

Michael Sacks

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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 days a week or more | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A couple times a month |
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(4) What motivates you to want to serve on the BBATF?

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?

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



Yes, please describe:

SFTR, SDBC, CalBike, CalWalks, Walk SF

(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 don't recall

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

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

From: [Christopher White](#)
To: [Heath Maddox](#)
Cc: [Michael Sacks](#)
Subject: Re: FW: BART Bike Task Force
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:10:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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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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!

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From: Michael Sacks <michaelsacks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:27 AM
To: Jon Spangler <goldcoastjon@gmail.com>
Cc: Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov>; Rick Goldman <rick.goldman@navis.com>; Tyler Morris <trsmorris@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: BART Bike Task Force

Heath,

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The opportunity to support a positive collaboration between bicycles and BART is my motivation.

Improving how we as bicycle commuters and BART commuters work together to support how public transportation can provide safe, environmentally driven ways to commute in the Bay Area.

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

I have years of experience as a bicycle commuter and a cycling enthusiast as well as years of experience as a public transportation commuter. I have lived and worked in several areas of the Bay Area and use BART to commute. I am aware of different commuter demographics that BART supports. Outside of my commuting experience, I am deeply involved in my community as the Secretary of the East Shore Neighborhood Council in Richmond.

(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 am the CEO of Bad Business Model Bikes. We receive donated bikes; we repair them and then donate them to people who need transportation. Most people we serve are BART commuters who need a bike to ride to and from BART.

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☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Not sure: _____

(8) How did you hear about the BBATF?

I saw a post through Bike East Bay.

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

What is the 2025 vision for improving BART ridership among bicycle commuters, how will we as a BBATF member support that vision?

(10) Your information:

Jennifer Koscielniak

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From: [Heath Maddox](#)
To: [Robert Koscielniak](#); [Jon Spangler](#)
Subject: RE: FW: BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Membership Application
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:42:00 PM

Hi Robert,
No worries and thanks very much for both Jenn's nomination and for prompting Erin Bright, much appreciated!

- Heath

From: Robert Prinz
<robert@bikeeastbay.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 3:49 PM
To: Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force Membership Application

Heath,
Sorry for the very delayed response, but I am very pleased to give Jenn Koscielniak the endorsement of Bike East Bay for participation on the BART Bike Advisory Task Force. Jenn is a great local asset as the operator of [Bad Business Model Bikes](#), a community shop that fixes up and re-donates used bikes that find their way from donors. Erin Bright, who has also expressed interest. I believe that multiple Contra Costa seats are open, so I asked Erin to also attend a meeting then to send in the application. So be on the lookout for that one as well!



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On Wed, Dec 4, 2024 at 12:46 PM Heath Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Elena
O'Curry

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The combination of bike+BART has been my primary commute mode for a number of years; while I have found ways to make it work regardless of my bike type and destination, there have often been challenges due to station architecture, bike storage options and transit infrastructure around stations. I'd love to help BART brainstorm and prioritize the most impactful improvements to make it easier for everyone to move effortlessly around our region without a

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I am a user researcher by profession, with 15+ years designing surveys and other research programs to understand how the needs of safety-conscious users can be met. I have been involved in research around convenience, safety, and finances that everyone must make on a daily basis to move about their world. On a personal level, I am the mother of a toddler trying to navigate potholes, disconnected bike lanes and sideshows as we bike around West Oakland for fun and transportation.

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☐ Yes, just what the BBATF needs
describe:

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☐ Not sure

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Bluesky mention from Bike East Bay in response to a gripe about cargo bike parking

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

Already answered Via email!

(10) Your information:

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From: Robert
To: Robert
Cc: Maddox; Curry; Jon
Subject: Spangler
Date: Re: BBATF nomination:
Attachments: Elena O'Curry
ts: Tuesday, January 21,
2025 11:26:31 AM

I thank you for the reminder Heath.

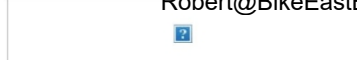
I am happy to confirm that we are nominating Elena O'Curry as an Alameda County representative to the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force, whose knowledge and experience is a great addition to the task force. I would like to check in on anything BART related, or West Oakland, or anything bike-related throughout the East Bay. I am nominating Jon Spangler as a returning Alameda County representative to the BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force. Heath, can you let me know how many more Alameda County and Contra Costa County vacancies there are on the BBATF currently, if any?

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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 here](#)

on January 20, 2025 at 11:05 AM Heath

Maddox <hmaddox@bart.gov> wrote:

Hi Robert, I'm putting together my agenda packet right now for the BBATF, and hoping you can provide (by EOD today) a nomination for Elena O'Curry (application attached) and a re-nomination for chair Jon Spangler, whose 3-year term is expiring. Thanks very much!