

BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Membership Application

The BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF) advises the BART Board on bicycle-related matters. The BBATF meets on the first Monday of even-numbered months from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in downtown Oakland at a BART-accessible location. Task force members are expected to attend all/most meetings. More information about the purpose of the task force can be found here: <http://www.bart.gov/about/bod/advisory/bicycle>

Please email application to:

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 days a week or more | <input type="checkbox"/> A couple times a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 days a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month or less |

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most of the time | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most of the time | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |

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

I want to make the world a better place for myself, my loved ones and my community. Bikes + trains give unprecedented access to so much of the SF Bay at a low price. I want to see a world where we know our neighbors, where we don't each have to own a \$45k vehicle to shop, visit friends, go to a bar, etc.

I want to live in a world where seniors and children can get around easily. I want everyone to know that biking and bike + train is an option. Many Contra Costa residents have no idea what great savings and opportunities are offered by combining BART + bike – I also have some idea of how much better we can do.

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

I am really talented at meeting and connecting with people. It's a skill I continue to hone.

I live in Contra Costa and cycle literally everywhere. BART is my primary tool for expanding my range, but I use all the Bay Area trains. I have lived all over the world including in cities with great public transit (but poor bike infrastructure).

I'm a decent analyst with passable data science skills. I am a good content creator and also a serial entrepreneur, I just incorporated an eco-logistics company. I have a long history of teaching and have learned to listen better as a result.

(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?

My buddy George Pavlov told me about it.

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

What do you see as the priorities for Bike infrastructure on BART?

What have been some of your successes in increasing access to bike users on BART.

Do you have a budget, for what and how much?

What do you need help with most?

(10) Your information:

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Hi Heath,

Thank you for providing more contextual information. Upon further consideration, Bike East Bay would like to endorse Morris Gevirtz for BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force as a Contra Costa representative.

Please let me know if you have any questions,



Pedal Brewfest is July 20! We're partnering with Drake's Brewing to bring a free summer festival to Lake Merritt. Get the details for refreshing beers, music, food and bikey fun at: BikeEastBay.org/PedalBrewfest

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On Fri, Jun 21, 2024 at 11:18 AM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Dani,

Thanks for asking about the knowledge and skills to serve on the BBATF.

From my perspective, I think that a good candidate would possess the following qualities:

- Experience cycling for everyday transportation in an urban/suburban setting (especially in the County they represent)
- Experience combining a bike with BART and other modes of transit
- Some knowledge or understanding of (or at least an interest in learning about):
 - principles of good bicycle facility design
 - how public agencies develop and implement goals and policies