

# San Pablo Avenue Bikeway Improvement Project

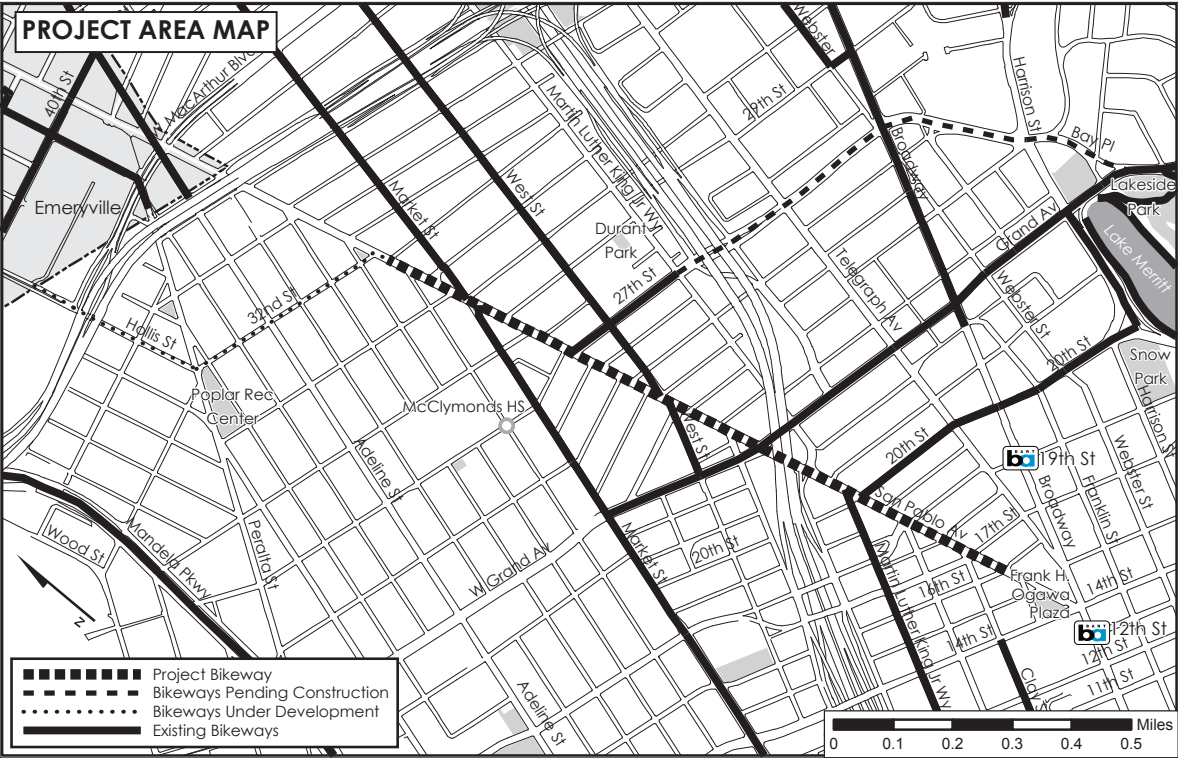
## DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland is seeking public input on upgrading the existing signage-only bikeway on San Pablo Ave by adding pavement markings between 16<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Sts, as recommended in the City’s Bicycle Master Plan. The bikeway improvements are planned for installation in fall 2010 as part of a paving project funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (Federal Stimulus Program). New City-standard bicycle wayfinding signage will later replace the existing numbered signs, providing more detailed destination and directional information.

No parking spaces or travel lanes would be removed as part of this project.

## GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

The **San Pablo Avenue Bikeway Improvement Project** would complete 1.2 miles in the City’s bikeway network. The bikeway improvements on San Pablo Ave would facilitate bicycle commuting between northwest Oakland/Emeryville and downtown Oakland’s two BART stations, businesses, work places, and civic buildings, and via connecting bikeways to Lake Merritt and points east. As shown in the Project Area Map, the improved bikeway would intersect with existing bikeways on Market St, West St, 27<sup>th</sup> St, W Grand Ave, 20<sup>th</sup> St and Martin Luther King Jr Way, and with other bikeways pending construction or under development.



## POLICY

The Oakland Bicycle Master Plan adopted by City Council in 2007 calls for the installation of bikeways throughout Oakland to encourage bicycling as a healthy, non-polluting, and affordable transportation option, helping Oakland to realize its sustainability and livability goals. Local, regional, and state policies call for pedestrian and bicycle facilities to be included in roadway projects. Combining pavement rehabilitation with bikeway improvements enables the City of Oakland to implement these policies and make efficient use of public funds.

## FEASIBILITY & SAFETY

San Pablo Ave is a key corridor connecting downtown, Emeryville, the Golden Gate neighborhood, and West Berkeley. Because of Oakland’s irregular street grid, there are limited parallel routes and thus many roadway users travel on San Pablo Ave. This bikeway improvement project will ultimately connect to Emeryville’s bikeway network via 32<sup>nd</sup> St and Hollis St, providing the first viable alternative to San Pablo Ave for bicyclists riding out of downtown Oakland.

To improve bicycle access and safety, the project will add shared roadway bicycle markings (aka “sharrows,” pictured right) in the rightmost travel lane. Sharrows encourage bicyclists to ride clear of the “door zone,” and advise motorists to expect and share the road with bicyclists. See cross sections on the reverse. Learn more at [www.tinyurl.com/36s6ms](http://www.tinyurl.com/36s6ms).



## SUBMIT COMMENTS

Please provide your input by **Thursday, June 22, 2010**. To use this form, write your comments below and your return address on the reverse, cut along the dotted line, stamp and mail. Or, you may e-mail ([bikeped@oaklandnet.com](mailto:bikeped@oaklandnet.com)) or fax (238-6412) your comments. Make sure to include your name and street address and indicate you are commenting on the **San Pablo Avenue Bikeway Improvement Project**.

Please check one of the following three boxes, and provide supporting comments if desired.

- ☐ I support the improvements.
- ☐ I do not support the improvements.
- ☐ I have no opinion.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please also write name and address on reverse before mailing.)

## I OAKLAND

☐ Please add my name to the bicycle program contact list so I can receive occasional updates on City of Oakland bikeway improvement projects.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Oakland, CA \_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

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required

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Attn: Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Program

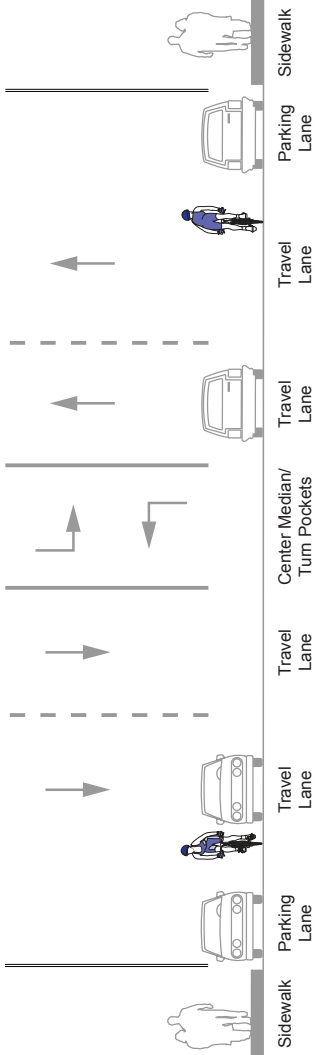
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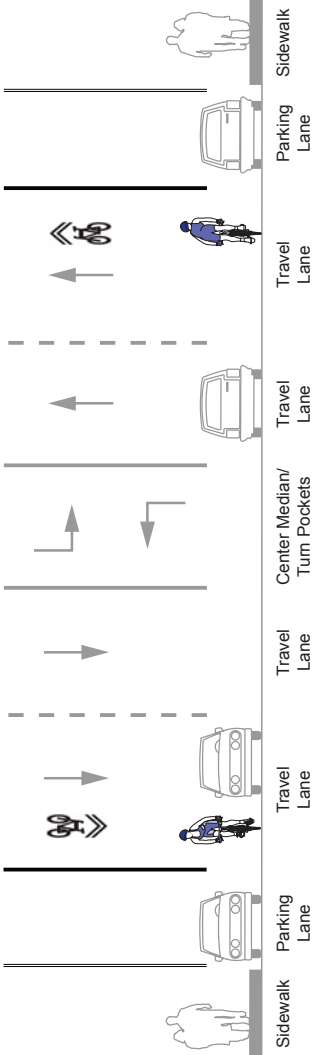


SAN PABLO AVENUE BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS \*

EXISTING



PLUS PROJECT



EXAMPLE  
WAYFINDING  
SIGNAGE



\* Other Cross Sections

Between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Sts, the travel and parking lane configuration of San Pablo Ave changes block by block. The design in this area will maintain sharrow in the outside through lane.

There are three segments of San Pablo Ave that are wider than typical. This extra width will allow bike lanes to be installed: (1) between 30<sup>th</sup> and Market Sts, southbound; (2) under the I-980 overpass in both directions; and (3) between Castro St and Martin Luther King Jr Way, southbound.

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The City welcomes input on the San Pablo Avenue Bikeway Improvement Project by mail, e-mail, or fax by Thursday, June 22, 2010. Please feel free to share this flyer with others in your building. This flyer is available online at [www.tinyurl.com/273mhps](http://www.tinyurl.com/273mhps).