

SOUTH BAYFRONT PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT COMMITTEE
ACTION RECAP

Meeting of November 30, 2007

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

Members Present: John Fricke, Joseph Mudd, John Scheuerman, Ann Weber, Cedric Young
Excused: none
Absent: Ken Bukowski, Charles Debbas, Brian Donahue
Staff: Helen Bean, Charles Bryant, Ignacio Dayrit, Maurice Kaufman, Diana Keena, Peter Schultze-Allen
Consultants: [Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA)] Mahvash Harms, Tracy Abbott; [HNTB] Rick Phillips, Patrick Sheehan; [MIG] Diana Sherman
Location: Old Town Hall, Garden level.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

3) AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Review Recap of October 26, 2007 meeting: Recap approved unanimously.
- b) Report on November 20 Redevelopment Agency meeting: Fricke and Dayrit reported on the Agency's approval of Committee recommendations on design alternatives, UPRR design agreement and first workshop date, the postponement of the second public workshop, comments on specific alternatives, and the need for more representation for ADA interests. Sherman would check with their ADA division and report back to the City.
- c) Discussion on December 6 Public Workshop and Public Outreach: Sherman stated the goals, schedule and logistics of the workshop. A list of possible poster boards and discussion items were presented, as well as possible representatives from City Council and/or the Committee. Sherman inquired as to whether special accommodations for bicycle parking would be made. The Committee recommended that since Novartis security would be present, temporary bicycle parking on 53rd Street would be appropriate. The group discussed different scenarios and interests which could emerge at the meeting, and how these would be addressed. FAQ suggestions should be sent to BCA/MIG by COB Monday.
The next public workshop was postponed, possibly for mid- to late-January. This meeting may be hosted by Bay Street. The meeting can convene at the community room, and continue at select locations in the parking garage or on Ohlone Way.
- d) Discussion on Design Elements:
 - i) Bay Street (west) landing. The Committee evaluated both options and determined that additional information, input, visual studies and discussion would be necessary before a recommendation could be set forth. Pros and cons of each alternative would be compiled over the next few weeks, which will be used in forwarding a recommendation. Staff also suggested that future representations involve the landscape design along Ohlone and a larger scale plan view at the stair and ramp landing.

- (1) Alternative D-4-r4: This alternative involves the connection of the stairs to a newly replaced, perhaps wider, vehicular bridge connecting the Bay Street garages. This proposal (1) has better structural, urban design integration and visibility; (2) involves the replacement of the bridge, it is therefore more expensive; and (3) minimizes conflicts with vehicles entering both garages.
 - (2) Alternative D-4-r5: This alternative retains the vehicular bridge. This proposal is (1) potentially more cost effective; (2) potentially obscure the bridge because it is behind the existing vehicle bridge; and (3) has the potential for more vehicular conflicts.
- ii) Novartis (east) landing. The design team enumerated design considerations. These include: (1) location/proximity of ramps and stairs to each other and along pedestrian and bicycle trail alignments; (2) path that is not sandwiched between the tracks and the ramp; (3) ramps away from Bayer/Novartis buildings; (4) integrate the ramps with the Horton Landing Park design; (5) ability to provide fire truck access to the foot of the bridge; and (6) allowance for a future elevator. Mudd noted that Novartis prefers not to begin planning of Horton Street Landing at this time. The location for a future ramp on the Sherwin site is a possibility, but is not in the scope of the project.
 - iii) Discussion on bridge alternatives: The design team showed slides of possible bridge span designs, including tied arches and a trussed bridge. A cable-stayed bridge is not included, deemed financially beyond the project budget and potentially have constructability issues.
- e) Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA) schedule, work plan and progress report: BCA will prepare cost information, stair and landing/lookout studies, and include landscape information in future design presentations.
- 4) MEMBER COMMENTS. At the next meeting, the Committee will debrief on the public meeting and discuss necessary follow up work, plan for the next public workshop, and discuss new design alternatives developed by the design team.
 - 5) NEXT MEETING. Two meetings have been scheduled. Friday, January 11, 2008 at 8:30 AM and Friday, January 25 at 8:30 A.M. Both meetings will be at Old Town Hall Garden Level.
 - 6) ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

Attest:

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON