

PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS (PCAs) – SOUTHEAST GREENWAY

BACKGROUND

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have created an opportunity to address parks, green spaces and recreation across the Bay Area as part of the Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2040 and PBA 2050.
- Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) are regionally significant open spaces which have broad agreement for long-term protection.
- In 2019, ABAG and MTC opened a call for Letters of Interest for new or modified PCAs. Along with Priority Development Areas (PDAs), PCAs will comprise PBA 2050's Regional Growth Framework, the Bay Area's strategy for coordinating housing and job growth.

ANALYSIS

 The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update 2018 (BPMPU 2018) identified the Southeast Greenway shared use path as a First Phase Project.

 On September 12, 2019, the City submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI) requesting consideration for a PCA designation for the Southeast Greenway.

 Upon review of our LOI, ABAG indicated that we should submit the required local resolution nominating the Southeast Greenway as a PCA.

RECOMMENDATION

• It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department and the Planning and Economic Development Department that Council, by resolution, submit a nomination to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to designate the Southeast Greenway (SEG) as a Priority Conservation Area (PCA).