

# Webster-Shafter-Forest-Colby Bikeway Improvement Project

## DESCRIPTION

The City of Oakland is seeking public input on upgrades to the existing bikeway on Webster-Shafter-Forest-Colby, between downtown Oakland and the Berkeley border. The project, recommended in the City's Bicycle Master Plan (BMP), is planned for completion in 2011, and would be funded by Federal Stimulus funds for energy efficiency from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

The BMP 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.

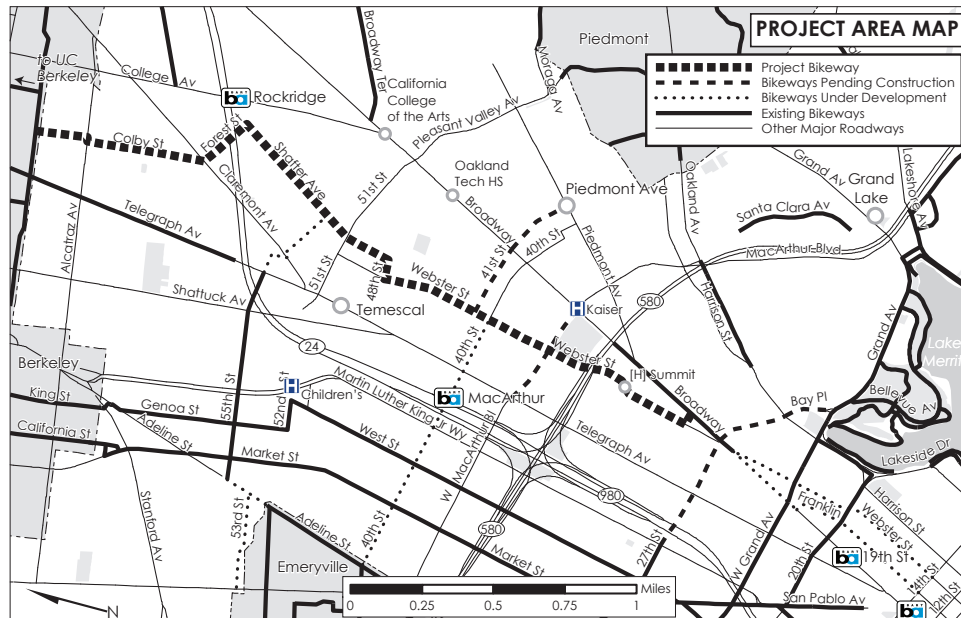
## GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

The Webster-Shafter-Forest-Colby Bikeway Improvement Project would complete a 2.7 mile north-south link in the City's bikeway network. The project spans numerous neighbor-

hoods, including Pill Hill, Temescal, and Rockridge. As shown in the Project Area Map below, the project intersects with other bikeways, existing and pending construction, as well as several under development. Via these connections, the project will improve access to a variety of destinations in north and west Oakland, Emeryville, Downtown, and Lake Merritt, as well as four BART stations.

## FEASIBILITY & SAFETY

The project would install shared roadway bicycle markings (aka "sharrows") along the corridor. The sharrow, pictured right, improves safety by encouraging bicyclists to ride clear of the "door zone," and advising motorists to expect bicyclists. (Learn more about the sharrow at [www.tinyurl.com/36s6ms](http://www.tinyurl.com/36s6ms).) The project would upgrade bicycle wayfinding signs, like the ones recently installed along the corridor around the MacArthur BART Station.



Sharrows and wayfinding signage are two of three elements of a "bicycle boulevard," a bicycle route on a local street or streets that prioritize through trips for bicyclists. The third element, traffic calming, is in place via existing speed humps. No travel lanes or parking spaces would be removed as part of this project. See design examples on the reverse.

## SUBMIT COMMENTS

Please provide your input by **Monday, July 12, 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 (238-7415) your comments. Make sure to include your name and street address and indicate you are commenting on the **Webster-Shafter-Forest-Colby Bikeway Improvement Project**.

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.



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

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

## BIKE 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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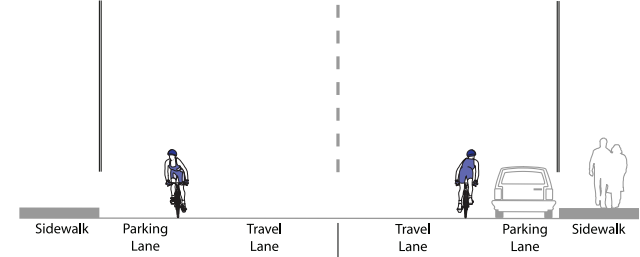
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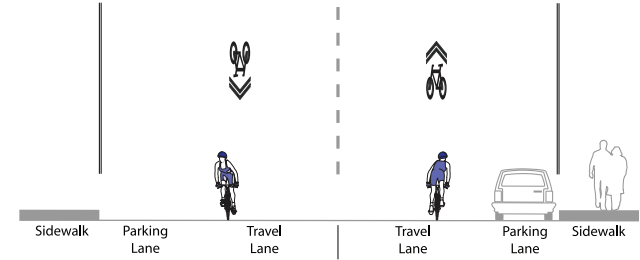
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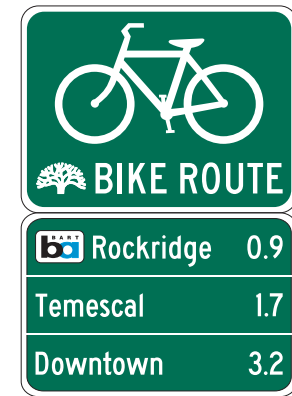
#### Existing



#### Proposed



### Example wayfinding sign



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