

(Council Member or Mayor)  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza  
2nd Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: The Bay Trail in Oakland Along Estuary Shoreline

Dear (Council Member or Mayor),

(This Organization) is a participant in the Measure DD Community Coalition, a citizen oversight group authorized by the City Council following passage of the \$198 million bond measure in 2002. The coalition works with city staff to review projects funded through Measure DD.

As a member of the coalition, we are pleased that many DD projects have been successfully completed, but we are concerned by the slow progress on sections of the Bay Trail through Oakland. Measure DD allocated \$53 million for shoreline improvements including the Bay Trail. Today, 14 years after passage of the bond measure, there remain numerous gaps in the trail. These gaps significantly reduce the value of the trail to users and potential users.

This letter is not intended to be critical of city staff; we understand that staff is burdened with many other projects and have done good work within the constraints of numerous projects. But work to fill critical gaps in the trail has apparently been stalled due to reassignment of project management staff to other projects.

Another problem is the city's reluctance to use its power of eminent domain. If property owners believe that the city will not condemn, the property owners can block trail completion indefinitely.

Through this letter (Organization) re-emphasizes our support for the Bay Trail, and we urge the mayor and city council to reexamine city priorities and provide the necessary resources to complete the Bay Trail through Oakland soon.

Sincerely,

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