

PLEASANT HILL BART SHORTCUT PATH PROJECT UPDATE

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

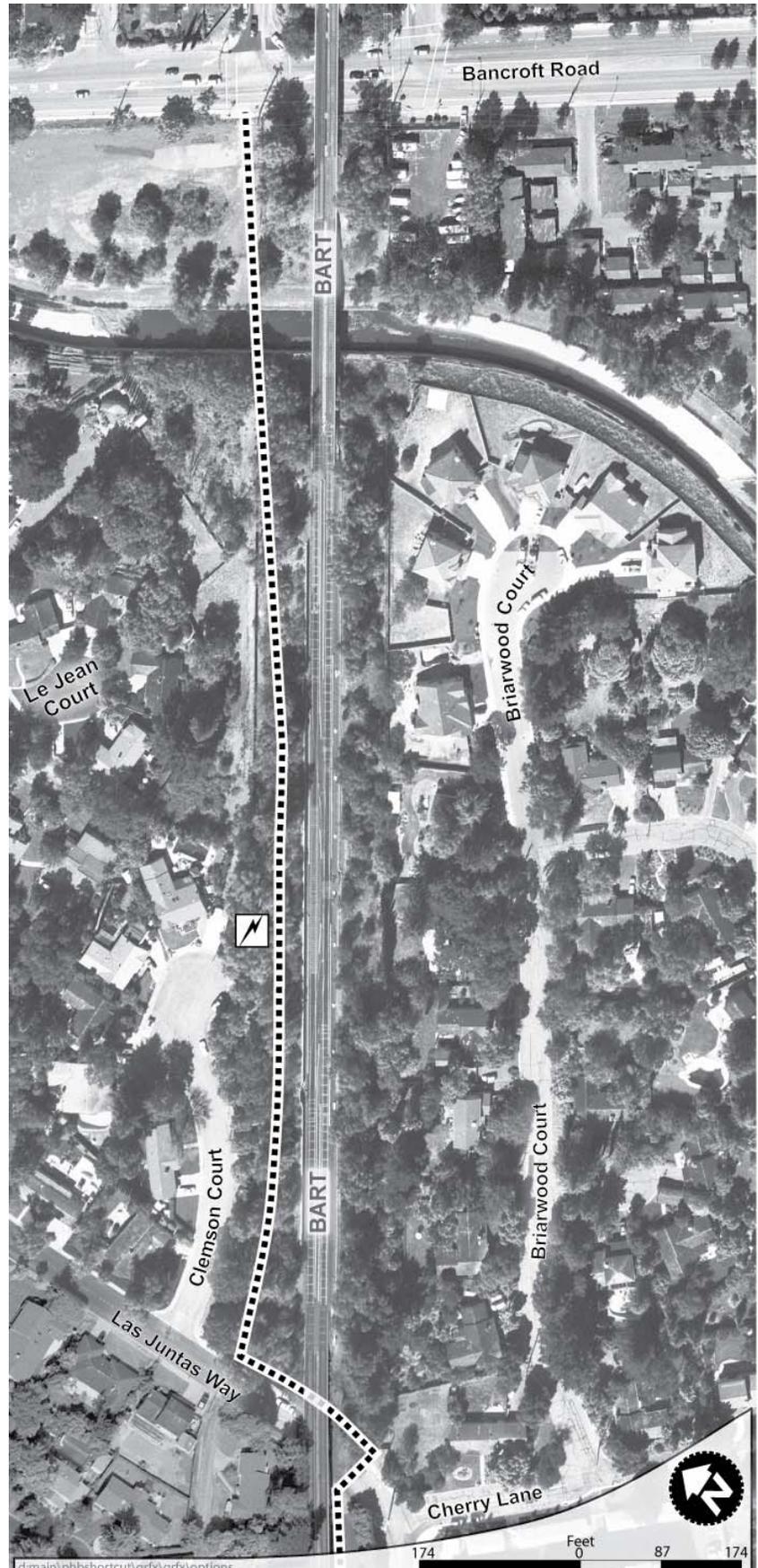
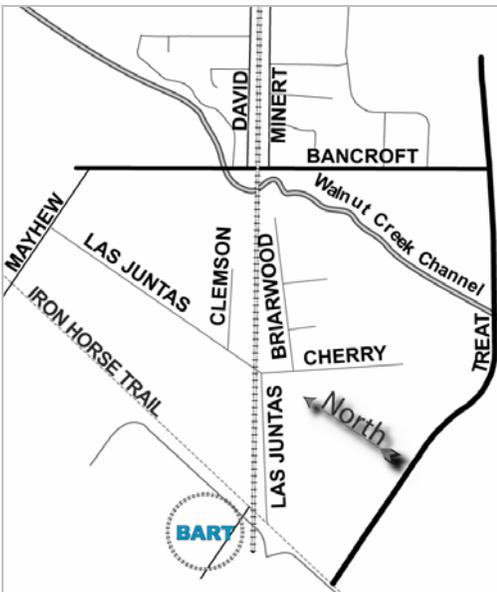
The alignment for the trail makes use of the BART right-of-way on the north side of the tracks. The right-of-way is within the Walnut Creek city limits.

The graphic to the right is illustrative only. The trail, if constructed, will be owned and maintained by the City of Walnut Creek. The City may require changes to the design features described in this notice.

As currently proposed, the existing fencing along the trail adjacent to the residences on Le Jean Way and along Clemson Court will remain. The trail will be 12-foot wide and open to pedestrians and cyclists. Trail construction will require cutting into the BART berm with a retaining wall, ranging from three to five feet high. New security fencing will be installed on top of the retaining wall between the trail and the BART tracks. Issues to be resolved are the desire for trail lighting and security call boxes.

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



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The Pleasant Hill BART/Contra Costa Centre Shortcut Path and Wayfinding System, is a project sponsored by Contra Costa County. It involves construction of a trail along the north side of the BART tracks from Bancroft Road to Las Juntas Way, providing improved access to the Pleasant Hill BART station and the Iron Horse Trail. The proposed alignment is within the City of Walnut Creek.

A final report on the Shortcut Path was released for public review in January 2008. 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. The full report is 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*. Copies of the report and additional information can be obtained from Steven Goetz, County of Contra Costa, 925-335-1240, sgoet@cd.cccounty.us

During February and March, the Shortcut Path project was reviewed by the city's Bicycle Advisory Committee and Transportation Commission, who are recommending the trail to the City Council with some modifications to the proposed fencing along the corridor. The modifications recommended by these advisory bodies lowered the project cost to \$1.9 million, and lowered the landscape maintenance cost to \$6,000 annually. Walnut Creek City Council is scheduled to consider the trail at a public meeting as follows:

Tuesday, July 15 at 7 PM

Council Chambers,

1666 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek

The City staff report will be posted on the internet the Friday before at:

http://walnutcreek.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Please be aware that the City Council meeting is subject to change, so it is advisable that you check with the City prior to this meeting to verify the schedule. Their phone number is 943-5800.

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