City of Oakland Bicycle Master Plan Update (2007)

Explanation of the Street Grade Analysis

Elevation and distance data were collected using overlaid GIS layers of Oakland's street grid with contour lines. In the Flatlands, the resolution of the contour lines is 10 feet. In the Hills, the resolution is 25 feet.

Columns in the Table

| Street: | The segment of proposed bikeway with a significant hill, including major cross-streets |
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| From: | Cross-street at the bottom of the hill within the segment identified by "Street" |
| To: | Cross-street at the top of the hill within the segment identified by "Street" |
| Elevation (lower): | Elevation of the nearest contour line to "From" |
| Elevation (upper): | Elevation of the nearest contour line to "To" |
| Elevation Gain: | "Elevation (upper)" minus "Elevation (lower)" |
| Distance: | Roadway distance between "From" and "To" |
| Average Slope: | "Elevation Gain" divided by "Distance" (aka "rise over run") |
| Maximum Slope: | For hills with varying slopes, the steepest stretch of roadway |
| Difficulty Factor: | A factor that accounts for both elevation gain and average slope in a single number. Difficulty = (elevation gain) * slope * slope * 10 |
| | The factor is normalized such that "0" is easy and "80" corresponds to the steepest and longest hills in Oakland. |
| Re-route: | Preliminary recommendation for streets to avoid on the proposed bikeway network |
| Zone: | Because Oakland's topography is very different in different parts of the city, screening criteria were developed for each of the follow three zones: |
| Zone 1: | the "Flatlands" (below MacArthur Blvd plus N Oakland below Broadway) |
| Zone 2: | the area generally between MacArthur Blvd and Mountain Blvd |
| Zone 3 | the area above Mountain Blvd |
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Screening Criteria

The following criteria are guidelines for appropriate hills on the proposed bikeway network. Proposed bikeways may be steeper than the recommended guidelines if (1) no alternative and superior street is available; or (2) the proposed bikeway is located in the Oakland Hills and provides a desirable recreational route.

| | Average Slope | Maximum Slope | Difficulty |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Flatlands (Zone1): | ≤ 6% | ≤ 8% | ≤ 5 |
| MacArthur to Mountain (Zone 2): | ≤ 8% | ≤ 10% | ≤ 15 |
| above Mountain Blvd (Zone 3): | ≤ 10% | ≤ 12% | ≤ 25 |

In the Slope Analysis table, shaded cells in the "Ave Slope", "Max Slope", and "Difficulty" columns indicate that the above screening criteria were not met.

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| | | | Elevation | Elevation | Elevation | | Ave | Max | | Re- | |
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| Street | From | То | (lower) | (upper) | Gain | Distance | Slope | Slope | Difficulty | route | Zone |
| 14th Ave | E 24th St | E 31st St | 60 | 130 | 70 | 2600 | 3% | 3% | 1 | | 1 |
| Park Blvd (E 18th to I-580) | Newton | Grosvenor | 20 | 175 | 155 | 5425 | 3% | 6% | 1 | | 1 |
| Oakland Ave (below I-580) | Harrison St | MacArthur Blvd | 40 | 100 | 60 | 1465 | 4% | 10% | 1 | | 1 |
| 23rd Ave | E 21st St | E 28th St | 60 | 190 | 130 | 2790 | 5% | 7% | 3 | | 1 |
| MacArthur Blvd (Dimond District) | Cannon | Montana | 180 | 220 | 40 | 655 | 6% | 6% | 1 | | 1 |
| Brookdale Ave (near High St) | Courtland | Fern | 120 | 210 | 90 | 820 | 11% | 14% | 11 | Х | 1 |
| 7th Ave (at Park Blvd) | Spruce | E 24th St | 60 | 120 | 60 | 540 | 11% | 17% | 7 | Х | 1 |
| Logan (Brooklyn route) | Fruitvale | Coolidge | 100 | 120 | 20 | 150 | 13% | 13% | 4 | Х | 1 |
| E 24th St (Brooklyn route) | 14th Ave | 19th Ave | 70 | 150 | 80 | 590 | 14% | 20% | 15 | Х | 1 |
| Brooklyn Ave (near Lake Merritt) | Newton | Hanover | 30 | 90 | 60 | 335 | 18% | 18% | 19 | Х | 1 |

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| Park Blvd (I-580 to Leimert) | Grosvenor | Leimert | 175 | 375 | 200 | 5480 | 4% | 8% | 3 | | 2 |
| Lincoln Ave | MacArthur Blvd | Alida | 200 | 375 | 175 | 3700 | 5% | 8% | 4 | | 2 |
| Park Blvd (Leimert to Mountain) | Leimert | Mountain | 375 | 500 | 125 | 2580 | 5% | 7% | 3 | | 2 |
| Seminary Ave (above MacArthur) | Laird Ave | Sunnymere Ave | 125 | 250 | 125 | 2250 | 6% | 9% | 4 | | 2 |
| 35th Ave (MacArthur to Highway 13) | Kansas | Aliso | 225 | 450 | 225 | 4050 | 6% | 10% | 7 | | 2 |
| Moraga Ave (below Highway 13) | Pleasant Valley | Harbord | 150 | 625 | 475 | 8180 | 6% | 9% | 16 | | 2 |
| MacArthur Blvd (Lakeshore to Park) | Excelsior | Capell | 20 | 170 | 150 | 2270 | 7% | 7% | 7 | | 2 |
| Monterey Ave (west of 35th Ave) | Bennett PI | Maiden Ln | 400 | 650 | 250 | 3645 | 7% | 11% | 12 | | 2 |
| Oakland Ave (above I-580) | MacArthur Blvd | Santa Rosa | 100 | 150 | 50 | 650 | 8% | 14% | 3 | | 2 |
| Broadway Terr (below Highway 13) | Clarewood | Sheridan | 275 | 525 | 250 | 2800 | 9% | 11% | 20 | Х | 2 |
| Clarewood/Harbord | Broadway Ter | Hilltop | 275 | 650 | 375 | 4190 | 9% | 11% | 30 | Х | 2 |
| Trafalgar Pl | Park Blvd | La Salle Ave | 525 | 600 | 75 | 830 | 9% | 12% | 6 | | 2 |
| Grosvenor PI (near Trestle Glen) | Holman Rd | Park Blvd | 100 | 150 | 50 | 550 | 9% | 9% | 4 | | 2 |
| Trestle Glen (upper) | Valant | Park Blvd | 200 | 350 | 150 | 1500 | 10% | 12% | 15 | Х | 2 |
| Coolidge Ave (above MacArthur) | Morgan | Alida | 325 | 400 | 75 | 710 | 11% | 17% | 8 | Х | 2 |
| 73rd Ave (MacArthur to Mountain) | Ney | Simson | 125 | 300 | 175 | 1615 | 11% | 15% | 21 | Х | 2 |
| Alida St (Lincoln to Coolidge) | Laguna | Rhoda | 350 | 400 | 50 | 450 | 11% | 11% | 6 | Х | 2 |
| Lincoln Ave (below Highway 13) | Alida | Lincoln Way | 375 | 650 | 275 | 2440 | 11% | 12% | 35 | Х | 2 |
| Fontaine St (below Mountain) | Golf Links | Crest | 150 | 400 | 250 | 2160 | 12% | 12% | 33 | Х | 2 |
| Carson St (near Mountain) | Elinora | Reinhardt | 325 | 375 | 50 | 415 | 12% | 12% | 7 | Х | 2 |
| 98th Ave (above MacArthur) | MacArthur | Lawlor | 100 | 150 | 50 | 410 | 12% | 13% | 7 | Х | 2 |
| 98th Ave (below Golf Links) | Lawlor | Cherokee | 150 | 200 | 50 | 405 | 12% | 13% | 8 | Х | 2 |
| 94th Ave/Stearns | Lawlor | 98th Ave | 150 | 225 | 75 | 545 | 14% | 16% | 14 | Х | 2 |
| Carson St (above High St) | Fair | Davenport | 300 | 375 | 75 | 445 | 17% | 17% | 21 | Х | 2 |

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| Joaquin Miller via Butters Canyon | Mountain Blvd | Robinson | 675 | 1075 | 400 | 9865 | 4% | 10% | 7 | | 3 |
| Skyline Blvd | Redwood Rd | Joaquin Miller | 1000 | 1125 | 125 | 2660 | 5% | 9% | 3 | | 3 |
| Tunnel Rd to Skyline Blvd | Caldecott Ln | Elverton | 650 | 1400 | 750 | 15140 | 5% | 7% | 18 | | 3 |
| Keller Ave (below Campus Dr) | Mountain Blvd | Rilea | 300 | 400 | 100 | 1770 | 6% | 12% | 3 | | 3 |
| Skyline Blvd (above Joaquin Miller Rd) | Joaquin Miller | 1450' contour | 1150 | 1450 | 300 | 4760 | 6% | 8% | 12 | | 3 |
| Keller Ave | Campus Dr | Skyline Blvd | 400 | 825 | 425 | 5440 | 8% | 13% | 26 | | 3 |
| Grass Valley Rd | Golf Links Rd | Skyline Blvd | 450 | 600 | 150 | 1760 | 9% | 11% | 11 | | 3 |
| Campus Dr (from Redwood) | Redwood Rd | Merritt College | 650 | 850 | 200 | 2215 | 9% | 12% | 16 | | 3 |
| Skyline Blvd (Grass Valley to Keller) | 775' contour | 850' contour | 775 | 850 | 75 | 830 | 9% | 9% | 6 | | 3 |
| Joaquin Miller (below Skyline) | Mountain Blvd | Robinson | 675 | 1075 | 400 | 4225 | 9% | 11% | 36 | Х | 3 |
| Redwood Rd | Mountain Blvd | Campus Dr | 450 | 650 | 200 | 2100 | 10% | 10% | 18 | | 3 |
| Claremont (Ashby to Skyline) | Stonewall | Skyline Blvd | 400 | 1300 | 900 | 9400 | 10% | 14% | 83 | | 3 |
| Skyline Blvd (east of Redwood Rd) | Redwood Rd | Balmoral | 1000 | 1075 | 75 | 770 | 10% | 10% | 7 | | 3 |
| Skyline Blvd (Grass Valley to Keller) | Grass Valley | 725' contour | 600 | 725 | 125 | 1250 | 10% | 11% | 13 | | 3 |
| Golf Links Rd (above Mountain Blvd) | Mountain Blvd | Burgos Ave | 175 | 300 | 125 | 1230 | 10% | 15% | 13 | | 3 |
| Shephard Canyon Rd | Saroni Dr | Skyline Blvd | 900 | 1225 | 325 | 3100 | 10% | 16% | 36 | Х | 3 |
| Golden Gate Ave | Chabot | Broadway | 275 | 325 | 50 | 455 | 11% | 11% | 6 | | 3 |
| Redwood Rd | Campus Dr | Skyline Blvd | 650 | 975 | 325 | 2860 | 11% | 12% | 42 | Х | 3 |
| Campus Dr (from Keller) | Canyon Oaks | Calderwood | 425 | 1000 | 575 | 4810 | 12% | 16% | 82 | Х | 3 |
| Hansom Dr (Keller to Skyline) | Surrey | Skyline Blvd | 875 | 1000 | 125 | 840 | <mark>15%</mark> | 18% | 28 | Х | 3 |