

SHORTCUT PATH PROJECT UPDATE

February 2008

PREFERRED ALIGNMENT

Option B: BART Property Path

This option makes use of the BART right-of-way immediately to the north-west of the track. The right-of-way is within the Walnut Creek city limits.

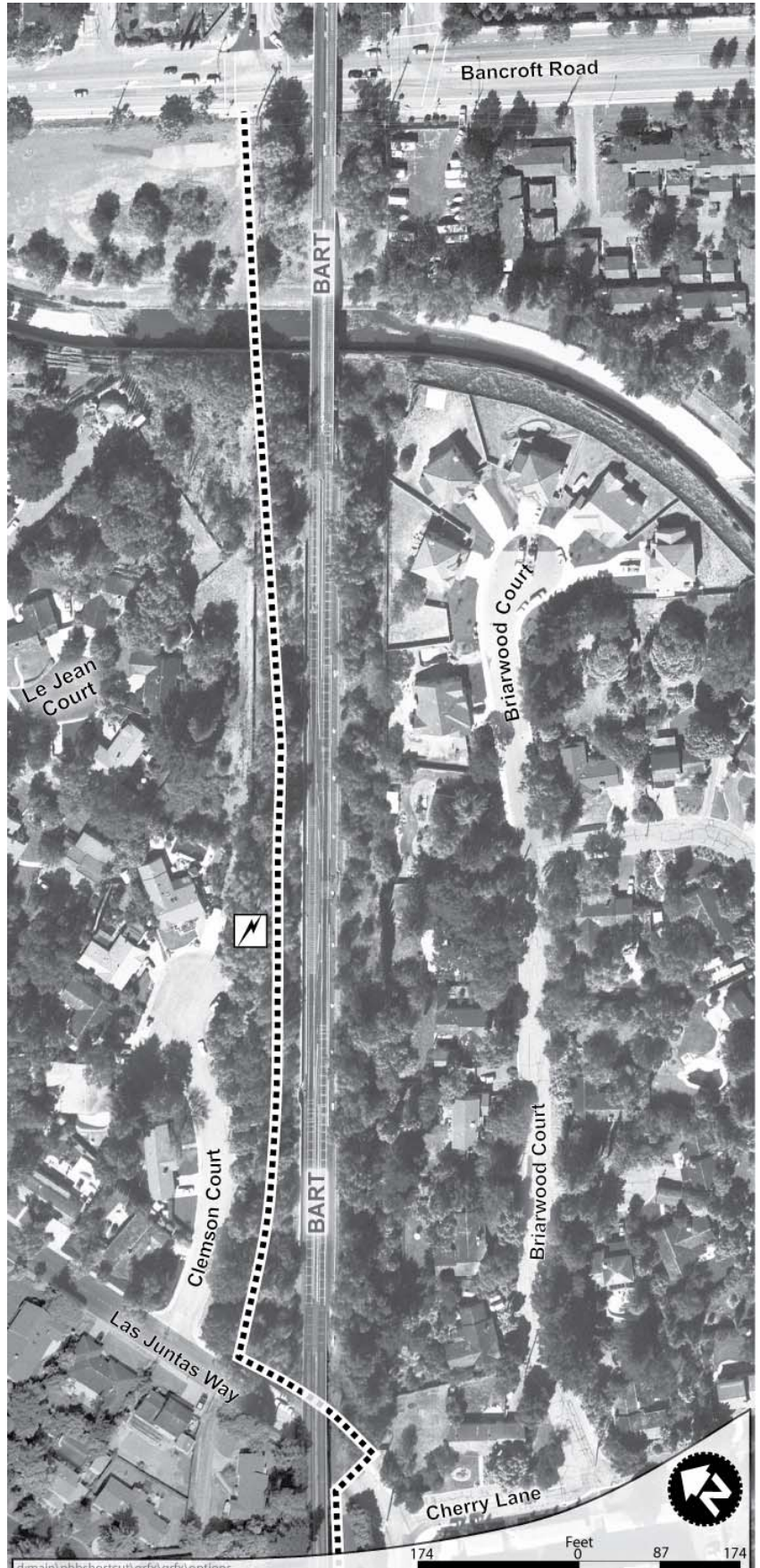
The trail is designed to be as flat and straight as possible, taking into account topography and the BART and flood control facilities located within the right of way.

As currently proposed, the existing privacy fencing along the trail adjacent to the residence on Le Jean Way will remain. New privacy fencing is proposed along the flood control and BART parcels to provide a border area along the trail. The only change proposed to the existing BART security fence along Clemson Court is to install an exit gate near the BART power structure.

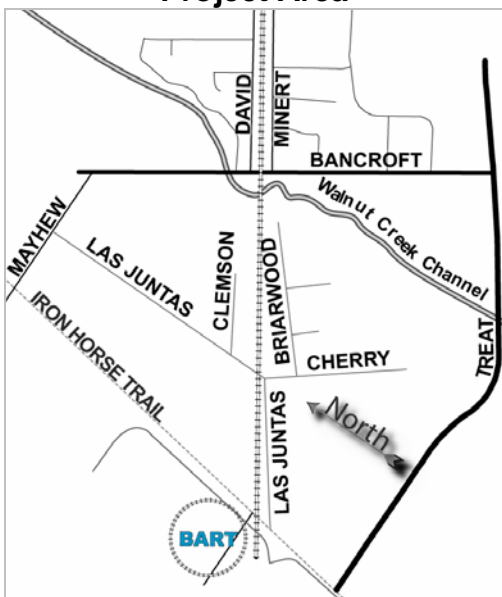
New security fencing will be installed between the trail and the BART tracks midway up the berm. The location of this fencing will be adjusted to avoid healthy trees where possible.

Trees will be shaped and brush will be removed. Any new landscaping will be low maintenance and drought tolerant.

This new trail section is proposed to connect to the existing BART trail at Las Juntas Way. A median and other traffic control devices would be installed in the road at the trail crossing to help slow traffic.



Project Area



The graphic above is **illustrative only**. It does not represent a precise alignment. This Preferred Alignment came out of the County's planning process, which included several community meetings and review by the Contra Costa Centre Municipal Advisory Council. The final design has yet to be done. The trail, if constructed, will be owned and maintained by the City of Walnut Creek. The City may require changes, and the details mentioned in this notice could change. The City will initiate its review process as described on the reverse side of this notice.

For more information: A more detailed description of the Preferred Alignment can be found in the Final Report at www.cocoplans.org. (Available Feb. 5, 2008) Click on the link for the *Pleasant Hill BART Shortcut Path and Wayfinding Project*. For more information contact Steven Goetz, County Community Development Department, 925-335-1240, sgoet@cd.cccounty.us.

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A final report on the Pleasant Hill BART/Contra Costa Centre Shortcut Path and Wayfinding System Project is available for review. This report consists of five sections. Section I describes the purpose and need for the Shortcut Path, and the planning process used to identify the preferred alignment. The various alignments evaluated in the planning process are described in Section II. A detailed description of the preferred alignment is provided in Section III. Design and operational issues for the recommended project are described in Section IV. Implementation steps for the project are described in Section V. Background information developed during the planning process is provided in a series of appendices.

A summary description of the preferred alignment for the Shortcut Path is provided on the reverse side of this notice. On February 5, 2008, the final report will be available for review on the Contra Costa County website: www.cocoplans.org Click on the link for the *Pleasant Hill BART Shortcut Path and Wayfinding Project*.

A compact disc of the report can be obtained free of charge. Printed copies can be purchased as follows:

- Final Report, with Appendix A and Appendix B: \$17.00 (plus postage)
- Appendix C (Report on the Evaluation of Alignment Options): \$ 8.40 (plus postage)

Copies of the CD or the printed report can be obtained by calling the Contra Costa County Community Development Department at 925-335-1235

The project is located in the City of Walnut Creek. The City has scheduled the final report for review by the following reviewing bodies:

Walnut Creek Bicycle Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 7:30 PM

City Hall, 1666 N. Main Street

3rd Floor Conference Room

City Staff contact: Jeremy Lochirco, 925-943-5899, ext. 251, lochirco@walnut-creek.org

Walnut Creek Transportation Commission

Thursday, March 20, 2008, 7:00 PM

City Hall, 1666 N. Main Street

Council Chambers

City Staff contact: John Hall, 925-943-5899, ext. 206, hall@walnut-creek.org

Walnut Creek City Council

DATE TO BE DETERMINED, CONTACT JOHN HALL

City Hall, 1666 N. Main Street

Council Chambers

Please be aware that this review schedule is subject to change, so it is advisable that you check with the City prior to these meeting dates if you wish to attend these public meetings. Any questions regarding this update or the Final Report should be directed to Steven Goetz at the Contra Costa County Community Development Department, 925-335-1240 or sgoet@cd.cccounty.us.

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