



July 30, 2015

Saravana Suthanthira,
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Alameda County Transportation Commission
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

July 27 2015

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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 been reinventing itself since the 1990's when superblocks and industrial uses dominated the landscape. Big Box retail revitalized the City's economy, but exacerbated the auto centric and outdated transportation infrastructure of the City. Now the City is aggressively reinventing itself with multimodal investments ranging from parking pricing to multimodal freeway interchanges and bike and pedestrian bridges. We are excited by the wide range of 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
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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

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. Cycling these trails offers low cost healthy recreational activity for all Bay Area residents and links the flatlands of the inner east bay 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,


Tom Modic, Chair
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Loni Hancock SENATOR, NINTH DISTRICT

July 29, 2015

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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 40th 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 31, 2015

Ms. Saravana Suthanthira
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Alameda County Transportation Commission
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Subject: City of Emeryville Countywide Transportation Plan Project Applications

Dear Ms. Suthanthira,

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.

I am excited by the wide range of projects Emeryville is proposing to include in the current call for the county and regional transportation plans including:

- South Bayfront Bridge
- Powell Street Widening
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tony Thurmond".

Tony Thurmond
Assemblymember, AD 15

