

City of Alameda California



May 29, 2013

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant
San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the City of Alameda, I am pleased to submit the San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair Project TIGER Grant application. This project will have a tremendous impact in the San Francisco region connecting several important links in our transportation system. The City of Alameda has diligently planned and commenced work on a number of improvements to the Bay Trail system to address pedestrian safety, alleviate vehicle congestion and improve accessibility to the transit system, which is comprised of buses, ferries and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). The City has coordinated with other cities in the Bay region to complete and improve the trail 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 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, and will reduce congestion, our dependence on fossil fuels and health care costs. 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 will serve an economically and ethnically diverse population.

Again, I am pleased to submit Alameda's TIGER Grant application. This project is a critical transportation improvement that will enhance the livability of the area and will provide positive opportunities for economic development for our city, region and state. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

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