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PROJECT LETTERS OF SUPPORT

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP)

19TH STREET BART TO LAKE MERRITT URBAN GREENWAY PROJECT

FEDERAL PROJECT NO. ATPL-5012(143)

CITY PROJECT NO. 1003211



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May 21, 2015

Mr. Carl Guardino, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Oakland's 20th Street Active Transportation Program Application

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express Walk Oakland Bike Oakland's (WOBO) support for the City of Oakland's application for funding under the Caltrans Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) to improve the safety and comfort for bicycle and pedestrian transportation on 20th Street. 20th Street provides a critical three-block connection within downtown Oakland between BART, bus rapid transit, employment centers and the parks surrounding Lake Merritt. However, the current configuration of 20th Street disproportionately serves automobile traffic at the expense of other roadway users.

The grant will make significant improvements to 20th Street from approximately Broadway to Harrison Street. It includes funding for widening congested sidewalks, continuous bicycle facilities, pedestrian crossing improvements, and transit boarding islands.

This project sits squarely on a network of roadways used heavily by pedestrian as well as bicyclist approaching and leaving the 19th Street BART station and a dense web of bus service, accessing the newly revitalized downtown and uptown areas, and linking to destinations at Lake Merritt, the crown jewel of Oakland' parks and recreation system. Work performed under this grant will dramatically improve opportunities for walking and bicycling in and around downtown Oakland, and is consistent with Oakland's adopted Complete Streets policy.

WOBO has always and looks forward to working closely with the City of Oakland on this important project. Once again, we urge Caltrans to fully fund Oakland's application for 20th Street ATP. Thank you for your support of complete streets in Oakland.

Sincerely,

Chris Hwang
WOBO Board President
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit's (BART) support for the City of Oakland's application for funding under the Caltrans Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) to improve the safety and comfort for bicycle and pedestrian transportation on 20th Street. 20th Street provides a critical three-block connection within downtown Oakland between BART, bus rapid transit, employment centers and the parks surrounding Lake Merritt. However, the current configuration of 20th Street disproportionately serves automobile traffic at the expense of other roadway users.

The grant will make significant improvements to 20th Street from approximately Broadway to Harrison Street. It includes funding for widening congested sidewalks, continuous bicycle facilities, pedestrian crossing improvements, and transit boarding islands. Work performed under this grant will dramatically improve opportunities for walking and bicycling in and around downtown Oakland, and is consistent with Oakland's adopted Complete Streets policy. The improvements will also help to facilitate safe pedestrian and bicycle access to the 19th St/Oakland BART station and help BART to advance our goal of increasing the bicycle and pedestrian modes of access to our stations.

BART and the City of Oakland have partnered together on numerous transportation and land use projects, including the Broadway Valdez Specific Plan which encourages smart growth just north of the 20th Street corridor. Through these experiences, we recognize the clear benefits to a safer and more multimodal Oakland. The work products of this important project will allow Oakland to realize these goals on 20th Street.

BART looks forward to working closely with the City of Oakland on this important project. Once again, we urge Caltrans to fully fund Oakland's application for 20th Street ATP. Thank you for your support of complete streets in Oakland.

Sincerely,

Val Joseph Menotti
Chief Planning & Development Officer
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit



Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

May 22, 2015

Mr. Carl Guardino, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Oakland's 20th Street Active Transportation Program Application

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express AC Transit's support for the City of Oakland's application for funding under the Caltrans Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) to improve the safety and comfort for bicycle and pedestrian transportation on 20th Street.

20th Street provides an important three-block connection within downtown Oakland between BART, AC Transit's future Bus Rapid Transit, employment centers and the parks surrounding Lake Merritt, and is a critical transit corridor. The grant will make significant improvements to 20th Street from approximately Broadway to Harrison Street. It includes funding for widening congested sidewalks, continuous bicycle facilities, pedestrian crossing improvements, and innovative transit boarding islands.

AC Transit has identified the 20th Street corridor in its Major Corridors Study as a site for future capital investment, including transit priority treatments. AC Transit fully supports the City of Oakland's 20th Street project, provided that the City of Oakland continues to work jointly with AC Transit to ensure bicycle traffic, and future bicycle projects, do not impede bus operations through the Uptown/20th Street Transit Center between Broadway and Telegraph or preclude future capital improvements along the corridor.

AC Transit recognizes that the majority of transit riders begin their trips as pedestrians or bicyclists. Work performed under this grant will improve opportunities for walking and bicycling in and around downtown Oakland and mitigate bike and bus conflicts at bus stops. This is consistent with Oakland's adopted Complete Streets policy.

AC Transit looks forward to working closely with the City of Oakland on this important project. Once again, we urge Caltrans to fully fund Oakland's application for 20th Street ATP. Thank you for your support of complete streets in Oakland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert del Rosario'.

Robert del Rosario
Director of Service Development
AC Transit



May 28, 2015

Mr. Carl Guardino, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Telegraph Avenue Complete Street Project Oakland

Dear Mr. Guardino,

I am writing to express Bike East Bay's support for the City of Oakland's application for funding under the Caltrans Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) to improve the safety and comfort for bicycle and pedestrian transportation on 20th Street. In the heart of Downtown Oakland, 20th Street provides a critical three-block connection between BART, bus rapid transit, employment centers and the parks surrounding Lake Merritt. However, the current configuration of 20th Street disproportionately serves automobile traffic at the expense of other roadway users.

The grant will make significant improvements to 20th Street from approximately Broadway to Harrison Street. It includes funding for widening congested sidewalks, continuous bicycle facilities, pedestrian crossing improvements, and transit boarding islands. Work performed under this grant will dramatically improve opportunities for walking and bicycling in and around Downtown Oakland.

Bike East Bay, the City of Oakland and AC Transit have worked together on numerous transportation projects. Through these experiences, we recognize the clear benefits to a safer and more multimodal Oakland. The work products of this important project will allow Oakland to realize these goals on 20th Street. Bike East Bay looks forward to working closely with the City of Oakland to build this important project. Once again, we urge Caltrans to fully fund Oakland's application for 20th Street ATP. Thank you for your support of complete streets in Oakland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Caplan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Advocacy Director
Bike East Bay



June 1, 2015

CALTRANS
Division of Local Assistance, MS-1
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P.O. Box 942874
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

RE: Support for Oakland's 20th Street Active Transportation Program Application

To whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express Lake Merritt Uptown Association and the Downtown Oakland Associations support for the City of Oakland's application for funding under the Caltrans Competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) to improve the safety and comfort for bicycle and pedestrian transportation on 20th Street. 20th Street provides a critical three-block connection within downtown Oakland between BART, bus rapid transit, employment centers and the parks surrounding Lake Merritt. However, the current configuration of 20th Street disproportionately serves automobile traffic at the expense of other roadway users.

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Lake Merritt Uptown Association and the Downtown Oakland Association and the City of Oakland have worked together on numerous transportation and land uses like the permitting and reactivation of Franklin Square. Through these experiences, we recognize the clear benefits to a safer and more multimodal Oakland. The work products of this important project will allow Oakland to realize these goals on 20th Street.

Lake Merritt Uptown Association and the Downtown Oakland Associations look forward to working closely with the City of Oakland on this important project. Once again, we urge Caltrans to fully fund Oakland's application for 20th Street ATP. Thank you for your support of complete streets in Oakland.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jones

District Services Manager
Lake Merritt Uptown Association and the Downtown Oakland Associations