



July 27, 2015

Ms. Tiffany Bohee
OCII Executive Director
c/o Brett Bollinger
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Warriors Arena Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Ms. Bohee:

The San Francisco Bay Trail is a 500-mile shoreline walking and bicycling path that will one day encircle the Bay. With over 340 miles complete, it follows the shoreline in nine counties, passes through 47 cities and crosses four-and-a half toll bridges. The Trail provides scenic recreation for hikers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters and wheelchair riders. It offers a setting for wildlife viewing and environmental education, and serves as an important commute alternative for bicyclists.

Several inaccuracies regarding the Bay Trail alignment and bicycle infrastructure were found in the DEIR, and it is our hope they can be corrected in the final.

Page 5.2-3, under “Local Access” states “As part of the Mission Bay Plan, Terry A. Francois Boulevard will be realigned to the west to be adjacent to the east side of Blocks 30 and 32, and a buffered two-way cycle track (Class II)³ will be provided as part of the San Francisco Bay Trail on the east side of the street.” The term “Class II” is a Caltrans standard that refers to a striped bicycle lane as opposed to the buffered two-way cycletrack referenced here. Cycletracks do not currently have a Caltrans classification, though it is our understanding that one may be forthcoming. The footnote at the bottom of this page also erroneously defines both a bike lane and a cycletrack as a Class II bikeway.

Page 5.4-4 states that Fourth Street between King and Mission is part of the Bay Trail alignment. It is not. The Bay Trail alignment in this area is on Terry Francois, Lefty O’Doul Bridge, waterside of AT&T Park, and north along the Embarcadero. See attached map.

Page 5.2-28 states “At various locations, the Bay Trail consists of paved multi-use paths, dirt trails, bike lanes, sidewalks or city streets signed as bicycle routes.” The vision and goal of the Bay Trail is a Class I, multi-use pathway for cyclists and pedestrians, separated from traffic, as close to the shoreline as possible. While in certain locations, on a case-by-case-basis, the Bay Trail can consist of Class II bike lanes and sidewalks where there is *no possibility* for a multi-use path, city streets signed as bike routes are never proposed or accepted as complete segments of Bay Trail.

On page 5.2-43, the DEIR states that the Bay Trail is a 400-mile pathway, and that 338 miles are complete. Please note the Bay Trail’s total length is 500 miles, and we are happy to report that 341 miles are complete.

Signage and Wayfinding

The San Francisco Bay Trail should be included in wayfinding signage on and around the project site. We would be happy to provide either the physical signs or our logo in electronic format for incorporation into the Warriors Arena signage and wayfinding plans.

While the Bay Trail Project was a commenter on the Notice of Preparation for this project, we were not notified regarding the availability of the Draft EIR. Please add us to your list of interested parties so that we will be notified when the Final EIR is available for review.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or about the Bay Trail, please contact me at (510) 464-7909 or by e-mail at maureeng@abag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maureen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maureen Gaffney
Bay Trail Planner

