

Foothill Blvd Bikeway Extension & Gap Closure Project

DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland is seeking public input on a project to extend the existing bikeway on Foothill Blvd, 36th-41st Sts, in both directions, as recommended in the City’s Bicycle Master Plan. The project is planned for construction in two phases: (1) Foothill Blvd (23rd Ave-Fremont Wy) in fall 2010 to coincide with a Federal Stimulus-funded paving project; and (2) connecting segments on 48th Ave/Fremont Wy/Bond St in spring/summer 2011, funded by Oakland’s share of Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority’s half-cent sales tax revenues solely dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian projects.

To the east, the project will close a gap by connecting with the 4.6 mile Bancroft Ave Bikeway. To the west, the project will end at 23rd Ave—the limit of the paving project area. No parking spaces or travel lanes will be removed as part of the project.

GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

The **Foothill Blvd Bikeway Extension and Gap Closure Project** would complete a 1.9 mile link in the City’s bikeway network. The bikeway would intersect with bikeway improvements pending construction on Fruitvale Ave, facilitating travel by bicycle to the Upper Fruitvale and Dimond neighborhoods, and to the Fruitvale BART Station. It would also

intersect with a bikeway under development on 38th Ave, improving bicycle access to the Allendale and Laurel neighborhoods and shopping districts. Via connections to other bikeways that are existing or pending construction, the proposed project would create the first continuous bikeways across the length of Oakland, from San Leandro to Berkeley.

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

The project would improve bicycle access by adding shared use lane markings (aka “sharrows,” see reverse) in the through travel lane, like the current condition between 36th and 41st Aves. Foothill Blvd is too narrow to install bike lanes without removing the center turn lane, which is not feasible given current traffic volumes. Foothill Blvd is an important east-west route for bicyclists given the lack of parallel through streets between International Blvd and MacArthur Blvd.



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) or fax (238-7415) your comments. Make sure to include your name and street address and indicate you are commenting on the **Foothill Blvd Bikeway Extension & Gap Closure Project**.

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

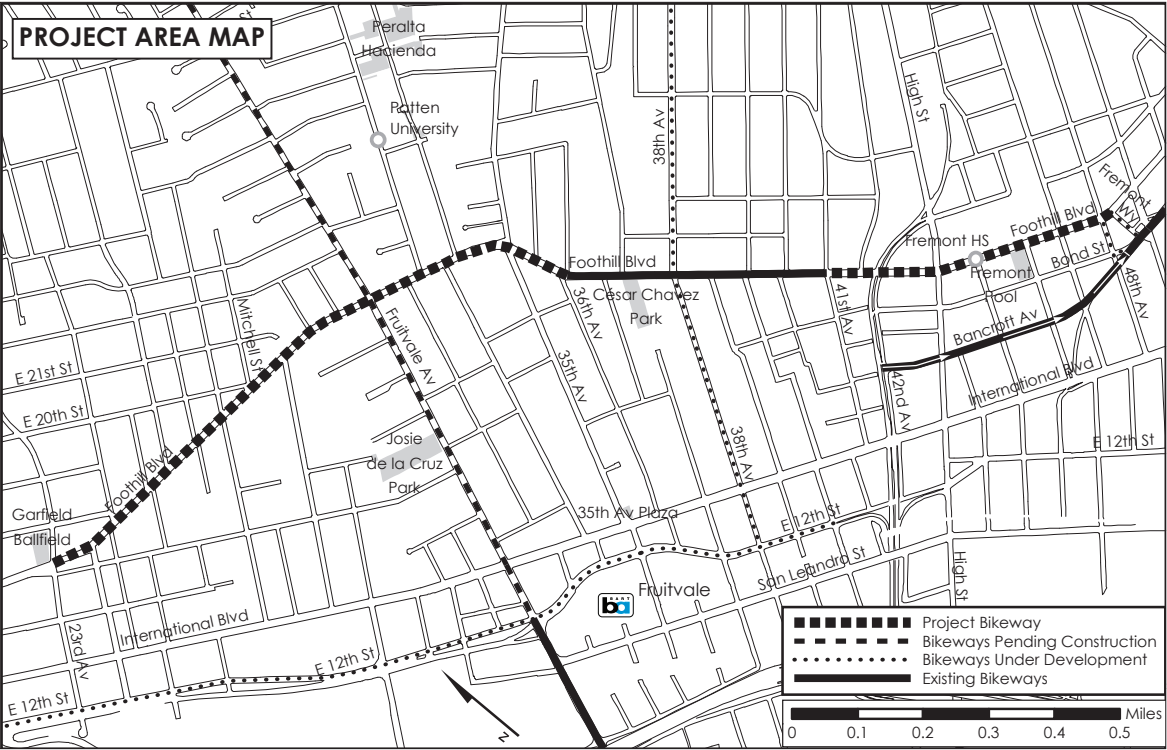
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☐ Please add my name to the bicycle program contact list so I can receive occasional updates on City of Oakland bikeway improvement projects.

Email address: _____



REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Oakland, CA _____
(Zip Code)

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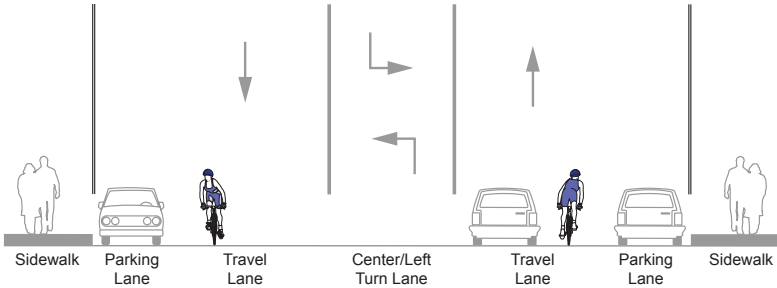
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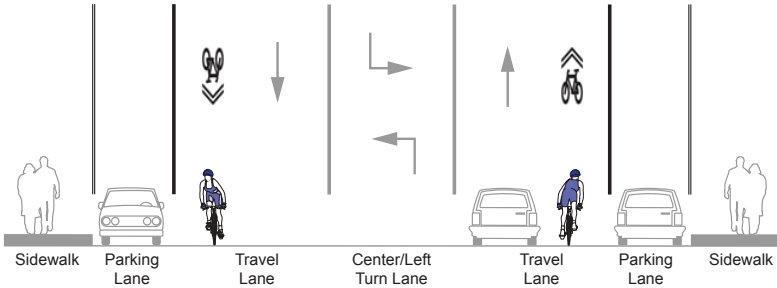
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Typical cross sections

Existing



Proposed (existing between 36th and 41st Aves)

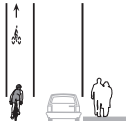


SHARROW

The shared roadway bicycle marking (aka "sharrow," pictured right and shown above) encourages bicyclists to ride clear of the "door zone," and advises motorists to expect and share the road with bicyclists. Learn more at www.tinyurl.com/36s6ms.



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The City welcomes input on the Foothill Blvd Bikeway Extension & Gap Closure 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/26nv69r.