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CC: ANDREW THOMAS
Sent: 7/30/2019 2:55:11 PM
Subject: RE: Estuary Crossing Ped Bridge

Hi Nicole,

I've responded to your questions in your email below. Yes, let's meet when you're back and talk more about the bridge! And, glad you are back to just about 1 job! Have a great vacation!

Best,
-Rochelle

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Hi Rochelle,

Thanks so much for this background – this is really helpful!

Some quick follow ups:

- Are you still in the feasibility phase for the bridge, or are you moving forward on concept design? **[RW]** We have almost secured ACTC funding for our \$250K detailed feasibility study for the bridge. Once that's done, it will give us confirmation that our design is feasible, and a really good cost estimate. I think the soonest we'd have the study completed would be by this December. The next phase would be a PSR (\$500K-\$2Mil are the wide-ranging estimates for that!).
- Are you planning to submit any stages for ATP funding (or other grants) in the near future? Have you been thinking about the project in the context of FASTER/megameasure? **[RW]** We're waiting to finish the Feasibility Study before we start applying for funding for the PSR. We'd love to get in the megameasure and we'd likely apply for ATP funds. From what I know about FASTER, I don't think we're ready to apply. But, happy to hear your perspective! We submitted the bridge project to ACTC for the Regional Transportation Plan. Our understanding is the Alameda CTC call for project for the Countywide Transportation Plan will take place in about a year.
- What are you looking for from the A's in terms of support for the bridge project? **[RW]** Good question! We are trying to pivot from gondola to bridge with them, so haven't made any concrete asks yet. Maybe design support? Construction funding? Supporting our need for right of way for a landing? (Andrew, our Dept Director may want to add other ideas here – he's in regular contact with Dash at the A's.)
- I'd love to see the gondola extension study – I'm the Transportation PM on the A's project, so anything A's related, please loop me in so I can make sure the City of Oakland is involved and your priorities are getting our attention **[RW]**. We will definitely send it to you and would love your thoughts! And, really glad to know that we should work with you on our priorities for the A's project!

I will be on vacation 8/8 - 8/14, so wouldn't be able to join for the OAAP meeting, but don't let that stop you - we

can coordinate over email for now. I'm simultaneously working with some colleagues on organizing and vetting our priorities for FASTER and the CTP, so we'll be a bit more ready to engage on a project level as soon as we have our process established (in the next few weeks).

Re: my many jobs, I nearly have one! It's actually still in DOT focused on policy/intergovernmental affairs. Can't remember the last time we chatted, but probably since then it was determined that the Mayor would have a policy position and we would have another policy position. Warren Logan was just hired as the Mobility Policy & Inter Agency Relations Director. I'll be sure to loop him in when appropriate, too!

Nicole Ferrara

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Hi Nicole,

Great to get your email! We just met with John Knox White, and he mentioned that he'd been in touch with you. We would love to work more closely with Oakland on the bike/ped crossing, and have started to do that! Yes, let's meet (see proposal below)! Last week we had a short meeting with Ed Manassen (Mohamed was invited, but had something else come up and couldn't attend). Here's a brief summary of where we're at:

1. Getting Ed specific language and images of the Bike/Ped Bridge to expand upon what's already in the draft Downtown Specific Plan.
2. Working to develop some creative concepts for the Oakland-side bridge landing. Maybe a spiral landing, in middle of Water Street (if gondola station is not there)...?
3. A top goal for us is to have Oakland approve a landing in some general form, maybe as part of the A's project/EIR...?
4. We will be setting up a meeting with Oakland staff, Jack London, etc on brainstorming landing ideas, discussing constraints, etc.
5. We continue to work with the A's to try to get their support for a bridge. We co-funded a gondola extension study with them, which we'll release very soon (and I'll send to you), but it is not looking very feasible to have the gondola extend to Alameda. We hope to get them behind the bridge.
6. Our Mayor is setting up a meeting with Nancy Skinner (and Bike Walk Alameda) to discuss the bridge. She's also setting up a meeting with Caltrans District 4 Director Tony Taveras to discuss Alameda's Caltrans priorities, including a bridge.
7. We have requested that our monthly ACTC meetings on the OAAP overlap with Oakland's, so we can be discussing the OAAP and the bridge together and regularly. Our first joint meeting will be August 14th from 10-11:30a. I'll send you the invite. **We could extend that meeting to go more in depth on the bridge. It would be great to have you participate. Would that work for you and OakDOT staff?**

Look forward to working together again! Are you fully in the Mayor's office now, or still doing 2 jobs?

-Rochelle

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Hi Rochelle – have you been discussing the ped/bike bridge with anyone at OakDOT as of late? If not, would you want to meet and share an update of where you all are in your planning process? I think there are a lot of efforts here that could coincide nicely with a meeting – OAAP, A's Howard Terminal, CTP, FASTER, etc.

From: Ferrara, Nicole
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Cc: Williams, Bruce <BWilliams@oaklandca.gov>
Subject: RE: Estuary Crossing Ped Bridge

Thanks for elevating this. I haven't talked to Rochelle about this in about a year, I'd say. I can loop around with them. I've been meaning to anyhow as we're considering major infrastructure projects as part of our capital priorities for ACTC's Countywide Plan and FASTER. My colleague Mohamed has been the lead on the OAAP, so looping him in here.

Mohamed- John is at the SFMTA but after his day job he serves as a City Councilmember for the City of Alameda and is a great ally across the estuary.

From: John Knox White <jknoxwhite@gmail.com>
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Thanks, Nicole!

I found a little info about the bridge in the new bike plan (thankfully it's in there, I had been led astray in thinking it wasn't!)

Bruce, appreciate the info. Would love to know if you're working with Andrew/Rochelle in discussions about the bridge. We have some timing issues related to OAAP that make this discussion more timely that I think some folks realize. :-)

John Knox White

On Tue, Jul 30, 2019 at 8:57 AM Ferrara, Nicole <N Ferrara@oaklandca.gov> wrote:
Hi John,

Looping in my colleague Bruce who might have some recollection of that letter. Bruce – any chance you know about this?

Thanks,
Nicole

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From: John Knox White <jknoxwhite@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 8:01 AM

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Good morning, Nicole.

I have a memory of the City of Oakland sending a letter to CalTrans in support of the Estuary Crossing Ped/Bike Bridge a couple of years ago when they were putting together the Caltrans D4 Bike Plan. The bridge was included, but I can't find the letter with Oakland's support (it's not in the new Oakland Bike Plan, unfortunately).

Would you know who I could connect with to get a copy?

I hope you're well.

John Knox White