

SOUTH BAYFRONT PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE BRIDGE PROJECT COMMITTEE
ACTION RECAP

Meeting of January 25, 2008

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

Members Present: Ken Bukowski, Charles Debbas, John Fricke, Joseph Mudd, John Scheuerman, Ann Weber, Cedric Young
Excused: none
Absent: Brian Donahue
Staff: Helen Bean, Ignacio Dayrit, Maurice Kaufman, Diana Keena, Peter Schultze-Allen, George Warren
Consultants: [Biggs Cardosa Associates (BCA)] Tracy Abbott; [HNTB] Rick Philips, Patrick Sheehan; [MIG] Diana Sherman; [Fehr & Peers] Matthew Ridgway
Location: Community Room, Bay Street

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS None

3) AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Review Recap of January 11, 2007 meeting: Recap approved unanimously.
- b) Discussion of March 8 Public Workshop and public outreach: The Committee discussed the purpose, format, publicity and desired outcomes of the public workshop. Some of the objectives of the meeting will include further elaboration on the site and cost constraints, presentation of design ideas on the bridge span and Novartis (east) landing, and solicitation of input on the design features presented. There was also discussion on how to publicize and televise/record the meeting. The project team will develop recommendations for the next Committee meeting.
- c) Discussion on Design Elements:
 - i) Bay Street (West) landing – (see discussion under “Site Walk”)
 - ii) Novartis (East) landing – Callander Associates has begun preparing schematic designs for this location.
 - iii) Bridge Alternatives – nothing new to report
 - iv) Update on project cost – Preliminary cost estimates are being developed and will be presented at the next meeting.
 - v) Traffic counts on Ohlone Way – traffic counts were conducted during the previous weekend. Data is being compiled and will be available at the next meeting.
- d) Update on Biggs Cardosa Associates’ schedule, work plan and work for the next month: prepare drawings, estimates, and prepare for public workshop. The cost estimates will be calculated for entire concepts with and without the removal of the bridge. It includes constructibility costs, such as cranes and falsework. Impacts on the existing garage operations will also be considered.
- e) Site Walk. Comments and discussion on the following:
 - i) Ramps are long and visibility is limited on the west side
 - (1) Whether a bicyclists or wheelchair user would use the ramps
 - (2) Concerns about personal safety on the west-side ramps
 - (3) If ramps eliminated, portion connecting to Bay Street should be retained (signage

for bicyclists may be needed to prevent them from circulating in the parking garage).

- (4) With or without ramps, stairs should include bicycle tire channels located on both sides of stairways.
 - ii) Ohlone Crossing intuitive
 - (1) There is an existing marked crosswalk at the location of the proposed scissor stair touchdown on the west side that is well-located.
 - (2) Augmenting this crosswalk with a raised crosswalk, high-visibility markings, and additional signs and should be considered.
 - iii) Ohlone Road wider than needed (45 feet)
 - (1) Ohlone could be narrowed by at least 10 feet on the south side of the street with no impact to auto circulation, parking or loading.
 - (2) Additional narrowing may be possible, but would result in relocation of police parking and three trash receptacles.
 - iv) Walkway with in the parking garage can be located for optimum visibility and shortest travel path. At a minimum, 10-foot sight triangles should be maintained at each location where a pedestrian would step out from between parked cars (or a sheer wall) into the vehicle travel way.
 - v) Revisiting elevators
 - (1) Some members commented that an elevator would provide for a more elegant design solution and take less space.
 - (2) Construction and maintenance cost considerations need to be revisited again
 - (3) Staff mentioned that the preclusion of the elevators was the direction given by the Agency.
 - (4) Motion (Debbas) and second (Weber) to recommend that the Agency remove the restriction against consideration of elevators, and allow the Project Committee and design team to study including an elevator on one or both sides of the railroad tracks. The motion passed 6-1 (Fricke).
- 4) MEMBER COMMENTS. None.
- 5) NEXT MEETING. Friday, February 29, 2008 at 8:30 AM at the Garden Level, Old Town Hall.
- 6) ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Attest:

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON