

Transportation Commission

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Item 5B

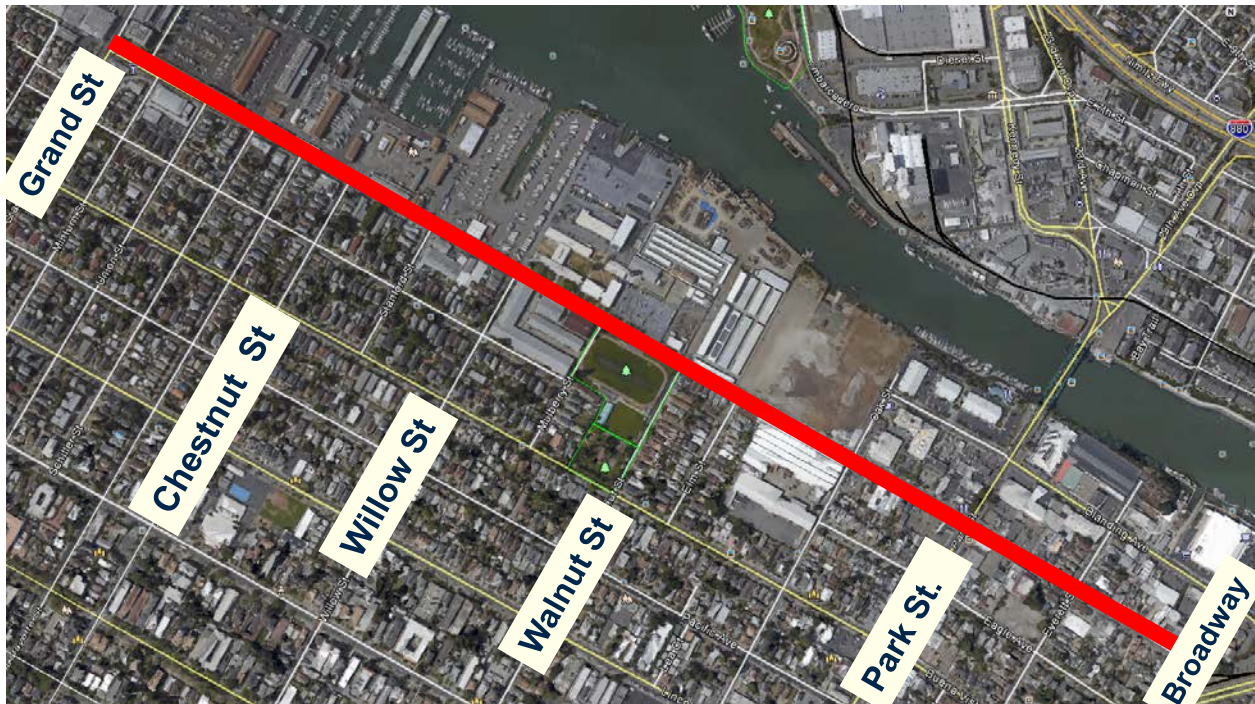
Discussion

Discuss Clement Avenue Complete Street Concept Proposal

Background

Clement Avenue is part of the former Alameda Belt Line, and was identified in the [Cross Alameda Trail Feasibility Study](#) (2005) as a short-term alternative to the San Francisco Bay Trail shoreline path. The current uses of the adjacent shoreline properties are not expected to all change in the foreseeable future. In January 2009, the City Council approved the [Transportation Element of the General Plan](#) policy that directs staff to "Pursue opportunities to utilize the corridor of the former Alameda Belt Line railroad for transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation." In March 2010, the City acquired the former railroad property - Alameda Belt Line. In November 2010, the City Council approved the [Bicycle Plan Update](#) that prioritized the Clement Avenue bikeway project as a high-priority project. In October 2012, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) included the project in the [Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans](#) as part of the Bicycle Vision Network. Consistent with these abovementioned plans and policies, Public Works staff secured a grant from Alameda CTC in 2014 to develop a concept proposal to improve Clement Avenue between Grand Street and Broadway (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Clement Avenue Concept Proposal Location



Discussion

The purpose of this concept proposal effort is to make Clement Avenue a more “Complete Street” that works for all modes of travel – bicycling, walking, transit, trucks and motorists. Potential improvements may include removing the abandoned railroad tracks, installing a bikeway or enhancing pedestrian access. Clement Avenue is a truck route and a potential bus transit corridor. A potential bikeway will provide a direct, commuter-oriented route linking central Alameda to the east end and beyond to downtown Oakland and the Fruitvale BART station.

Clement Avenue is mainly 48 feet wide with two motor vehicle travel lanes and on-street parking. The concept proposal preliminary goals include to:

- Remove the abandoned railroad tracks.
- Encourage bicycling, walking and transit use.
- Improve truck access.
- Improve the streetscape.
- Improve public access to the San Francisco Bay.
- Connect homes, jobs, schools and services.
- Encourage Northern Waterfront revitalization.

Improvement concepts along this corridor are being developed with community input. The outreach on this concept proposal consists of reports to the Transportation Commission, focus group meetings, community workshops and an on-line open forum (<http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/open-forum>). Staff distributed outreach materials on the project via a press release, project web page (<http://alamedaca.gov/public-works/clement-avenue-complete-street>), email list servs, neighborhood barricades and a letter to properties within 300 feet radius of the project.

The project schedule is as follows:

- January 21 (Wed.): Community workshop #1
- March 2 (Mon.): Community workshop #2 (Main Library - 6:30 p.m.)
- April 29 (Wed.): Community workshop #3 (Main Library - 6:30 p.m.)
- May 27 (Wed.): Transportation Commission requested to approve draft concept.

Budget Considerations/Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. This concept proposal is funded by the Alameda CTC and Measure B - Alameda County's transportation sales tax. The Alameda CTC Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance Program grant obtained by the City totals \$125,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the TC discuss the concept proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibits

1: Concept Proposal PowerPoint

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