

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)  
SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
Gallagher Conference Room, 3rd Floor  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** A. Banerjee, J. Brazil, D. Provence, E. Saum, G. Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** W. Brinsfield, S. Vanderlip, C. Young

**STAFF PRESENT:** N. McKenna, S. Murphy, S. Petty

Acting Chair Garrett Turner called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shirley Johnson, San Francisco Bike Coalition (SFBC) thanked staff for holding this special meeting.

**ELECTRIC MULTIPLE UNIT (EMU) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) UPDATE**

Sebastian Petty, Planner, reported:

- This presentation was given to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), the JPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the Local Policymakers Group.
- Staff is seeking feedback on car configuration and range of increased seats and bikes onboard.
- Staff is recommending:
  - Multiple builders
  - A 9:1 seats to bikes ratio and the bicycle coalitions want 6:1 seats to bikes, which equates to 682 bikes for staff and 877 bikes for the bicycle coalition
  - Three million dollars in wayside funding.
- In the near-term, staff will be doing a system-wide bike parking management plan.

John Brazil asked if the \$3 million is dedicated to bike parking. Mr. Petty said it is for bike parking and wayside options.

Mr. Turner asked if the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) went out as 9:1 or 6:1. Dave Couch, Project Delivery Director, said it went out 9:1. Mr. Petty said the RFP went out to the industry for comments.

Mr. Brazil asked if the RFP focused on the actual type and layout of the EMUs. Mr. Couch said staff has gone to the car builders on a 9:1 ratio.

Mr. Brazil asked if staff can go out with both a 9:1 and 6:1. Mr. Couch said after the contract is awarded then the details begin on where seats go and if bikes are all in one car.

#### Public Comment

Hans Nielsen, San Francisco, said he rides south daily from San Francisco and the bike space is full, but seating is not.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, said back in 2012 the capacity analysis was done with 948 seats. Last week the CAC adopted a resolution with a minimum of one bathroom on each consist. There is \$15 million in excess administrative costs for the budget and the JPB should take the managing agency away from SamTrans.

Shirley Johnson, SFBC, said ridership projections in 2020 show 20 percent bikes. The SFBC recommends 6:1 by 2020, which gains 220 bike boardings. Ms. Johnson said with a 6:1 ratio people can bring their bikes on the train and complete their first- and last-mile transportation. She said based on the 2015 passenger counts standees do not diminish data and bike boardings dropped by two-thirds and are pushing people off trains.

Emily Hayes, SFBC, said they believe Caltrain staff is working hard toward a solution. The future of Caltrain is dependent on bike riders. She said the SFBC submitted a letter that 20 percent of people bring their bikes on Caltrain and wayside bike parking is needed.

Amitab Banerjee asked about the various levels for boarding. Mr. Couch said the car builders will state the number of doors and then a combination of bikes and bathrooms and access through the trains. None of the car manufacturers are required to reply to staff's request.

Mr. Brazil asked why the SFBC is asking 20 percent. Ms. Johnson said the walk-on boardings are significantly less than bike boarding's.

#### **BIKE CAPACITY AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BIKE CAPACITY ONBOARD EMUS**

Mr. Saum said the committee reviewed all the comments received from the advocacy groups and a main point of discussion was that this was a bike capacity committee. The committee decided to recommend all EMU train sets provide bicycle capacity to allow 20 percent of seated passengers to bring a bike onboard, all EMU cars be configured to accept bikes onboard, and encourage and support additional substantial investment in wayside bicycle facilities.

Mr. Turner said he is very pleased with the recommendations and wise choice to have all cars configured to allow bikes.

Mr. Saum said the ad hoc committee will dissolve after the acceptance of the recommendations.

Dan Provence said right now there are six or 10 bike racks and there are options to stack and if the number of racks in a car is changed to spread bikes throughout the

train the shuffle of bikes could be an issue. Mr. Saum said yes, the committee did speak of this issue and thought it could be a problem, but this would be something addressed with the manufacturer.

Mr. Turner said the BAC should not be telling staff to tell the manufacturer on how to set-up the cars.

Mr. Brazil asked if the BAC recommends 5:1 if it would it be a huge operational impact. Mr. Petty said the ratios were not based on operational impact, but impact on adding capacity.

Mr. Provence said he can see arguments on both sides for keeping capacity for bikes and seats.

#### Public Comment

Roland LeBrun, San Jose, said the bottom floor of the trains should be gutted for 80 bike spaces.

Shirley Johnson, SFBC, said she supports the ad hoc committee recommendation of a 5:1 ratio or 20 percent of seated passengers. She is on the Bay Area Rapid Transit Bike Advisory Committee and to allow bikes on every car is very important as it reduces dwell time.

Hans Nielsen, San Francisco, said he fully supports the ad hoc committee's recommendation.

Mr. Brazil said the BAC needs to think long-term for not only bicyclists but seated passengers and what this 20 percent for bike capacity means for seated passengers. He said wayside parking is something that needs to be considered.  
Mr. Brazil said the BAC needs to stay with a 6:1 ratio.

Mr. Banerjee said it is more important to have bike space as people are willing to stand.

Mr. Turner said the people who bring their bikes onboard are increasing at a much greater rate than people boarding.

Mr. Banerjee asked if bike coalitions are recommending 16 percent of passengers or seats. Shirley Johnson, SFBC, said 20 percent of passengers with bikes

Mr. Provence said he shares Mr. Brazil's opinion. He said there are monthly bike lockers at some locations and exposed bike racks. He is excited about the \$3 million for wayside parking, which can alleviate the bumping issue.

Mr. Saum said some people say if they can't bring their bike on Caltrain they will drive.

Mr. Provence asked if there was much discussion on the wayside parking. Mr. Saum said just on bike capacity onboard since that was the scope of the committee's assignment.

Motion/second (Banjeree/Turner) to accept the ad hoc committee's recommendation:

1. All EMU train sets to provide bicycle capacity to allow 20 percent of seated passengers to bring a bike onboard.
2. All EMU cars be configured to accept bikes on board.
3. Encourage and support Caltrain staff's recommendation to the JPB for additional, substantial investment in wayside bicycle facilities.

Ayes: Banerjee, Saum, Turner

Noes: Brazil, Provence

Absent: Brinsfield, Vanderlip, Young

The motion did not pass.

Motion/second (Provence/Brazil) to recommend:

1. All EMU train sets to provide bicycle capacity to allow 16 percent of seated passengers to bring a bike onboard.
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3. Encourage and support Caltrain staff's recommendation to the JPB for additional, substantial investment in wayside bicycle facilities.

Ayes: Banerjee, Brazil, Provence, Saum, Turner

Absent: Brinsfield, Vanderlip, Young

### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Saum said a lot of correspondence the BAC received was from advocacy groups and participants stating their hopes.

### **COMMITTEE REQUESTS**

Mr. Saum said having made the EMU recommendation he would like to hear about wayside parking and how the \$3 million is spent. Mr. Petty said he will give an update and also discuss and look for input on the planning grant at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Turner thanked the ad hoc committee for the work on capacity and the additional work staff provided.

### **DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:**

July 16, 2015 at 5:45 p.m., San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bacciocco Auditorium, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.