

## BPAC Minutes, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2005

Attendees: Ron Bishop, Jim Dexter, Calvin Hao, Mike Jones, Brooke Kuhn, Margot Lederer, Carol Levine, Jason Patton, Robert Raburn, Wendy Simon, Jennifer Stanley

1. Fruitvale Alive - City Project Manager Wendy Simon and Jason Patton gave an update on the Fruitvale Alive! Transportation planning process. The next public meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005. The committee recommended that safe bike parking be provided at all meetings.

Jason noted the increased bike/pedestrian component in the draft plan. The plan calls for improvements on Fruitvale to make intersections more pedestrian friendly and identified bike lanes west of Foothill as projects for further study. However, the section of Fruitvale between Foothill and MacArthur is probably too narrow for bike lanes and "sharrows" will be considered. Closure of Champion was discussed but is not currently recommended as part of the plan. Jason also encouraged members to attend the next Fruitvale Alive Meeting to address bike/ped issues.

2. 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bay Trail Gap Closure - City Project Manager Calvin Hao described a project proposed for the upcoming round of Bay Trail grant funds, and requested a letter of support for the project from the BPAC. This project will complete 8<sup>th</sup> Street as an element of the Bay Trail and continue the bike lanes west of Mandela through to Wood St. It follows on from the Environmental Justice project, for West Oakland that put bike access on 8<sup>th</sup> St. to Willow.

There was concern from the BPAC over the use of 8<sup>th</sup> Street as a bike route, though it was acknowledged that the proposed project is part of the Bay Trail and that connectivity has increased with opening of the bike lanes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. extension. This concern is based upon poor connectivity to downtown and the fact that vehicles park in the existing bike lanes on this street. Though the project is on the Bay Trail map, the group felt that the project was not the best alignment. The BPAC voted not to endorse this project and asked the City to provide a more comprehensive list of projects currently being considered for applications for limited Bay Trail funds.

3. Bike to Work Day - Press releases, 500 posters and a prize list have been distributed. Pedal pools representing all Districts have been set up and are shown on the Public Works website. The committee passed a motion to recommend that a majority of prizes should be distributed after the noontime event.
4. BPAC Minutes - It was agreed that draft minutes should be distributed to all attending persons for review before distribution to the committee email list. However, there was not agreement as to what constituted judicial editing for clarity and accuracy.
5. Bike route signage - this item was postponed.

Submitted by Mike Jones.