

SOUTH BAYFRONT PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT COMMITTEE
ACTION RECAP

Meeting of September 28, 2007

1) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:30 A.M.

Members Present: Debbas, Donahue, Fricke, Mudd, Scheuerman, Young
Excused: Weber
Absent: Bukowski
Staff: Bryant, Dayrit
Consultants: [Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA)] Harms, Abbott; [HNTB]
Sheehan
Location: Old Town Hall, Garden level.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

3) AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Review Recap of August 28, 2007 meeting: Recap approved unanimously.
- b) Discussion of Site Conditions:
 - i) The team reported that surveys need to be completed to obtain proper elevations and cross sections.
 - ii) Limitations along the Ohlone Way alignment were described.
 - iii) The consultants also reported on the meeting with Fire Chief Cutright regarding ramps behind the building. The Committee requested a report in writing.
- c) Discussion on Design Elements: The design team presented various design options related to bridge type, alignment across the tracks, east landing and west landing. After presentation (which is posted on the website – link provided below) and discussion, the Committee removed from consideration several options (discussed below) and recommended for Council adoption at the October 16 meeting:
 - i) Bridge type: Steel arch requires large footings, there is a lack of space for the footings, and it is more expensive compared to a tied steel arch, which it resembles. (Passed unanimously)
 - ii) Bridge Alignment:
 - (1) Northern crossing was eliminated because the location is constrained (Passed unanimously)
 - (2) Ohlone Way, on-axis was removed because span is longer and more expensive than other options and does not provide for a view from Ohlone Way. (Passed 5-1 [Donahue])
 - iii) Novartis (East) approach: Switchback to the south was eliminated because it is set in the middle of the Sherwin Williams property which will require environmental remediation. The City will inform Sherwin Williams of ramp opportunities at this location. (Passed unanimously).
- d) Update on railroad and PUC process: The consultants reported on the requirements of the UPRR. A meeting is being scheduled for October or November.
- e) Discussion on public outreach: Staff reported that a website has been set up with pertinent documents - <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/econdev/092807.html>. A draft public outreach plan has been posted on the website for the Committee's review. Staff

will continue to apprise Sherwin Williams of these meetings.

f) Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA) schedule, work plan and progress report: This was discussed in previous items.

4) MEMBER COMMENTS.

- a) Donahue requested a slower pace to the meetings. Fricke noted that meetings would need to be longer than 1.5 hours to accommodate longer discussions. Scheurman added that he had to limit his attendance to 1.5 hours in order to meet other commitments.
- b) Fricke requested that floor plans of the garage be provided so that the Committee may have an idea what the pedestrian experience would be from the bridge, through the garage, and onto the elevators.

5) NEXT MEETING. Friday, October 26, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. at Old Town Hall Garden Level.

6) ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M..

Attest:

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON