

February 28, 2013

Matthew T. Naclerio, Public Works Director
City of Alameda
Public Works Department
950 West Mall Square, Room 110
Alameda, CA 94501-7575

Re: Estuary Crossing Shuttle

Dear Mr. Naclerio:

The City of Alameda Public Works Department is submitting a Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Transit grant application to expand and continue the Estuary Crossing Shuttle between the cities of Alameda and Oakland. **Waterfront Action, Inc.** supports this VRF Transit application for the Estuary Crossing Shuttle. *This VRF Transit funding would add 4.5 hours to the existing 8 hour per weekday service until mid-August 2015, and would extend this 12.5 hour per weekday service to mid-August 2016.*

Currently, the Estuary Crossing Shuttle travels between west Alameda and Oakland stopping at the College of Alameda (COA), the COA satellite campus and Wind River in Marina Village and Lake Merritt BART (near Laney College). This free service runs every 30 minutes for 8 hours each weekday, and uses a 40-foot CNG bus that fits up to 10 bicycles.

Before the Estuary Crossing Shuttle, students enrolled at both Laney College and the College of Alameda did not have a direct transit route between these two schools. Bicyclists and pedestrians traveling between the west end of Alameda and Oakland's downtown had to pay for a bus with a bicycle rack that carries up to two bicycles or had to walk/bike a narrow path in the Posey Tube with two-way pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This service also provides a direct connection to the regional transit system – BART – for Alameda residents and employees.

The City of Alameda has received three Clean Air Regional Fund program grants from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation to operate the Estuary Crossing Shuttle for four years until mid-August 2015. The local match is the City's Transportation Systems Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) Fund in which Wind River contributes and Alameda County Measure B. Further information can be found at www.EstuaryXINGshuttle.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sandra Threlfall
Sandra Threlfall, Executive Director