

DATE: October 4, 2021  
TO: BART Board of Directors  
FROM: BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF)  
SUBJECT: BBATF Supports Oakland Alameda Access Project (OAAP)

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

The BART Bicycle Advisory Task Force (BBATF) supports the bike-related improvements proposed in the Oakland Alameda Access Project (OAAP) to improve safety and connectivity for bicyclists between Alameda's West End, Oakland's Chinatown, and BART — as well as other transit connections such as ferries, Amtrak, and the Capitol Corridor.

Despite multiple and complex constraints, the OAAP improves cyclists' access to the 12th Street and Lake Merritt BART stations. It will increase cyclists' safety and comfort in the cramped Webster and Posey Tubes as well as on connecting surface streets on both sides of the Oakland-Alameda Estuary.

The BBATF strongly supports Bike East Bay's recommended bicycle and pedestrian improvements to the OAAP, such as the extension of OAAP bike lanes on Oak and Madison Streets to Lake Merritt. We also endorse Bike East Bay's related recommendations for nearby downtown Oakland streets that will further improve bicycle access to BART.

Ultimately, the West End Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge across the Oakland Alameda Estuary (as proposed by the City of Alameda) will offer far safer and healthier cross-estuary access for cyclists and pedestrians than any of the OAAP's limited improvements to the Webster and Posey Tubes. The bridge alignment between West Alameda and Jack London Square (JLS) will offer the best access to the West Oakland, Lake Merritt, 12th Street, and 19th Street BART stations, as well as to the proposed Oakland Athletics' baseball park, downtown Oakland, Amtrak and Capitol Corridor passenger rail service, WETA ferries, and to Jack London Square itself.

We urge the BART Board of Directors to support both the OAAP and the proposed bike-pedestrian bridge to increase the safety and convenience of BART cyclists and pedestrians traveling across the estuary. Please join us in supporting the Oakland Alameda Access Project and the West End Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.

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: