

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 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 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 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'm really passionate about reducing American dependence on cars and car infrastructure, and I see the combination of bicycles + long-distance transit as the primary vehicle to facilitate that change. I have been increasingly biking around as my primary mode of transit, and I find myself engaging with my community + downtown areas in a very different way now. I'm actually planning on getting rid of my car to use those methods of transit to get around, and am the change in my lifestyle so far. I see membership on the BBATF as a way to want to help improve our area's infrastructure, consider its integration with bikes, and ultimately increase bicycle and BART ridership.

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

Personally, I'm getting into the world of cycling for transportation (maybe for sport?) and how it intersects with transit and other forms of transportation and infrastructure. I'm doing a good amount of watching and reading on Dutch infrastructure design, ways to make cities more bike-friendly, and generally investing a good amount of personal time and energy to learn about non-car-focused infrastructure and transportation.

Professionally, I have an Engineering degree from Harvey Mudd College, and so enjoy problem solving and analytical ways of thinking about problems and situations. I also enjoy interpersonal dynamics and looking at ways groups are organized, so I enjoy the community-based aspects of the BBATF as well.

I'm currently getting more involved in the infrastructure and transportation groups at my workplace (Accenture consulting), and am looking to generally align my career more to focus in those areas with incorporating renewable energy, sustainability, and non-car priorities. So I'm also looking to learn more from the senior members there and hopefully cross-pollinate my knowledge between that area of my life and the BBATF.

(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:

As mentioned above, I'm getting integrated into the infrastructure and transportation groups at my workplace. Through emails with Heath welcoming me to the BBATF, I learned about SVBC, and have signed up for volunteering at a few upcoming events there and am looking to contribute there as well!

(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?

As I was doing research around my transit options once I get rid of my car, I was researching the regulations, rules and best practices around bike use on BART, and from the BART website discovered that there is a whole committee dedicated to that intersection!

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

Re: role of BBATF, are there events or meetings outside of the usual cadence? E.g. do members ever interact with BART staff other than the liaison, is there any way to otherwise get insight / input into BART happenings?

Re: membership, I'm curious to know what the expectations for membership contribution are - e.g. what is each member expected to contribute or bring to each meeting? Particularly given that I live in Redwood City, I interact far more often with Caltrain than BART, and just want to make sure that I'm able to bring enough to the table as a member of the group.

(10) Your information:

Name

County of Residence

County of Employment

Email and/or phone