



Bay Area Metro Center
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda - Final

ABAG San Francisco Bay Trail Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair
Julie Bondurant, Co-Chair
Vacant, Secretary
Juan Raigoza, Treasurer

Thursday, November 17, 2022

1:00 PM

REMOTE

San Francisco Bay Trail Steering Committee

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The San Francisco Bay Trail Steering Committee may act on any item on the agenda.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda, roster and webcast available at <https://abag.ca.gov>

For information, contact Clerk of the Board at (415) 820-7913.

Roster

Julie Bondurant, Sean Dougan, Leo Dubose, Andrea Gaffney (Alternate),
Ethan Lavine, Juan Raigoza, Suzanne Wilson (Alternate), John Woodbury

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum is three (3) SF Bay Trail Steering Committee members present.

2. Public Comment

Information

3. Steering Committee Member and Staff Announcements

Information

4. Chair's Report

- 4.a. [22-1747](#) SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Chair's Report for November 17, 2022

Action: Information

Presenter: John Woodbury

5. Consent Calendar

- 5.a. [22-1748](#) Approval of SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Minutes of September 22, 2022

Action: Approval

Presenter: Clerk of the Board

Attachments: [05a BT Steering Minutes 20220922 Draft.pdf](#)

6. Presentations

- 6.a. [22-1749](#) Report on Planning for an Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

Action: Information

Presenter: Rochelle Wheeler, Senior Transportation Coordinator, City of Alameda

Attachments: [06a 1 Summary Sheet Oak-Ala Bike-Ped Bridge v1.pdf](#)

[06a 2 Attachment A Presentation Oak-Ala Bike-Ped Bridge v1.pdf](#)

[06a 3 Attachment B Fact Sheet Oak-Ala Bike-Ped Bridge.pdf](#)

7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the SF Bay Trail Steering Committee will be announced.

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File #: 22-1747 **Version:** 1 **Name:**

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File created: 11/3/2022 **In control:** ABAG San Francisco Bay Trail Steering Committee

On agenda: 11/17/2022 **Final action:**

Title: SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Chair's Report for November 17, 2022

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SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Chair's Report for November 17, 2022

John Woodbury

Information



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Approval of SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Minutes of September 22, 2022

Clerk of the Board

Approval



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Chair Woodbury called the meeting to order at about 1:01 p.m. Quorum was present.

Present: 5 - Dougan, Dubose, Gaffney, Raigoza, and Woodbury

Absent: 1 - Bondurant

2. Public Comment

3. Steering Committee Member and Staff Announcements

4. Chair's Report

4.a. [22-1330](#) SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Chair's Report for September 22, 2022

Chair Woodbury gave the report.

5. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Raigoza and second by Dougan, the SF Bay Trail Steering Committee approved the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dougan, Dubose, Gaffney, Raigoza and Woodbury

Absent: 1 - Bondurant

- 5.a. [22-1331](#) Approval of SF Bay Trail Steering Committee Minutes of July 28, 2022

6. Presentations

- 6.a. [22-1339](#) Report on Bay Skyway Current Projects: An Update on the Bay Trail's Transbay Link

Gavin Lohry gave the report.

- 6.b. [22-1375](#) Report on Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Path/Sir Francis Drake Overpass Access Improvement Projects

James Go and Francois Dion gave the report.

7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

Chair Woodbury adjourned the meeting at about 2:21 p.m. The next regular meeting of the SF Bay Trail Steering Committee is on November 17, 2022.



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File #: 22-1749 **Version:** 1 **Name:**

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On agenda: 11/17/2022 **Final action:**

Title: Report on Planning for an Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

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Report on Planning for an Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

Rochelle Wheeler, Senior Transportation Coordinator, City of Alameda

Information

San Francisco Bay Trail

Steering Committee

September 22, 2022

Agenda Item 6.a.

Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

Subject:

Report on Planning for an Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

Background:

For fifteen years, the City of Alameda has been studying options for an improved bicycle and pedestrian crossing of the estuary between the west end of Alameda and Oakland near Jack London Square. Today, the City of Alameda, in close partnership with the City of Oakland, and with \$1.55 million in funding from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), is developing a Project Initiation Document (PID) for a new bicycle-pedestrian bridge. The PID will include the identification and in-depth technical study of three potential bridge alignments, extensive public and stakeholder engagement, and valuable input from Technical and Political Advisory Committees. The PID, which launched in August and is expected to be completed in 20 months, is a requirement for further county, regional, state, and federal funding. The intent is to have identified lead and sponsoring agencies to move the project forward through future phases, by the end of the PID phase.

Today, there are only two options to connect between Oakland and Alameda on foot or bike in the 5.5 linear miles of shoreline west of the Park Street Bridge: (1) pay a transit fare and ride the bus (5-30 minutes, depending on wait time for the bus and/or bike rack availability on the bus), or (2) travel via a narrow and uncomfortable three-foot wide underground pathway in the State Route 260 Posey Tube (an unpleasant 10-minute bike ride or 20-minute walk). With a bridge, people walking and biking would have an alternative to connect between west Alameda and Jack London Square, Amtrak, Downtown Oakland, two Oakland BART stations, and the growing networks of Bay Trail on both sides of the estuary. A 2021 Alameda CTC-led detailed technical feasibility and travel demand study concluded that building a bridge that meets U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements is technically feasible and that 5,000 to 6,000 bicycle/pedestrian trips would be made over it each day. The USCG and the Port of Oakland both reviewed the 2021 study findings and support the project moving forward with further analysis.

The project is now included in nine adopted state, regional, county, and city plans, and two draft plans, as listed on the project webpage. The hope is that this new bridge would be considered the Bay Trail alignment in this area, replacing the Posey Tube.

A project fact sheet with key information about the project is attached and all of the background information can be found on the project webpage: www.alamedaca.gov/bridge.

Issues:

None

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Agenda Item 6.a.

Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

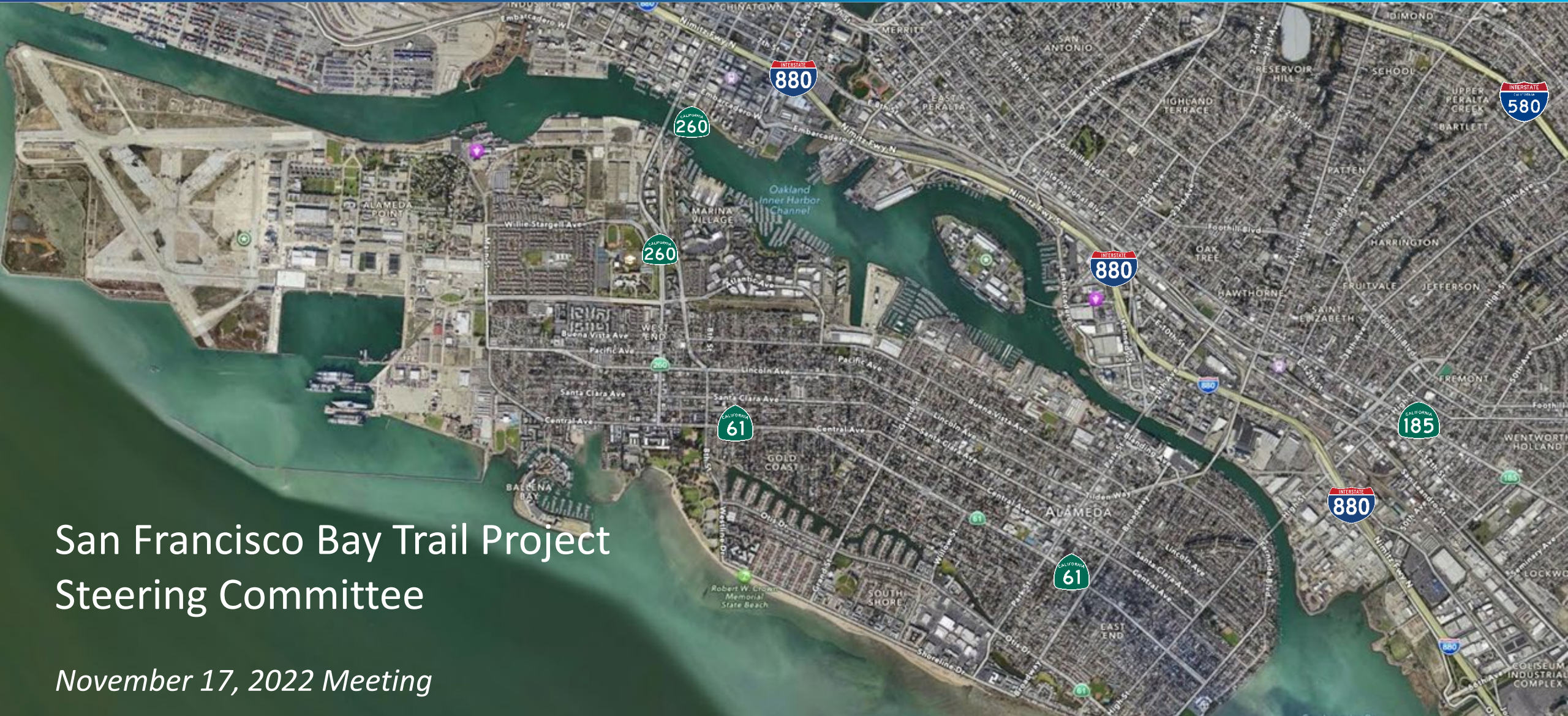
- A. Presentation Oakland-Alameda Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
- B. Bridge Fact Sheet

Reviewed:



Therese W. McMillan

Oakland-Alameda Bike/Ped Bridge



San Francisco Bay Trail Project
Steering Committee

November 17, 2022 Meeting

A Regional Problem: Bridging the Gap



- Two major cities, but no pedestrian or bicycle connection between them
- Creates a 5.5 mile gap west of Park Street bridge
- Increases I-880 and SR 260 congestion and regional GHG emissions
- An environmental justice issue impacting vulnerable communities:
 - West Oakland, Chinatown, Fruitvale
 - West Alameda
- Impacts regional Bay Trail network

SR 260 (Posey Tube): Bicycle and Pedestrian Deficiencies

Underground path is not the solution

- ¾ mile underground
- 36 inches wide
- User reactions
 - Scary
 - Unhealthy
 - Unpleasant
 - Once is enough, never again
- Opening a second path (in Webster Tube) is not the long term fix



The Solution: Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge



- Coast Guard supports
- Port of Oakland supports
- Alameda CTC Study estimates: 25,000 to 30,000 trips/week and 40,000 fewer auto trips/week
- Alameda CTC Funded Project Initiation Document (PID) Phase (\$1.5M)



A Regional Solution to a Regional Problem



Recommended in:

- MTC Regional Active Transportation Network
- Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Plan and Pedestrian Plan
- Caltrans Bay Area Bike Highway Study (one of top three scoring corridors)
- Alameda CTC Countywide Bikeways Network
- Alameda CTC Countywide Transportation Plan
- Alameda CTC Capital Improvement Plan
- City of Oakland *Draft* Downtown Oakland Specific Plan
- City of Oakland Bicycle Plan
- City of Alameda General Plan
- City of Alameda Transportation Choices Plan
- City of Alameda *Draft* Active Transportation Plan



Project Area



Thank you!



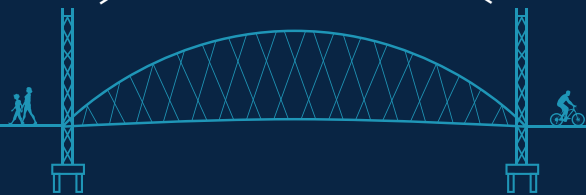
Questions? Advice? Input?



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- BRIDGING THE GAP -



THE ALAMEDA - OAKLAND BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The cities of Alameda and Oakland are working to create a vastly improved Alameda/Oakland Estuary crossing for people biking and walking between the two cities. A new bicycle/pedestrian lift bridge would create a comfortable, safe and enjoyable connection between the West End of Alameda, Jack London Square, Downtown Oakland, and two regional transit stations - 12th Street BART and Oakland Amtrak.

Rendering is for communications purposes; final bridge location is under evaluation.



THE BENEFITS!

35,000 - 42,000 pedestrian and bicycle trips per week on a new bridge!*

40,000 fewer auto trips per week on Oakland's Chinatown and Jack London streets*

Reduces air pollutants in West Alameda and West Oakland, two adjacent vulnerable Equity Priority Communities

Increases regional resiliency and Reduces greenhouse gas emissions

Greatly enhances pedestrian and bicycle access to Downtown Oakland businesses, jobs, and regional transit hubs

Improves public health through active transportation

Creates Bay Trail Connection between our two cities

Adds emergency access and evacuation routes in the event of a regional disaster



**Estuary Crossing Study: Detailed Feasibility and Travel Demand Analysis (2021), www.alamedaca.gov/bridge*



WHY BUILD THE BRIDGE?



CONNECTION

The Estuary is a barrier to sustainable travel between two East Bay cities, including BART stations, Amtrak & Oakland central job centers.



NO GOOD OPTIONS

Webster and Posey tubes have one 3-foot two-way walking and biking path, adjacent to automobile lanes. Other estuary crossings are over 2.5 miles away.



DISTANCE

Distance between the two cities over water: 1,000 feet or less. Length of subterranean narrow path: over 3/4 mile.



COST

\$200 million (estimated)



2009

2016-2021

2021

2022

Estuary Crossing Study of 17 crossing alternatives

Bridge alignments studied; key stakeholder meetings held; inclusion in local, countywide and state plans

Detailed Feasibility Study and Travel Demand Analysis with U.S. Coast Guard and Port of Oakland concurrence

Award contract for Project Initiation Document Phase (\$1.5M in county transportation sales tax funds)