

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: November 28, 2006

RE: **Resolution Authorizing The City Of Oakland To Apply For, Accept, And Appropriate Up To Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) In FY 2006-07 Alameda County Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Discretionary Funds for the East 12th Street Bikeway Project, 2nd to 38th Avenues**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared for the City Council that authorizes the City Administrator, or her designee, to apply for, accept, and appropriate up to \$300,000.00 in FY 2006-07 Alameda County Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Discretionary Funds (ACTIA Discretionary funds) for the East 12th Street Regional Bikeway Project, 2nd to 38th Avenues, in Council Districts 2 and 5.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Approval of the resolution will allow the City to apply for, accept, and appropriate up to \$300,000.00 in grant funding for a high-priority bicycle capital project using FY 2006-07 ACTIA Discretionary funds. These funds will be deposited to Measure B Fund (2214) and Traffic Engineering Organization (92246) and a new project number will be established.

While no matching funds are required to receive this grant, staff proposes committing a match to make this project more competitive. Matching funds will be provided from two sources. Project feasibility and design are being funded by Measure B Pass-Through Fund (2212), Traffic Engineering Organization (92246), and CIP Bike Lane Design and Feasibility Project (C267810). Also, East 12th Street, 2nd to 14th Avenues, is scheduled for resurfacing and restriping in summer 2007. Funds for the resurfacing project will be provided in Federal Department of Transportation Fund (2116), STP Cycle 2 Project (G287610).

Ongoing maintenance costs as a result of this project are expected to be minimal and will be absorbed within current maintenance appropriations.

The City's 1.5% public art fee is not an eligible expense under ACTIA Discretionary Fund guidelines. For this reason, staff requests that this fee be waived for this project.

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BACKGROUND

The ACTIA Discretionary Fund, funded by the Measure B ½ cent sales tax for transportation, is earmarked for projects and programs that expand and enhance bicycle and pedestrian access, convenience, and safety in Alameda County. The Discretionary Fund provides grants on a competitive basis (to be distinguished from the “pass through” funds allocated to jurisdictions based on population).

Based on Alameda County input from public agencies and the community, the Alameda County Bike Plan update identified East 12th Street as the highest priority for Oakland, as part of the Countywide Corridor 25 Bikeway. The City’s bicycle master plan update, now underway, also identifies East 12th Street as the preferred east-west cycling corridor between Lake Merritt and East Oakland. Oakland’s topography and discontinuous street network offer no other viable alternative bikeway alignment, except International Boulevard. The City previously withdrew a proposal to construct bike lanes on International, when AC Transit expressed concerns about the impact on bus operations. East 12th Street is the new preferred alignment, which offers the opportunity to connect with planned bike lanes for the 12th Street Dam re-construction. East 12th will also eventually connect with Class II bike lanes on San Leandro Blvd. and/or a Class I bike path to provide connectivity from Lake Merritt to Oakland eastern City limits.

To ready this project for the grant application deadline of December 15, 2006, the City contracted to study the technical feasibility of the bikeway. That study is expected to be completed in mid-November, and the results shared with affected stakeholders to establish community support.

A resurfacing project on East 12th Street from 2nd to 14th Avenues is expected to be completed in late Summer 2007. If the City receives the grant, the bikeway striping can be installed concurrently with the resurfacing project.

This project meets the Council-adopted criteria set forth in the *Resolution Establishing Prioritization Methods for the City of Oakland’s Facilities and Structures, Parks and Open Space, Sewers, Storm Drains, Street, Sidewalks, and Traffic Improvement Infrastructure Needs*, (Number 78747, adopted July 20, 2004).

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

New this year, bikeway projects eligible for ACTIA Discretionary funds are limited to a single high priority project for each City as shown on the recently updated Alameda County Bicycle Master Plan. The Plan identifies the 12th Street corridor (County Route 25) from 2nd to Fruitvale/38th Avenue as this highest priority project. No other projects in the City are eligible. A Council resolution is required for this project to be eligible for ACTIA funds under this grant.

East 12th Street is an important cycling corridor because it improves bicycling access to numerous regional destinations, including downtown Oakland, Lake Merritt, the Lake Merritt BART and the Fruitvale BART Station. These connections will enable residents to travel by bicycle rather than motor vehicle, responding to the City's Transit-First and smart growth policies, as well as with recently adopted City Council Resolution No. 80214 which seeks to make Oakland oil-independent by 2020.

By readying this project for construction in time for the scheduled resurfacing project on East 12th Street, between 2nd and 14th Avenues, the City will be able to use the resurfacing project as matching funds. Once constructed, the 2.6 mile East 12th Street Bikeway, 2nd to 38th Avenue, will provide Oakland's residents and visitors with a new east-west bicycling corridor through a mixed-use corridor serving primarily lower-income residents. The new bikeway will connect directly to bike lanes planned for the 12th Street Dam beginning on East 12th Street at 2nd Ave and continuing west along the dam to 14th Street and Lakeside Drive. The project will allow more Oaklanders to enjoy the Measure DD investments at Lake Merritt, without contributing to traffic congestion, air pollution, global warming and oil dependence.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The East 12th Street Bikeway, 2nd to 38th Avenues, consists of a combination Class II/III bikeway (signed and striped bike lanes/signed bike route). Please see attachment A: Project Area Map. A feasibility study, now underway, will determine the final design recommendation. If a travel lane or parking removal to accommodate any of the bikeway is recommended in the final design, City Council will be asked to authorize these roadway modifications prior to construction.

To the East the project will intersect with future bike lanes on 38th Avenue and extend along E. 12th to connect with proposed facilities along the San Leandro corridor, including a potential path along the BART right of way. The project will connect with planned bike facilities around Lake Merritt funded by Measure DD, improving nonmotorized access to the Lake for recreation and exercise. Eventually, San Leandro/E. 12th County Corridor #25 will join up with a bikeway extending along 14th Street on the west side of the Lake and continuing up Market Street to the north Oakland City limits.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Project implementation provides the opportunity to use local contractors which offer employment to Oakland residents, thereby strengthening the local economy.

Environmental: The project encourages bicycling for commuting as well as exercise, which can help reduce reliance on the automobile, save fossil fuels, and improve air quality.

Social Equity: The project will provide greater accessibility and safety to persons who depend on non-motorized transportation and public transit to access jobs, recreational facilities, and other services.

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DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

Wheelchair users can use bike lanes to access to curb ramps or parked vehicles. The bike lanes provide a striped buffer that improves sight distances, making it easier for seniors and disabled persons to cross the street.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator, or her designee, to apply for, accept, and appropriate up to \$300,000.00 in FY 2006-07 Alameda County Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Discretionary Funds (ACTIA Discretionary funds) for the East 12th Street Regional Bikeway Project, 2nd to 38th Avenues.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

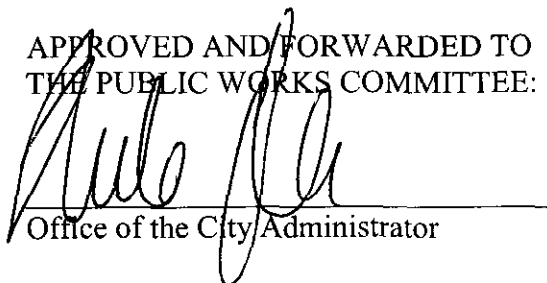


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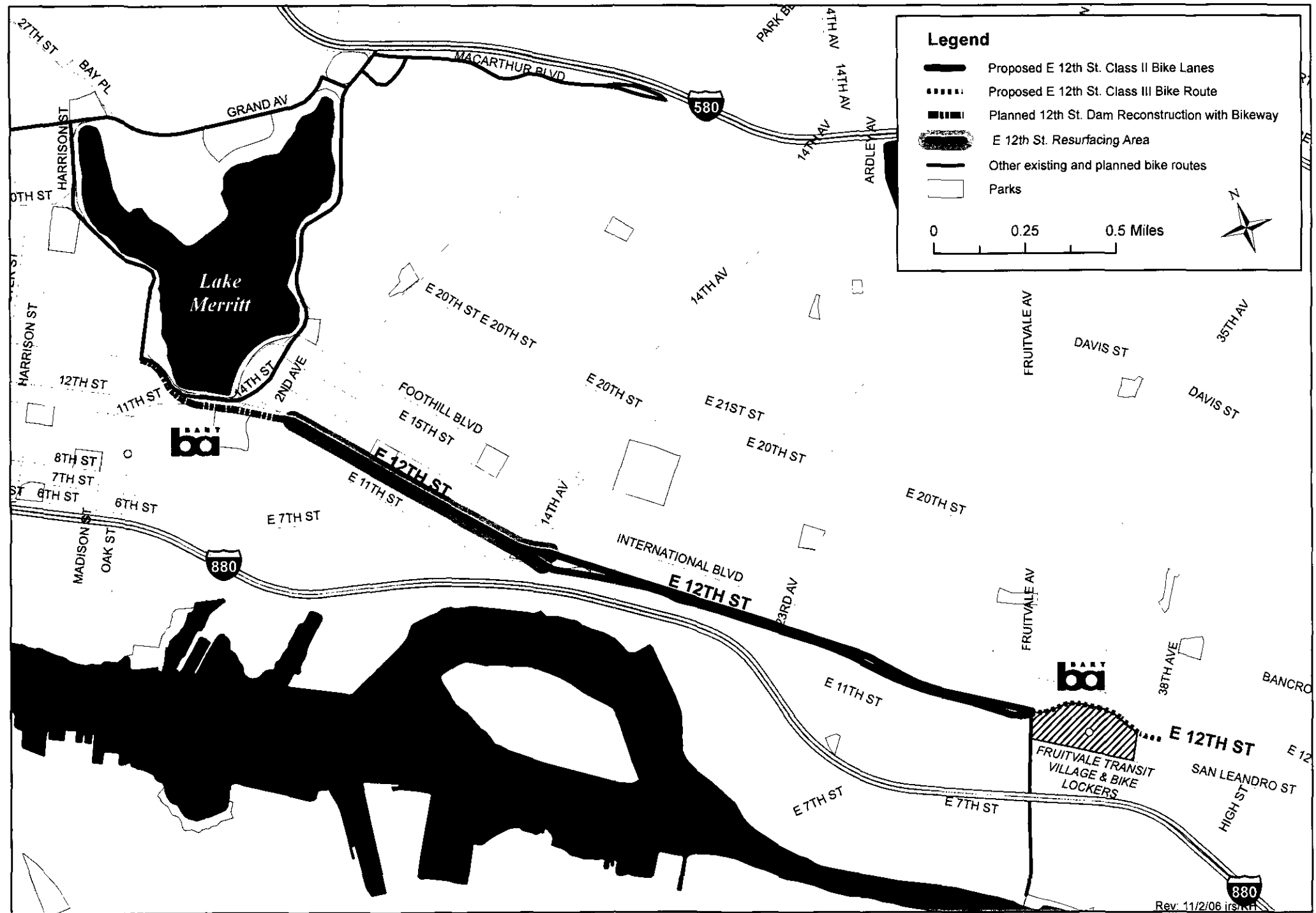
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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E 12th Street Bikeway



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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE UP TO THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) IN FY 2006-07 ALAMEDA COUNTY MEASURE B BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THE EAST 12TH STREET BIKEWAY PROJECT, 2ND TO 38TH AVENUES

WHEREAS, Alameda County voters in 2000 approved Measure B, a half-cent transportation sales tax to finance projects to improve the County's transportation system, including 5% of net revenue dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian projects; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) administers the Measure B funds, including a 25% discretionary fund set aside for bicycle and pedestrian safety projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is an eligible applicant and desires to apply for, accept and appropriate up to \$300,000 in discretionary funds from ACTIA for the purpose of appropriating said funding to Fund (2214), Public Works Agency, Transportation Services Division Organization (92246); and

WHEREAS, said funding will allow the City to design and construct a bikeway on East 12th Street between 2nd and 38th Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Agency has requested a waiver of the 1.5% public art fee for this project because ACTIA guidelines prohibit the use of grant funds for public art when public art is not a project component; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the application, acceptance and appropriation of FY 2006-07 Measure B discretionary funds in the amount of \$300,000 to design and construct the East 12th Street Bikeway, 2nd to 38th Avenues, to be deposited to Measure B Fund (2214), Transportation Services Division Organization (92246); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City's 1.5% public art fee is hereby waived; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or his/her designee, is authorized, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to execute and submit all documents, payment requests and related actions, as well as, to appropriate any additional funds received for the completion of the project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be received for this project, the City Administrator, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the same for the purposes described above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California