

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-12)  
Member-Designated High Priority Project (HPP) Questionnaire  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, May 1, 2009 @ 9:00 p.m. (P.D.T.)**

Please submit this form along with any additional material to Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff via email at [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov) or fax, 202/226-4183. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cookab Hashemi at 202/225-3531.

**The questionnaire must be filled out in its entirety.** In addition, it must be accompanied by at least one letter of support from a state, regional, or local government official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase.

The letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if you are requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use **BOLDFACE FONT** to highlight these statements in the letter.

All questionnaires and accompanying documents will be posted on the Congresswoman's website as required by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Lastly, all project requests will be evaluated before the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov). **The Citizens Oversight Panel meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.**

*City of Millbrae, CA*

**1. Project Title:**

Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing

**2. Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address:** *(if state or local entity, please identify specific department requesting funding)*

City of Millbrae  
Department of Public Works  
621 Magnolia Avenue  
Millbrae, California 94030

**3. Primary contact name, phone, cell and fax numbers and email address:**

Ronnald Popp, Director of Public Works  
(650) 259-2339 Phone  
(650) 697-8158 Fax  
rpopp@ci.millbrae.ca.us

**4. Project location address** *(if different from the organization):*

Millbrae Avenue at US 101

**5. Please provide a brief description of the project.** *(Please describe in 250 words or less.)*

The City of Millbrae proposes to construct the Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing, a 10-foot wide bridge that will serve as a two-way, dual-use pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians. It will link the Millbrae BART Intermodal Station and the Millbrae Trail System on the west side of US 101 to the existing San Francisco Bay Trail (Bay Trail) along the San Francisco Bay waterfront on the east side of US 101. The Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing will bridge a critical gap in the Bay Trail and Millbrae Trail systems. Most importantly, the project will provide a safer alternative route for non vehicular traffic in the area, thereby encouraging alternative forms of transportation, like bicycling, walking and the utilization of public transit while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The new structure has been designated Bridge No. 35-0089 by The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

**6. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District? (Please describe in 250 words or less.)**

The Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing will connect the Millbrae BART Intermodal Station and the Millbrae Trail System on the western side of US 101 to the San Francisco Bay Trail on the eastern side of US 101. The project connection will provide a safer route for pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse the area while enhancing the significant regional recreational resource of the Trail systems.

The subject project area surrounds US 101, one of two principal north-south freeway corridors serving the San Francisco Bay Peninsula. This portion of US 101 experiences heavy traffic, approximately 240,000 vehicles daily, and significant periods of major congestion due, in part, to its' proximity to the San Francisco International Airport, a major gateway for trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific flights. The interchange presents a combination of high traffic volumes and multiple at grade on/off freeway ramps.

Currently, bicyclists and pedestrians must use the existing Millbrae Avenue Overpass to navigate the busy US 101 interchange area; however, sidewalk is only available on the south side of the overpass and zero bicycle lanes are provided. In order to alleviate the problems of negotiating the busy Millbrae Avenue/US 101 interchange, the subject project provides a valuable safer alternative for non vehicular traffic while serving the dual purpose of promoting alternative transportation modes, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The project will directly generate business for the local economy by providing a new project out to bid for interested contractors to submit proposals and the subsequent workers to be paid prevailing wages.

**7. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? If yes, please list projects in order of priority requests for your organization.**

No. The Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing project is the only project the City of Millbrae is requesting Federal funds for at this time.

**8. Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? If yes, which Members?**

No.

9. Please select which type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Please select from the options below.

▪ **FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY**

- ✓ Highway/road, bridge, tunnel, bicycle/pedestrian project, intelligent transportation system project, ferry boats or ferry boats facilities, intermodal freight facility or other.
  - For each type of project, please note if it is located on a Federal-aid highway, located on the National Highway System, and located on the Interstate System.

The Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing project is located on the Interstate System. The combined Project Study Report/Project Report was approved by the California Department of Transportation on August 10, 2007.

- **PUBLIC TRANSIT** (Public transit refers to transportation services provided to the general public via a variety of vehicle modes, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, monorail, passenger ferry boats, transit van pools, streetcars, inclined railways, and paratransit vehicles. Public transit does not include school bus or charter bus services, nor intercity passenger rail (such as Amtrak), high-speed rail, or private rail operations. For these types of rail projects, please proceed to the Rail section of the form.)
  - Passenger Vehicles
  - Transit Bus or Van
  - Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
  - Transit Ferry
  - Transit Facilities
  - Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
  - Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
  - Transit Rights-of-Way
  - Property Acquisition
  - Corridor Development
  - Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
  - Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
  - Transit Equipment
  - Vehicle-related Equipment
  - System-related Equipment
  - New Start Project (A New Start project is a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)
  - Small Start Project (A Small Start project is a new fixed guideway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million.)



11. **Please identify the state, regional, or local government entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds. Please include name and address.** (For example, a State Department of Transportation, public transit agency, Metropolitan Planning Organization, local government or Federally-recognized tribe.)

City of Millbrae  
Department of Public Works  
Attention: Ronnald Popp, Director of Public Works  
621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, California 94030

12. **Please identify and describe the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested.** (The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either 1.) the amount requested; or 2.) the amount requested in addition to other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources.)

**Project description:** (Include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate.)

This funding request is for the entire construction phase of the Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing. The total estimated construction cost is approximately \$11,417,000, and this request is for \$10,000,000 with \$1,417,000 as local match, meeting the minimum local match requirement by Federal grants.

**Project activities:** (You may select more than one.)

- Construct**
- Plan
- Design
- Engineer
- Conduct
- Environmental Review
- Acquire right-of-the-way
- Conduct alternatives analysis
- Research
- Develop
- Demonstrate
- Deploy
- Reconstruct
- Rehabilitate
- Replace
- Retrofit
- Install**

- Mitigate
- Implement
- Realign

What is the total estimated cost? (Please write out in numeral form, e.g. \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)

\$11,417,000.00

What amount is being requested? (Please write out in numeral form.)

\$10,000,000.00

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? (If the percentage is less than 80%, please identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding that when combined with this request equal at least 80 percent.)

87.59% (\$10,000,000.00) of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funds. 12.41% (\$1,417,000.00) will be local match as required by Federal funds.

Please identify the source and amount of funding.

Federal Funds	\$10,000,000.00
Local Match	\$ 1,417,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Project Costs</b>	<b>\$11,417,000.00</b>

**13. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.**

- Project description (please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.)
- Total estimated cost

This funding request is for the entire construction and installation of the Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing. This project will connect the Millbrae BART Intermodal Station on the west side of US101 with the San Francisco Bay Trail located on the east side of US 101. The project will utilize the northern side of the current Millbrae Overpass and link an Aviador Avenue cul-de-sac on the western side of US 101 ultimately to a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail on the eastern side of US 101. The project provides a safer alternative for non vehicular traffic to navigate the busy US 101/Millbrae Avenue interchange encouraging alternative forms of transportation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Total estimated cost-\$11,417,000.00

**14. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?**

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.
  - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
  - *Title of the plan*

The proposed Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing project is not in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan; however, the subject project is included in the San Mateo Countywide Bike Plan.

**15. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?**

Yes.

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).
  - ✓ Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
    - *Date of approval : (01/2009)TIP ID SM-050053*
    - *Title of the Program: US 101 Millbrae Ave Bike/Ped Bridge*
  - State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
    - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
    - *Title of the Program*

**16. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?**

- Please provide the date on which the Governor approved the most recent version of the plan, and the title of the plan.
  - *Date of approval (MM/YYYY)*
  - *Title of the plan*

**17. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.**

- *Current status of project*
  - ✓ Federal-aid Highway projects:
    - In Planning
    - In Environmental Review
    - ✓ **In Final Design**
    - In Right-of-Way Acquisition
    - Under Construction
  - Public Transit projects:
    - In Planning
    - In Alternatives Analysis
    - In Preliminary Engineering
    - In Final Design
    - Under Construction or Procurement

- Rail projects:
  - In Planning
  - In Environmental Review
  - In Preliminary Engineering
  - In Design
  - Under Construction
- Research:
  - Under Research
  - Under Development
  - Under Demonstration
  - Under Deployment
- **What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?** (*Between fiscal years 2010 through 2020*)

2011

18. **Does the project have regional or national significance?** (A project of regional and national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)

- *Please describe the regional or national significance of the project. Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.*

The proposed Millbrae Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing project is a result of careful planning and communication between several agencies, the community, and groups situated in the Bay Area. Project sponsors involved in the planning process include the City of Millbrae, San Mateo County, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), Coastal Conservancy, Caltrans, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), San Francisco International Airport (SFIA) and the San Francisco Bay Trail Project. The environmental phase of the project was funded by a San Francisco Bay Trail Project grant of approximately \$150,000 while the design phase is funded primarily by the San Francisco International Airport who has contributed over \$200,000 to project design costs. Once completed, the project will provide a safer alternate route for non vehicular traffic in the busy Millbrae Avenue/US 101 interchange area and it will enhance a significant regional recreational resource for San Francisco Bay Peninsula residents and visitors to the area.

19. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

- *Safety Benefits*
  - Please describe the safety benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences. The project will provide an independent alternative mode of transportation for non vehicular traffic, primarily bicyclists and pedestrians linking the segregated communities on both sides of the busy Millbrae Avenue/US 101 interchange.
- *Economic Development Benefits*
  - Please describe the economic development benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences. The project has the potential to encourage low impact developments and transit oriented developments as the proposed facility is adjacent to the Millbrae BART Intermodal Station, a major transit center in San Mateo County.
- *Mobility Benefits*
  - Please describe the mobility benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences. The project will segregate vehicular traffic from non vehicular traffic, providing a safer alternative transportation route.
- *Environmental Benefits*
  - Please describe the environmental benefits. Please limit your response to 2-3 sentences. The project will encourage alternative forms of transportation other than motorized vehicles and emphasize bicycling and walking thereby reducing traffic congestion and green house gas emissions.

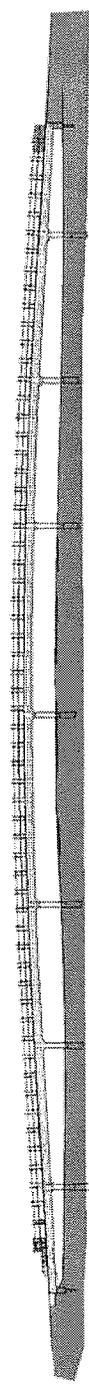
20. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? If so, please list the Source, Amount of Funding and Amount Obligated. (Please see categories below.)

- ✓ *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L.109-59)*
  - Section: **Earmark-T3-HPP** Project Number: **SM-050053**
  - Amount of Funding: **\$912,000.00** Amount Obligated **\$0**
- *Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA 21) (P.L. 105-178)/\**
  - Section Project Number
  - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
- *National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (NHS Act) (P.L. 104-59)*
  - Section Project Number
  - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated
- *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L. 102-240)*
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  - Amount of Funding Amount Obligated



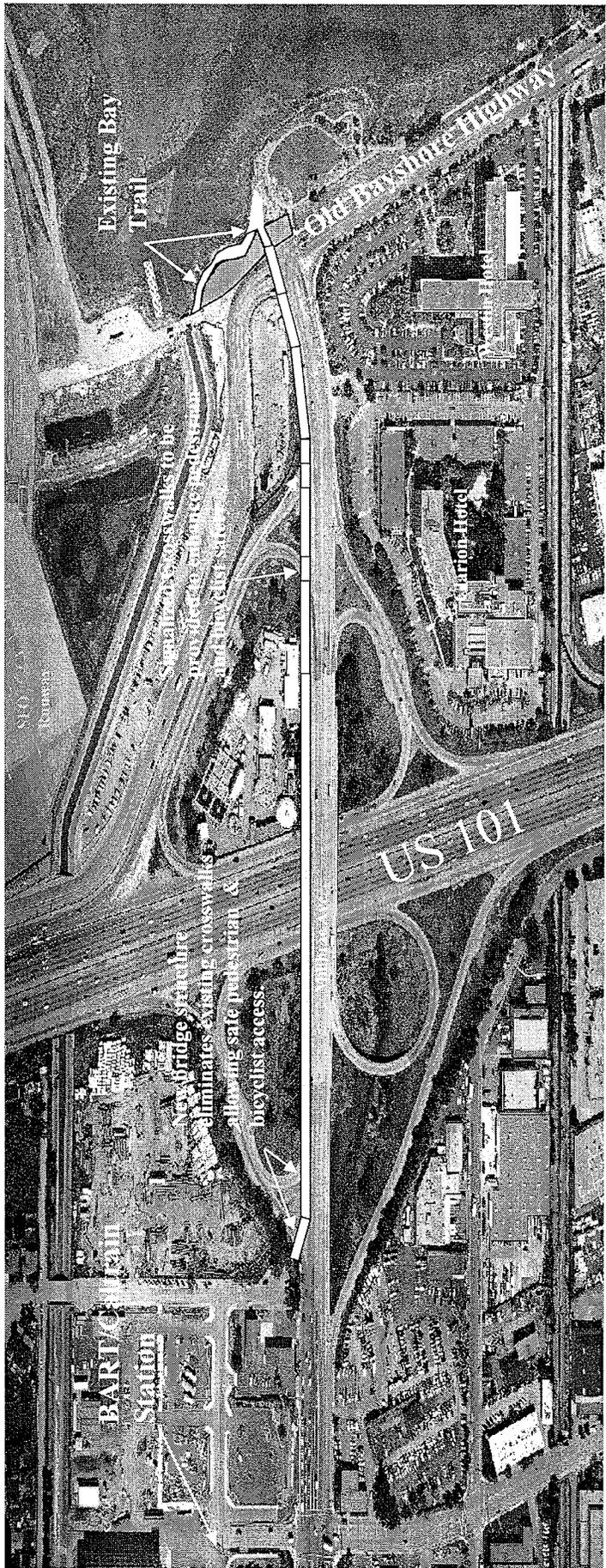
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no later than Friday, May 1, 2009 via email or fax to:  
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# Project Overview



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Existing Bay Trail

Smaller crosswalks to be provided to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist access

New bridge structure eliminates existing crosswalks allowing safe pedestrian & bicyclist access

US 101

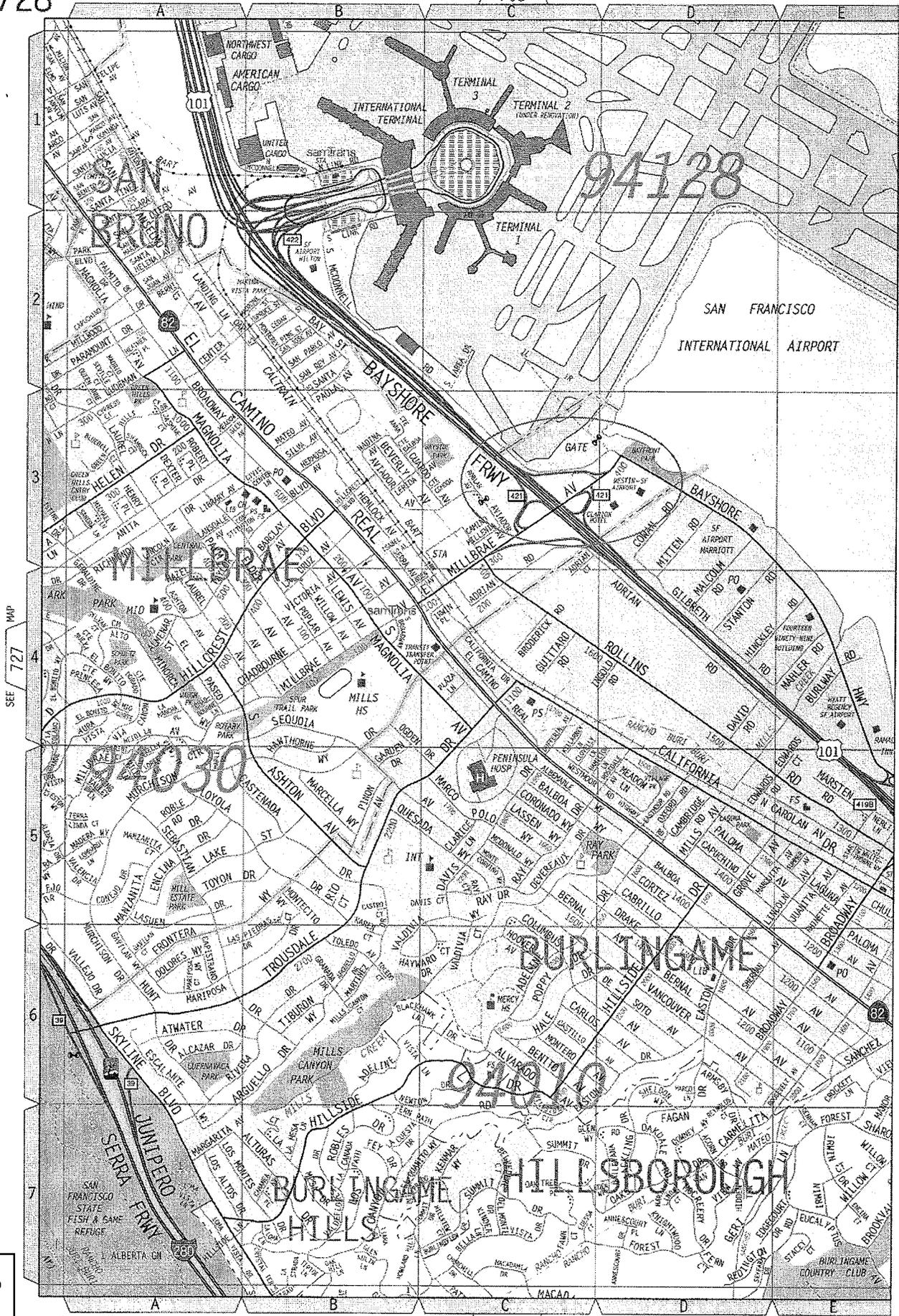
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- PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING BRIDGE
  - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN BIKEPATH ALIGNMENT
  - PROPOSED CROSSWALK
  - EXISTING BAYFRONT PARK
  - EXISTING BAY TRAIL

Project Overview Map Exhibit 2

SAN MATEO CO.

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Project Location Map Exhibit 1

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 FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76150  
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 FAX: (817) 342-1112  
 WWW: WWW.TYLIN.COM

REGISTERED ENGINEER - CIVIL  
 STATE OF TEXAS  
 No. 10101  
 Exp. 08/31/2011

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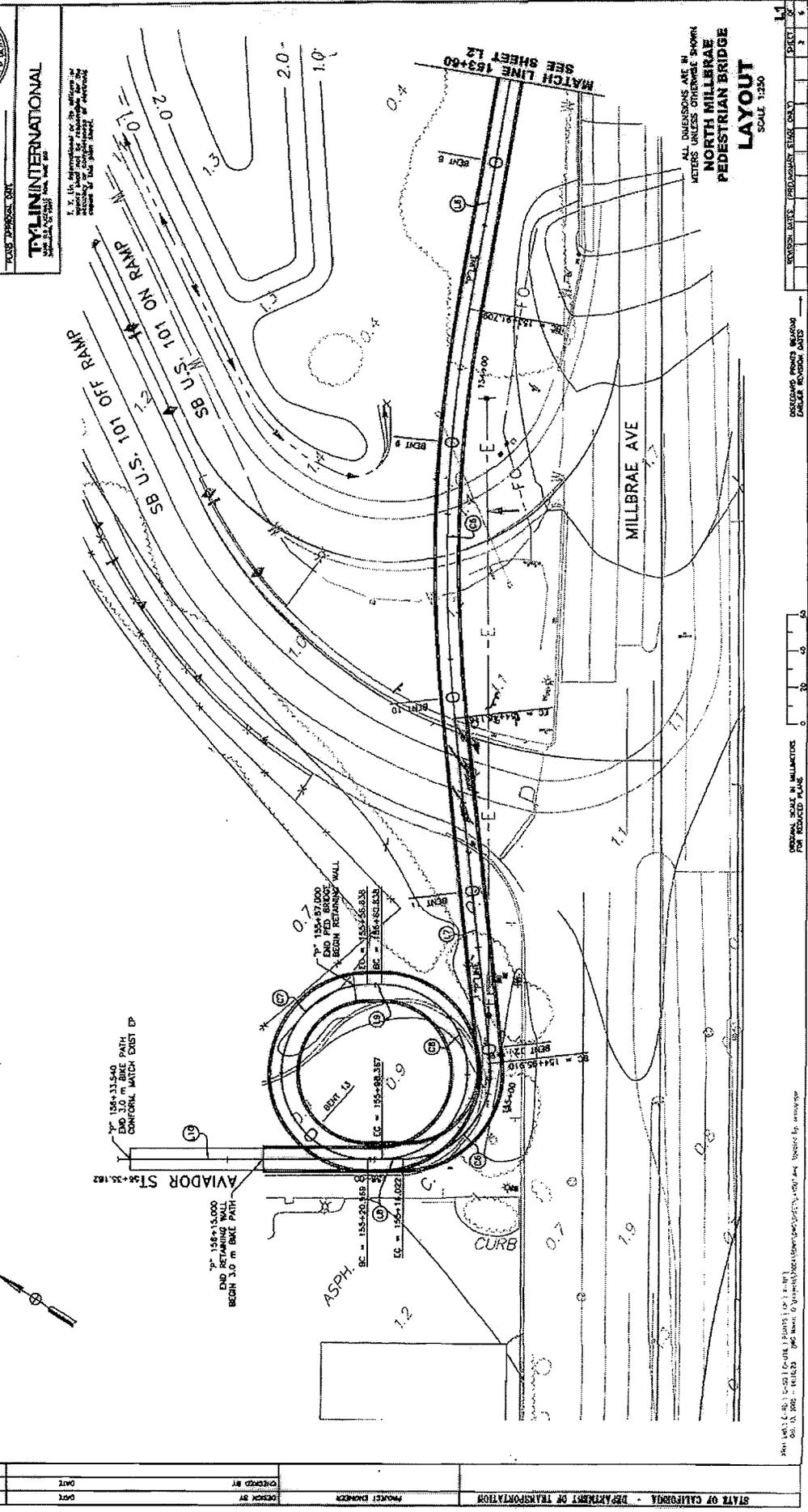
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Plan Sheet 1  
 Exhibit 3





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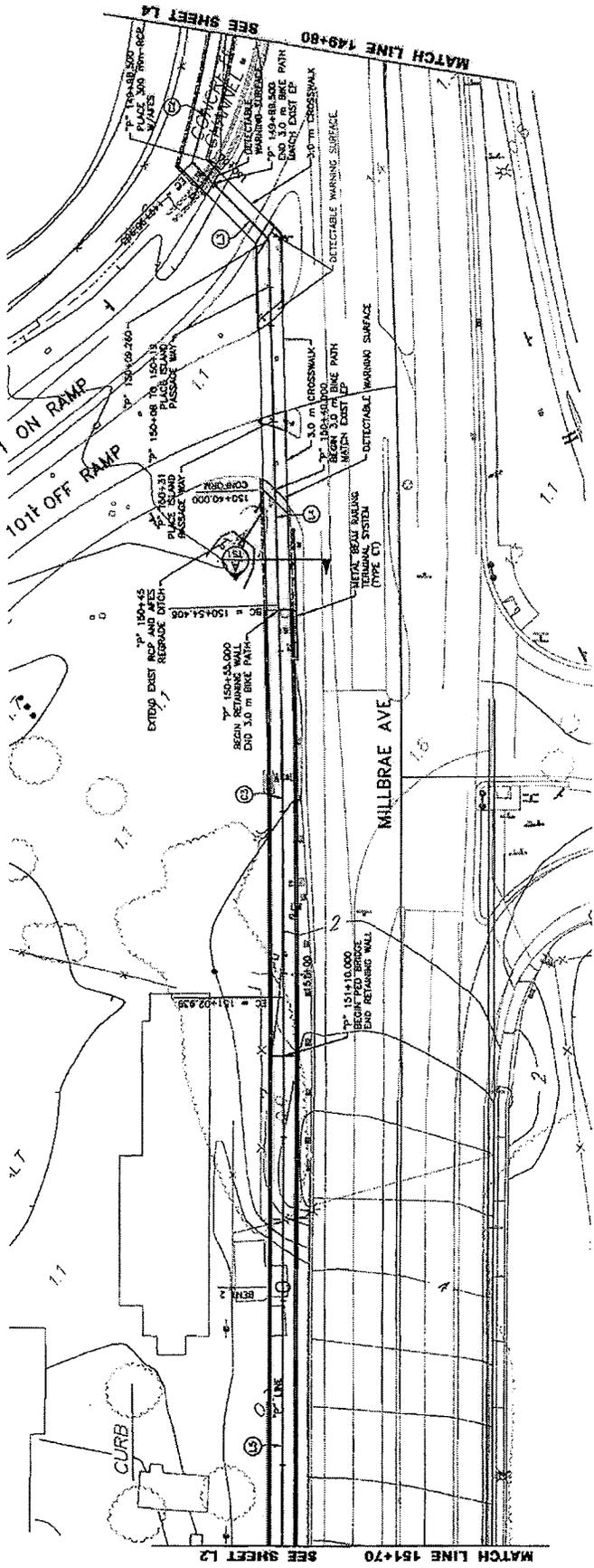
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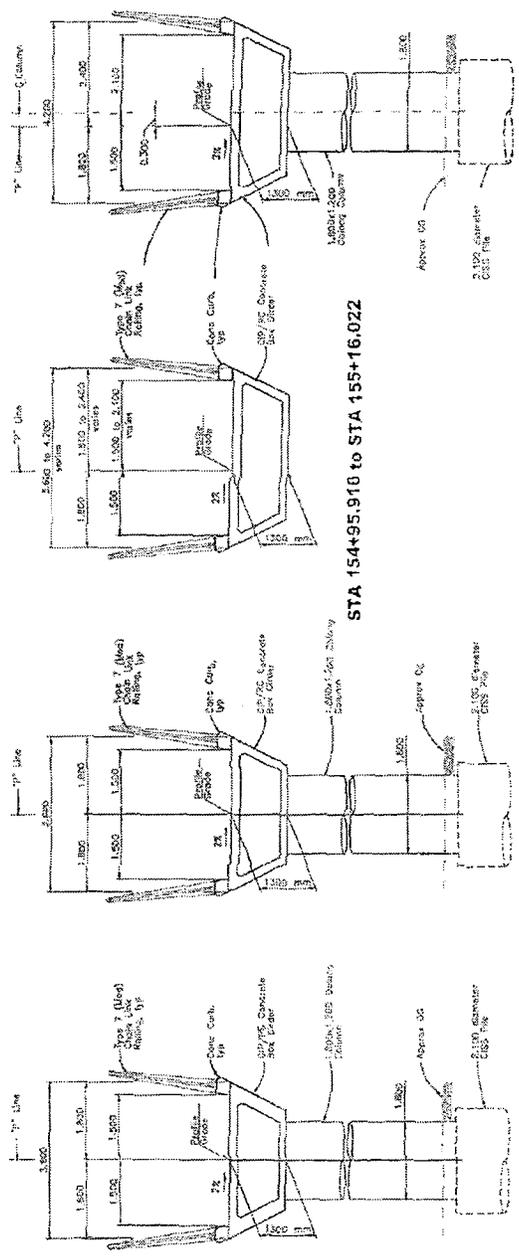
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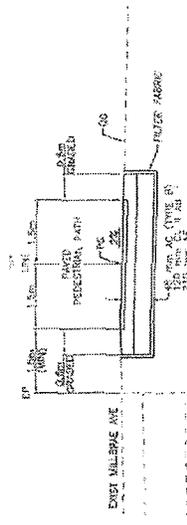
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Plan Sheet 5  
Exhibit 3



San Francisco International Airport

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April 30, 2009

Ms. Cookab Hashemi  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
211 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Subject:** *City of Millbrae Request for High Priority Project Funding -  
San Francisco Bay Trail Multi-Use Bicycle/Pedestrian Overpass  
Bridge*

AIRPORT  
COMMISSION  
CITY AND COUNTY  
OF SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Ms. Hashemi:

GAVIN NEWSOM  
MAYOR

I am writing on behalf of San Francisco International Airport to express our support of the City of Millbrae's request for high priority project funding for a Multi-Use Bicycle/Pedestrian Overpass Bridge along Millbrae Avenue. The Airport has been working cooperatively with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, San Mateo County, the Cities of San Bruno and Millbrae to develop a Bay Trail alignment between South Airport Boulevard to the north, and Old Bayshore Highway to the south of the Airport.

LARRY MAZZOLA  
PRESIDENT

LINDA S. CRAYTON  
VICE PRESIDENT

CARYL ITO

The Millbrae Avenue Overpass link would be an important element that would serve as a key east-west link between the new BART Inter-Modal Station and the San Francisco Bay Trail extending southward from Bay Front Park. The Overpass link would provide safer alternative pedestrian and bicycle access separated from vehicular traffic along Millbrae Avenue. Toward this end, SFO, through a BCDC permit condition requirement, has provided approximately \$300,000 in funding for the planning and environmental analysis for the project. The condition makes no provision for requiring the Airport to provide additional revenues for the project, and the FAA regulations concerning revenue diversion would preclude SFO from providing any further financial support for this project.

ELEANOR JOHNS  
RICHARD J. GUGGENHIME

JOHN L. MARTIN  
AIRPORT DIRECTOR

We believe that this proposal is worth serious consideration.

Sincerely,

John L. Martin  
Airport Director

cc: Danielle Rinsler, SFO Planning Director  
Nixon Lam, SFO Manager of Environmental Affairs  
Khee Lim, Millbrae City Engineer