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South Lake Merritt Detour Begins

Detour Allows for Next Phase of 12th Street Reconstruction Project

Oakland, CA – Beginning August 8, 2011, detours will be in effect for vehicle and pedestrian traffic along the south end of Lake Merritt. Traffic will be diverted away from the waterfront and onto a recently constructed bridge. The detour is necessary so crews can begin work on the facelift that the shoreline is slated to receive as part of the 12th Street Reconstruction Project. This project began in May 2010 and should be completed by December 2012.

On July 28, 2011, a cul-de-sac will be established at the southern end of Lakeshore Avenue. Through vehicular traffic on Lakeshore Avenue will end at 7:00 a.m. for eastbound traffic and at 9:00 a.m. for westbound traffic.

Beginning August 8, 2011, cars will be permanently detoured onto 1st Avenue beginning at East 16th Street. Pedestrians and cyclists will take the same detour along 1st Avenue until shoreline access is restored when the new pedestrian and multi-use path are opened to the public in 2012. In this interim period, a 12-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle path will be created along the detour route.

About the 12th Street Reconstruction Project

The Reconstruction of 12th Street is a signature element of the City's efforts to improve the Lake Merritt Area. It is based on concepts and principles in the Lake Merritt Master Plan. The urban design project will transform the corridor into a scenic boulevard with dedicated pedestrian and multi-use paths, expanded park areas and enhanced water quality and wildlife habitat. The project is funded by Bond Measure DD, State Coastal Conservancy & Federal Highway Funds. The estimated construction budget for the project is \$35 million.

About Bond Measure DD

Bond Measure DD was approved by 80% of Oakland voters in the November 2002 general election. The \$198 million bond measure enabled the creation of the Oakland Trust for Clean Water, Safe Parks to fund a variety of projects related to clean water and recreation facilities in Oakland.

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