

**Minutes of BABC Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2004**

Directors present: Dave Burch, Mick Weninger, Lou Penning, Carolyn Helmke, Jim Stallman, Deb Hubsmith, Carol Levine, Josh Hart, Robert Cronin, Yehuda Sherman, Mark Birnbaum, Christine Culver. Guests Present: Dave Campbell

Agenda Items

Call to order

Introductions

Consent Calendar items approval:

- 1) Approval of minutes of the January 6, 2004 meeting

Discussion Items

Deb gave an update on the status of the federal TEA bill and its funding prospects. She also reported on the Bike Summit in Washington DC, which she and Christine Culver attended.

Dave Burch reported on the status of T2030 regional bike/ped program. BABC is working with MTC to help define the program structure. One key issue is whether this will be all “new” money, in addition to current sources of bicycle related money, or if the counties will be allowed a credit for local discretionary funding sources (e.g. local sales tax \$\$ for bike projects), which would reduce the net value of the \$200 million MTC set-aside. April 14 will be the next big meeting where these issues will be discussed by the Programming and Allocation Committee and a recommendation made to the full MTC Board. BABC Board members will attempt to meet with the Commissioners from their counties to present our position on the bike/ped program.

Dave Campbell reported that EBBC and TALC will have a large role in implementation of projects funded by the newly passed regional measure 2. Robert Raburn will coordinate input from BABC reps as to what projects should be funded.

Dave Burch reported that we’re still waiting for Bikes Belong to make a decision as to whether or not to give us a grant. Bikes Belong has put off awarding grants because they received less money from the bicycle industry than they had expected. BABC is still in the running however, and we should hear by mid April, at the latest. Christine Culver reported that the Santa Rosa club will be giving \$1 per rider from the Wine Country Century to BABC.

Josh reported on the recent Bike to Work Day (BTWD) meetings. MTC will allocate \$1,000 to some counties and \$2,000 to others, to help fund energizer stations and general promotion of the event. MTC will also revise the RFP for future years, to cover many of the BABC concerns. We all signed a thank you letter to MTC, for their responsiveness to our concerns. Deb reported that Shimano will be funding \$5,000 to Marin County Bicycle Coalition for PSAs and press releases. Deb offered to work with any other county coalitions who want assistance in this area.

Josh reported that the Bay Bridge West Span subcommittee *held their initial meeting* on February 23. There will be more meetings to set strategy in the upcoming months.

Dave Campbell reported that the Al Zampa (Carquinez) bridge will open sometime in April, to cyclists, but will be closed at night. Dave C. reported that Raburn is in contact with Caltrans and BCDC and is working on ensuring real bicycle access on the bridge. We asked Dave C. to convey to Robert Raburn that the BABC is available to assist in advocating for 24-hr bike access to the bridge.

The ribbon-cutting for the bike path is scheduled for Sunday, May 16. Lou Penning suggested that we coordinate to ensure a strong representation of cyclist at that event. Perhaps we can organize riders to converge from all directions.

We discussed the request of Dana Cowell, Caltrans planner to attend a BABC meeting. Dave Burch will solicit ideas as to topics that BABC directors would like to discuss with Caltrans, and will contact Mr. Cowell to make appropriate arrangements.

Deb reported that the Safe Routes reauthorization will be coming up for a vote in Sacramento in the near future. She urged all local coalitions to send support letters.

Josh reported on the Feb. Caltrans Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting. Among the items discussed were a statewide study of unused rail corridors, that can possibly be used for bikeways. Also discussed was what appears to be unwarranted ticketing of cyclists by CHP for riding outside the door zone. A consistent interpretation of "as far to the right as is practical" needs to be developed and used throughout the state. AB1408, which would clarify the right of cyclists to ride outside the door zone, is currently bottled up due to opposition from AAA and CHP. There was also discussion of the new Caltrans non-motorized action plan.

Christine Culver reported that the Stage Gulch road portion of Highway 116, in Sonoma County will be rebuilt, but at this point it is not clear whether the project will include bicycle facilities.

Items for Follow up

Robert Raburn will coordinate input from County Coalitions on what projects should be funded by Measure 2 monies.

Lou Penning will send contact BABC Directors and other groups to encourage them to attend the May 16 ribbon-cutting for the bike path on the Al Zampa Bridge.

BABC Website:

Deb will provide write-up on Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge to Carol Levine. Carol will post this, and also set up link to RSR page on MCBC website.

Josh will write an article for the web site concerning status of the West Span access. Josh will also set up a West Span page on SFBC website, and Carol will set up link from BABC to this page.

Hayward-San Mateo (HSM) Bridge: Jim Stallman will provide info to Carol to post on website re: bike access to AC Transit bus service over HSM Bridge.

Mark B will provide list of BABC's financial sponsors for Carol to post on our website.

Dave C will work with Carol to post the Regional Bicycle Program justification document on the website.

Dave Burch will solicit suggestions re topics to discuss with Caltrans and contact Dana Cowell about attending a future BABC meeting (or perhaps a special meeting).

Chris Culver will draft a letter to Caltrans, which will go out on BABC letterhead, asking for DD64 compliance on the reconstruction of Stage Gulch Road (Hwy 116).

Next meeting date was tentatively set for May 4, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25

Submitted by Mark Birnbaum