

Attachment 6: Letters of Support

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May 31, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for Alameda County Transportation Commission's East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

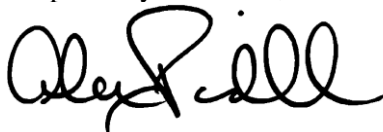
I write in support of Alameda County Transportation Commission's Safe Streets and Roads for All application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project. The requested funding will provide significant benefits to the communities between the Lake Merritt and Bay Fair Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) stations.

The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the BART line through the cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network.

The federal funding will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and currently have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. The requested \$25 million will leverage an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

I urge your full and fair consideration of Alameda County Transportation Commission's grant application consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please keep my office informed of the status of this application, and if I can be of further assistance, please contact my Deputy State Director, Daniel Chen, at (650) 533-2207. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



ALEX PADILLA
United States Senator



United States Senate

May 16, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) application for grant funding through the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Program.

Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million for the "East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project." The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. If constructed, the project would provide significant benefits to the communities it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area, including improved safety.

The East Bay Greenway will provide an all-ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that safely connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in equity priority communities, which have low levels of automobile access and high asthma rates.

Thank you for your attention to this important application and request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my San Francisco office at (415) 393-0707.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 22, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing in support of the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. In partnership with Alameda CTC, our offices believe the project will significantly benefit the communities it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.


Alameda CTC has informed our offices that the East Bay Greenway will provide an all-ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need, including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets identified as part of the countywide high-injury network. The East Bay Greenway will also offer healthy and affordable mobility options in neighborhoods identified as regional equity priority communities coupled with limited automobile access and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC requests \$25 million in SS4A funds, leveraging an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and additional local transportation funds to finance the \$121 million project.

For these reasons, we support the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project and respectfully request that you give Alameda County Transportation Commission's application full and fair consideration in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress



Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

California Department of Transportation

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June 30, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2023 for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal (Phase 1): Lake Merritt to Bayfair Project (Project).

Alameda CTC seeks \$25 million in SS4A funding to fund the Construction Phase. The Project, located along the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District corridor in the cities of Oakland and San Leandro, California, will improve multimodal access to many key activity centers in regionally identified disadvantaged communities and provide individuals of all ages and abilities an inter-jurisdictional active transportation route along California State Route 185.

The Project will fulfill SS4A goals to develop and implement various strategies to reduce roadway safety impacts within communities. It will be consistent with Caltrans' priorities in delivering transportation projects promoting multi-modalism and roadway safety.

Caltrans would like to thank USDOT for its consideration of this Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Tavares'.

TONY TAVARES
Director



City of Oakland | Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Oakland Department of Transportation, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in SS4A funds which will leverage an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

The City of Oakland has ownership and maintenance responsibilities over the roadways where the project is located and is supportive of the proposed project. We request that USDOT approve Alameda CTC's SS4A grant application request.

Sincerely,

[Fred Kelley \(Jun 23, 2023 09:49 PDT\)](#)

Fred Kelley
Director, City of Oakland Department of Transportation

City of San Leandro

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June 2, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for SS4A Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of San Leandro, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers.

Here in San Leandro, The East Bay Greenway will not just benefit the neighborhoods in the immediate area but throughout the City due to other bike routes that are planned to connect along the project's limits. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in our neighborhoods that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in SS4A funds, which will leverage an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

The City of San Leandro has ownership and maintenance responsibilities over the roadways where the project is located and is supportive of the proposed project. The City of San Leandro requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's SS4A grant application request.

Sincerely,

Juan González III, Mayor

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City Council:

Victor Aguilar, Jr.

Bryan Azevedo

Peter Ballew

Xouhoa Bowen

Celina Reynes

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June 6, 2023

Janice Li
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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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RE: ACTC - East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

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Bevan Dufty
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) application requesting \$25 million for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project.

The project includes a regional bikeway along streets parallel and connecting to five BART stations through the cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. It will provide significant benefits to community members traversing through the Lake Merritt to Bay Fair Station corridor and will help meet local, state, and federal goals aimed at improving transportation safety.

The East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project is designed to provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" connecting neighborhoods to transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will protect vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network and will provide healthy and affordable mobility options to communities that have low levels of access to automobiles and high rates of asthma.

The requested \$25 million in SS4A funds will help Alameda CTC fund the \$121 million project by leveraging an existing state Active Transportation Program grant with matching local transportation funds.

As a regional partner with Alameda CTC, BART highly supports this transformative project and respectfully requests your approval of the Alameda CTC SS4A grant application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Powers
General Manager

cc: Alameda County Transportation Commissioners
Alameda County Transportation Commission, Executive Director



Service Development Department
1600 Franklin Street, Oakland CA 94612

Robert del Rosario

Director of Service Development & Planning

May 18, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Support for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of AC Transit, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network, including those accessing AC Transit bus stops. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in SS4A funds which will leverage an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

AC Transit requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's SS4A grant application request.

Sincerely,

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Robert del Rosario
Director of Service Development & Planning



May 11, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Bike East Bay, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in SS4A funds which will leverage an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

Bike East Bay requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's SS4A grant application request.

Sincerely,

Robert Prinz
Advocacy Director
Bike East Bay



June 8, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, I wish to convey our enthusiastic support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

The East Bay Greenway is part of the 2,600-mile Bay Area regional trail network which was developed by the Bay Area Trails Collaborative, a coalition of over 40 organizations working together to complete this connected trail network. Notably, the BATC partners have designated the East Bay Greenway as one of the top 13 Priority Projects within the entire network, due to the significant benefits it will provide. The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in SS4A funds which will leverage an existing state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy requests that USDOT approve Alameda CTC's SS4A grant request.

Sincerely,

Laura Cohen

Western Region Director
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy



June 5th, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of TransForm, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) SS4A application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station area while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

TransForm promotes walkable communities with excellent transportation choices to connect people of all incomes to opportunity, make California affordable, and help solve our climate crisis. With diverse partners we engage communities in planning, run innovative programs, and win policy change at the local, regional, and state levels. We often facilitate community engagement with East Oakland residents and we know firsthand that biking along San Leandro Street is simply dangerous. This project is critical to promote equitable and environmentally sustainable travel options for some of the Bay Area's most marginalized residents.

The East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in SS4A funds which will leverage an existing

state Active Transportation Program grant and be matched with additional local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

TransForm requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's SS4A grant application request.

Sincerely,

Mario Valadez

Site Coordinator, Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program
TransForm