



July 30, 2015

Saravana Suthanthira,  
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1111 Broadway, Suite 800,  
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Subject: Emeryville's Application to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's 2015 Joint Call for the Countywide and Regional Transportation Plans Inclusion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

Dear Ms. Suthanthira:

The City of Emeryville has made great strides in welcoming people on bikes and on foot within the city's street infrastructure. However major barriers remain to bicycle and pedestrian access, particularly over the I-80 corridor. We are excited by the projects Emeryville is proposing to include in the current call for the county and regional transportation plans, in particular bicycle and pedestrian investments include:

- South Bayfront Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over UPRR
- Ashby I-80 Interchange with Bike/Pedestrian Access over I-80
- Bike/Pedestrian Plan Funding Gap Implementation

These three projects will greatly increase bicycle and pedestrian access throughout Emeryville, connecting the City to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements in Berkeley and Oakland, and to the Bay Trail. Emeryville is actively committed to implementing its award winning Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with \$54 million identified in dedicated funding, with just \$4.86 M needed in additional funding to complete the plan's build-out

Additionally, creating improved access for bicycles in Emeryville over the railway and freeway, will boost recreational use of the Bay Trail and the Bay Bridge Bike Ped Paths. These trails offer low cost healthy recreational activity for all Bay Area residents, and link the flatlands of the Northern Alameda County to regional park lands. We are delighted to see Measure BB and other regional, state and federal dollars used in Emeryville to invest in active transportation to enhance regional mobility.

Sincerely,

Renee Rivera  
Executive Director, Bike East Bay



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April 30, 2009

The Honorable Barbara Lee  
2444 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Oberstar  
Chair of Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
2365 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Support for the City of Emeryville's Intermodal Interchange Project Phase 1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing through the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill**

Dear Representative Lee and Representative Oberstar:

Since 1972 the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC) has represented the interests of bicyclists throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We count over 2100 members of EBBC, plus 19 affiliated organizations in the coalition. We have been involved with planning to offer safe access over I-880 in Emeryville since 1992. To date, we have nothing concrete to show for our efforts. The EBBC supports the City of Emeryville's Intermodal I - 80 Interchange Project, Phase 1: Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing application for funding through the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

The significance of this project is regionwide. The overcrossing of the I-880 freeway barrier is included in the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency's *Countywide Bicycle Plan* (2006), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's *Regional Bicycle Plan* (2008). As well as offering access to the Emeryville marina, offices, and residences in the large Watergate peninsula, the proposed bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing would provide a crucial link to the San Francisco Bay Trail.

The City has worked closely with residents, regional transportation institutions, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, and others to vet this project, which has also been discussed at public hearings and workshops.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Robert Raburn  
Executive Director



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September 23, 2010

The Honorable Barbara Lee  
United States House of Representatives  
2444 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

### **RE: Support for the City of Emeryville's Intermodal Interchange Project Phase I Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing**

Dear Representative Lee:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Emeryville Chamber of Commerce's strong support for the City of Emeryville's Intermodal I-80 Interchange Project, Phase 1: Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing application for funding through the MAP 21/Transportation Authorization Bill.

The City of Emeryville has grown and changed dramatically over the past 25 years from a dreary city dominated by heavy industry to a mix of very nice urban residential neighborhoods along with a vibrant commercial sector featuring green businesses, retail centers, hotels and restaurants and a thriving corporate and small business office sector. In addition, Emeryville's residential population now tops 10,000, but grows to over 35,000 during the day given the major business presence. In response to these changes the City and the Chamber have strived to enhance the health, safety, and accessibility for our residents, businesses and visitors.

Phase I of the project would provide a safe crossing for bicycle and pedestrian access across Interstate 80 to link the San Francisco Bay Trail to the City of Emeryville and Berkeley's Aquatic Park. The goals of this project include improving traffic safety and bicycle and pedestrian access across I-80 from the San Francisco Bay Trail to the east side of the freeway.

I am proud to say that the Emeryville business community, through the Chamber of Commerce, has a long history of working productively with our partners at City Hall to support this kind of civic amenity, which the Chamber strongly believes will make Emeryville an even better city to live, work, or locate a business. The Chamber accordingly believes this project merits your support and we urge your endorsement of funding for it.

As always, thank you very much for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

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Bob Canter, ACE  
President & CEO

*Promoting the Healthy City for the 21st Century*



**Loni Hancock** SENATOR, NINTH DISTRICT

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July 29, 2015

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Oakland, CA 94607

**Re: Emeryville's Application to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's 2015 Joint Call for Countywide and Regional Transportation Plans**

Dear Ms. Suthanthira:

I am writing in support of the City of Emeryville's application for funding to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Countywide and Regional Transportation Plan to make improvements to parking, freeway, bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

The City is proposing to include the following projects in the regional transportation plan:

- South Bayfront Bridge
- Powell Street Widening
- I-80 Powell St Bus Bays
- Ashby I-80 Interchange with Bike and Pedestrian Access over I-80
- North Hollis Parking Pricing and Transportation Demand Management Program
- Quiet Zone Mitigations of Port of Oakland's Good Movement
- Bike Ped Plan Funding Gap Implementation
- 8 to Go Paratransit Shuttle
- Amtrak Platform Extension to Bus Bays
- Bus Shelters City Wide, including 40<sup>th</sup> Transit Hub
- Emery-Go-Round (Free Citywide Shuttle) Operations

With investment balanced among these projects, Emeryville will see increased overall development consistent with regional housing goals, modal shifts resulting in reduction in greenhouse gases consistent with state goals, and economic development consistent with federal priorities. I am pleased to see Measure BB and other regional, state and federal dollars used in Emeryville to redirect the transportation modal split to enhance regional mobility, local development and improved access to employment, recreation and housing.

This application has my support as it will assist in implementing a regional transportation plan and create a more sustainable, healthy and transit oriented environment in my district. Thank you for your consideration of this important project and please do not hesitate to contact me through my District Office if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

LONI HANCOCK  
California State Senate, Ninth District

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July 27 2015

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Dear Ms. Suthanthira:

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These three projects will greatly increase bicycle and pedestrian access throughout Emeryville, which will connect the City with surrounding jurisdictions' bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Considering Emeryville's large number of retail and employment centers, encouraging employees and shoppers to use bicycles as transportation can assist in reducing vehicle travel. Facilitating easier use of and increasing pathways for bicycles makes bicycle commuting more likely, a goal that is in line with the Sustainable Communities Strategy element of the Regional Transportation Plan. Emeryville is actively committed to implementing its award winning Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with \$54 million identified in dedicated funding, with just \$4.86 M needed in additional funding to complete the plan's build-out

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Sincerely,

  
Tom Modic, Chair  
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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July 31, 2015

Ms. Saravana Suthanthira  
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Alameda County Transportation Commission  
1111 Broadway, Suite 800,  
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Subject: City of Emeryville Countywide Transportation Plan Project Applications

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The City of Emeryville has been reinventing itself since the 1990's, when superblocks and industrial uses dominated the landscape. Big Box retail revitalized the City's economy, but exasperated the auto centric and outdated transportation infrastructure of the City. Now the City is aggressively reinventing itself again, with multimodal investments ranging from parking pricing with Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs to multimodal freeway interchanges and bike and pedestrian bridges.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Thurmond".

Tony Thurmond  
Assemblymember, AD 15

