

The Hub: A Sustainable Housing and Transportation Community

### The Hercules Hub: Bringing Housing and Transportation Together

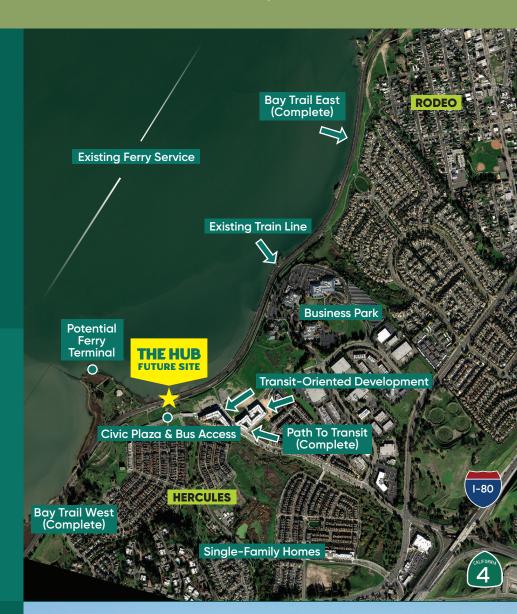
The Hercules Hub will create a regional, state-of-the-art housing and transportation community. By connecting thousands of homes with a new train stop along the Capitol Corridor, bicycle and pedestrian pathways, bus routes, carpool options, and ferry service, The Hub and its surrounding community will be a model for successful transit-oriented communities in the Bay Area.

#### Where Homes and Transportation Meet

The Hub will become a regional model for transit-oriented communities by creating a transit hub that is walking distance to Bayfront transitoriented development. This is a key component of the City of Hercules' Waterfront District Master Plan, which has already begun redeveloping a 125-acre brownfield site into a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented town center. As part of this plan, the City has approved up to 1,400 residential units and 340,000 square feet of retail, commercial, and industrial office space. The Hub is essential to providing these developments and the surrounding existing homes with direct access to bus, train, carpool, ferry, bicycle, and pedestrian options.

#### Serving Equity Priority Communities and Environmental Justice

The Hub will provide much-needed commute options for residents of a nearby Community of Concern who will have easy access to carpool, bus, ferry, and rail services. This gives thousands of residents increased connectivity to employment, education, services, and other opportunities. It will take thousands of cars off the roads and allow nearby residents to walk to transit, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution. Long-term resilience will be built into the station, plaza, access roadways, and trails as the designs will accommodate sea level rise projections to 2067.





#### State-Recognized Sustainable Community Project

The California Department of Housing and Community Development has designated The Hub as one of only thirteen Catalyst Projects in California. Catalyst Projects demonstrate a commitment to sustainable communities and use innovative strategies to increase housing supply and affordability, improve jobs and housing relationships, stimulate job creation and retention, and enhance transportation modal choices.

#### More Connectivity and Less Traffic Will Improve the Environment

Bay Area traffic is stifling the region, putting a strain on residents' daily lives and the environment. As climate change continues to worsen, solutions are needed to make it easier, safer, and more affordable to move around the region without driving a car. The construction of The Hub will provide direct access to convenient,



alternative transportation and help move cars off I-80, the most congested freeway in Northern California. Currently, the Capitol Corridor and Amtrak San Joaquins trains pass through Hercules without stopping. By creating a new stop, The Hub will remove cars from our local roads and freeways, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This direct connection between the Capitol Corridor train service and nearby pedestrian and bicycle pathways, Richmond BART, Amtrak, and carpool programs will significantly impact commute patterns and help move people through the region – from Contra Costa and Solano Counties to San Francisco, Oakland, the South Bay, and Sacramento. The Hub will change how people move throughout the Bay Area, bringing transportation options directly to thousands of people living and working within walking distance.

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# Next Steps for the Hercules Hub

The Hub is already well underway. The initial infrastructure, expansion of the Bay Trail, extension of local roadways and sidewalks, and addition of new bicycle and pedestrian trails are now complete. Following this, track and signal work will begin, and then The Hub will be ready to be built.

Additional funding is needed to complete this project—to provide a fully functional and attractive rail station and transit plaza.

Leaders throughout California have been impressed with The Hub because it:

- Advances housing opportunities,
- Reduces road and highway traffic and will significantly help the environment,
- · Connects many transportation options, and
- Serves as a model for the development of transit-oriented housing, business, and transportation.





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