

BABC Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2006

6:30 pm @ Wilbur Smith office – 201 Mission St. @ Beale, San Francisco, Suite 1450

Attendees: Carol Levine, Mark Birnbaum, Christine Culver, David Burch, Deb Hubsmith, Cole Portocarrero, JB Davis, Yehuda Sherman, Robert Raburn, Lou Penning, Greg McPheeters and guest: Corinne Winter

Consent Calendar

Minutes of January 10, 2006 Board meeting – Minutes Approved

Financial statement – Mark reported that we are in good shape. All the bills are paid and sponsor money is coming in for both BTWD and BIAD.

Action Items

Routine Accommodation policy: present plan re: MTC meetings (Cole) – Feb 28th meeting with MTC attended by Dave. MTC issued a revised draft of report on Routine Accommodation. In that document MTC is proposing tha:

- CMA's & local agencies should present all projects to BPACs early in the process for their review and input.
- Agencies cannot use dedicated bike/ped funds (such as TDA Article 3) to mitigate problems for bikes/peds caused by the project.
- If project will be funded in whole or in part with regional discretionary funds (funds that are programmed directly by MTC), then the project must provide routine accommodation for bike/peds if cost of improvements is less than 15% of the total project cost.
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Action Item: Follow up meeting on March 17, 2006 with CMAs. Cole and Robert will attend.

Other meetings on this issue

- Partnership Board – March 24, 10am – Cole, Robert, JB will try to attend (Grand Hyatt at Stockton in SF)
- MTC planning committee meeting – April 14

Updates / Reports

Improved BABC website – Submit website updates to Carol

Executive Director's Report:

- **Bike to Work Day** – Secured \$32.5K in sponsorships which is more than our goal and twice what was collected last year. All promotional materials are going to print this week so they will be available soon. Posters will be in Spanish and Chinese also. Each county will be doing employer mailings. The new Team Challenge program will be going up on webpage in next few days. Team is five including novice and experienced riders. Accrue points based on how often the team rides. Winners will get a bike rack in their county and a team prize. Get more points with a ‘big wheel’ on their team.
- **Grant Proposals** – (1) Continues to pursue grant for Ecolocity Club with TALC through Stuart Foundation Grant which is based on Safe Routes to School. The program will create a curriculum and are using middle schools as pilot programs at 4 schools. Students will research and evaluate transportation behaviors of themselves and peers. This curriculum will be developed and tested at these schools. BABC to receive \$15K over two years for our participation.

Motion: Move forward pursuing this grant based on review by Deb, Robert, and Dave. MOTION PASSED.

(2) Kids on Bike Program with TALC - \$320,000 over 2 year period to develop and implement program for after school bike programs including administering funds. Waiting to hear from potential funder.

- **Bay in a Day Ride** – Working well with Fehr & Peers. They are providing brochure and web updates. Got a new sponsor – Clifbar who had given \$3K plus product. Zipcars will provide sag support for the whole route including vehicles and volunteers. We have a new updated logo. Cole will send to the board.

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle meeting – The next meeting is April 12, 1:30pm at Caltrans District 4 Headquarters, Oakland. Soliciting input for agenda items.

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge – Deb and Robert reported that at last meeting with MTC and Caltrans, Caltrans presented with several bicycle access options for the bridge. These all have a hard barrier and there is concern that these will be so costly as to not be feasible. The main hitch is that although the third bike/ped access study is underway, future projections show that all 3 lanes are needed during peak hours and direction. Caltrans is not dealing with issues that are actually causing the congestion (i.e. toll plaza, 101 & 580 access from Marin). At the next meeting in 4-6 weeks with technical advisory committee, Caltrans will present their latest solutions. Need to consider future bike rally to move this project along before redecking project is completed and new lane striping begins.

Bay Bridge bike/ped pathway – Not much to report. SFBC has been making an effort to earmark funding for the west span bikeway project in the proposed infrastructure bond measure. So far this has not been successful. SFBC has an easy web page to send letters to governor and other officials. Next meeting of West Span Task Force is March 28.

MTC Regional Bicycle Working Group – Andy was elected Chair. Routine accommodation, BART stair channel and MTC safety data available on website were discussed. Next meeting April 20.

Caltrans Safety Funding – A group went up to Sacramento to attend Strategic Highway Safety Funding meeting on March 7. A pre-meeting was held with pedestrians and other like-minded individuals to brainstorm key points to be brought up at the next days meeting. Over 250 people attended the meeting. 25 bicyclists were there to share views. Draft plan will be released in a few weeks. Final plan will be released in May. Plan is about actions but doesn't attach \$ amounts. In the summer, funding dollars will be delegated.

Upcoming Legislation

- **AB 1941** – to be introduced by Pedro Nava – Safe passage bill requires that there is 3 feet of space when passing a bicyclist. We (who is we? Deb ?) are submitting comments on the bill.
- **SCA 7** – Prop 42 reform
- **AB 2444** - \$10 surcharge on Bay Area vehicle registration fees that will go to transit and other stuff.

TALC Summit on April 1 – BABC role / who plans to attend – Looking for someone to attend to represent BABC. (Post-meeting, Andy Thornley has indicated that he will attend and can help represent BABC.)

Next Meeting – May 9 - 6:30 pm @ Wilbur Smith Associates

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes respectively submitted by Carol Levine