

BIKEALAMEDA

ESTUARY CROSSING CAMPAIGN

Our mission is to find effective, economical transportation alternatives across the estuary, between Alameda’s West End and Oakland, and help get them implemented.



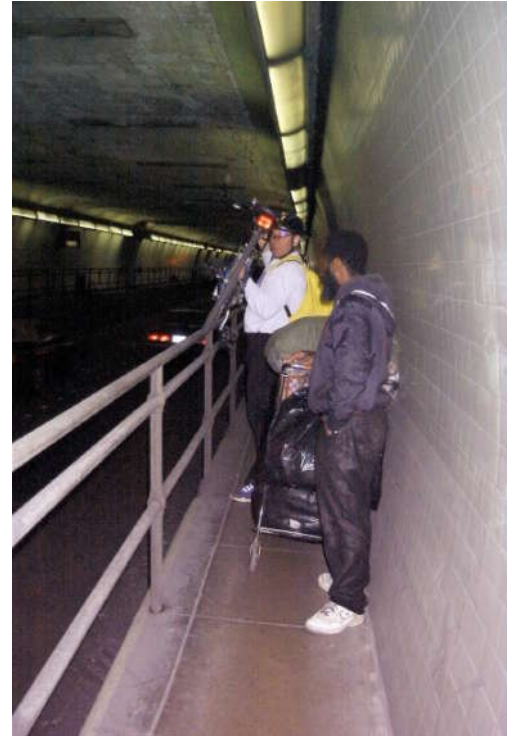
View from Alameda to Jack London Square, one-half mile away

Photo courtesy of Pasta Pelican

Status Quo

The Estuary Crossing Coalition recognizes that:

1. The Posey Tube/Oakland Connection is identified as the number one priority in the City of Alameda Bicycle Master Plan.
2. Pedestrians and bicyclists are limited to the Posey Tube walkway, which is so narrow that it cannot accommodate wheelchairs, bike trailers, or two passing bikes.
3. Tube capacity is limited and congestion is growing.
4. For this short crossing, bus access is limited and costly; the bus capacity for bicyclists is limited to only two bikes per bus. This makes the service unreliable because the bicyclist may not be accommodated.
5. A ride or walk through the Tube exposes one to sooty walls, smelly, toxic fumes.



Slippery metal plates on the surface

Campaign Goals

Short term

- Continue to build a large coalition
- Assist in finding funding to implement a water shuttle
- Work on other relatively cheap and easy solutions

Medium term

- Advocate for the implementation of recommendations of the feasibility study and a permanent solution

Long term

Campaign Partners (so far)

- **BikeAlameda (400 members)**
- **East Bay Bicycle Coalition (2000 members)**
- **College of Alameda (8000 students)**
- **Pedestrian Friendly Alameda (25 members)**
- **Northside Neighborhood Network (100 members)**
- **Alameda Open Space (50 members)**
- **Alameda Point Collaborative (200 residents, 25 employees)**
- **Sierra Club, Northern Alameda County (9000 members)**
- **Waterfront Action**
- **Oakland Bicycle And Pedestrian Advisory Committee (10 members)**
- **Alameda Sun**
- **Taylor Engineering Marina Village (16 employees)**
- **Oakland Councilmember Nancy Nadel**
- **Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker**
- **District 13 Representative Pete Stark**
- **Cardinal Point at Mariner Square**



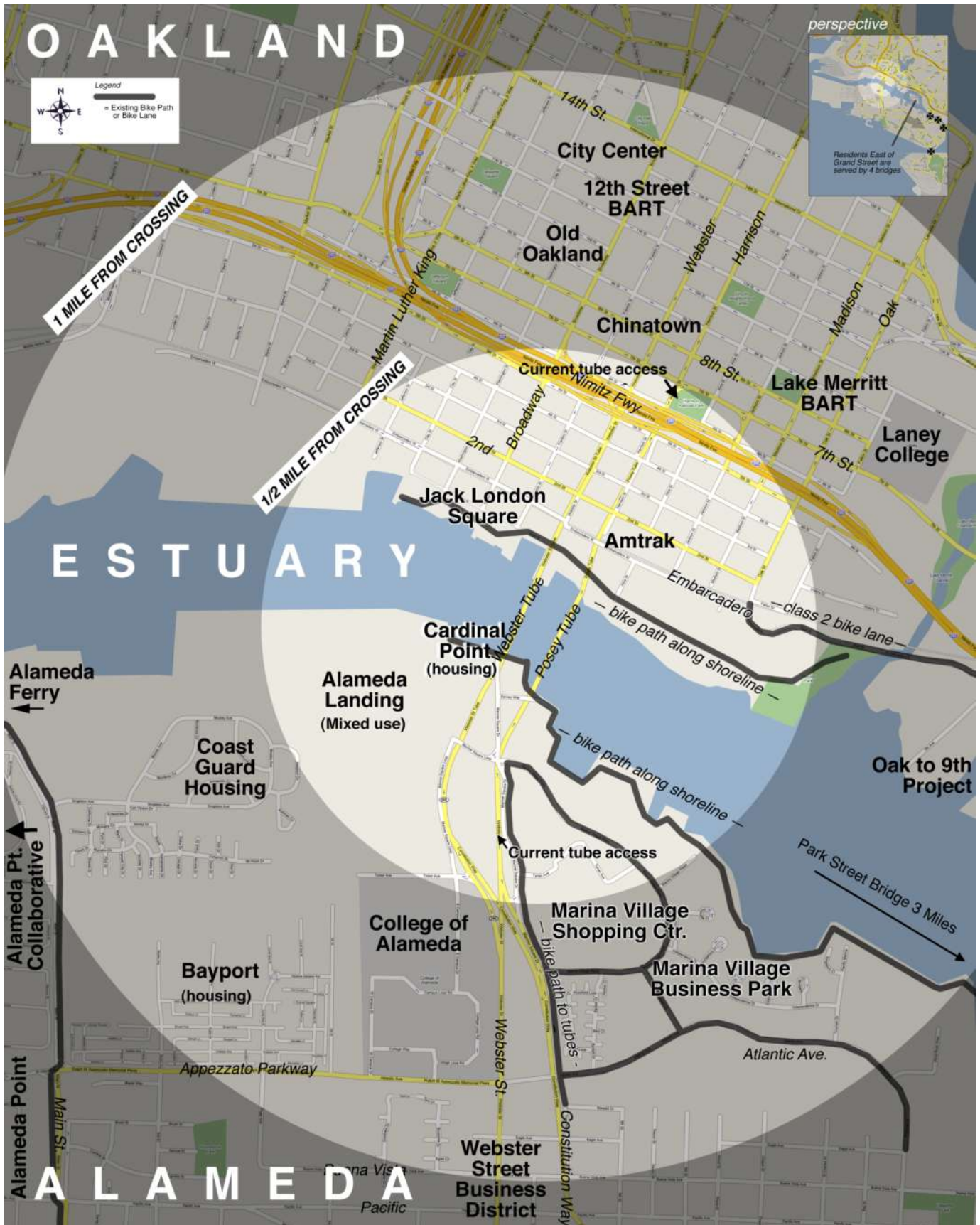
Campaign History and Activities

Bike Alameda members have worked on and off to get improved access between West Alameda and Oakland. (See Alameda Bicycle Master Plan 1999, Alameda Countywide Bike Plan 2001.)

Currently the only real options are a substandard walkway in the Posey Tube, and AC Transit bus bike racks. There are significant issues with each of these options. While many agencies and groups recognize the problem, the issue is complex, so finding and implementing solutions has proven very difficult. BikeAlameda initiated a campaign to concentrate efforts and build a coalition of similarly concerned groups. Monthly meetings began in April 2006.

We have been busy. Below is a list of some of our activities and accomplishments.

- Apr 2006* Meeting with groups to share our concerns and build a large **coalition** that can't be ignored. So far, we've enlisted the support of a number of organizations (see below).
- May 2006* Meetings with Catellus on Alameda Landing development. Agreement proposes to build a **dock and operate a bike and pedestrian water shuttle** across the estuary.
- Sept 2006* Working with the City of Alameda Public Works Department on grants for **feasibility study** as identified in Alameda Countywide Bike Plan and Alameda Bicycle Master Plan.
- Oct 2006* Conducted **bicycle and pedestrian counts** for the Posey Tube and Park Street Bridge to gather data for future grants.
- Nov 2006* We've been reviewing Developer Agreements and Master Plans for the Alameda Landing project.
- Mar 2007* City is awarded \$100,000 for feasibility study for Bicycle and Pedestrian Estuary Access.
- Apr 2007* Estuary Water Shuttle is included in TDM program for Alameda Landing
- June 2007* College of Alameda joins our coalition.
- Dec 2007* Alameda City council votes to match \$100,000 grant for feasibility study
- Jan 2008* City awards **\$200,000** feasibility study contract to ARUP
- Apr 2008* First meetings for input into the **Estuary Crossing Feasibility Study**
- Feb 2008* Alameda Landing project is delayed indefinitely for economic reasons
- Oct 2008* **Estuary Crossing Feasibility Study Preliminary Alternatives** are presented
- Dec 2008* City of Alameda submits ACTIA and Bicycle Transportation Account grants to take the next step of accessing long term projects for environmental and engineering work.
- Mar 2009* Final Feasibility Study report is expected
- Sept 2009* Alameda City Council **accepts** Feasibility Study
- Jan 2010* Cardinal Point and Councilmember Frank Mataresse join coalition
- Fall 2011* City of Alameda awarded grant for a bike shuttle through tube between colleges





What we need from you:

JOIN our coalition. When we publicly talk about our campaign and the need for the estuary water shuttle, we will use the names of those groups in our coalition.

1. Write a letter of support
2. Involve a member on our committee. We currently meet monthly: 4th Monday of the Month at Otaez Restaurant, 1414 Webster Street at Lincoln Avenue in Alameda, at 7PM.
3. Join our discussion lists...

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