

May 29, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to support the **San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair** Project TIGER Grant application submitted by the City of Alameda and East Bay Regional Park District. The project will have a significant and beneficial impact on the East Bay and the broader San Francisco Bay region, by providing an important link in our transportation system.

The Bay Trail is amazing in concept and in reality. It will ultimately provide 500 miles of pedestrian and bicycle access around the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Over 330 miles are already in place, and it is being expanded by small and large increments. The TIGER Grant adds several important and high-value improvements toward completing the Bay Trail, 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 create new options for bicycle commuters and bring economic, safety and health benefits to the over one million community members along and near these sections of the regional trail. These “Green Transportation” corridors will provide “last mile” access to commute alternatives including buses, the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, the Capitol Corridor commuter rail service and Amtrak, and will reduce congestion, our dependence on fossil fuels and health care costs.

I am pleased to support Alameda's TIGER Grant application. This project is a critical transportation improvement for the region that will enhance the livability of the area and will provide positive opportunities for economic development.

Sincerely,

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