

DATE: October 4, 2021
TO: BART Board of Directors
FROM: BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)
SUBJECT: Proposed West End Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Alignment

Dear Board President Foley and Members of the BART Board of Directors,

The BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF) supports the earliest possible construction of the West End Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge between Alameda and Oakland, as proposed by the City of Alameda, to improve cross-estuary access to Lake Merritt, 12th Street, 19th Street, and West Oakland BART.

https://www.alamedaca.gov/files/content/public/departments/planning-building-and-transportation/transportation/estuary-crossing-report_20210125.pdf

Although we support both of the two bridge alignments currently under study, a bridge between West Alameda and Jack London Square (JLS) offers the best possible access to BART's nearby stations, as well as to downtown Oakland, JLS, Amtrak and Capitol Corridor passenger rail service, WETA ferries, and the proposed JLS Oakland Athletics' baseball park.

Any bike and pedestrian bridge landing - especially at JLS — and any ballpark plan — should provide generous bike and pedestrian over-crossing capacity to bypass the frequent delays now caused by passenger and freight rail traffic. Designing the ballpark over-crossings and bridge landing to work together seamlessly could offer even better non-motorized access than the elevated connection between the Coliseum BART station and the Oakland Coliseum complex.

Please join the BBATF in supporting the proposed West End Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge across the Oakland-Alameda Estuary with a landing at JLS. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Goldman

Chair, BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force

ADOPTED AT THE OCTOBER 4, 2021, BBATF MEETING BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: