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OAKLAND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN****September 6, 2005**

The Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning Division, is preparing a "focused" Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. An Initial Study has been prepared which conservatively indicates that the proposed project may result in potentially significant impacts to transportation/traffic and air quality. All other impacts would be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The EIR will limit its discussion to the above listed potentially significant impacts and no other impacts will be further studied in the EIR. The Initial Study is available at the Planning and Zoning Division office at the address above and on the internet at www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.htm.

The City of Oakland is the Lead Agency for the project and is the public agency with the greatest responsibility for either approving it or carrying it out. This notice is being sent to Responsible Agencies and other interested parties. Responsible Agencies are those public agencies, besides the City of Oakland, that also have a role in approving or carrying out the project. Responsible Agencies will need to use the EIR that we prepare when considering approvals related to the project. When the Draft EIR is published, it will be sent to all Responsible Agencies and to others who respond to this Notice of Preparation or who otherwise indicate that they would like to receive a copy. Responses to this NOP and any additional questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Jason Patton, Project Manager, City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, CA 94612, or emailed to jpatton@oaklandnet.com. Comments on the NOP must be received at the above mailing or email address on or before Wednesday, October 5, 2005. Please reference case number **ER05-104** in all correspondence. In addition, comments may be provided at the EIR Scoping Meeting to be held before the City Planning Commission.

EIR SCOPING MEETING - CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**Wednesday, September 21, 2005****6:30 p.m.****City Hall, Hearing Room 1****PROJECT TITLE:** Oakland Bicycle Master Plan Update**PROJECT LOCATION:** City wide.**EXISTING CONDITIONS:** Since 1996, the City of Oakland Public Works Agency has installed approximately 50 miles of Bikeways, including Bicycle Lanes on 73rd Ave, Bancroft Ave,

Grand Ave, MacArthur Blvd, Market St, and Telegraph Ave. The City's bicycle facilities include those within the jurisdiction of the Port of Oakland. The City's facilities also link to bicycle facilities within the jurisdiction of the East Bay Regional Park District. The Bikeways may be located on or adjacent to sites listed on the current version of the Cortese List.

PROJECT SPONSOR: The City of Oakland

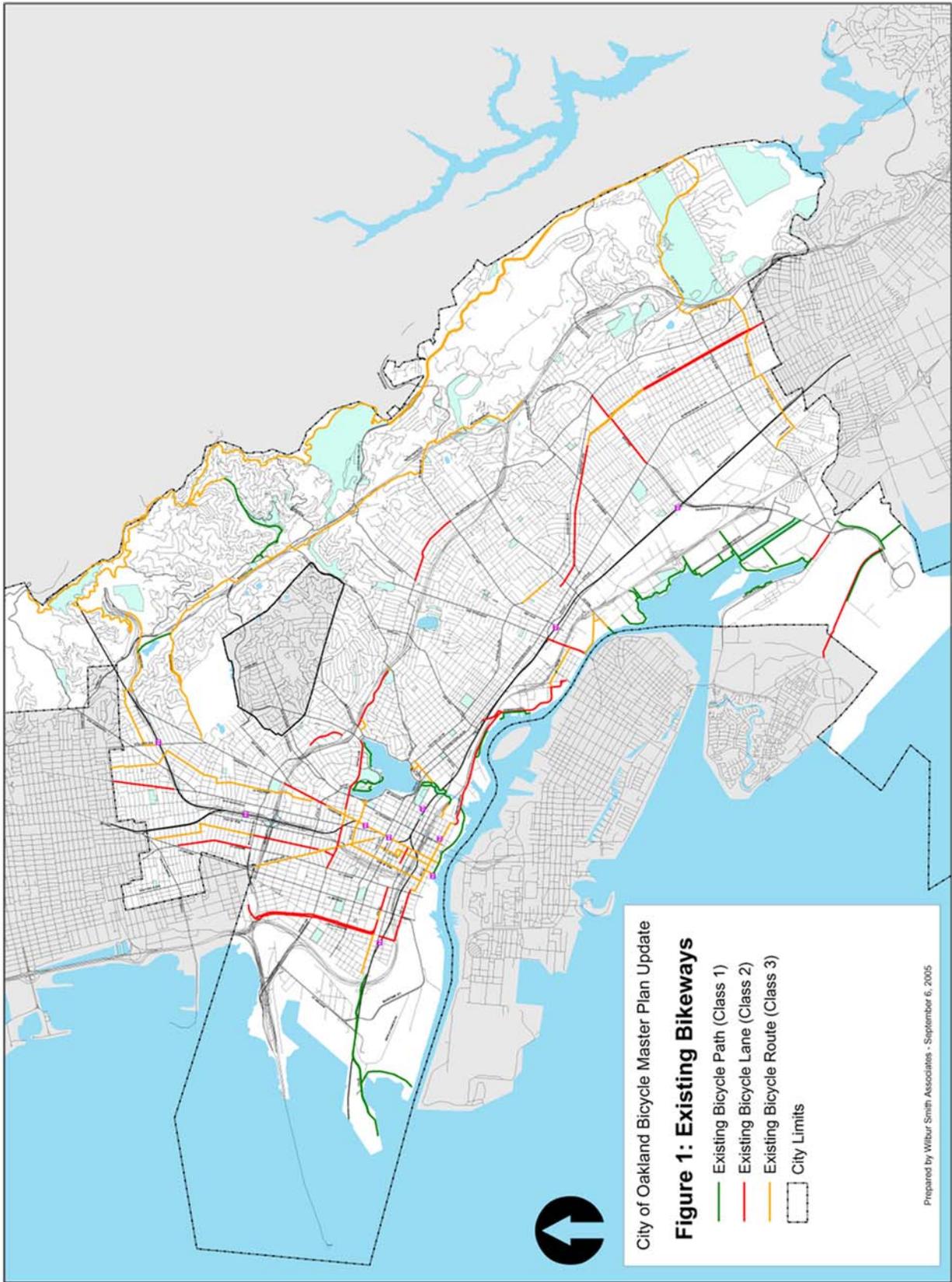
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Oakland is updating its 1999 Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) to comply with the requirements of the State of California's Bicycle Transportation Account. The resulting BMP will continue to ensure Oakland's eligibility for funding for bicycle facilities and programs from the State's Bicycle Transportation Account and other bicycle grant programs. The BMP serves as the official policy document addressing the development of facilities and programs to enhance the role of bicycling as a viable and appropriate transportation choice in Oakland. Through a General Plan amendment, the updated BMP will be adopted as part of the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) of the Oakland General Plan. The project would implement General Plan LUTE Policy T4.4 which recommends the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a Bicycle Master Plan.

This EIR will address the potential impacts of the Proposed Bikeway Network and, in particular, the proposed Bicycle Lanes (Class 2). The addition of Bicycle Lanes to existing roadways could require the removal of motor vehicle travel lanes or parking with potentially significant environmental impacts. Because Bicycle Routes (Class 3) are composed of signage on existing roadways, this class of Bikeway does not have significant environmental impacts and will not be studied in further detail. Details regarding the potential impacts of specific Bicycle Path (Class 1) projects pursuant to Figure 2 (Preliminary Proposed Bikeways) and Figure 3 (Preliminary Proposed Bikeway Network) are unknown at this time (exact location, length or width). The undefined Bicycle Paths could result in potentially significant impacts. Each future project is subject to subsequent project-level environmental review, at which time specific Bicycle Path project characteristics would be identified and the City would determine if additional project-level environmental assessment would be required. Assessments would identify mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

The following figures and tables identify the Preliminary Proposed Bikeway Network (Class 1, 2, and 3). The figures are also available in high resolution color format on the internet at:

www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.htm

Figure 1 shows existing Bikeways in Oakland, including Bicycle Paths (Class 1), Bicycle Lanes (Class 2), and Bicycle Routes (Class 3). **Figure 2** shows preliminary proposed Bikeways that will be considered for inclusion in the BMP update while **Figure 3** shows the Preliminary Proposed Bikeway Network (both the existing and proposed Bikeways). **Table 1** identifies existing and proposed Bicycle Lanes that are being considered for inclusion in the updated BMP. **Table 2** identifies completed Bicycle Lanes in Oakland. **Table 3** identifies proposed Bicycle Lanes that were not identified in the 1999 BMP. Note that the majority of proposed Bicycle Lanes under consideration are included in the adopted 1999 BMP. Table 1 provides a complete list of proposed Bicycle Lanes to be analyzed for inclusion in the updated BMP. All proposed Bicycle Lanes will undergo a preliminary analysis for potentially significant environmental impacts while a representative sample will receive detailed analysis. Proposed Bicycle Lanes with significant environmental impacts may be relocated to another street in the same travel corridor if that relocation would reduce the overall impacts. Thus, the updated BMP may include Bikeways not included in Table 1 to reduce the overall impacts from the proposed Bicycle Lanes identified in Table 1.

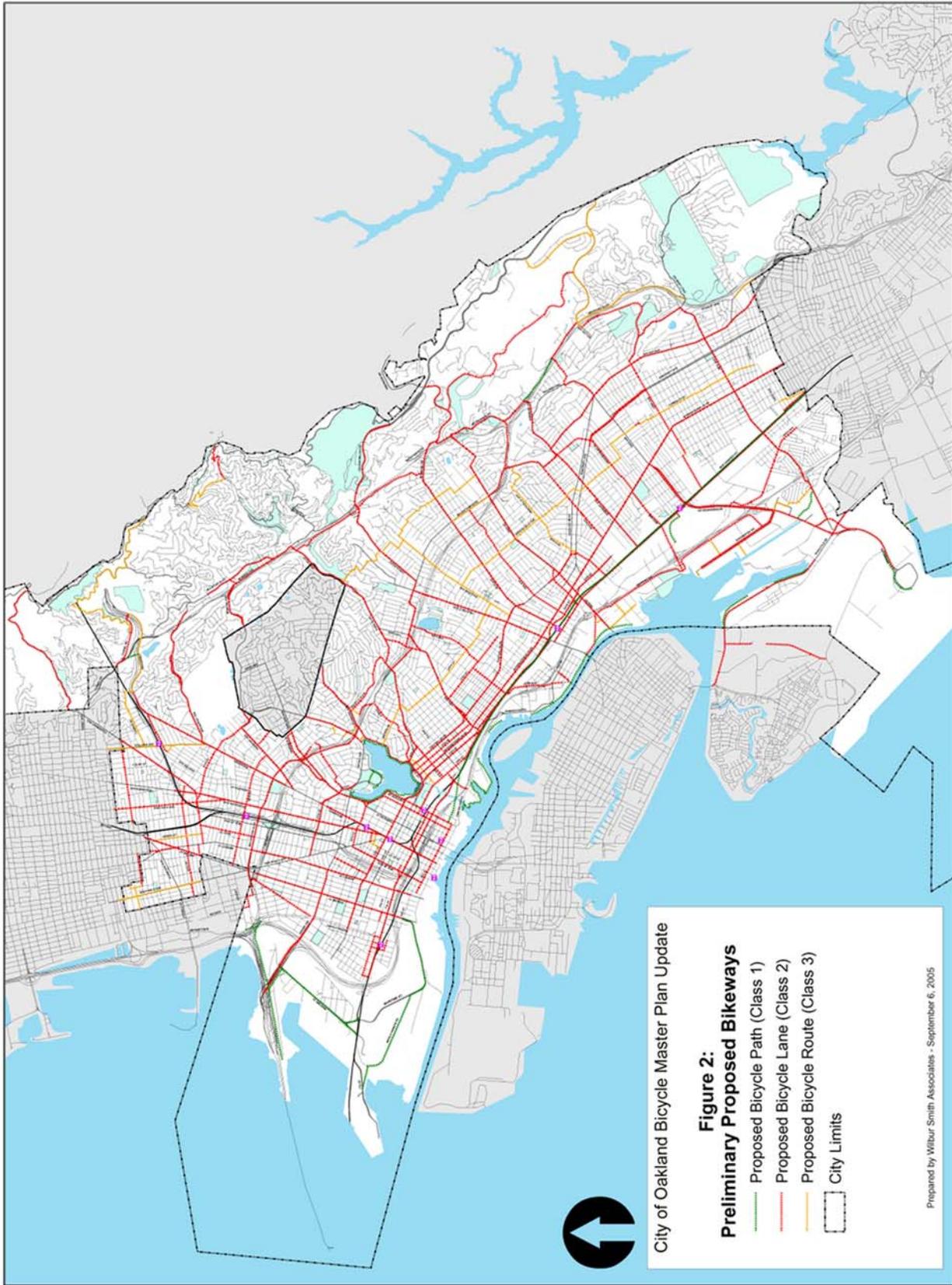


City of Oakland Bicycle Master Plan Update

Figure 1: Existing Bikeways

- Existing Bicycle Path (Class 1)
- Existing Bicycle Lane (Class 2)
- Existing Bicycle Route (Class 3)
- City Limits

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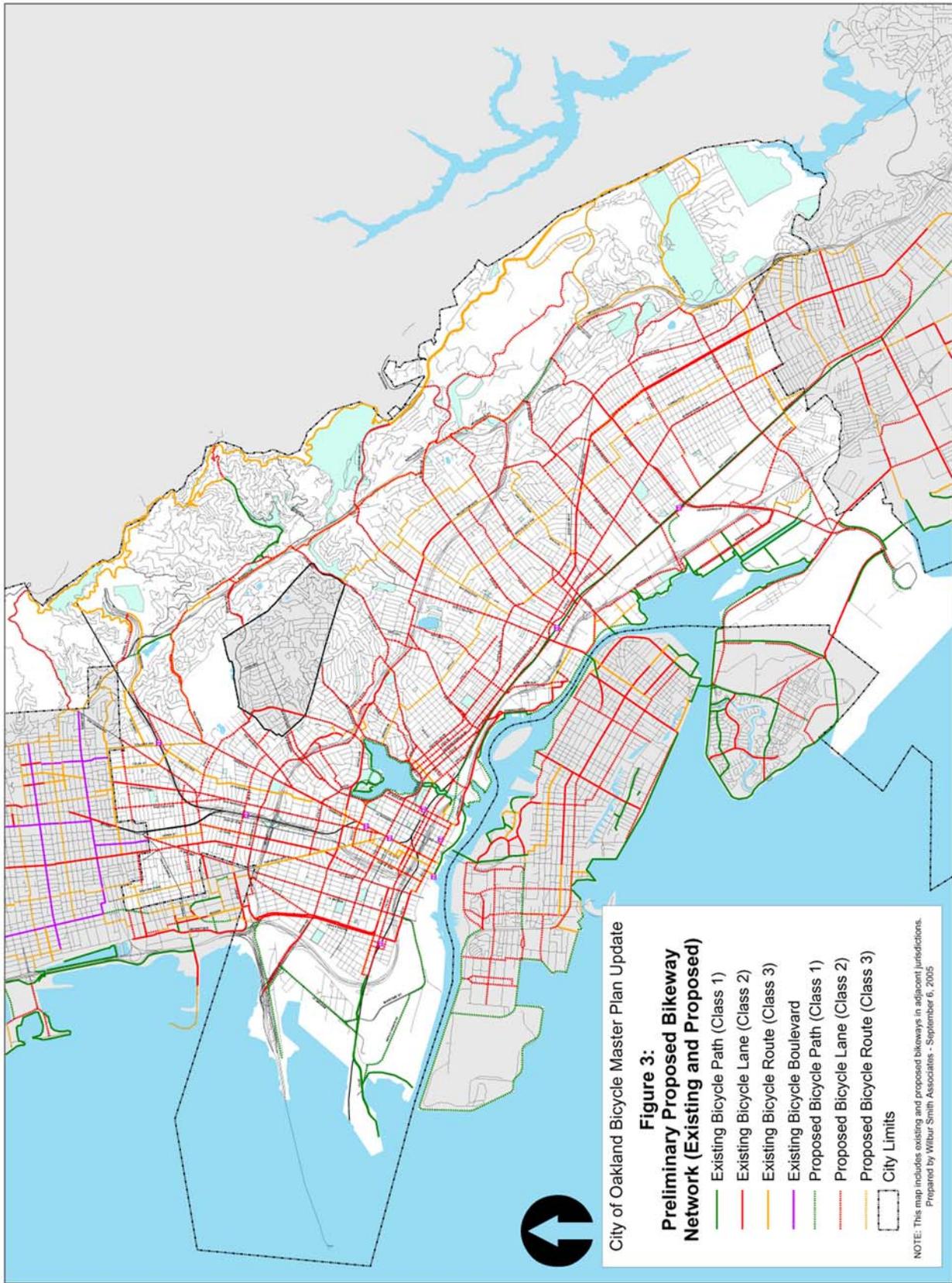


Table 1: Preliminary Proposed Bicycle Lanes (Class 2) for Inclusion in the BMP Update		
Street	From	To
14th Ave	E 8th St	MacArthur Blvd
14th St	Mandela Parkway	Lakeside
20th St	Harrison St	San Pablo Ave
22nd Ave	E 21st St	E 12th St
23rd Ave	29th Ave	Ardley Ave
27th St	San Pablo Ave	Bay Place
29th Ave	23rd Ave	E 7th St
2nd St	Brush St	Oak St
35th Ave	San Leandro St	Redwood Rd
3rd St	Mandela Parkway	Brush St
40th St	Adeline St	Piedmont Ave
42nd Ave	Courtland Ave	San Leandro St
4th Ave	Park Blvd	E 10th St
50th Ave	Foothill Blvd	San Leandro St
51st St	Shattuck Ave	Broadway
52nd St	51st St	Market St
55th St	Vallejo St	Vicente Wy
5th Ave	E 10th St	Embarcadero
66th Ave	International Blvd	Oakport
73rd Ave	Edwards Ave	International Blvd
7th St	Wood St	5th Ave
81st Ave	San Leandro St	International Blvd
82nd Ave	Golf Links Rd	International
8th St	Wood St	Oak St
98th Ave	Golf Links Rd	Airport Dr
9th St	Castro St	Oak St
Adeline St	3rd St	61st St
Airport Dr	Neil Armstrong Wy	Hegenberger Rd
Alameda Ave	Fruitvale Ave	High St
Alcatraz Ave	San Pablo Ave	College Ave
Ardley	MacArthur Blvd	23rd Ave
Bancroft Ave	42nd Ave	Durant Ave
Bay Place	27th St	Grand Ave
Beaumont Ave	14th Ave	Park Blvd
Broadway	Embarcadero	Highway 24 overcrossing at Caldecott Ln
Broadway Terrace	Broadway	Mountain Blvd
Buell/Calaveras/Daisy/Davenport	MacArthur Blvd	Mountain Blvd
Caldecott Ln	FWY overcrossing	Tunnel Rd
Camden St	Seminary Ave	Bancroft Ave
Campus Dr	Redwood Rd	Keller
Carson St	Mountain Blvd	Tompkins Ave
Claremont	Telegraph Ave	Grizzly Peak Blvd
Doolittle Dr	Harbor Bay Pkwy	Eden Rd
E 10th St	Madison St	9th Ave
E 12th St	1st Ave	54th Ave
E 15th St	Lakeshore Ave	14th Ave
E 18th St	Park Blvd	Lakeshore Ave

Table 1 (Cont.): Preliminary Proposed Bicycle Lanes (Class 2) for Inclusion in the BMP Update		
Street	From	To
E 21st St	14th Ave	Mitchell St
Edes Ave	Hegenberger Rd	105th Ave
Edgewater Dr	Bay Trail	Hegenberger Rd
Edwards Ave	Mountain Blvd	73rd Ave
Embarcadero	Oak St	E 7th St
Fontaine St	Keller Ave	Golf Links Rd
Foothill Blvd	Lakeshore Ave	50th Ave
Franklin St	6th St	Broadway at 22nd St
Fruitvale Ave	Alameda Ave	MacArthur Blvd
Golf Links Rd	82nd Ave	Grass Valley Rd
Grand Ave	Jean St	Interstate 80
Harrison St	20th St	Monte Vista Ave
Havenscourt Bl	Bancroft Ave	International Blvd
Hegenberger Rd	International Blvd	Airport Dr
High St	Tompkins Ave	Tidewater Ave
International Blvd	1st Ave	Durant Ave
Joaquin Miller Rd	Skyline Blvd	Hwy 13
Lakeshore Ave	E 12th St	Wala Vista
Lakeside Dr	14th St	20th St
Lincoln	MacArthur Blvd	Highway 13
Linda Ave	Piedmont Ave	Rose Ave
MacArthur Blvd	Hollis St	Durant Ave
Madison St	2nd St	Lakeside Dr
Mandela Pkwy	3rd St	Horton St
Market St	3rd St	Alcatraz Ave
Martin Luther King Jr. Way	20th St	2nd St
Monterey Blvd	Park Blvd	Redwood Rd
Moraga Ave	Pleasant Valley Ave	Mountain Blvd
Mountain Blvd	Broadway Ter	Golf Links Rd
Oak St	Embarcadero	14th St
Oakland Ave	Harrison St	Monte Vista Ave
Oakport St	High St	Edgewater Dr
Park Blvd	E 18th St	Mountain Blvd
Peralta St	MacArthur Blvd	Mandela Pkwy
Piedmont Ave	Broadway	Pleasant Valley Ave
Pleasant Valley Ave	Broadway	Rose Ave
Redwood Rd	Skyline Blvd	35th Ave
Ron Cowan Pkwy	Airport Dr	Harbor Bay Pkwy
San Leandro St	Fruitvale Ave	Apricot Ave
Santa Clara Ave	MacArthur Blvd	Grand Ave
Seminary Ave	Sunnymere Ave	San Leandro St
Shattuck Ave	Telegraph Ave	Woolsey St
Shepherd Canyon Rd	Saroni Dr	Skyline Blvd
Telegraph Ave (1)	Broadway	Woolsey St
Tunnel Rd	Berkeley Border	Caldecott Ln
Webster St	2nd St	Broadway at 25th St
West St	14th St	52nd St

(1) Telegraph Ave (Broadway to Aileen St) is undergoing environmental review as a separate project.

Table 2: Existing Bicycle Lanes (Class 2)		
Street	From	To
3rd St	Mandela Parkway	Brush St
73rd Ave	International Blvd	MacArthur Blvd
8th St	Market St	Wood St
Bancroft Ave	Courtland Ave	66th Ave
Bancroft Ave	82nd Ave	Durant Ave
Broadway	26th St	MacArthur Blvd
Doolittle Dr	Hegenberger Rd	Harbor Bay Pkwy
Embarcadero	Oak St	E 7th St
Fruitvale Ave	Alameda Ave	E 12th St
Grand Ave	El Embarcadero	Market St
Harrison St	21st St	Grand Ave
MacArthur Blvd	Lakeshore Ave	Park Blvd
MacArthur Blvd	Lincoln Ave	35th Ave
Mandela Pkwy	3rd St	Horton St
Market St	MacArthur Blvd	Aileen St
Ron Cowan Pkwy	Airport Dr	Harbor Bay Pkwy
Santa Clara Ave	Vernon St	Lake Park Ave
Telegraph Ave	Aileen St	Woolsey St
West St	Grand Ave	MacArthur Blvd

Table 3: Preliminary Proposed Bicycle Lanes (Class 2) not included in the 1999 BMP		
Street	From	To
20th St	Harrison St	San Pablo Ave
23rd Ave	E 12th St	E 21st St
27th St	San Pablo Ave	Broadway
29th Ave	23rd Ave	E 7th St
55th St	Vallejo St	Vicente Wy
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In order to approve the Project, the following actions by the City may be necessary:

1. General Plan Amendment to incorporate the Bicycle Master Plan Update as part of the Land Use and Transportation Element

The EIR will also examine a reasonable range of alternatives to the project, including the CEQA-mandated No Project Alternative, and other potential alternatives that may be capable of reducing or avoiding potential environmental effects. Therefore, the location of some of previously listed Bikeways may change.

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