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To: Ferrara, Nicole
CC: ANDREW THOMAS
Sent: 7/30/2019 12:07:22 PM
Subject: RE: Estuary Crossing Ped Bridge

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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From: Ferrara, Nicole [mailto:N Ferrara@oaklandca.gov]
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Subject: FW: Estuary Crossing Ped Bridge

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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

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 9:18 AM

To: John Knox White <jknoxwhite@gmail.com>; Alaoui, B. Mohamed <BAlaoui@oaklandca.gov>

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>

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 9:11 AM

To: Ferrara, Nicole <N Ferrara@oaklandca.gov>

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Subject: Re: Estuary Crossing Ped Bridge

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

To: Ferrara, Nicole <N Ferrara@oaklandca.gov>

Subject: Estuary Crossing Ped Bridge

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