Clara and Diridon station. He also noted the San Carlos request for a letter regarding bike access over 101, and asked that time-sensitive emails to the committee be shared with the committee ahead of deadlines.

Member Mohtashemi requested forwarding BATAC emails and having signage/communication for those getting off at later destinations.

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, thanked members for their requests.

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next BATAC meeting is on July 21, 2022 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.