

# GO Uptown

(Gateway to Oakland Uptown)



**Lead Applicant** San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit

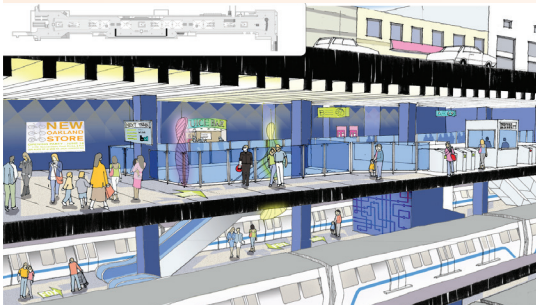
**Supporting Applicant** City of Oakland

**Project Partners** AC Transit  
Lake Merritt/Uptown District Association

**Project Supporters** Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Caltrans, TransForm, Downtown Oakland and Lake Merritt/Uptown Business Districts, Oakland Chamber of Commerce, Lane Partners, Pandora Radio, SWIG Company

## Project Scope

GO Uptown is a unique and transformative multimodal transportation project intended to revitalize the 19th St/Oakland BART station and improve its connectivity to the Uptown and Lake Merritt Business Districts. The project includes two components. First, the modernization of BART's 42 year-old 19th St/Oakland station will improve the safety and circulation of passengers between train platforms, the station concourse, and the street level. A new elevator on the north end of the station will provide a direct ADA-accessible connection to AC Transit's Uptown Transit Center, Broadway shuttle, and new San Leandro to Oakland Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line. Station improvements further include the replacement and relocation of worn and inefficient paid area barriers to "open up" the station, the implementation of an enhanced wayfinding system, and the replacement of fluorescent lights with energy efficient LED lights. Art reflecting the vibrancy of the Uptown District will be incorporated into the new station design.



Source: 19th St/Oakland BART Station Conceptual Design Plan

Second, implementation of the City's 20th Street Complete Streets Plan will provide an enhanced multimodal transportation corridor between the 19th St/Oakland BART station and nearby housing, employment, retail, and entertainment, as well as link to recreational opportunities at Lake Merritt. The proposed redesign of 20th Street includes a "road diet" which would right-size auto capacity from six to four lanes, widen overcrowded sidewalks and provide for new bike lanes. Landscaping and the installation of public art will further transform an inefficient urban arterial into a public place and community asset, with the intersection of 20th Street and Broadway above the 19th St/Oakland BART station serving as the heart – or Gateway – to the surrounding Uptown District.



20th Street (Before & After)  
Source: City of Oakland

## Project Benefits

- Improves the look, safety, and efficiency of one of BART's oldest stations.
- Provides more convenient access for BART passengers between the station concourse and street-level, particularly at 20th Street.
- Leverages recent BART and City investments (17th Street Art Alley, Uptown Bike Station, 20th Street entrance canopy) to create a vibrant multimodal transportation "hub" for Uptown Oakland.
- Incorporates community and customer input into the design of this hub to reflect the unique character of the Uptown neighborhood.
- Provides safer and environmentally sustainable options for travel to and around the Uptown and Lake Merritt Business Districts.
- Promotes investment in new jobs in Center City Oakland by providing prospective employers with safer and more convenient transportation access for their employees, as well as the rich cultural amenities found in Uptown.

**TIGER Request:** \$18.1 million  
**Local Match:** \$12.0 million (California Proposition 1B revenues)  
**Total Cost:** \$30.1 million