



City of Oakland, Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes from the August 20th, 2020 meeting
Teleconference

Meeting agenda at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/August-2020-BPAC-Agenda.pdf>.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by BPAC Chair, George Naylor.

Item 1. Teleconference Protocol/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum/Introductions

At roll call, quorum was established with seven commissioners present (X). One commissioner arrived shortly after roll call (x). One commissioner (-) was excused (provided notice of absence as specified in by-laws).

| Commissioners | Present (x) |
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| Reginald K Burnette Jr | x |
| Andrew Campbell (Vice-Chair) | X |
| Grey Gardner | X |
| Jesse Jones | - |
| Phoenix Mangrum | X |
| George Naylor (Chair) | X |
| Mariana Parreiras | X |
| Patricia Schader | X |
| Dianne Yee | X |

Introductions were made.

- Other attendees: Mike Alston, Debbie Barragan, Liz Binning, John Bauer, Brian Brooks, Celeste Burrows, Beth Cohen, Adrian Cotter, Bryan Culbertson, Shari Godinez, Shayda Haghgoo, Tom Holub, Jeff Hobbs, Chris Hwang, Zach Kaplan, Joseph Kowalczyk, Brett Link, Jeremiah Maller, Venessa McGhee, John Minot, Nathan Moon, Thao Nguyen, Robert Prinz, Christopher Sanders, Rob Spitzer, Cameron Sturdevant, Midori Tabata, Dan Tischler, Mana Tominaga, Emily Wick, Mike Woolson, Liat Zavodivker, Paul [?]
- Staff: Noel Pond-Danchik, Jason Patton, Emily Ehlers, Nicole Ferrara, Jason Liao, Ryan Russo, Sarah Fine

Item 2. Open Forum / Public Comment

- Christopher Sanders commented in support of the Telegraph Northgate project, which was scheduled on this evening's agenda.
- Tom Holub announced that Najari Smith prevailed in his legal settlement against the City of Oakland regarding a wrongful detention for riding his bicycle in Oakland.
- Brian Brooks asked when there would be a forum to discuss issues occurring with the recent project on Telegraph Ave in the Temescal District.
- Joseph Kowalczyk commented against the Telegraph Northgate project, which was scheduled on this evening's agenda.

- Beth Cohen asked how street sweeping will now occur on Telegraph Ave in the Temescal District. She noted that FedEx trucks were parking in the bike lane near Walgreen's, and she asked what bicyclists do when the bike lane is blocked.
- Emily Wick expressed concern regarding traffic from Shattuck Ave being re-routed onto 47th St to access Telegraph Ave. She noted this is creating a conflict between bicyclists and drivers at 47th St and Telegraph Ave. She expressed concern for people with disabilities getting from on-street parking across the bike lane to the sidewalk. She noted a San Francisco study on this topic. She suggested that buffered bike lanes could have created benefits while avoiding some challenges with the current project.

Item 3. Consent Calendar

Chair Naylor noted that the BPAC 2019 Chair's Report will not be considered at this meeting, and it will be scheduled for a future date.

- A motion to **adopt the July 2020 BPAC minutes** was made (Mangrum), seconded (Schader), and approved by consent.
- A motion to **adopt the BPAC 2020 Strategic Plan** was made (Mangrum), seconded (Gardner), and approved by consent.
- A motion to **add Commissioner Schader to the BPAC 2021 Recruitment Committee** was made (Mangrum), seconded (Burnette), and approved by consent.

Item 4. Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Traffic Safety Legislation Update

Nicole Ferrara, OakDOT Intergovernmental Affairs and Policy Director, provided an update on the Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Traffic Safety Legislation, which aims to eliminate severe and fatal injury inequities that exist today and reduce severe and fatal crashes overall. Staff worked with the Department of Race & Equity to conduct an equity analysis of approximately 70 potential policy strategies. An information report will be going to City Council in the coming weeks with information on this research and policy development.

Summary of Discussion:

- There was discussion of what can be done now to address the fatal crashes that are continuing to occur. Working with City Council to reduce speed limits is a priority, as is the rapid response approach that OakDOT has underway.
- The recent fatality on 23rd Ave has led residents to start a petition process for speed humps. The elimination on the petition process could expedite the implementation of safety improvements.
- Oakland could pursue the automated enforcement of speeding. Automated enforcement does have equity dimensions that are being considered.

Speakers other than commissioners: None

Item 5. 2020 Bike to ~~Work~~ Wherever Day

Bike to Work Day 2020 is regionally being recognized on September 24 this year. Due to evolving public health and State guidance, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) and the bicycling community are

entertaining safer, alternative ways to mark the celebration of the bicycling commute. Chris Hwang, WOBO Board President presented an update and ways to get involved. Bike to Wherever Day 2020 is a promotion of bicycling and a continuation of Bike to Work Day, while acknowledging many are working from home while many others have lost their jobs. The celebration will be for the week of September 20-26.

Summary of Discussion:

- There is interest in making this event successful in District 6.

Speakers other than commissioners: None.

Item 6. Active Transportation Program (ATP), Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Candidates Request for Support

OakDOT Planning & Project Development Manager Emily Ehlers reviewed upcoming STEP, ATP and HSIP grant candidates and requested letters of support. A presentation on this item was included in the agenda packet.

Summary of Discussion:

- OakDOT has been very successful in securing grants, but this has created a backlog of projects that need to be delivered. Staff is cognizant of this, and for some applications will be applying for design only. The cost estimating is also being done conservatively to help guard against future shortfalls.
 - Some of the projects were previously reviewed at the BPAC Infrastructure Committee, and those meeting notes are available at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/bicyclist-and-pedestrian-advisory-commission-bpac-committees-and-liaisons>.
 - There will be an effort to have Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs) not preclude future accommodation of bicyclists (which currently is limited by federal and state requirements on these devices).
- A motion to **write a letter of support for the ATP applications** was made by Parreiras, seconded by Burnette, and approved unanimously.
- A motion to **write a letter of support for the STEP application** was made Mangrum, seconded by Yee, and approved unanimously.
- A motion to have the **HSIP 10 applications be presented at the September BPAC meeting** was made by Parreiras, seconded by Burnette, and approved unanimously.

Speakers other than commissioners: Robert Prinz

Item 7. Telegraph Northgate Discussion

Chair Naylor provided introductory remarks for having this open discussion at the BPAC. Commissioner Dianne Yee (District 3) then facilitated public comments on Telegraph Avenue in the Northgate neighborhood to continue the dialog on the future of the corridor. There was not a formal presentation, rather this item provided an opportunity for the public and attending stakeholders to express their views in a public forum.

Summary of Discussion:

- There is concern regarding the safety of the current design. A recent bicyclist-involved crash was widely reported. Ambassadors on the corridor have noted observing close calls and crashes daily.
- There is concern that the design improvements made in the Temescal area have not been fully implemented in Northgate, particularly regarding visibility at corners and the width of the bike lanes (to deter double parking).
- There is concern that the plastic posts may conflict with First Fridays because vendors set up their stands in the street. The event is a big economic boost to local businesses and artists.
- Projects like Telegraph Northgate are critical for addressing climate change, shifting to less energy-intensive forms of transportation, and supporting dense urban neighborhoods.
- Eliminating more parking and de-emphasizing private automobiles would solve many of the issues currently faced by the Telegraph Northgate project.
- The current project has slowed traffic and made it safer for people to cross the street. This is beneficial to nearby residents who are concerned about speeding.
- This debate over Telegraph Northgate is racialized, and “science” should not be used to justify the efficacy of this bike lane over the concerns of black and brown residents and business people.
- There is concern that the process has not been responsive to neighborhood stakeholders, and that serious safety concerns are not being addressed with urgency.
- There is support for the protected bike lanes because they separate bicyclists from cars, and that makes bicyclists safer on the street.
- OakDOT values its partnerships with the stakeholders for this project, and staff is listening very closely to the input being voiced.
- There is concern regarding the removal of travel lanes in Temescal as this is impacting pick-up from the restaurants, causing congestion. The removal of left turn lanes, like at 51st St, is a concern.
- The new bollards have made a difference, and the City should give it a chance to see how it works. The only way to keep drivers out of the bike lanes and beige areas is physical barriers. Removable bollards could be considered to make the new configuration compatible with First Fridays.
- Locations for loading need to be provided for everyday business needs. Clarify if the striped yellow median is for loading.
- People expressed multiple views on the benefits of different types of bikeways, including: protected bike lanes are safer than buffered bike lanes; more near misses happen with buffered bike lanes; bicyclists are more visible in the travel lane or in buffered bike lanes.
- There are aesthetic concerns regarding the bollards.
- An individual described his work to survey merchants in Temescal and subsequently in Northgate, and expressed concern about the lack of support amongst the merchants.
- For next steps, think about the process/how questions on an equity evaluation for the project and how to identify and measure possible improvements.
- Avoid thinking of this discussion as merchants versus bicyclists. People’s views are more complex, and there are real challenges in figuring out how to get Telegraph Ave right.
- The protected bike lanes on Telegraph Ave make it difficult for bicyclists to be predictable. Being predictable is important for being seen by drivers. Pedestrians are regularly in the bike lanes, adding to this unpredictable character.
- Pursue data-driven decision-making for improving safety, along with considering bicyclist use, tax receipts, and equity.
- OakDOT’s next steps are being guided by the City Council’s recent direction and a commitment to working with the neighborhood stakeholders, including the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the Business Improvement District (BID).

Speakers other than commissioners: Mike Woolson, John Minot, Cameron Sturdevant, Nathan Moon, Shari Godinez, Liat Zavodivker, Christopher Sanders, Ryan Russo, Venessa McGhee, Adrian Cotter, Dan Tischler, Liz Binning, Bryan Culbertson, Zach Kaplan, Brian Brooks, Dave Campbell, Tom Holub, Jon Bauer, Jeremiah Maller

Item 8. Committee Report Back

A list of active committees and report backs from committees were included in the agenda packet.

Summary of Discussion:

- Infrastructure Committee met on 8/6/20 with a full agenda including the neighborhood bike route implementation guide, a paving project on Foothill Blvd/E 15th St, ATP proposed projects, and the Telegraph Northgate rapid response concept. Additionally, the Committee received a written update on the Lakeside Green Streets project from OakDOT staff. The notes from that meeting and previous meetings can be found at:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qqS46y3dWNeAxMVwU3HTwjunj-b0pwANTzix-CisiWA/edit>

Speakers other than commissioners: None

Item 9. Three-month look-ahead, suggestions for meeting topics, announcements

Three-month look-ahead

- A three-month look-ahead was included in the agenda packet.

Suggestions for meeting topics

- Midori Tabata suggested a future item on Telegraph Ave in the Temescal considering multiple comments on this topic during the Open Forum for tonight's meeting.
- The HSIP 10 project applications will be scheduled for the September BPAC meeting.

Announcements

- Commissioner Parreiras announced that a mural will be unveiled at Coliseum BART. The event will be live-streamed at 11:00am on Friday, 8/21/20. Go to www.bart.gov for a news item that provides a link to the live stream.
- Chair Naylor announced that the Recruitment Committee held an open house for prospective commissioners. People are encouraged to apply. Applications are due September 9. More information and a link to the application can be found at:
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/become-a-bpac-commissioner>

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Attachments *(to be appended to adopted minutes)*

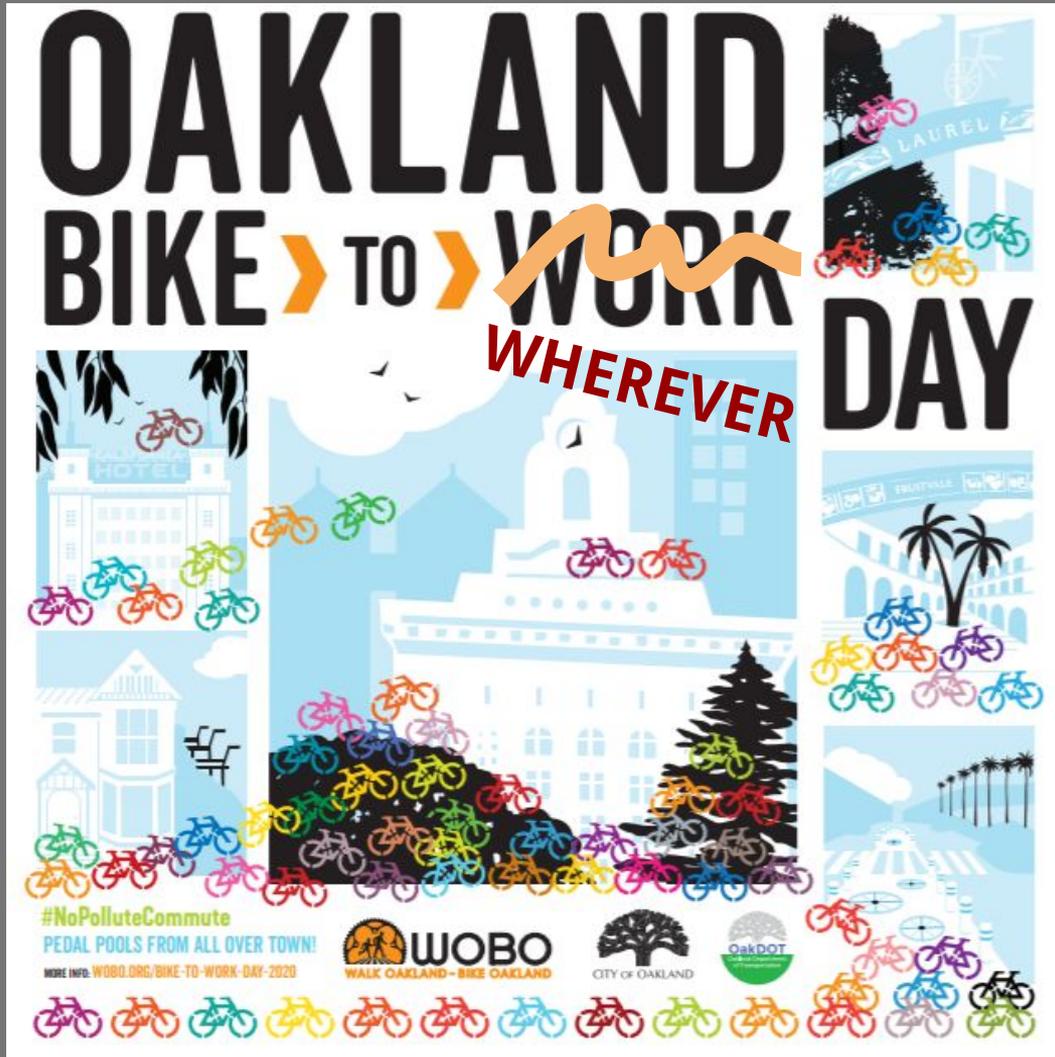
- 2020 Bike to Work Wherever Day presentation
- STEP, ATP, HSIP presentation
- Telegraph KONO Interim Improvements flyer

Minutes recorded by Jason Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Supervisor, emailed to commissioners for review on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 with comments requested by 5pm, Tuesday, September 2, 2020 to NPond-Danchik@oaklandca.gov. Revised minutes will be attached to the September 2020 meeting agenda and considered for adoption at that meeting.

Oakland Bike To W(herever) Day 2020

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
August 20, 2020
Chris Hwang, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland
WOBO.org

NEW DATE:
9/24/2020
#BTWD2020





In 2019 20,000 Bicycle commuters in Alameda & CC Counties

22 Oakland Energizer Stations

4,317 Bicyclists Counted, 800
in Frank Ogawa Plaza

3,010 Bike Bags Distributed

2020

Celebrate Your Way
Ride WHEREVER - Week of September 20-26, 2020
#BTWD2020



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Contact-less Bike Bag

Pick-up Locations in
Oakland

Bike East Bay Office

Bicycle Coffee - Jack London Square

Fruitvale BART Bike Station

Uptown BART Bike Station

Tip Top Bike Shop

Cycles of Change

Drake's Dealership (tentative)

Laurel Cyclery (TBD)

East Oakland / West Oakland sites/ Montclair (TBD)

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New-ish Bicycling infrastructure and Slow Streets to visit

BIKE BINGO!



PLEDGE TO RIDE

- Try out Oakland rides
- Visit bicycling assets & slow streets
- Tell us about it



SHARE SOCIALLY

@walkoakbikeoak @bikeeastbay
#BTWD2020



Media Kits and Photos available at
wobo.org/bike-to-work-day-2020

VOLUNTEER

- **Commissioner Rides with Councilmembers, Mayor, Electeds**
 - **Bike Bag and Bikeway Maps distribution**
 - **Bike Route Suggestions - Online Maps**
 - **Put up signs on Slow Streets barricades**
 - **Media - Digital Storytelling**
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WOBO

WALK OAKLAND ↔ BIKE OAKLAND

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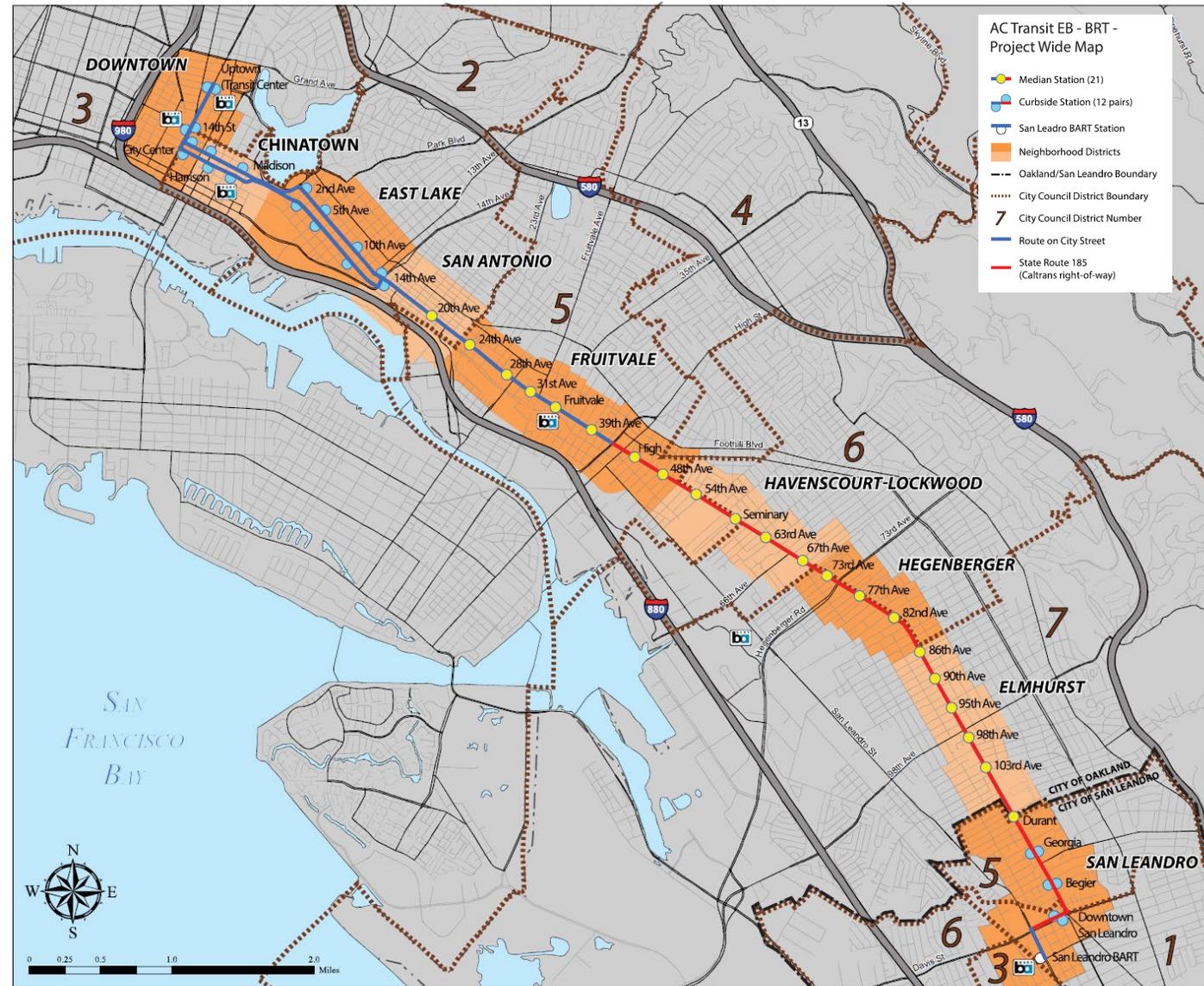
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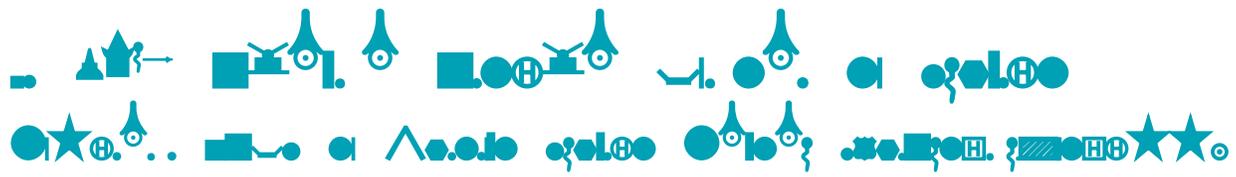
Emily Ehlers
OakDOT Planning & Project Development Manager



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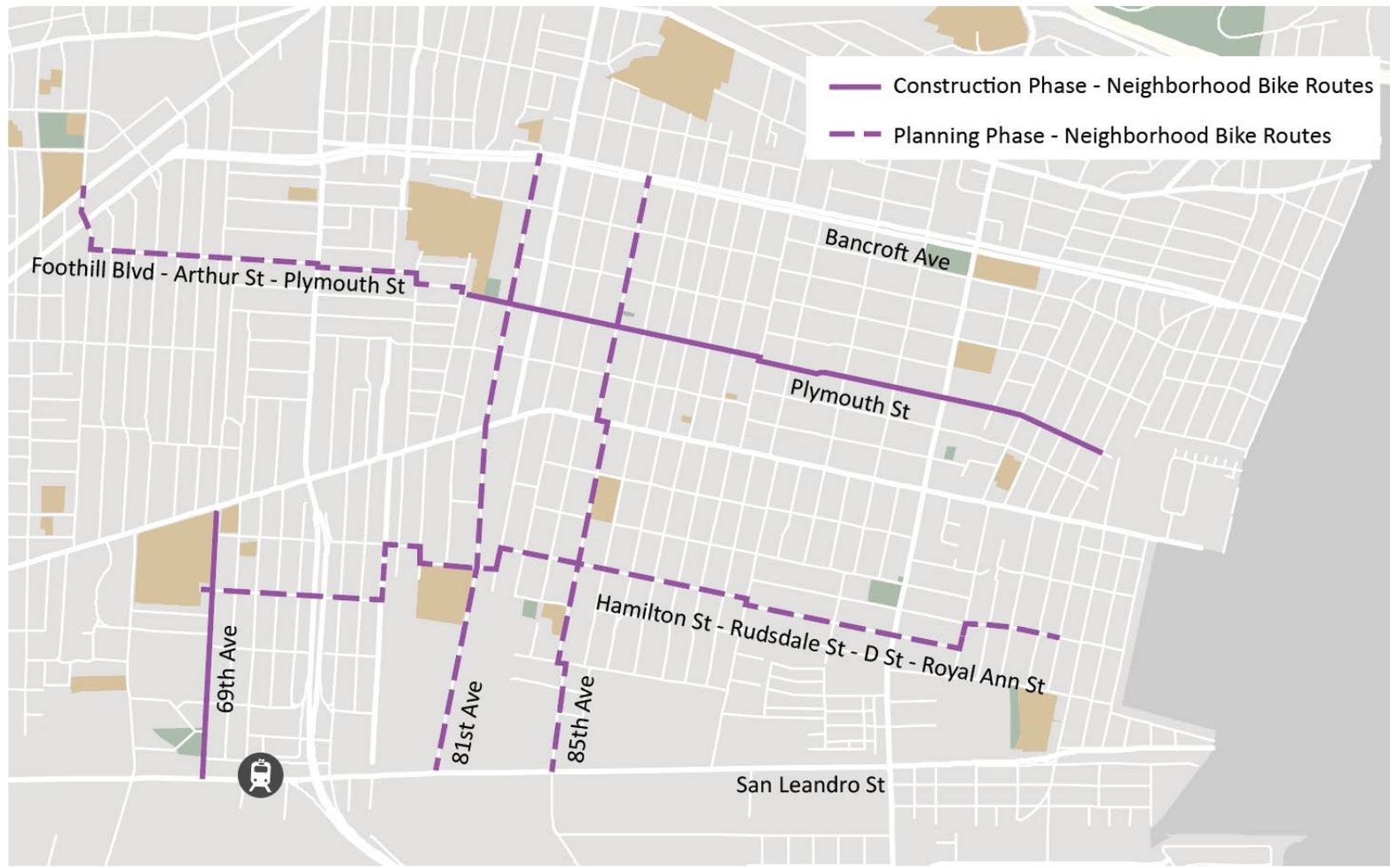
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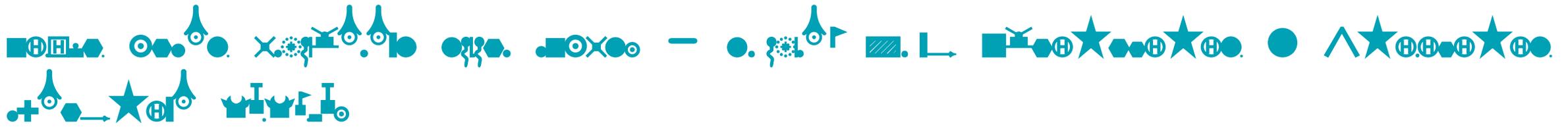
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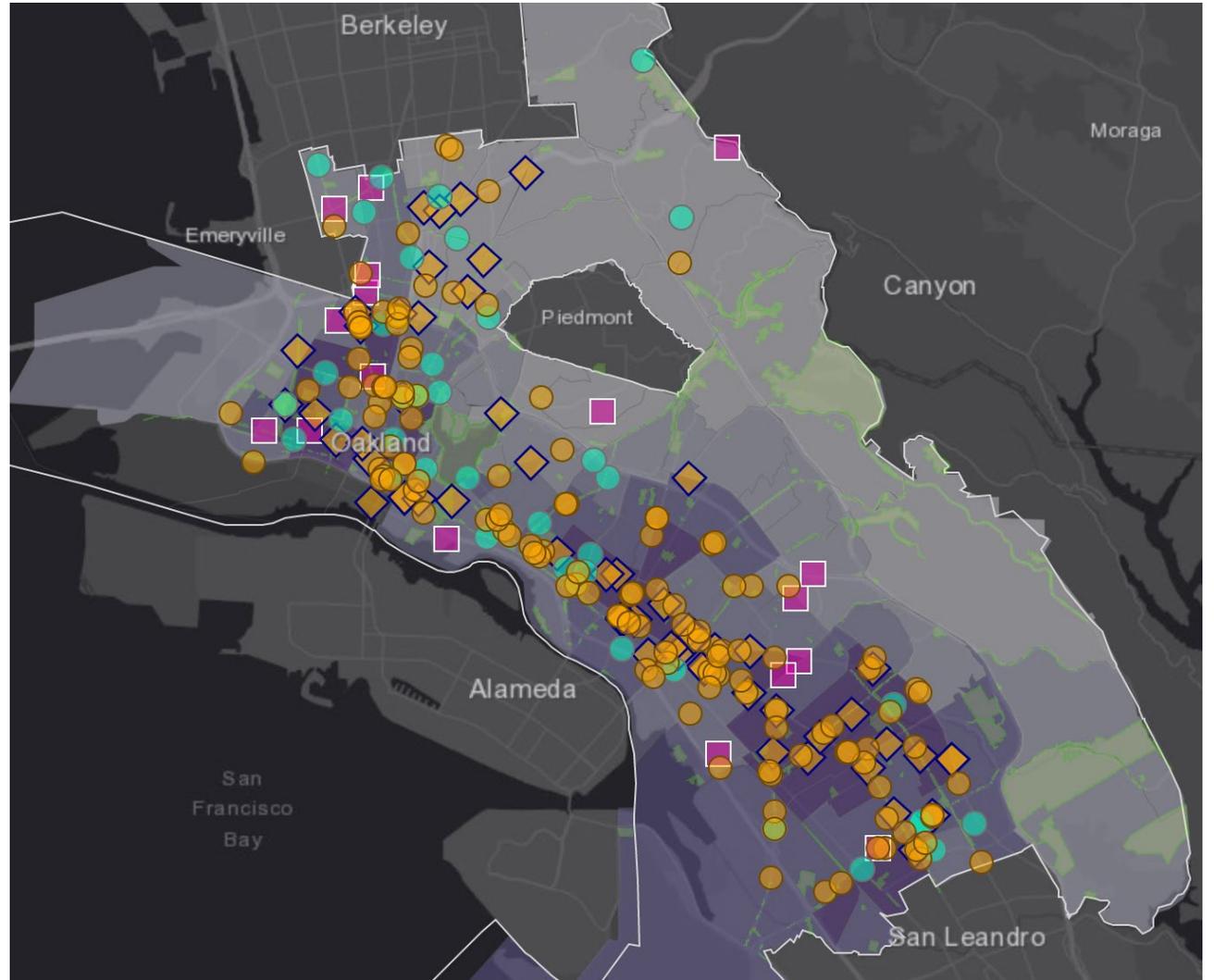
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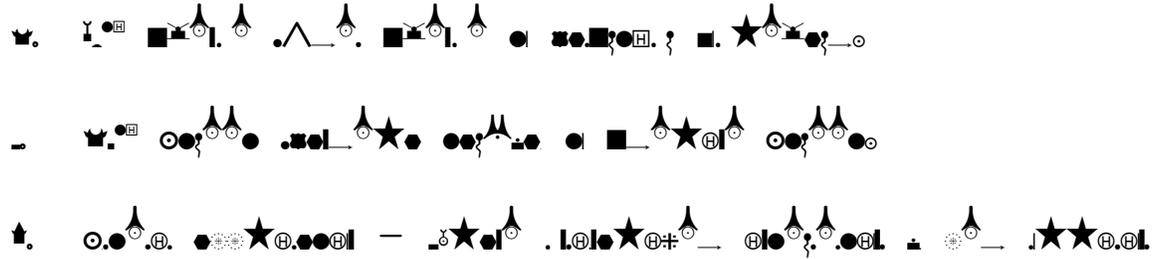


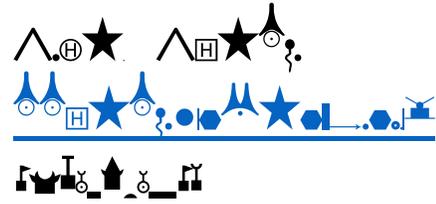
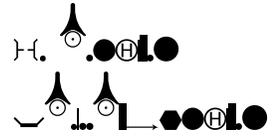
| Cycle | Release Date | Number of Applications | Number of projects selected | Federal funds approved (\$M) | Average BCR of selected projects |
|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4 | 2/23/11 | 357 | 179 | \$74.5 | 7.9 |
| 5 | 10/19/12 | 276 | 221 | \$111.3 | 14.6 |
| 6 | 11/14/13 | 389 | 231 | \$150.0 | 10.7 |
| 7 | 11/12/15 | 212 | 182 | \$160.5 | 16.9 |
| 8 | 11/21/16 | 247 | 225 | \$216.9 | 10.3 |
| 9 | 12/12/18 | 351 | 220 | \$180.8 | 17.7 |
| Total | | 1,832 | 1,258 | \$894.0 | 13.4 |



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Telegraph KONO - Interim Improvements

Rapid Crash Response



Telegraph Avenue is a special place in Oakland, where we come together to create community and support commerce. It is also a high-injury network corridor, where we have a shared urgency to provide safe transportation for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles, local businesses and residents – and where a recent tragic crash demands immediate action. The City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) has heard loud and clear from this community that safety is the top priority for our streets and sidewalks, and we will continue to listen and collaborate on solutions.



OakDOT is finishing up a permanent design for Telegraph Avenue from 20th St. to 29th St. that will be constructed in 2021. In the meantime, the Department will install interim treatments in 2020 that address lessons learned from the 2016 street design currently on Telegraph Ave.

Check out what the interim treatment entails:

- 1 Bollards between bike lane and parking, and around beige painted safety zones
- 2 Clear and more frequent stencils to indicate the lane against the curb is in fact a bike lane
- 3 Slower right turns with special turning speed humps
- 4 Restricting left turns and through movements at key intersections with bollards (23rd St., 25th St., and Sycamore St. - diagram on backside)



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Transportation

To find out more information on Telegraph projects, visit:
www.oaklandca.gov/topics/telegraph-avenue-corridor-improvements