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# BAY WHEELS BIKE SHARE EXPANSION

Community Meeting  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5PM - 7PM

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CITY OF BERKELEY  
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## MEETING OBJECTIVES



Inform about upcoming expansion of bike share network



Solicit inputs on the proposed and alternate locations

# WHAT IS BIKE SHARE?

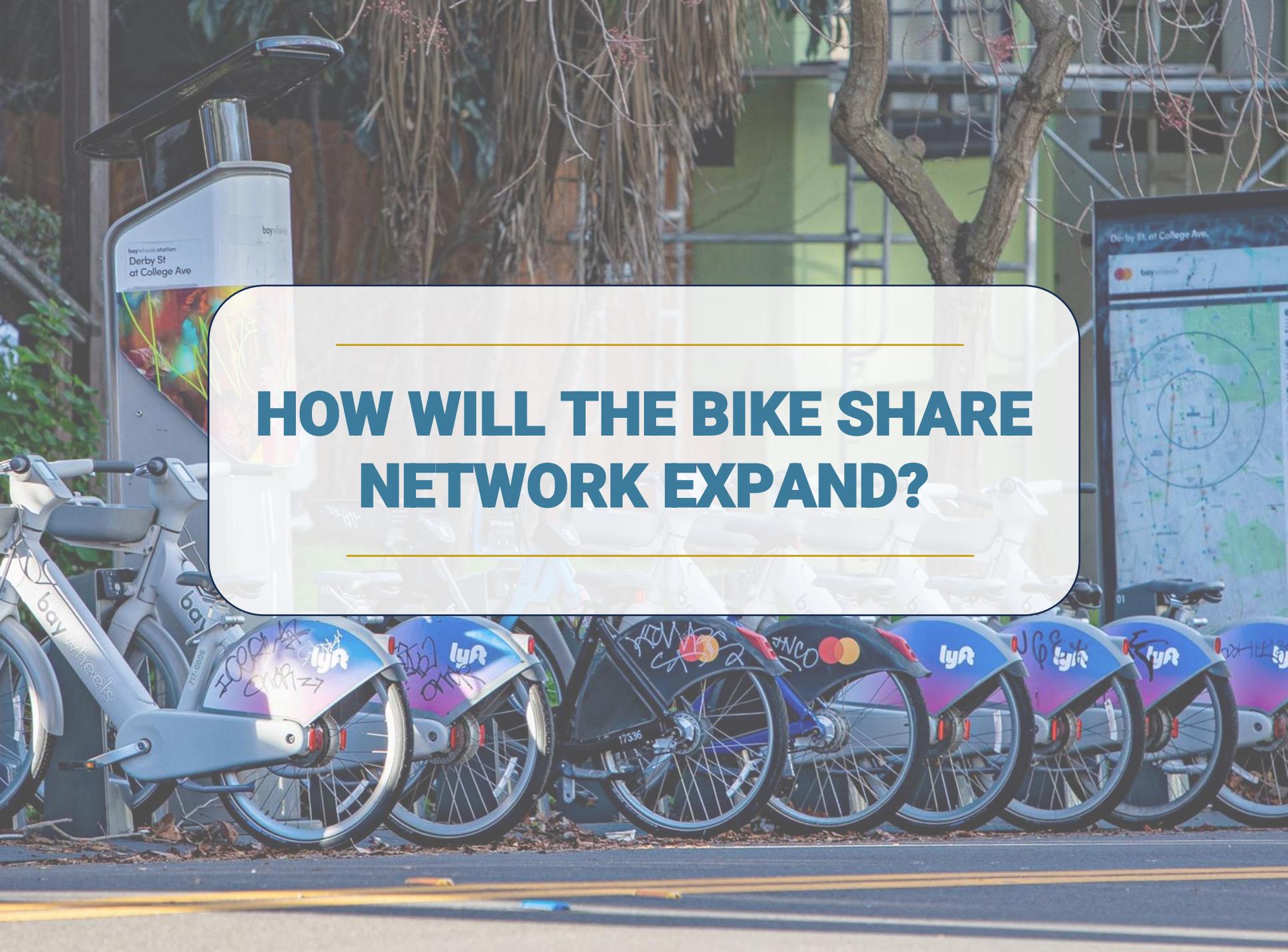
- Public bicycle sharing system that allows users to rent bicycles for short-term use
- **Bay Wheels** is the main bike share operator in the Bay Area, including Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville, SF, and San Jose
- Bay Wheels is **station-based**
  - Designated docking stations to pick up and drop off bikes





# CURRENT NETWORK IN BERKELEY

- 37 Docking Stations
  - Last installation in 2018
- 612 Bikes in Network
  - 391 **Manual** Bikes
  - 221 **Electric** Bikes (Deployed Nov 2024)
- More than 13,000 Trips in Oct 2024
  - 8,000 average monthly trips (2024-2025)
- Potential for Expansion



# HOW WILL THE BIKE SHARE NETWORK EXPAND?

# EXPANSION PROGRAM DETAILS

- **MTC** oversees regional bike share program and provides funding
- **Bay Wheels**, a subsidiary of **Lyft**, is under contract with MTC to operate bike share program
- Expansion occurring at 5 cities in the Bay Area
- Existing citywide fleet of bikes would be redistributed to the expanded network.



# GOALS OF EXPANSION



- Fill the gaps between existing stations
- Expand the boundaries of network
- Increase accessibility to key destinations
  - Parks
  - Community gathering places
  - Commercial districts
- Minimize impacts to on-street parking
  - Use of daylighting zones (State-mandated red curbs at intersections)

# SITE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

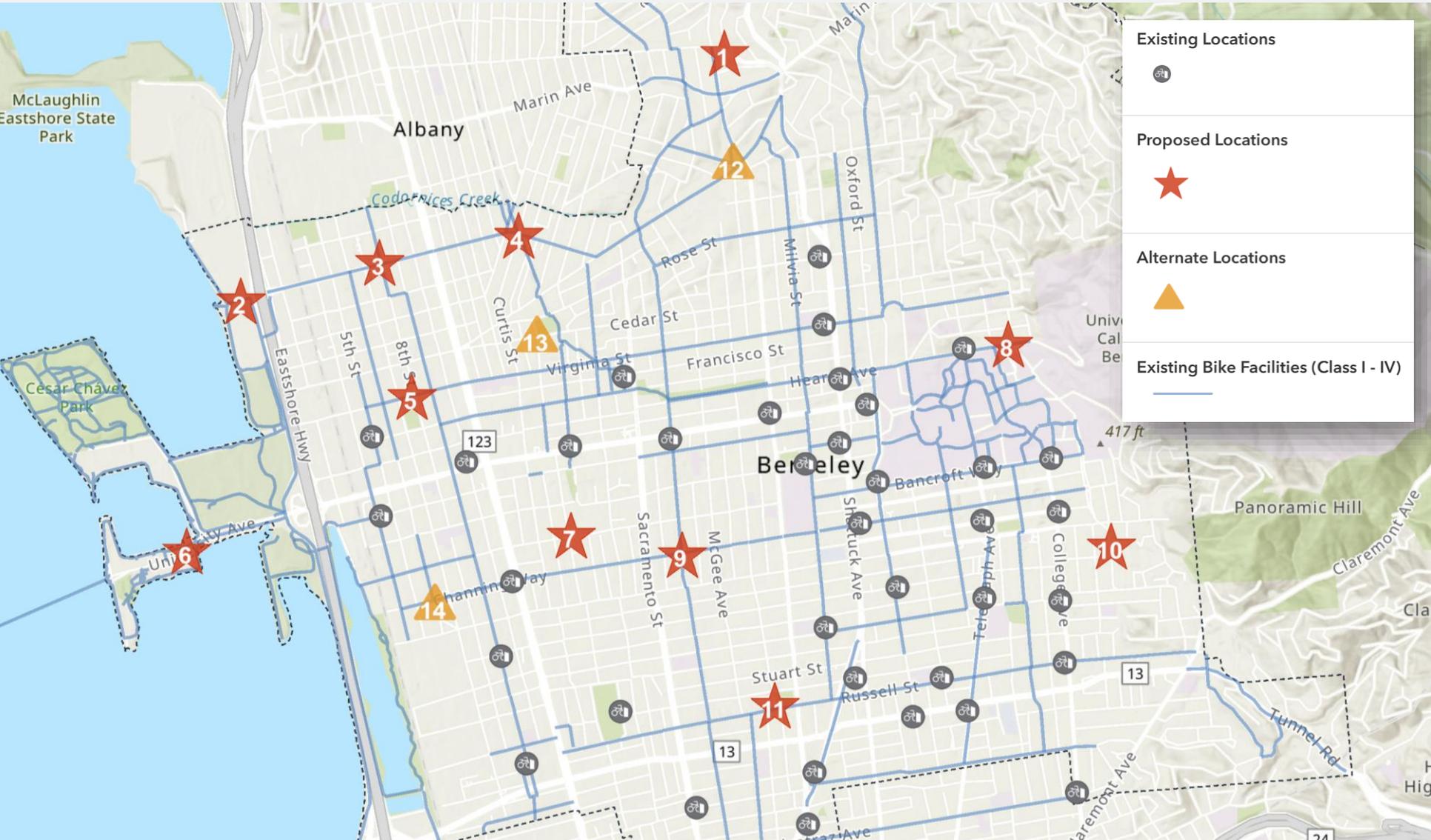
- **Alignment** with the Previous Planning Effort
  - Incorporation of public input from the initial program launch in 2015
- **Connectivity** to the Existing/Planned Bike Facilities
- Coordination with **Stakeholders**
- Observation of **Citywide Biking Patterns**
  - Existing bike share station usage
  - Ridership volumes and preferred routes
- Multiple Site Reconnaissances for **Feasibility and Safety** Assessment

# SITE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- **Fixed Station Configuration**
  - **2** available sizes – purchased by MTC
    - **Small:** 38.5' long, fits 13 bikes (2 stations)
    - **Long:** 62.5' long, fits 23 bikes (9 stations)
- Removal of **On-Street Parking**
  - Only where necessary
  - Station siting to avoid high-parking-use areas
  - **Minimize parking losses** via:
    - Use of daylighting zones
    - Repurposing decommissioned bus stops



# PROPOSED & ALTERNATE STATIONS



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## ★ PROPOSED LOCATIONS<sup>1,2</sup>

1. Solano / The Alameda<sup>3</sup>
2. Tom Bates Sports Complex
3. 8<sup>th</sup> / Gilman
4. Curtis / Gilman<sup>3</sup>
5. James Kenney Park
6. Berkeley Marina
7. Strawberry Creek Park
8. Hearst / Gayley
9. California / Channing
10. Clark Kerr Campus
11. Grove Park

## ▲ ALTERNATE LOCATIONS

12. Berkeley Library – North Branch
13. Cedar Rose Park
14. 6<sup>th</sup> / Channing

<sup>1</sup> Numbering for reference purposes only and does not indicate priorities.

<sup>2</sup> Proposed Locations were estimated as most likely to comply with site selection considerations.

<sup>3</sup> Small Stations

# LOCATION HIGHLIGHTS



## New Bay Wheels Bike Share Stations

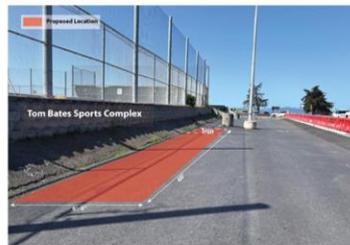
Details about this bike share expansion in Berkeley and survey can be found on the project website. Access it through the QR code: [berkeleyca.gov/bike-share-expansion](https://berkeleyca.gov/bike-share-expansion)



### ★ Solano Avenue & The Alameda Parking Space Losses: 1



### ★ Tom Bates Sports Complex Parking Space Losses: 0



### ★ Curtis Street & Gilman Street Parking Space Losses: 2



PROPOSED LOCATIONS

# PROGRAM TIMELINE





**SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS  
WITH US TODAY**

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



**Take Online Survey - Accessible via  
Project Website (Survey Deadline 5/21)**

[berkeleyca.gov/bike-share-expansion](https://berkeleyca.gov/bike-share-expansion)



**OR**



**Provide Written Comments in Today's Meeting**

# THANK YOU!

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