

# San Francisco Bay Trail

## Steering Committee

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May 25, 2023

Agenda Item 6.a.

### Bay Trail Alignment

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#### Subject:

Approval of Proposed Bay Trail Alignment Change in City of Alameda

#### Background:

On April 27, 2023, the City of Alameda submitted a letter requesting a realignment of the Bay Trail spine in the City of Alameda. The recently-adopted Alameda Active Transportation Plan recommends a significant re-routing of the current adopted Bay Trail route in Alameda to match recent waterfront development opportunities and meet the Bay Trail's goal of being as close to the waterfront as possible.

The proposed realignment would make the following changes (see map included with the City's Request Letter):

- Remove the following interior segments from the Bay Trail spine:
  - Main St (Main Street Ferry Terminal access road to Pacific Ave)
  - Central Ave (Pacific Avenue to Encinal Boat Ramp entrance road)
  - Grand St (Shoreline to Oakland Estuary)
  - Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway (Main St to Webster St)
  - Atlantic Ave (Webster St to Clement Ave)
  - Sherman St (Clement Ave to Buena Vista Ave)
  - Buena Vista Ave (Sherman St to Tilden Way)
  - Tilden Way (Buena Vista Ave to Fernside/Blanding)
  - Triumph Dr (Atlantic Ave to northern end of roadway)
  - Shoreline Park Trail (Segment from Oakland Estuary to Marina Village Parkway)
  - Marina Village Parkway (Shoreline Park Trail to Posey Tube)
- Add the following waterfront alignments along the northern waterfront of Alameda, listed from east to west:
  - Oakland Estuary Waterfront (Miller-Sweeney Bridge to Clement/Stanton)
    - Existing segments:
      - Behind Blanding Shopping Center, along Oakland Estuary
      - Grand Street to Clement/Stanton
    - Proposed segments:
      - Tilden Way to Blanding Shopping Center
      - Behind Nob Hill Foods to Grand Street
  - Clement (Stanton St to Entrance Rd) – Existing segment
  - Oakland Estuary Waterfront (Clement/Stanton to Shoreline Park Trail near foot of Triumph Dr)
    - Existing segments:
      - Existing Trail along Encinal Basin near Wind River development to Encinal Yacht Club

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- Proposed segments:
  - Clement/Stanton to Existing Trail along Encinal Basin near Wind River development
  - Encinal Yacht Club to Shoreline Park Trail near foot of Triumph Dr
- Oakland Estuary Waterfront (Shoreline Park Trail near foot of Triumph Dr to Main Street Ferry Terminal)
  - Existing segments:
    - Shoreline Park Trail near foot of Triumph to Shipways (east side)
    - Shipways (west side) to center of Bohol Circle Immigrant Park
  - Proposed segments:
    - Shipways (east to west)
    - Center of Bohol Circle Immigrant Park to Main Street Ferry Terminal
- Park Street Bridge, connecting via Blanding Ave to Oakland Estuary waterfront (Note, however, that the Bridge is owned by Alameda County Public Works Agency.) – Proposed segment

This alignment is supported by comprehensive outreach conducted as part of the Active Transportation Plan, which engaged with residents at 50 public meetings and events, two community surveys, and one statistically-significant survey.

Bay Trail staff participated in the Active Transportation Plan process since its inception in 2020, including meeting with City staff and providing comments on draft and interim versions of the plan. Through that process, Bay Trail staff worked with the City to incorporate the alignment changes to the Bay Trail that staff have been discussing with Alameda City staff for several years.

In their letter, the City also requested the Bay Trail Steering Committee affirm its support for including the proposed new Oakland Alameda Estuary Bridge as a Bay Trail spine alignment in place of the Posey Tube upon its completion in the future. Support from the Bay Trail Steering Committee would support the City in seeking funding for the future completion of the bridge.

Bay Trail staff are members of the Oakland Alameda Estuary Bridge Project Technical Advisory Committee and have been meeting as part of that process to provide input and feedback to the City of Alameda and other members of the project team.

#### Issues:

None

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#### Recommended Action:

The San Francisco Bay Trail Steering Committee is requested to approve the City of Alameda's request to realign the Bay Trail to bring the trail closer to the waterfront, as reported; and to affirm its support for including the proposed new Oakland Alameda Estuary Bridge as a Bay Trail spine alignment in place of the Posey Tube upon its completion in the future.

#### Attachments:

- A. Letter and Map from the City of Alameda Requesting Proposed Alignment Change

#### Reviewed:



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