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### **Oakland's Market Street Bikeway, Phase II Complete!**

**Oakland, CA**—The Public Works Agency has completed Phase II of the Market Street Bikeway, striping bike lanes on Market Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets. This new 0.8 mile bikeway follows on a Phase I project, which installed bike lanes on upper Market from MacArthur Boulevard to 57<sup>th</sup> Street. The gap between these two projects will be constructed as Phase III in the Spring of 2008, to create a seamless bike facility from the West Oakland Bay Trail on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to just south of Berkeley.

The newly constructed Phase II project cuts a swath through the heart of West Oakland, providing safe, direct bicycle travel for local residents to the Alameda/Oakland Ferry and the West Oakland BART. The bikeway also improves access to many local destinations, including Jack London Square, Middle Harbor Shoreline Park, and local shopping.

Recently, the City removed one of three travel lanes in each direction to restore parking along the street. That project also provided the space to install bike lanes in the wide outer lane. The new bike lanes will encourage bicycling for work and errands, as well as for recreation. Because of its relatively flat terrain, aided by Oakland's temperate climate, West Oakland is favorable to cycling and has seen increasing numbers of residents on bikes.

Once all three phases are installed, the three-mile Market Street Bikeway will complete a major piece of a priority cross-county bikeway identified in the Alameda County Bicycle Plan. Cyclists will be able to ride on a continuous bike facility through West Oakland that will eventually extend through all of Alameda County.



Funding for the Market Street Bikeway is provided by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and Transportation Development Act, Article 3, state funds reserved for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

For more information about the Market Street Bikeway project and the City's bike program, go to [www.oaklandbikes.info](http://www.oaklandbikes.info) or contact Jason Patton, Oakland Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager at (510) 238-7049 or [jpatton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jpatton@oaklandnet.com).