Foothill Blvd/E 15th St Bikeway Project (Lake Merritt to 14th Ave)

DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland is proposing to install a new bikeway on Foothill Blvd/E 15th St between Lake Merritt and 14th Ave, as recommended in the City's Bicycle Master Plan. The project is planned for construction in two phases: (1) Foothill Blvd in fall 2010 to coincide with a Federal Stimulus-funded paving project; and (2) E 15th 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.

GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

The Foothill Blvd/E 15th St Bikeway Project would complete 1.8 miles in the City's bikeway network. The proposed bikeway would intersect with the improvements being made around Lake Merritt, improving bicycle access to the Lake, Grand Lake commercial district, and downtown.

FEASIBILITY & SAFETY

The project would improve bicycle access by adding shared roadway bicycle markings (aka "sharrows," see reverse) in the rightmost travel lane. The new configuration would also widen the right travel lane, making it easier for motorists to pass bicyclists at a safe distance (as required by the California Vehicle Code). No parking spaces or travel lanes would be removed as part of this project. (Both Foothill Blvd and E 15th St are too narrow for a bike lane, two travel lanes, and parking on both sides of the street.)

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 improvements like curb ramps and bikeways enables the City of Oakland to implement these policies and make efficient use of public funds.

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SUBMIT COMMENTS

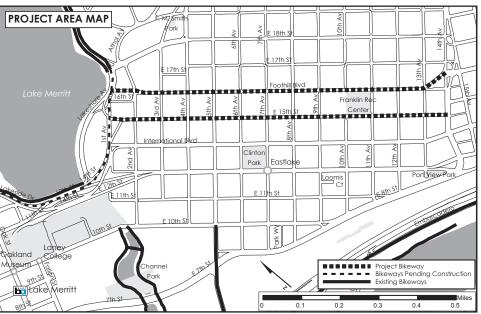
Please provide your input by **Thursday**, **June 22**, **2010**. To use this form, write your comments below and your return address on the reverse, cut along the dotted line, stamp and mail. Or, you may e-mail (bikeped@oaklandnet.com) or fax (238-7415) your comments. Make sure to include your name and street address and indicate you are commenting on the **Foothill Blvd/E 15th St Bikeway**

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Please check one of the following three boxes, and then provide supporting comments. I support the bikeway proposal. I do not support the bikeway proposal. I have no opinion.	
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contact list so I can receive occasional updates on

City of Oakland bikeway improvement projects.

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REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name:_____Address:____

Oakland, CA

(Zip Code)

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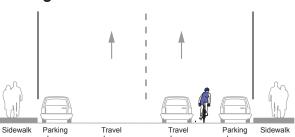
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The City welcomes your input on the Foothill Blvd/E 15th St Bikeway Project by mail, e-mail or fax by Thursday, June 22, 2010. Please feel free to share this flyer with others in your building. This flyer is available online at www.tinyurl.com/2b29n5k.

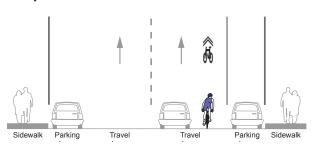
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Typical cross sections

Existing



Proposed



SHARROW

The shared roadway bicycle marking (aka "sharrow," pictured right) 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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