



Office of the Mayor

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application submitted to you by the City of Alameda, California entitled **San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair**. This project will repair, improve and complete seven miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail in the East Bay, connecting hundreds of miles of existing Bay Trail throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, which will ultimately create a 500-mile system. The five Bay Trail projects in this TIGER grant application are as follows:

- Bay Farm Island Bay Trail Resurface/Widen (City of Alameda)
- Clement Avenue Bikeway/Transit/Truck Route (City of Alameda)
- Gilman to Buchanan Bay Trail (Cities of Albany and Berkeley)
- Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park Bay Trail (City of Pinole)
- West Alameda Bay Trail Segments (City of Alameda)

The Bay Trail transportation network addresses pedestrian and bicycle safety, alleviates vehicle congestion, and improves accessibility to the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, buses, ferries, Amtrak, and the Capitol Corridor commuter-rail service. These Bay Trail projects are key pedestrian and bicycle components to be repaired and constructed to provide the needed connections for a completed 500-mile system. The project will provide “last mile” access to commute alternatives as well as reduce congestion, health-care costs, and our dependence on fossil fuels. Due to the San Francisco Bay Area’s mild climate, these Bay Trail segments will provide year-round access to schools, employment centers, and shopping, and they will serve an economically and ethnically diverse population.

The City of Berkeley is working in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Alameda. I fully support the City of Alameda’s application and coordination of all the cities involved. I urge your serious consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Tom Bates