



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

September 19, 2017

Robert Doyle, General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
Oakland, CA 94605

Dear Mr. Doyle:

At its meeting on September 18, the Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition adopted the attached recommendation from its Bay Trail Subcommittee and urged Oakland Measure DD Manager Lesley Estes to continue working with East Bay Regional Parks staff toward the vision for cooperative site development suggested in your letter of August 25, 2017.

The Coalition appreciates the unique value of the former Crowley site and recognizes the importance of EBRPD's investment in it. We hope that implementation of the attached recommendation will help contribute to its future public access.

Sincerely,

William Threlfall
Coalition Administrator

Copies to:

Lesley Estes, Oakland Measure DD Manager Lesley Estes
Laura Thompson, San Francisco Bay Trail Project Manager
John Sutter, Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition Bay Trail Subcommittee Chair

**Report of the Bay Trail Committee
of the Measure DD Community Coalition
on the Crowley Property**

The Committee met on September 12, 2017 to discuss possible construction of the Bay Trail through the Crowley property in the near future in the light of the following circumstances:

1. Plans have been completed and DD funding is available to construct the Bay Trail through the Crowley property in the near future
2. The East Bay Regional Park District has entered into an option agreement with the Port of Oakland, owner of the property, for a long term lease to develop a park at the site. The park district is now carrying out its due diligence to help it determine whether or not to exercise this option.
3. If the option is exercised and park development proceeds, it is unknown at this time whether the trail as currently designed would be compatible with a proposed park development. The trail, if built, might soon have to be demolished. Since the park has not yet been designed, it is not possible now to determine whether the current trail design is the optimal design for the trail through the property

The committee concludes that construction of the trail now under the above circumstances is not a prudent use of limited Measure DD funds. The committee supports the concept of the park, and urges the city to direct the funds which would otherwise be used to build the currently designed trail to park development on the property, including trail development, by the Est Bay Regional Park District. In the event that the option is not exercised, the city could use the funds to build the trail as currently planned

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