

3.6 San Francisco Bay Trails Project (BTP)

Letter from Lee Chien Huo, Bay Trail Planner, January 22, 2007



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 Contra Costa County
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Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Conoco-Phillips Rodeo Refinery Clean Fuels Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, I am writing to submit comments on the DEIR for the Conoco-Phillips Rodeo Refinery Clean Fuels Expansion Project (Expansion Project) located in the unincorporated area of Rodeo. The Bay Trail Project is a nonprofit organization administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) that plans, promotes, and advocates for the implementation of the Bay Trail. The Bay Trail is a planned 500-mile continuous network of multi-use bicycling and hiking paths that, when complete, will encircle San Francisco and San Pablo Bays in their entirety. It will link the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties, as well as 47 cities. To date, more than half the length of the proposed Bay Trail system has been developed.

The adopted Bay Trail alignment near the proposed project follows San Pablo Avenue which runs through the Conoco-Phillips Rodeo Refinery. This Bay Trail segment will serve as a critical connection in Contra Costa County that links the communities of Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole, Hercules, Rodeo, Crockett, Port Costa, and Martinez. The proposed Expansion Project will result in significant air quality, noise, and transportation/traffic impacts. We request that the DEIR be revised to identify and evaluate the feasibility of completing the Bay Trail segment within the project area as mitigation for the significant adverse impacts to air quality, noise, and transportation/traffic. We believe that completing the Bay Trail within the project area is an appropriate and viable option for mitigation since the Bay Trail serves as a regional alternative transportation corridor for commuters as well as a regional recreational opportunity. In addition,

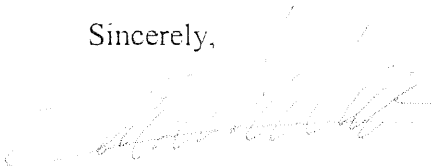
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we request that the DEIR identify and evaluate alternative alignments for the Bay Trail within the project area that would be closer to the Bay shoreline and provide a safe and convenient multi-use, Class I trail.

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The Bay Trail Project appreciates the opportunity to comment on this DEIR and looks forward to continuing our partnership with the County to develop the Bay Trail. Please do not hesitate to call me at (510) 464-7915 if you have any questions regarding the above comments or the Bay Trail.

Sincerely,



Lee Chien Huo
Bay Trail Planner

Cc: Brad Olson, EBRPD

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Responses to Letter from Lee Chien Huo, Bay Trail Planner, January 22, 2007

BTP-1 *BTP asserts that the Proposed Project would result in significant impacts to air quality, noise and traffic and that the EIR should be revised to identify completion of the San Francisco Bay Trail in the vicinity of the Proposed Project as a mitigation measure. BTP also requests that alternate Bay Trail alignments be considered.*

RESPONSE: See responses EBRPD-2 and EBRPD-3.