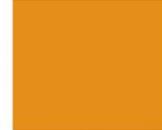


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### **Alameda CTC and the East Bay Regional Park District Host East Bay Greenway Dedication Ceremony on Friday, November 6 at 3 p.m.**

First half-mile segment from Oakland Airport/Coliseum BART Station to 85th Street provides critical bike and pedestrian access to transit.

Alameda County - California. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and the East Bay Regional Park District are hosting a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the first segment of the East Bay Greenway on Friday, November 6 at 3 p.m. at the Oakland Coliseum BART Station. Speakers include Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Alameda County Supervisor and Alameda CTC Chair Scott Haggerty, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, BART Director Robert Raburn, East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Robert Doyle and Original Scraper Bikes President RB Burnett.

[The first half mile of the East Bay Greenway](#), from the Coliseum BART Station to 85th Avenue in Oakland, is the initial phase of a planned 15-mile Class-1 bicycle and pedestrian pathway running roughly parallel to the BART tracks through Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward. 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 decorative fencing.

This segment received a federal TIGER II grant with support from Congresswoman Barbara Lee and is also funded by the East Bay Regional Park District's Measure WW and Alameda CTC's Measure B.

"I'm extremely pleased to be opening the East Bay Greenway to support safe walking and biking and transit connections in east Oakland," says Alameda CTC Chair Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "Walking and biking are essential components of livable and healthy communities, and integral parts of a complete transportation system. The commitment on the part of voters who passed both Measure B and the Parks District's Measure WW helped make this first segment of the East Bay Greenway possible. Funding from Measure BB will help us extend it further."

The East Bay Greenway is designed to improve critical pedestrian and bicycle access to intermodal transit hubs and BART, and ultimately provide an accessible pedestrian and bicycle trail to encourage use of alternate modes of transportation. By linking together many smaller parks, school yards, bike trails and community destinations, the East Bay Greenway will create new opportunities for recreation, public health, sustainability and community pride.

In 2014 the project was awarded a state Active Transportation Program grant to advance the full 15-mile Greenway toward shovel readiness. The complete East Bay Greenway will provide the more than 189,000 residents, 43,000 workers and 38,000 students who live, work or attend school nearby with safe, separated from traffic, pedestrian and bicycle access to buses and BART, downtowns, commercial districts and industrial job centers.

The concept of the East Bay Greenway originated from a grassroots planning process in 2006-2008, which established consensus among local jurisdictions, stakeholders and the community as to the purpose, need and potential benefits of a greenway in these neighborhoods.

#### **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. Visit [www.alamedactc.org](http://www.alamedactc.org) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

#### **About the East Bay Regional Park District**

The [East Bay Regional Park District](#) is a system of beautiful public parks and trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties east of San Francisco Bay, established in 1934. The system comprises 119,000 acres in 65 parks including over 1,250 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and nature learning.

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