

SF BAC minutes 07_26_2021

Monday, July 26, 2021

- **Roll Call – Determination of Quorum**

Meeting start time: 6:34 pm

Present: D1, D2, D3, D5, D7, D10

Absent: D4 (vacant), D6, D8, D9, D11

Announcements & Acknowledgments -

- Meeting via Zoom.

Approve Minutes – BAC Meeting

- Skipping June as they are not yet transcribed.

Public Comments -

- No comments tonight.

Committee Member Reports (*Information*)

Report	Discussion
Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Postpone election to next month, as we have just had quorum this month.● Going to see if he can get an appointment to discuss Portola with supervisor
Committee reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● D1: No report.● D2: No report.● D3: No report.● D4: Vacant.● D5: Soft hit posts installed today at Page Street slow streets.● D6: No report.● D7: Chairman report● D8: Absent.● D9: Absent.● D10: MinneSLOWta has been approved,<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kisai and Paul informed that next month there will be more Hairball to report, including a tour.● D11: Absent.

6. Governmental Reports

Agency	Discussion
SFPD Report: Lieutenant Luke Martin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Absent
MTA Bicycle Program Report: Maia Moran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Q from D2: slow streets on twitter, people were upset and people are driving faster because the signage is small. Is there any data on that?● Making a note to reconnect with the folks from Portola.● Q: working towards an item for Embarcadero bike lane?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Estimated timeline is next month, will be a major item for next month● Public comment by Luke Bornheimer: FYI, the art and DIY barriers were removed because the Fire Department insisted on them being removed from the street. This relates to their opposition/obstruction of safe streets improvements and infrastructure, which has been longstanding. Happy to share more now or later over email/text. There are no plans to put more substantial barriers or signs on Slow Page (or any other Slow Street) in the near future. There's some data that response times have actually improved during slow streets● Public comment via chat by Fennel Doyle: in District 5 (the 3rd most dangerous neighborhood in VisionZero terms) we had a 88 YO get hit by a car driver, near Alamo Sq Park. She was walking. Hit & Run. [The] Traffic Violence victim is in critical condition.
SF Public Works: Jeremy Spitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Absent
BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Report: Rick Goldman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Absent this month.

SF Bicycle Coalition:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent
SF Park and Rec: Brian Stokle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent

7. Support of a Pilot of the Upper Great Highway Promenade with Nearby Vehicular Traffic Improvements (Resolution) *Kristin Tieche/Sarah Boudreau* - As we approach the end of the declared Pandemic Emergency, with temporary changes that promote Active Transportation and Pedestrianized roadways, the debate over the Great Highway in review with Rec & Park, the County Transportation Authority (CTA), and the Board of Supervisors remains not solved. Last month, the CTA presented five suggested concepts for review. Members of the BAC will propose a Resolution of Recommendation to be considered by the Board of Supervisors.

- Discussion followed. Authors will add a WHEREAS about ADA accessibility.
- Public comment:
 - Fennel Doyle:
 - WOW! Been a blessing to have 100% promenade along city surf beach. Having this resolution is very helpful, since it hit so many policy birds with 1 solution. The space is a sanctuary for all living beings.
 - CONCEPT 3 is super well loved - 100% full promenade is the ONLY way in 2021.
 - 1. How much money has been spent to date, to recall sand "move sand off roadway"? There is NO doubt that the city has been waging a losing battle against the open pacific ocean. The ocean always wins! It is NOT sustainable solution, and it degenerate waste of money aside from other downside outcomes.
 - 2. YES, we need regenerative energy OPEN space that manifests VisionZero, and honors the gifts of our living ocean for all the benefits you mentioned. This strip of shoreline is biodiverse hotspot as per NOAA - farallones. I rec marine life input.
 - 3. Furthermore, more than ever before we all are on a healing journey. How lucky are we to have the healing ocean to enjoy. Including the full sounds. For the love of movement, and nothing beats depression better than 20 mins of exercise. I rec data on happy neurochemicals being produced. RxRolligion!
 - 4. I recommend talking to BORP about ADA mobility issues. They love it as OPEN BEACH ROAD! Never been more accessible.
 - Luke Bornheimer:
 - For anyone curious, the numbers are clear about which "configuration" is favored — 2.5 times more people supported a full promenade

configuration than *any* roadway configuration in (1) the SFCTA citywide survey, (2) RPD/MTA Joint Hearing public comment, and (3) SFCTA Board Meeting public comment. Furthermore, the “compromise” configurations were the least supported options. Planning to publish this data this week for anyone who’s interested.

- Regarding the Outer Sunset, crashes and injuries have decreased more than 40% from before the pandemic. Furthermore, Outer Sunset residents disproportionately favor the full promenade configuration (Concept 3), both in the SFCTA survey and in who has requested windows signs or voiced support.
- Ariel Earnhardt:
 - Great work on this! As a 45th Ave resident this is so exciting and touches on pretty much every point I agree we should make. One add would be on the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we might want to mention accessibility improvements for people with disabilities. Currently the great highway is not easily accessible for people with certain disabilities. Partly due to maintenance and sand removal. Opening both roads will help but if there can be work done to make it easier for folks of carrying disabilities I feel that would be a great add to this document :)
- Jay Bain:
 - Thank you for taking a position on changing our city infrastructure for the better, in a shared spaces sense, and doing better than a car-centered approach like in the last century.
 - As someone who both drives and rides, he thinks the driving issues, aren’t necessarily the result of the Great Highway closure, and gets blamed a lot.
 - Supports the resolution as a District 1 resident.
- Dave Alexander:
 - Wants to thank the BAC, on board of SFBC, and calling in as capacity as a parent who lives in District 1. This resolution is above and beyond is great because this is a climate crisis.
- Melyssa moved to approve the resolution, and Marc Brandt seconded.
 - Discussion ensued
 - Added a few words about the ADA access in the last paragraph, and a phrase to include supporting biodiversity.
- D1, D2, D3, D5, D7, D10: Unanimously approved
- D6, D8, D9, D11 Absent
- D4 Vacant

8. Motion to Adjourn

- Paul moves, Marc seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

