

Draft Bay Trail Advocacy Position  
Measure DD Community Coalition

The Measure DD bond, passed in 2002, includes \$53 million dedicated to the completion of the Bay Trail and construction of waterfront parks between Jack London Square and 66th Avenue. As of 2018, more than \$40 million remains available, yet 14 gaps remain in the Bay Trail.

The DD Coalition desires that the City move quickly to close the remaining gaps in the Bay Trail, and makes the following points:

1. The City has provided no dates as goals for completing the trail. Oakland has shown no sense of urgency, as compared with other local jurisdictions, so the project drags on and on. Rising design and construction costs, and rising bond interest costs, are effectively causing the loss of millions of dollars each year from the \$40 million remaining in Measure DD's waterfront category. The City should create an action plan and detailed schedule, showing the milestones needed to be achieved to close all the trail gaps within five years.
2. An action plan should be created to address the gap at 5th Avenue, so that this link can be opened by the time the Brooklyn Basin trails are constructed on each side of this gap.
3. At private properties where years of negotiation have not been successful, the City should use its power of eminent domain to obtain trail easements. The Bay Trail is a region-wide public good, and the use of eminent domain in such a case is reasonable and justifiable.
4. The Measure DD program should work with Oakland's Dept. of Transportation to coordinate the shoreline Bay Trail with transportation-funded modifications to the on-street bike route. One example might include a protected bike path on the Embarcadero near Embarcadero Cove, and merging it with sections of the Bay Trail that are currently squeezed onto narrow sidewalks. Other similar opportunities might occur between Jack London Square and the M.L. King Regional Shoreline.
5. The City should continue to work closely with other agencies, including Alameda County and East Bay Regional Park District.

Submitted by the Measure DD Bay Trail subcommittee.