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## Alameda CTC to Host East Bay Greenway Project Public Information Meetings

Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration Available for Review

ALAMEDA COUNTY - Calif. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) invites the public to learn more about the <u>East Bay Greenway: Lake Merritt BART to South Hayward BART Project</u> at one of four upcoming <u>Public Information Meetings</u>.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 2017 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm San Leandro Senior Community Center 13909 E. 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94578

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15, 2017 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fruitvale Senior Center 3301 E. 12th St. Suite 201, Oakland, CA 94601 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8, 2017 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Eden United Church of Christ 21455 Birch St, Hayward, CA 94541

THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 2017 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hayward City Hall 777 B St, Hayward, CA 94541

The Project proposes to construct a bicycle and pedestrian facility that will generally follow the BART alignment for a distance of 16 miles and traverse the cities of Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward as well as the unincorporated communities of Ashland and Cherryland. The Project connects seven BART stations as well as downtown areas, schools, and other major destinations.

The first half-mile of the project, from the Coliseum BART Station to 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Oakland, was opened to the public in November 2015. That segment received a federal TIGER II grant with support from Congresswoman Barbara Lee and was also funded by the East Bay Regional Park District's Measure WW, Alameda CTC's Measure B and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air. It features a 12-foot wide Class-1 bicycle and pedestrian trail, new traffic signals and crosswalks at 71st, 75th and 81st Avenues and new lighting and fencing.

In September 2014, Alameda CTC leveraged available local Measure B and BB funds and was awarded \$2.6 million in state Active Transportation Program funding towards the

environmental clearance for the Project, which involves securing State and Federal environmental clearance under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) respectively. Alameda CTC is the lead agency for CEQA and Caltrans is the lead agency for NEPA.

Alameda CTC has published an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project in accordance with CEQA. The public is welcome to provide comments on the IS/MND through November 21, 2017. The IS/MND can be viewed or requested on the <u>project webpage</u> or at the Alameda CTC office, and at each public meeting.

The cities of Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward, Alameda County, BART, the East Bay Regional Park District, and Caltrans are participating in the development of the project.

## About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014. For more information, please visit the Alameda CTC website at <a href="http://www.alamedactc.org">http://www.alamedactc.org</a>.

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