

PAUL VALDEZ

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Membership Application

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Please email application to: Heath Maddox

BART Bike Program Manager

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Most of the time Never

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Most of the time Never

(4) What motivates you to want to serve on the BBATF?

When I was a young kid growing up in the Bay Area in the 70s, our elementary school teachers would often impart trips to San Francisco via BART for fields trips. For example, we would take

BART to SF and go to the Exploratorium (Palace of Fine Arts location), take the Red and White Ferry to Alcatraz, Sausalito, and Angel Island, Golden Gate Park and so forth.

I guess you can say that I am a first generation BART rider! We grew up on BART.

Fast forward to my present life in living in San Francisco for the last 35 years, I have chosen riding a bicycle for my every day, sustainable transportation of joy.

I always say that riding a bicycle in San Francisco opens my mind to the visual imagery and landscape of The City, connect with my community with ease, contribute to the sustainability of our planet and the air we breathe, support our small businesses and characteristic neighborhoods, along with care about others who share our streets through walking, biking, transit, and ferry.

I am proud of BART and how it connects the Bay Area counties to help others get around with ease. I once had a precious opportunity to have a BART commute from San Francisco to Antioch from the 1990-1994. This was the era when I would take the N Judah from 48th Avenue (Ocean Beach) to the Embarcadero Station, then take BART to the Concord Station where I would have to disembark at the Concord Station and take a BART bus to the (then) North Concord and Bay Point Stations while they were being built!

Serving on the BBAFT would be an honor to humbly share my perspective as a person who rides a bike, utilizes BART as much as possible, and encourages others to take BART, ride transit, bike, walk, etc., and to enjoy the experiences it offers.

(5) What perspectives, skills, or experiences you would bring to the BBATF?

Within my profession as the Vice President of Research Facilities for Nichols Research, I have proven leadership working with the partners of our company, assisting our company with overseeing our Bay Area and Central CA research facilities. I have been with our company since I was 16, so I am celebrating my 40th year with them. In addition, I served the marketing research profession at the local and national levels with the Insights Association (formerly the Marketing Research Association) as Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee for the Northwest Chapter, along chairing numerous committees. I am also a current Board member and Chairman of the Membership Committee for the American Society of Trial Consultants (ASTC) working with the trial consultant community to assist with their mock jury/trial research, focus groups, shadow juries, and online research. With all these professional ambitions and

accomplishments, the balance I receive in life is due to the innate passion for my family, friends, biking, and contributing to the betterment of my community in San Francisco. I humbly feel that I can share these experiences and insights to help BART enhance their offerings to those who choose to “bike and BART” to navigate the Bay Area.

(6) Are you involved with any organizations or advisory boards related to public transit or bicycling?

No, but my enthusiasm and fresh perspective are just what the BBATF needs

Yes, please describe:

I have been a District 9 resident for 18 years and a San Francisco resident for 35 years.

I am gay man of color who rides and promotes the bicycle for everyday transportation (along with walking and taking public transit in SF, Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties) for over a decade and a supporter of the small businesses in District 9 and throughout San Francisco. I am a strong advocate for any projects related to street safety (Better Market Street, Safer Market Street Project, Valencia Street Bikeway Improvements, Slow Streets, Shared Streets, JFK Promenade, Great Highway/Walkway, Sunday Streets, the development of protected bike infrastructure, etc.). Additionally, I have been a strong supporter of The City's adoption of Vision Zero and want to energize positive efforts toward reaching its goals and pledge a commitment toward this, whether it be through ideas or collaboration in education, engineering, or enforcement. Street safety is paramount throughout San Francisco, particularly in areas of District 9.

I am a long-time member and active volunteer for the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. I have been a captain of the Energizer Stations on Bike to Work/Wherever Day for several years, encouraging the joys of biking every day and sharing the benefits of being a member. I was awarded the Most Active Member award in 2015 and most recently was selected as the 2022 Bike Champion for The City and County of San Francisco.

I am one of the main organizers for the Ride of Silence in San Francisco. San Francisco's annual Ride of Silence is a solemn group ride to honor those injured or killed while biking. This ride continues to reach a global scale that now takes place in over 20 countries in May, with thousands of people riding their bikes to remember, support each other, and heal collectively. 2025 marks 25 years of the Ride of Silence. This ride is a no-drop yet silent group ride that is appropriate for all ages and abilities. During the ride, we stop to lay flowers and observe a

moment of silence at the sites of recent biking fatalities and honor those we have lost while spreading the message that people who bike represent precious lives. We also make a stop at South Park to honor the lives of those we lost in our bike messenger community. We listen to some reflections from family members and friends of those we lost at some of the stops and we will usually do a live ghost bike installation at San Francisco City Hall. With the help of the City Administrator's Office, we were able to get City Hall it up in a bright white to honor those lives we lost of people biking and the Ride of Silence.

The Better Market Street and the Safer Market Street Project (2015) has been a project near and dear to my heart. For over a decade, I energetically attended many design workshops, community meetings, project hearings at City Hall, and focus groups on offering my ideas on making our main thoroughfare more safe and livable for all users of Market Street. I contributed my thoughts and experiences more specifically to safety and user-tested both the raised bikeway pilot and the delineation surfaces for the original design for the sidewalk level-bikeway. And most notably, I passionately spoke on the steps of City Hall in support of the comprehensive quick build, car-free design approved in 2019. I continue to support the project, along with personally requesting repairs of dangerous potholes through SF311.

I was a supporter and contributed ideas for safety for the Mayor Breed's quick-build of the Valencia Bikeway Improvement Pilot. On the day of its opening, some of us volunteered to not only educate people biking on the how to use the protected bike lane safely, as it was in close proximity of the Millennium and SF Friend's schools. In fact, we helped escort some of the students who were being dropped off on the new boarding islands, to safely cross over the bike lane and into the entrance of their schools. In addition, I am firm supporter of protected bike lanes being installed on Valencia Street. Lastly, I was featured in SFGovTV's "What's Next SF" video for the Valencia Bikeway Improvement Pilot. https://youtu.be/CxujDkm_EpE

In 2020, I was one of the volunteers that helped close off our streets to vehicles during the summer and fall months of the pandemic, as part of the Shared Streets program. We mobilized on the ground to create a safe space for people to walk, bike, and stroll while supporting the local small businesses along the corridor. While volunteering, we made sure people were masked up and made sure that people were biking safely down the closed areas. The program has expanded to two additional blocks and continues today in 2022.

On a civic level for over a decade, I helped install the Pink Triangle and have joined The Friends of the Pink Triangle, working alongside Patrick Carney, who has been the yearly-organizer of the

installation since the beginning, but he is also the sole-founder and yearly-organizer of the annual Pink Triangle Commemoration Ceremony which remembers the hatred of the past while showing how far the LGBTQ community has come. The Pink Triangle on Twin Peaks is a visible yet mute reminder of man's inhumanity to man. Many hundreds of hardworking volunteers who, on a tiny budget, come together to make the display possible every year by constructing a gigantic pink triangle on Twin Peaks after installing over 175 bright pink canvas pieces secured by thousands of steel spikes that form a nearly one acre size pink triangle that can be seen for many miles from the SF East Bay on a clear day.

In continuing my decades of community service, I worked very closely with the organizers of Pets Are Wonderful Support (P.A.W.S) and the P.A.W.S Pet Food Bank. I helped deliver regular and prescription pet food, cat litter, and a variety of pet supplies to some of their 187 enrolled clients of the delivery program. For years, I volunteered/delivered once a week to their clients who live in The Mission, Bayview-Hunter's Point, Tenderloin and Potrero Hill communities.

The AIDS Memorial Grove is a special place for me, as I lost a very dear friend and mentor to AIDS right around the time of moving to San Francisco. His name was James L. Payer and he is memorialized in the Circle of Friends. For years, I participated in their monthly volunteer work days, working alongside John Cunningham and the hundreds of volunteers. Our company also organized a work volunteer day at The Grove in 2016.

(7) Could you commit to attending most or all of the BBATF's 6 meetings each year?

Yes No

Not sure:

(8) How did you hear about the BBATF?

It comes across my feed on Instagram, and Janice Li is a good friend of mine.

(9) What questions do you have about the role of the BBATF or being a BBATF member?

Not at the moment.

(10) Your information:

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From: [Christopher White](#)
To: [Heath Maddox](#)
Cc: [Paul Valdez](#)
Subject: Nominating Paul Valdez to the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 2:43:06 PM

Hi Heath,
I hope you're well and staying dry!

A long-time SFBike member and incredible community advocate, Paul Valdez, is putting in his application to be on the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force. It's my honor to nominate him to that body with our strongest support.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Christopher White

Executive Director

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JONATHAN MACMILLAN

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I would like to be part of the movement that is getting folks like me out of their cars and onto BART trains. I love living in the Bay Area and I believe that BART is extremely important to the health of it. I moved from the Inland Empire (So Cal) 15 years ago and a big reason was to live in an area with transit. I have witnessed the improvements of the bike/train connection in recent years and I want to make sure that momentum continues. If BART is going to recover to 2019 ridership, then bikes must play a part.

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I am a daily commuter on BART from the Fruitvale Station to Dublin/Pleasanton. I have directly benefited from projects such as the new Dublin Blvd bridge and Fruitvale Alive. As my commute became safer (from Alameda to Dougherty Valley High School) I chose to sell my car and commute via bike and BART. I would like to be part of the movement that is getting folks like me out of their cars and onto BART trains. I have no experience with this type of task force, but I am eager to learn. My family lived in Valencia, Spain for a year, so I have seen what another city has done to make cycling a safe transportation option. I currently make YouTube videos to educate about and promote bike riding.

(6) Are you involved with any organizations or advisory boards related to public transit or bicycling?

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Yes, please describe:

I donate monthly to Bike East Bay and Bike Walk Alameda have but limited direct involvement.

(7) Could you commit to attending most or all of the BBATF's 6 meetings each year?

Yes No

Not sure: _____

(8) How did you hear about the BBATF?

BART posted on Bluesky looking for volunteers

<https://bsky.app/profile/bart.gov/post/3lgy5pykhic2m>

(9) What questions do you have about the role of the BBATF or being a BBATF member?

After attending last night's meeting I have no other questions.

(10) Your information:

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From: [Robert Prinz](#)
To: [Heath Maddox](#)
Cc: [Jonathan MacMillan](#); [Robert Prinz](#)
Subject: Re: BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 3:25:10 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Heath thanks for the email.

Jonathan is a very knowledgeable and passionate advocate who I have worked with on multiple projects. I am very happy he is applying to participate in the BBATF and glad to offer Bike East Bay's endorsement.

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[RSVP to join us](#) on February 12 from 5:30-7:00pm! We're gathering at Sports Basement Berkeley for free pizza, drinks, and good company. We'll also be voting in our 2025 Board of Directors. You must be a Bike East Bay member to join this event: [join or renew here!](#)

On Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 10:17 AM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Jonathan, hi, and thanks for your interest in the BBATF.

With all the recent influx of applications, it's great luck for us all that you work in Contra Costa County where we have more openings.

Robert, please see Jonathan's application and consider a nomination so the BBATF can act on it in April!

Sincerely,

Heath Maddox

Manager of Bicycle Access Programs

Bay Area Rapid Transit District

SAM GREENBERG

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I would be honored to be part of improving the experience of riding BART to make it an even more competitive alternative to driving. With the impending fiscal cliff, it is more important than ever that BART proactively improves its customer experience. The Bay Area cannot backslide to pre-BART levels of congestion; it is incredibly important that we pass a regional ballot measure to fund operations and improvements for all transit agencies, BART being of utmost importance. Proactively attracting new riders and bringing back old riders during this time is crucial, and improving bike access will play a part in this.

Beyond ridership benefits to the agency, BART's bike access work is crucial because it literally saves lives. Improving bike access in coordination with cities is not simply a way to bring in new riders; it's an obligation BART and its partner jurisdictions have to keep riders safe. Many BART riders, including many from low-income communities of color who do not have access to vehicles, rely on their bicycles to access BART stations, even when bike access is dangerous due to speeding, unmarked intersections, and other hazards. I have been impressed with BART's proactive work partnering with cities, such as Berkeley and El Cerrito, to improve bike access to stations. I hope to be a part of continuing this work to improve safety and the customer experience for BART riders not just on BART property, but *en route* to BART property.

(5) What perspectives, skills, or experiences you would bring to the BBATF?

I live car-free in Berkeley and commute to and from Redwood City via bike, BART, Caltrain, Bay Wheels, and occasionally AC Transit transbay bus or WETA ferry. My commute often varies from day to day, so I have the opportunity to interact with many different BART stations and encounter the ways BART is excelling with bike access and opportunities for improvement. Through riding BART, which I usually do with my bike or by connecting to Bay Wheels, I can see the results of the years of work by external advocates and work by BBATF and BART staff to make riding BART better for people with bikes.

In addition to my advocacy experience described below, through professional roles I have worked on transportation policy at all levels of government. Though my service on BBATF would be in my own capacity and would not reflect the perspectives of current or previous employers, my roles in local government, in the state legislature, and at transportation agencies at the state and federal level have informed my organizing and advocacy by broadening my understanding of government systems and what it takes to strengthen and improve sustainable transportation.

Beyond these experiences, my passion for making cycling safer for riders of all ages and abilities is informed by my experiences with chronic illness and disability. For my family and I, riding bikes and having access to safe bike infrastructure has transformed our lives by helping us maintain and improve our physical and mental health and interact more directly with the people and environment around us. I want everyone to have access to that same gift, and I want everyone to have access to a strong regional transportation system that welcomes and encourages bicycles as a tool that can be just as freeing as strong public transportation itself — and even more freeing when the two are combined.

(6) Are you involved with any organizations or advisory boards related to public transit or bicycling?

- No, but my enthusiasm and fresh perspective are just what the BBATF needs
- Yes, please describe:

Much of my spare time is dedicated to organizing and advocating for safer bike and pedestrian infrastructure and stronger transit.

When I was a student, I co-founded [Telegraph for People](#), a student-led transportation advocacy organization at UC Berkeley working to make historic Telegraph Avenue car-free. Telegraph for People educates students and trains them to advocate for traffic safety, public transportation, and a vibrant public realm. Beyond getting City Council to commit to a visioning process for a car-free Telegraph, Telegraph for People's advocacy was instrumental in securing the funding necessary to construct the Southside Complete Streets Project, which brought cycle tracks and transit-only lanes to the student-dense Southside neighborhood in Berkeley.

Currently, I serve on the Board of Stewards for East Bay for Everyone, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that pushes East Bay municipalities to support sustainable, abundant housing and strong transit. This past election season, I served on the Steering Committee for Measure FF, a Berkeley citizens' initiative that passed with 60 percent of the vote — defeating a car-centric alternative measure — and will provide millions in funding for safe, sustainable streets and infrastructure.

I previously served on the City of Berkeley Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, which advises City Council on issues ranging from improving bicycle and pedestrian safety to funding deferred infrastructure maintenance.

(7) Could you commit to attending most or all of the BBATF's 6 meetings each year?

Yes No

Not sure: _____

(8) How did you hear about the BBATF?

I saw an Instagram post from BART noting that BBATF has vacancies, and given my bike/BART commute and passion for improving BART it seemed like a great fit.

(9) What questions do you have about the role of the BBATF or being a BBATF member?

I previously had questions, but after attending the February 3rd meeting of BBATF my questions were answered.

(10) Your information:

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From: [Matt Jones](#)
To: [Heath Maddox](#)
Cc: [Alexander Shu](#); [Sam Greenberg](#); [Jeremiah Maller](#); [Jon Spangler](#); [Tyler Morris](#)
Subject: Re: BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Nominations
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:29:50 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Heath,

Thanks for reaching out. I know Sam personally and reviewed Alexanders resume and I think both would be excellent fits. I would be honored to nominate them. Would this email suffice or do you need something like a signed letter?

Also noting that we gave you and our other agencies a shout out in our last newsletter to help fill some of these vacancies so I am hopeful that we have more folks headed your way soon.

Best,

On Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 10:55 AM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Matt, good news: we have a whole host of new BBATF applicants, including one who works in Santa Clara County (for VTA no less!) and one who works in San Mateo County.

Both of their applications are attached, both attended the BBATF meeting on Monday Feb. 3, and both would appreciate a nomination from SVBC so their applications can be considered at the April 7 BBATF meeting.

Given that all three BBATF seats for both Santa Clara and San Mateo are currently vacant, there's still room for more members from those two counties, so if you know of anyone living there who'd like to serve, don't hesitate to send them my way.

Unlike all the other BART advisory committees, the BBATF is fortunate to be able to continue to meet remotely even after the 2023 rescission of the Governor's executive order temporarily suspending the Brown Act's rigid requirements for teleconferencing during peak Covid, so folks inhabiting the far reaches of the BART system can easily participate without making the trek to Oakland for meetings.

I'm cc'ing our two applicants, Alex Shu and Sam Greenberg, as well as the BBATF officers Jeremiah Maller, Jon Spangler, and Tyler Morris.

Thanks for your assistance!

AL PARK

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I have always been fascinated by BART since riding it for the first time about 18 years ago.

I think BART is amazing and BART can be fantastic. However, there definitely are some areas that I see that can be improved, especially regarding bicycles and micromobility.

I want more Californians in the Bay Area to consider biking and BARTing.

(5) What perspectives, skills, or experiences you would bring to the BBATF?

I have been an early adopter of many types of micromobility including ebike, escooter, etc.

I am currently an MBA/MPA (Master of Public Administration) student.

I have pursued an ebike startup of my own here and raised a little bit of venture capital funding

In 2020. I have a deep knowledge of the current ebike and micromobility industry and landscape.

(6) Are you involved with any organizations or advisory boards related to public transit or bicycling?

No, but my enthusiasm and fresh perspective are just what the BBATF needs

Yes, please describe:

I have volunteered for or been volunteering for Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, San Jose Bike Party, Seamless Bay Area, and Transbay Coalition. I have been serving as a member of the infrastructure team

for Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for a year, and contributed to the unanimous passing of the

newly updated Vision Zero safety plan by the City of San Jose on 2/25/2025.

(7) Could you commit to attending most or all of the BBATF's 6 meetings each year?

Yes No

Not sure: _____

(8) How did you hear about the BBATF?

From my Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition team member and a current San Jose BPAC member,

Jordan Moldow

(9) What questions do you have about the role of the BBATF or being a BBATF member?

The name of this program is Bike Advisory Task Force, but do we deal with micromobility also?

If the BBATF unanimously agrees, do we get to implement it for sure or it depends?

(10) Your information:

Name

Al Park

County of Residence

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Marin (I am currently a graduate student at Presidio Graduate School in San Anselmo, CA)

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From: [Matt Jones](#)
To: [Heath Maddox](#)
Subject: Re: BBATF Nomination Request
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 2:59:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Heath,

This application looks great to me. Al has been an active part of SVBC and I support his participation with BBATF.

Thanks,
Matt

On Tue, Mar 25, 2025 at 2:22 PM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Really hoping you can take a look at Al's application and let me know if you can provide a nomination by Weds late morning.

Thanks,

From: Heath Maddox
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 1:39 PM
To: Matt Jones <matt@bikesiliconvalley.org>
Cc: Jeremiah Maller <rjmaller@gmail.com>; Jon Spangler <goldcoastjon@gmail.com>; Tyler Morris <trsmorris@gmail.com>; Ledbetter, Lauren <Lauren.Ledbetter@vta.org>
Subject: BBATF Nomination Request

Hi Matt,

We've had an unprecedented number of applicants to the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force recently (the power of Instagram) and I'm hoping for your help again with a

ALEXANDER SHU

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I'm very passionate about alternative transportation such as public transit and bicycling. I want to serve on the BBATF to represent those who embark on multimodal journeys around for work and pleasure. I love bringing my bike onto buses, BART, and ferries, but I often find myself having to leave it behind due to difficulties related to taking bikes on various transit modes.

(5) What perspectives, skills, or experiences you would bring to the BBATF?

I bring the perspective of someone who lives primarily car-free in the bay, relying on transit and my bicycle to run errands, get to work, and for leisure trips. I went to college in Davis, CA, so I can also offer the perspective of someone who has lived in one of the most bike-friendly places in the country. I also have experience working in transit professionally, currently working at Santa Clara VTA and having previously worked at Unitrans in Davis.

(6) Are you involved with any organizations or advisory boards related to public transit or bicycling?

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Yes, please describe:

I am currently employed at Santa Clara VTA, working as a service planner. I have also worked at Unitrans in Davis as a transit operator, supervisor, and operations manager.

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I heard about it from BART's social media campaign.

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What is the process by which recommendations from the BBATF are brought in front of the BART Board? What are some success stories from the past where the BBATF was able to make cyclists' experiences on BART better through advising the Board?

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Thanks for reaching out. I know Sam personally and reviewed Alexanders resume and I think both would be excellent fits. I would be honored to nominate them. Would this email suffice or do you need something like a signed letter?

Also noting that we gave you and our other agencies a shout out in our last newsletter to help fill some of these vacancies so I am hopeful that we have more folks headed your way soon.

Best,

On Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 10:55 AM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Matt, good news: we have a whole host of new BBATF applicants, including one who works in Santa Clara County (for VTA no less!) and one who works in San Mateo County.

Both of their applications are attached, both attended the BBATF meeting on Monday Feb. 3, and both would appreciate a nomination from SVBC so their applications can be considered at the April 7 BBATF meeting.

Given that all three BBATF seats for both Santa Clara and San Mateo are currently vacant, there's still room for more members from those two counties, so if you know of anyone living there who'd like to serve, don't hesitate to send them my way.

Unlike all the other BART advisory committees, the BBATF is fortunate to be able to continue to meet remotely even after the 2023 rescission of the Governor's executive order temporarily suspending the Brown Act's rigid requirements for teleconferencing during peak Covid, so folks inhabiting the far reaches of the BART system can easily participate without making the trek to Oakland for meetings.

I'm cc'ing our two applicants, Alex Shu and Sam Greenberg, as well as the BBATF officers Jeremiah Maller, Jon Spangler, and Tyler Morris.

Thanks for your assistance!

JOHNNY LANE

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Membership Application

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Please email application to:

Heath Maddox
BART Bike Program Manager
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415-728-1352

(1) How frequently do use BART or other public transit?

- 5 days a week or more
- 1-4 days a week
- A couple times a month
- Once a month or less

(2) How often do you use a bicycle to get to and from BART or other public transit?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Occasionally
- Never

(3) How often do you use a bicycle to commute to work or for daily transportation?

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(4) What motivates you to want to serve on the BBATF?

I am a very active person and I am always walking, cycling, riding, driving, and hiking all throughout the Bay Area. I am motivated by all of the things that I see, hear, and feel during my continuous travels throughout the wonderful Bay Area streets and trails.

(5) What perspectives, skills, or experiences you would bring to the BBATF?

I have been riding bicycles, practically, since I was 5 years old. I own two bicycles now, and even an electric scooter. I believe that my experience riding bicycles (and scooters), walking, driving and taking public transportation (including BART 5 days per week) all around the Bay Area, I can see things that the average Bay Area resident may not see. I bring all of this

experience to the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force.

(6) Are you involved with any organizations or advisory boards related to public transit or bicycling?

No, but my enthusiasm and fresh perspective are just what the BBATF needs

Yes, please describe:

(7) Could you commit to attending most or all of the BBATF's 6 meetings each year?

Yes No

Not sure: _____

(8) How did you hear about the BBATF?

I have known about the BBATF for some time, but while I was recently surfing the web, I came across an ad on Facebook, which was a huge sign for me to get involved.

(9) What questions do you have about the role of the BBATF or being a BBATF member?

None

(10) Your information:

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Serving on the BBATF will steer my studies in applied mathematics and geographic modeling towards the level of expertise that I aspire to contribute to Bay Area public transit. My experiences as an Oakland-raised, low-income commuter inspire me to research accessible transportation options for those in my community.

(5) What perspectives, skills, or experiences you would bring to the BBATF?

Four years' experience commuting in Oakland, San Francisco, and Berkeley via bike; Presented an analytical report surrounding social justice data to school administrators; Prepared legal briefs and researched civil rights policy as a law clerk; Represented SF State at the Panetta Institute for Public Policy in June 2024; Knowledge of transit policy and planning; Logistics, finance, advocacy, and project management experience; Strong roots in the Bay Area's multicultural community.

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BART official Instagram page.

(9) What questions do you have about the role of the BBATF or being a BBATF member?

1. Scope of research expected for review and analysis presentations

2. Desired skills to contribute to BBATF's mission

3. Expected level of familiarity with the greater BART system and supporting transit routes

(10) Your information:

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