



May 30, 2013

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project is writing to seek your support of the **San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair Project** TIGER Grant application submitted to the Department of Transportation by the City of Alameda and in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District. The project will be part of the 500-mile Bay Trail system which serves as a "Green Transportation Corridor" for bicyclists and pedestrians and passes through 47 cities, links all nine Bay Area counties, and cross seven toll bridges.

The proposed project will repair and complete almost eight miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail and provide critical links in the East Bay transportation system. The five Bay Trail projects in this TIGER grant application are as follows:

- Bay Farm Island Trail Resurface/Widen (City of Alameda)
- Clement Avenue Bikeway/Truck Route (City of Alameda)
- Gilman to Buchanan Bay Trail (Cities of Albany and Berkeley)
- Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park Trail (City of Pinole)
- Shore Line Drive / Westline Drive Cycle Track (City of Alameda)

These Bay Trail projects will create new options for bicycle commuters and bring economic, safety, and health benefits to the over one million community members near these sections of regional trails. These "Green Transportation" corridors will provide "last mile" access to commute alternatives including buses, the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, the regional ferry system, and Amtrak, and will reduce congestion, our dependence on fossil fuels, and health care costs.

The Bay Trail Project is pleased to enthusiastically support Alameda's TIGER Grant application and strongly urges the Department of Transportation to approve the grant request for this critical transportation improvement project that will enhance the livability and economic development opportunities for the region. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 464-7915 if you have any questions regarding this or other aspects of the Bay Trail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee Chien Huo".

Lee Chien Huo
Bay Trail Planner