

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Membership Application

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Please email application to:

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

I have a passion for public transit in all its forms, and I enjoy advocating for better systems, learning about ones around the world, and also just enjoying my local bus or train. Ending car dependency is very important as a way to help slow down climate change, and that is where biking, walking and transit come in. Bikes often serve as a last mile option to BART with some cities and suburbs having limited bus service or density to allow walk-ability, and so, as a transit agency, BART has to ensure biking continues to be a mode it encourages and supports. I want to help ensure staff have any information or input they need for all future projects to ensure bikes are included in the plans. I want to help ideate and implement important policies like the recent bikes on escalators policy. I want to encourage more BART bike infrastructure connectivity projects and do what I can to ensure local agencies have the push needed to build that important last mile infrastructure. I want the addition of signage to BART stations and nearby areas to guide people to/from bike parking and infrastructure.

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

I'm currently car free and want to stay that way for as long as I can, instead walking, biking and taking transit to wherever I may need to go. I have a good knowledge of BART, MUNI and Caltrain as systems that interact and how they can be augmented with biking to get around the city. I've previously worked and studied in an engineering background, so I have the ability to learn and understand technical information and design documentation when needed. I am relatively new to San Francisco and the bay, and the majority of the time I've been here, I've had to learn to use public transit options in the area for all my travel. I want to help people learn about these options more easily and gain the confidence to walk, bike or take transit to BART or other rail agencies. I also want to give them a sense of personal freedom and reduce dependency on cars.

MAYA CHAFFEE

(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 previously volunteered for Bicycle Coalition and hope to volunteer more in the future as opportunities arise to earn a full membership and get more involved with members of the bike community in San Francisco.

I am currently helping the Safer 17th street team to fight for fully protected bike lanes in the Potrero Hill and Dogpatch neighborhoods, with the goal of pushing SFMTA to expand them further into the Mission, using a daylighting and bike lane survey I created along the street.

I previously volunteered as a route rabbit by bike at Sunday Streets over the summer and am looking forwards to doing it again this year.

I've also ridden in several Slow Rides through the city that have helped me come to understand the bike and slow street network much better and to interact with people who do bike and transit advocacy.

(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 found out about the task force through Cedar Makhijani, who is a good friend of mine. I learned a lot more about the task force and some of the things it has done through Marc Hedlund.

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

I've attended an person meeting before so I have a general understanding of the process and normal occurrences as part of them, are there other tasks the task force works on or participates in outside of the public meetings? For example how does working with BART staff usually occur when it's needed for a project?

If there is something that is important to me and I wanted to push for it what is the process to best advocate for it?

What are the regulations around working public sector jobs (city of SF, SFMTA ect) while on the BBATF if I were to get one on the future?

(10) Your information:

Maya Chaffee

Name

San Francisco

County of Residence

Currently unemployed looking for jobs in the bay but previously lived and was employed in

Santa Clara County

County of Employment

 Email preferred

Email and/or phone

Heath Maddox

From: Christopher White [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:13 AM
To: Heath Maddox
Cc: [REDACTED]; Jon Spangler; Tyler Morris; Jeremiah Maller
Subject: Re: Application to the BART Bike Advisory Task Force

We're happy to nominate Maya Chaffee for the seat.

Maya, thanks for volunteering for the Bike It Forward program! We hope to have you back soon!

All the best,

--

Christopher White
Interim Executive Director

Phone or text: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Pronouns: he, him, his

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On Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 11:06 AM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Maya,

Thanks for your interest in joining the BBATF!

I'm cc'ing the officers of the BBATF (Chair Jon Spangler, Vice-chair Jeremiah Maler and Secretary Tyler Morris) as a heads up to them and in hopes they can help respond to the questions in your application.

I'm also cc'ing Christopher White of the SFBC because for your application to be voted upon, the BBATF bylaws require that applicants be nominated by their county Bicycle Advocacy Organization.

The BBATF currently has one vacant seat for San Francisco and there is one other interested applicant in addition to yourself.

MICHAEL SACKS

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I've participated in some BBATF meetings and I find them interesting, informative, and impactful. I enjoy seeing our ideas, comments, and concerns be taken into consideration and output real results. I believe that bicycling and BART are a powerful couple. When pairing public transit with last mile transportation, we can build a healthy public transit system and bike network. Investing into public transit helps the bicyclist experience and vice versa. Making the bicycle on BART experience better has knock on effects for all.

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

I am a public transit and bicycle commuter. I've spent years moving around the bay area by bike and public transit. I have been thinking about ways to improve these experiences for years. Furthermore, I'm an active member of San Francisco Transit Riders and I have experience volunteering with SFBC in their bike valet.

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

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 Yes, please describe:
SFTR, SDBC, CalBike, CalWalks, Walk SF

MICHAEL SACKS

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I don't recall

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What is the longterm vision for BBATF?

(10) Your information:

Michael Sacks _____

Name

San Francisco _____

County of Residence

San Francisco _____

County of Employment

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Email and/or phone

Heath Maddox

From: Christopher White [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:10 AM
To: Heath Maddox
Cc: Michael Sacks
Subject: Re: FW: BART Bike Task Force

We're happy to nominate Michael Sacks for the BART BATF.

Thanks Heath!
Good luck, Michael! Let me know if you'd like to connect.

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Christopher White
Interim Executive Director

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On Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 10:55 AM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Christopher,

Attached is an application to the BBATF by Michael Sacks, an SF resident and safe street advocate who has been attending the Task Force meetings with some regularity as a guest.

Would you be so kind as to review his application and consider nominating him to represent the City and County of SF on the BBATF?

Thanks!

Heath Maddox