

Lake Merritt Bikeway Improvements Project

Continuing the protected cycletrack around Lake Merritt between Madison and E 12th St!



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About the Project

Lakeside Drive from Madison Street to Lake Merritt Boulevard and Lake Merritt Boulevard from Lakeside to E 12th Street are set to be repaved in 2021. This presents an opportunity to extend the popular two-way protected cycletrack around Lake Merritt from Madison Street southward and over the estuary bridge to E 12th Street! The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for more recreational space around the Lake. This paving project means that the City can answer that need on a short timeline, while providing a permanent protected space for people to enjoy this regional recreational destination on two wheels.

Project Goals

- Provide a protected and welcoming place to ride a bike around Lake Merritt from Madison Street to E 12th Street
- Coordinate with AC Transit to provide bus-only lanes for the new Tempo BRT service, where feasible
- Alleviate congestion on the Lake Merritt mixed-use pathway
- Provide two-way bicycle connectivity on the lake side of Lake Merritt Boulevard and Lakeside Drive for recreational users, and provide one-way bike facility on south side of Lake Merritt Boulevard
- Leave the freshly-paved roadway better than we found it, with a new roadway plan that encourages recreation and safe travel by all modes



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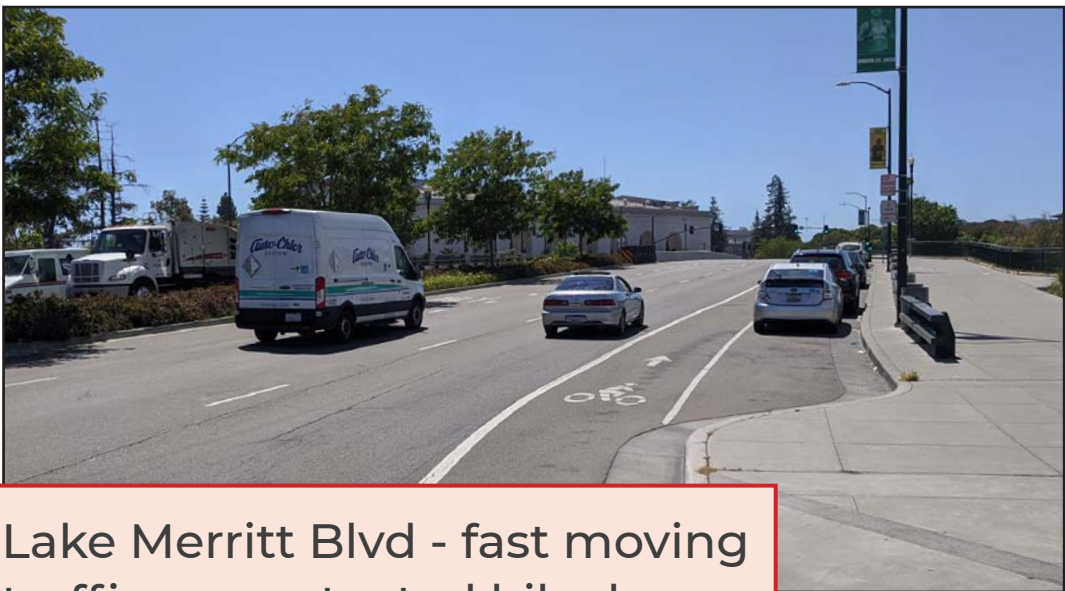
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SITE PHOTOS



Lake Merritt Blvd - fast moving traffic, unprotected bike lane



Bike lane/vehicle merge on Lakeside Drive



Intrepid cyclists heading west over the bridge next to 3 empty lanes



Cars block bike lane at amphitheater area

Credit: Ryan Lester



Two-lane unsignalized pedestrian crossing on Lakeside



Blocked bike lane on Lakeside Dr

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Looking East towards
Eastlake over the
Estuary Bridge from
the north side of
Lake Merritt Blvd.

Bus-only lane for the Tempo
BRT and other AC Transit
routes on LM Blvd.

Protected bike facility
alleviates bicycle
crowding on the
mixed-use pathway
and sidewalk

High-visibility
crosswalks

Raised concrete
islands protect the
cycletrack from
vehicle traffic



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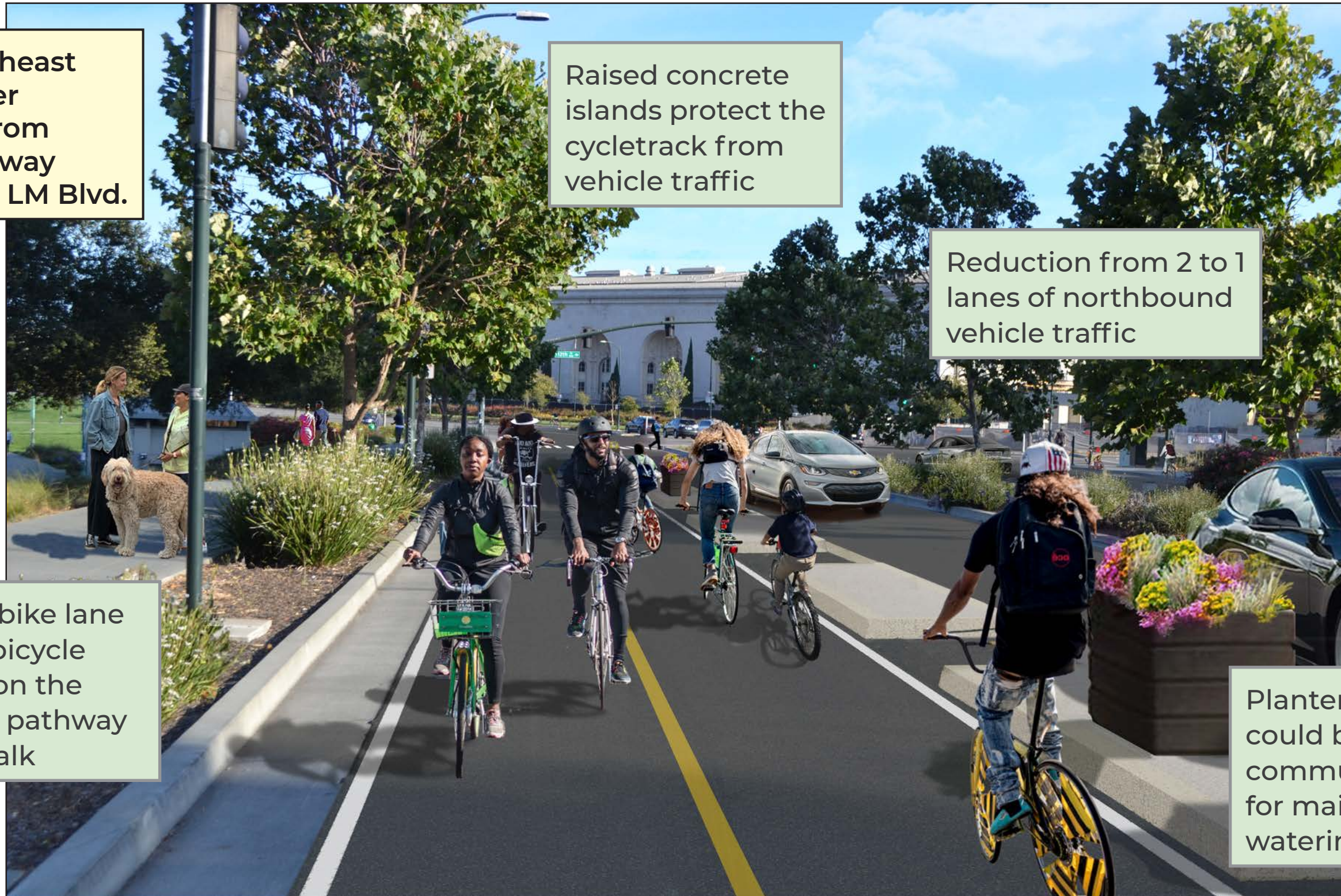
Looking Southeast
towards Kaiser
Auditorium from
the new two-way
cycletrack on LM Blvd.

Raised concrete
islands protect the
cycletrack from
vehicle traffic

Reduction from 2 to 1
lanes of northbound
vehicle traffic

Protected bike lane
alleviates bicycle
crowding on the
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Planter boxes shown
could be added with
community support
for maintenance/
watering



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Looking North on
Lakeside Drive from the
Oak/14th intersection

Parking removal at
selected zones to
allow for emergency
vehicle access

Reduction from 2
to 1 lane of motor
vehicle traffic

Raised concrete islands
provide full separation
from motor vehicle traffic

Green paint for conflict
zones at driveways

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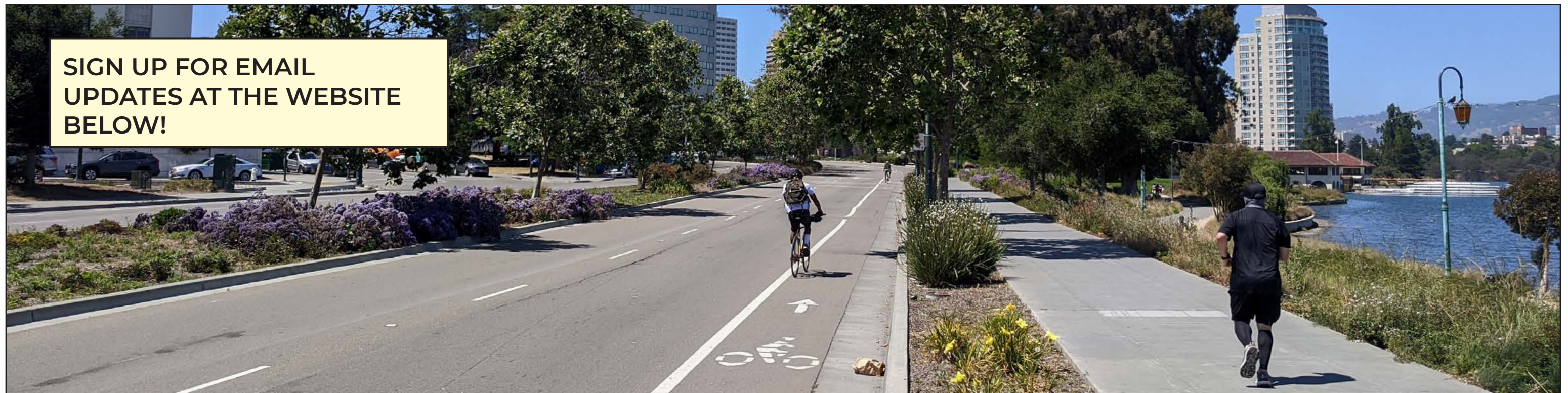


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SCHEDULE/NEXT STEPS

- » Ongoing - Public outreach and design
 - November 2020 - Online survey publicized on social media, postcard mailer, email lists
 - Late 2020/early 2021 - Continuing stakeholder engagement on corridor
- » Winter 2021 - Final concept design based on community feedback
- » Late 2021 into 2022 - Project Implementation



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