

BABC Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2006

Attendees: Cole Portocarrero, Dave Burch, Deb Hubsmith, Christine Culver, JB Davis, Mark Birnbaum, Carol Levine, Greg McPheeters, Andy Thornley, Yehuda Sherman, Lou Penning, Robert Raburn and guests: Corinne Winter and Josh Hart

Consent Calendar

Minutes from Nov 1, 2005 – Minutes approved

Financial Statement – Mark distributed financial statement. BABC is doing well for now. MTC has prepared the audit and we have passed!

Action Items

BABC Personnel Handbook – Copies of the final version have been distributed for board review. Some discussion about payoff for Earned Time Benefits (ETB) if time has not been taken.

MOTION: Motion was made to adopt the handbook with removal of line about payoff for this time in April of each year. Motion passed.

Election of Officers for CY 2006 – Incumbent officers were asked if they are willing to continue in their positions and all agreed.

MOTION: Motion was made to elect these officers (Dave Burch – Chair; Deb Hubsmith – Vice Chair; Mark Birnbaum – Treasurer; Carol Levine – Secretary) for another year. Motion passed.

Election of two At-Large Board members – At-large board member terms are staggered. Coming up for vacancy are positions held by Carol Levine and Carolyn Helmke. Due to illness, Carolyn will not be able to fulfill her commitment for the next 6 months. We are still missing a representative from San Mateo County.

MOTION: Motion was made to elect Carol Levine and Carolyn Helmke to another 2-year term as at-large board members with provision for Josh Hart to temporarily act as substitute for Carolyn during the next 6 months. Motion passed.

Adopt BABC position re: MTC policy on Routine Accommodation – To fulfill the requirements of DD64, MTC has done a survey of successes and failures on routine accommodation efforts on projects in the Bay Area. This study included recommendations for accommodation. BABC prepared a lengthy letter critiquing this study back in Sept 2005. Since that time, the report has been updated. Based on BABC review of this revised document, the revised report has not considered our comments and in fact is worse in considering the needs of bicyclists in routine accommodation. What is our next step?

Action Item: Andy to draft a one page cover letter on Sept 13, 2005 comments and cc the same group. Contact by phone the commissioners who have received the new letter to see if they will support our comments. Then select a meeting to go speak at MTC commissioners meeting during open time. Deb, Robert and Andy will work with Cole so she can deliver the message in person.

Also contact the pedestrian groups to foster their support. Andy will take the lead on this effort. Next meeting of full board will be January 24th.

Potential collaboration with TALC – Deb spoke with Stuart Cohen about a potential grant collaboration with TALC to administer a program of mini-grants that support and assist children on bikes. There are three ways in which Deb has shown that BABC can participate:

1. Grant directly given to BABC who would totally manage program.
2. TALC receives the grant and would sub-contract most to BABC but might assist in setting guidelines or
3. TALC does majority of program with our minor contribution.

Action Item: The Board is in favor of Deb pursuing this potential.

Updates / Reports

Executive Director's Report

- Bike to Work Day – Over 80 sponsorship packets have been sent out. We have already secured sponsorship from Adobe. Cole has hired an assistant, Denise Sauerteig. Starting early this year has really helped for the event this year. Each county has written their own implementation plan and these are being finalized. 'Team Bike' Challenge is the new program for this year which will run through the month of May. Details are already on 511.org. We would like 10 teams to start the web page launch.
- BABC brochure – Cole has finalized the brochure and found a printer in San Rafael to make the 1,000 copies.
- Bay in a Day Ride – Working on new start/finish location in Novato. We have a \$6,000 sponsor and are looking for additional sponsors of money and in-kind donations. Date is Saturday July 22, 2006 and we will be having a 200-mile and 100-mile option.
- Fundraising Update – Received a donation from Grizzly Peak cyclists. Cole and Mark will continue to hit up the clubs and individuals.

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle meeting – The next meeting will be Jan 11th at Caltrans District 4 office in Oakland from 1:30 - 3:30 pm – Ken McQuire of Caltrans will come to speak about on-street pavement markings. The design of sharrows has been adopted but the warrants for use of these have not been developed. There are no current standards. Next meeting will be April 12th.

Regional Measure 2: funding for safe routes to transit - \$4M is available; \$17M worth of grant applications were submitted. Disappointing lack of collaboration on projects, i.e. between cities and transit agencies, lack of bike parking projects. Next round will include operational monies, ie. For bike stations.

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge – PSR study has determined that they will need 3rd lane for traffic and they will not include a bike lane on bridge that does not have a solid separating barrier. Deck overlay project will be completed in 2007 at which time the striping will be set and it will be more difficult to retrofit a bike lane. BABC needs to take action now.

Action Item: Robert and Deb will continue to follow and are looking for support from BABC. They will develop a plan of action.

Bay Bridge bike/ped west span pathway – Dave, Cole and others continue to pursue with the hope to have the campaign in full force by April 2006. Looking for funds for full-time paid director to continue this campaign. Suggestion that BABC consider allocating funds to assist in supporting such a person. Josh was recommended to take on this task.

Action Item: Josh and Dave will continue to pursue this and will provide us with a proposal to vote on by e-mail.

MTC Regional Bicycle Working Group – Andy was nominated as chair for this group and will be able to provide us with updates.

New Legislation – Strategic Highway Safety Plan which will be presented on March 7 in Sacramento. The funds available are \$90M. Since bikes and peds are very highly represented in injury and fatalities, we stand to receive a sizable portion of these funds. There are 10 categories of discussion for this all day meeting on March 7th. The plan is to have bike and ped reps at each category meeting. Press conference will be held on March 6th and planning meeting in the afternoon of this day.

Bike Ramp on Stairs on BART – BART will be starting a trial at 16th and Mission Station in a few months.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 14th at 6:30pm. Please note the change from our usual schedule to accommodate the Strategic Highway Safety Plan meeting.

Adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by Carol Levine