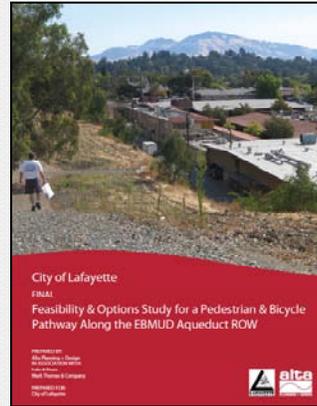




Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway Feasibility and Options Study

City of Lafayette

Community-Based Transportation Planning
FY 09-10 Grant Cycle
District 4
Grant Award Amount: \$135,000



Project Summary:

This study evaluates the feasibility of options for constructing a pedestrian and bicycle path along the East Bay Municipal Utility District Aqueduct within Downtown Lafayette. The study would develop context-sensitive options for public feedback through an extensive outreach effort. Additionally, it would identify connection opportunities to adjacent commercial areas and the Lafayette Bay Area Rapid Transit Station. The grant will result in a consensus document regarding the feasibility of the pathway, a conceptual pathway alignment, and guidance on phasing prioritization.

Community Outreach

- Created a Citizen's Advisory Committee representing a cross-section of all stakeholders who may be affected by the study.
- Maintained a project website and e-mail list.
- Hosted two Public Site Tours, where participants walked the pathway to discuss issues and proposed plans.
- Held two Public Meetings to gather community input.
- Conducted focus group meetings with adjacent property and business owners so they could voice their concerns.
- Presented the study to the City's Commissions and Committees.

Project Outcome

- A study that identifies the feasibility of a Class 1 bikeway/ADA-accessible pedestrian and bicycle facility along the East Bay Municipal Utility District Aqueduct right-of-way.
- Final Study adopted by the City Council in February 2012.

Successes & Next Steps

- The study helped the community, elected officials, and staff address an issue that has been speculated on many times but never truly analyzed.
- Questions raised during public review were able to be analyzed which brought greater credibility to the final outcome.
- The final deliverable includes a list of possible funding sources as well as next steps to be pursued.
- The City will update the City's Downtown Specific Plan to ensure that two traffic signals proposed are included in the adopted plan.