

Caltrain Bicycle Advisory Committee
Work Plan for 2013
Updated 11/13/2013

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate dialogue between Caltrain and its current and future customers who use bicycles as their primary mode of access to the Caltrain rail line. This Committee will provide a formal venue for the interests and perspectives of bicyclists to be fully integrated into Caltrain decision-making processes, particularly with respect to:

- New ideas related to the needs of bicyclists on Caltrain
- Proposed investments and pilot programs
- Operating procedures
- Caltrain communications

The Committee shall be advisory in nature, and actions taken shall be brought to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board by Caltrain staff, when appropriate. Although the Committee is not, and was not created by a legislative body, it has been created as a venue that is open to the public and shall follow the Ralph M. Brown Act to ensure transparency and consistency with the Joint Powers Board and other Caltrain committees.

Function

The function of the Committee is to promote and advance overall communication between Caltrain and members of the bicycling community, and to explore the realm of needs bicycle riders have with respect to utilizing current and future Caltrain services, while taking into account the needs of all Caltrain customers.

- Helps to educate the community-at-large, as well as other bicyclists, and serve as a communication conduit to ensure broad feedback on Caltrain initiatives related to bicycles.
- Provides a connection to regional and local bicycle related planning processes between bicycle community stakeholders, the public and public agencies.

List of Tentative Agenda Topics for 2013:

Completed Meetings

- Jan. 17 – cancelled meeting
- March 21 –
 - Brown Act Presentation
 - Overview of Caltrain Bike Program
 - Resolution of Support for BART Bike Program
- May 16 –
 - Update on San Francisco Caltrain Bicycle Parking Facility
 - Update on Caltrain Modernization Program
 - Presentation on Annual Passenger Count Data
- July 18 –
 - Bicycle Access Plan Update/Next Steps
 - Presentation on Regional Bike Share Program (launches in fall)
 - Discussion changes to charter
 - Time of meeting
 - Public comment

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- Rotation of chair.
- Sept. 19 –
 - Bicycle Theft Prevention Update
 - Alameda Bikes Update
 - Bicycle Access and Parking Plan Project List Review/Formation of SubCommittee to work on Project List
 - Vote on BAC Charter Changes (continued)
 - Staff Report:
 - Summary of Constraints to Adding a Third Bicycle Car on the Bombardier Consists.
 - Discussion on November Officer Elections

Future Meetings

- Nov. 21 –
 - Caltrain Modernization Program – Update
 - Bicycle Access and Parking Plan
 - Ad Hoc Committee Report (Wes Brinsfield, Edward Saum, Garrett Turner, Steve Vanderlip)
 - Review Projects and Discussion of Prioritization and Funding
 - Vote on BAC Charter Changes
 - Election of Officers for 2014
 - 2014 Meeting Calendar

Suggested Agenda Topics from BAC members (March 21, 2013 Meeting)

John Brazil:

- CalMod – providing input on Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) “new trains”
- Onboard capacity, station area improvements and last-mile improvements
- Updates on bike share, quantity and types of racks including e-lockers and converting some car parking to bike parking

Mike Sonn:

- Bike parking at stations
- Presentation from the Transit Police and the Rail Operations Department regarding strategies to prevent bicycle theft

Dan Provence:

- Pass some resolutions addressing last-mile issues

Wes Brinsfield:

- Standing agenda items such as a bump report, theft report and ridership

Darcy Forsell

- Annual Count Report
- Caltrain Modernization- Input on train design to accommodate bicycles and other station platform improvements as required for modernization
- Bicycle Access & Parking Plan (2008)- prioritize projects.
- Bicycle Share pilot program updates