

**Late Correspondence**  
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**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**  
**Planning Commission**  
**April 15, 2026**

## Late Correspondence

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**From:** Gary Miguel <garymm@garymm.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 7:57 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Implement SB 79 Now — Don't Wait 7 Years

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Thank you for your service to our community.

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I live within walking distance of both Rockridge and Ashby BART stations, and I experience firsthand the immense value of being able to get around without a car. Access to frequent, reliable transit should not be a luxury reserved for those lucky enough to already live nearby. It should be a foundation for how we build our city.

Berkeley has long positioned itself as a leader on housing and climate. Proactive implementation of SB 79 would be a meaningful expression of those values, not just a compliance exercise.

Thank you for your time and your service to our city.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Sarah Bell <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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## Late Correspondence

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**From:** Alfred Twu <alfredtwu@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Correspondence for 4/15 Planning Commission Meeting  
**Attachments:** berkeley sb79 memo 2026-04-14.pdf

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Justin, Alisa

I have put together a memo on SB79 on the bus lane bus stops on Durant and Bancroft, as well as the North Berkeley BART elevator. Can you pass this along to the other Commissioners in the next Late Communications packet?

Thank you  
Alfred Twu

## **SB79 Maps: Additional Tier 2 stops and Pedestrian Access Point in Berkeley**

**April 14, 2026**

In Berkeley, the preliminary maps are missing Tier 2 stops (bus stops on bus lanes) along Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue.

Additionally, there is an additional pedestrian access point for the North Berkeley BART station – the street elevator, which goes direct from street level to platform. This elevator is located along Sacramento Street.

Thank you

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**Additional SB79 stops are located along the bus lanes on Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue in Berkeley.**

**SB79 defines Tier 2 stops as:**

“Tier 2 transit-oriented development stop” means a transit-oriented development stop within an urban transit county, excluding a Tier 1 transit-oriented development stop, served by light rail transit, by high-frequency commuter rail, or by bus service meeting the standards of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 21060.2 of the Public Resources Code.

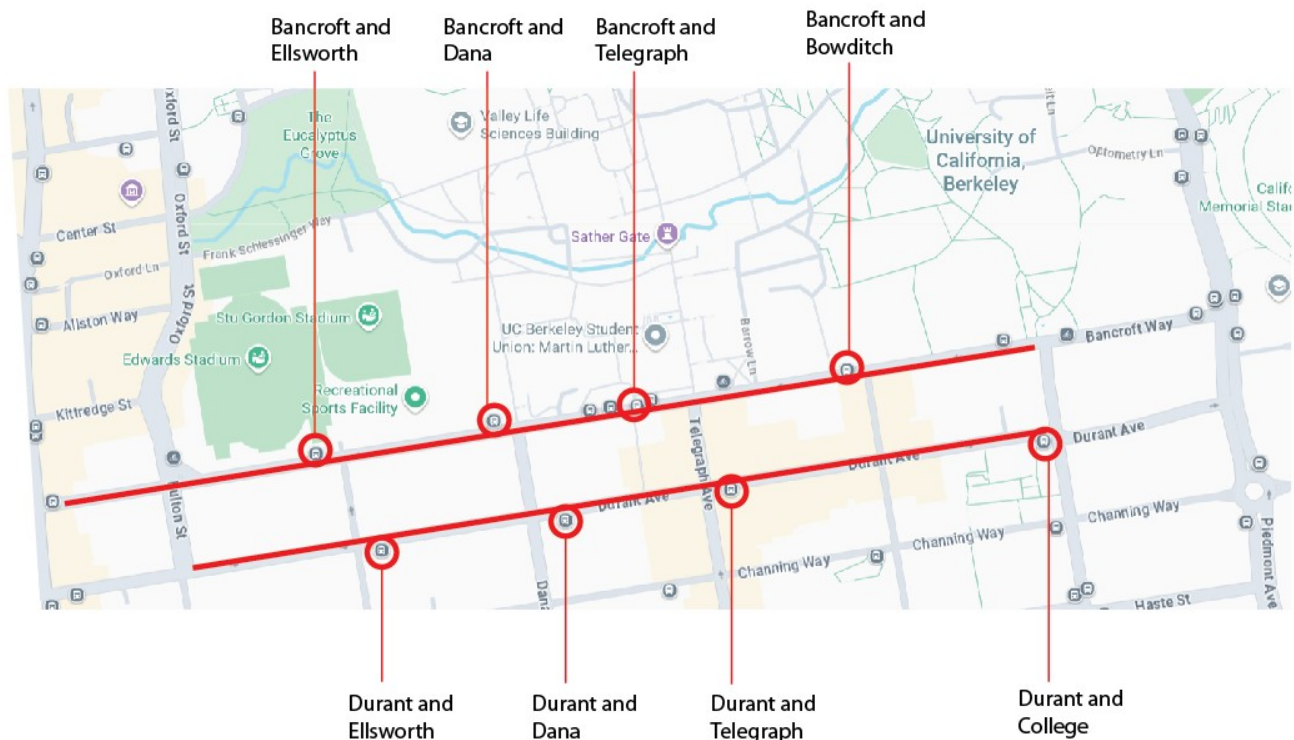
**Public Resource Code 21060.2 states:**

(a) “Bus rapid transit” means a public mass transit service provided by a public agency or by a public-private partnership that includes all of the following features:

(1) Full-time dedicated bus lanes or operation in a separate right-of-way dedicated for public transportation with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods.

**Location of bus lanes and bus stops on Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue**  
**Bancroft Way bus lane runs from Shattuck to College.**  
**Durant Ave bus lane runs from Fulton to College.**

Line 51B bus stops on Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue bus lanes



# Line 51B map and schedule. Peak commute service interval is 12 minutes.



## 51B Monday through Friday except holidays To Rockridge BART

University Ave. & Bait Shop	Berkeley Amtrak	University Ave. & San Pablo Ave.	Allston Way & Shattuck Ave.	Durant Ave. & Telegraph Ave.	Rockridge BART
5:00a	—	5:06a	5:13a	5:16a	5:24a
—	5:17a	5:20a	5:27a	5:30a	5:38a
5:30a	—	5:36a	5:43a	5:46a	5:54a
—	5:47a	5:50a	5:57a	6:00a	6:08a
6:00a	—	6:06a	6:13a	6:16a	6:25a
—	6:17a	6:20a	6:28a	6:32a	6:42a
6:30a	—	6:36a	6:44a	6:48a	6:58a
—	6:47a	6:50a	6:58a	7:02a	7:12a
7:00a	—	7:06a	7:15a	7:19a	7:31a
—	7:15a	7:18a	7:27a	7:31a	7:43a
7:24a	—	7:30a	7:39a	7:43a	7:55a
—	7:39a	7:42a	7:51a	7:55a	8:07a
7:48a	—	7:54a	8:03a	8:08a	8:21a
—	8:03a	8:06a	8:15a	8:20a	8:33a
8:12a	—	8:18a	8:27a	8:32a	8:45a
—	8:27a	8:30a	8:39a	8:44a	8:57a
8:36a	—	8:42a	8:51a	8:56a	9:09a
—	8:52a	8:55a	9:04a	9:09a	9:22a
9:01a	—	9:07a	9:16a	9:21a	9:34a
—	9:16a	9:19a	9:28a	9:33a	9:46a
9:25a	—	9:31a	9:40a	9:45a	9:58a
—	9:40a	9:43a	9:52a	9:57a	10:10a
9:49a	—	9:55a	10:04a	10:09a	10:22a
—	10:04a	10:07a	10:16a	10:21a	10:34a
10:13a	—	10:19a	10:28a	10:33a	10:46a
—	10:28a	10:31a	10:41a	10:46a	11:01a
10:37a	—	10:43a	10:53a	10:58a	11:13a
—	10:52a	10:55a	11:05a	11:10a	11:25a
11:01a	—	11:07a	11:17a	11:22a	11:37a
—	11:16a	11:19a	11:29a	11:34a	11:49a
11:25a	—	11:31a	11:41a	11:46a	12:01p
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11:49a	—	11:55a	12:05p	12:10p	12:25p
—	12:04p	12:07p	12:18p	12:24p	12:40p
12:11p	—	12:19p	12:30p	12:36p	12:52p
—	12:26p	12:31p	12:42p	12:48p	1:04p
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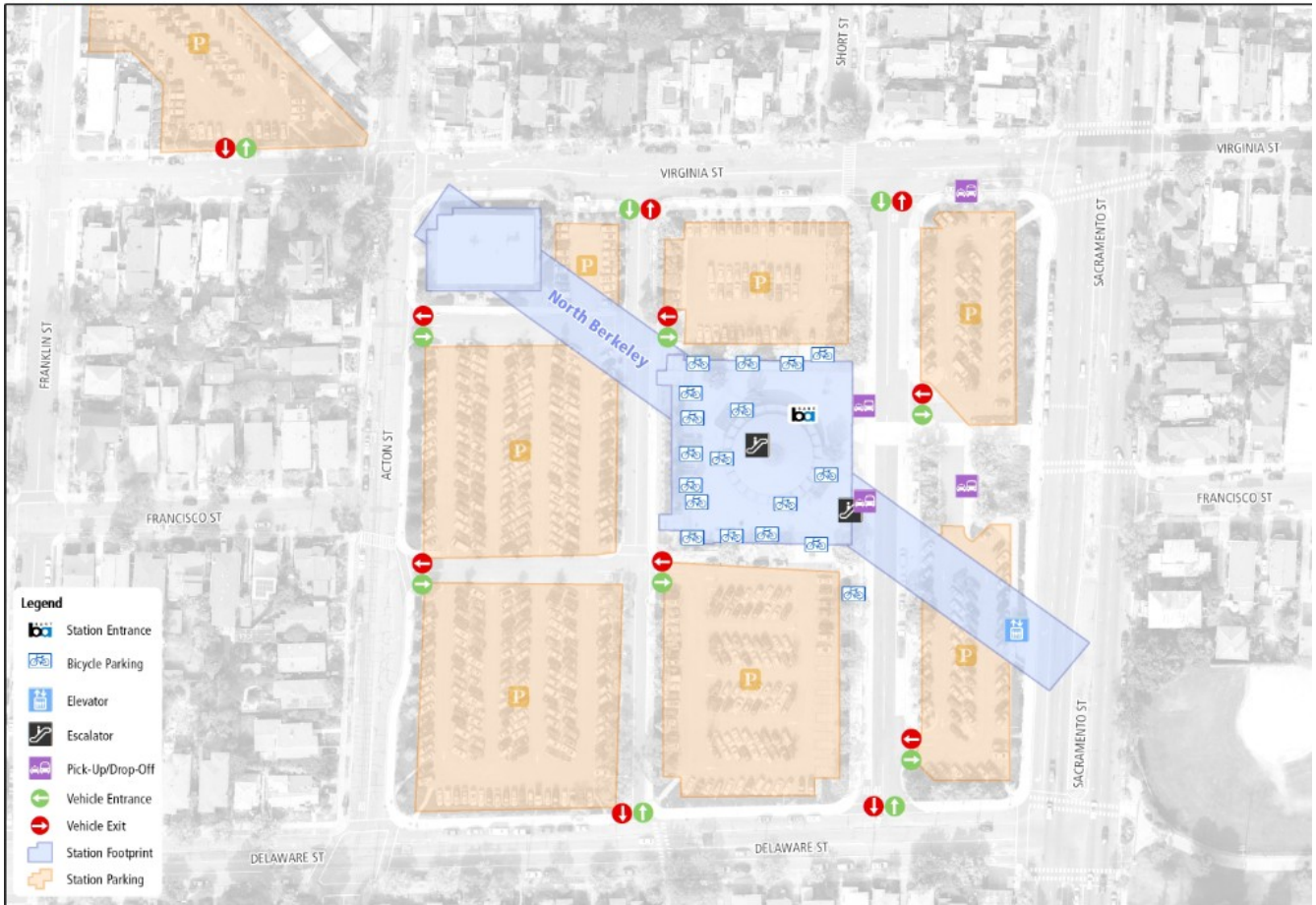
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# North Berkeley BART has an additional pedestrian access point, the elevator on Sacramento St.

## BART BART STATION OVERVIEW: North Berkeley

EGIS - Enterprise Geographic Information System

Date: 3



Data provided by numerous sources:  
 BART, USGS, Esri, City & County of San Francisco, Alameda County,  
 Contra Costa County, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara County

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 Datum: North American 1983  
 Coordinate System: NAD 1983 State Plane California III FIPS 0403 Feet



**San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District**  
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Planning Commissioners,

Dear Planning Commissioners,

As a Berkeley homeowner living one block from the North Berkeley BART station, my family and I are easily able to live car-free. I bike with my daughter to school daily, use BART to get into San Francisco and out to Walnut Creek for medical appointments, and AC Transit buses to get my daughter to Girl Scout meetings across town in the evenings. I want a similar car-free lifestyle to be possible for as many others as possible, reducing household expenses, reducing traffic during rush hours, and reducing pollution in our city.

For that reason, I'm writing to urge you to implement SB 79's zoning changes now, rather than deferring them to the next Housing Element cycle. I also ask the city not to put forward an alternative plan; SB 79 locates housing exactly where it needs to be - adjacent to transit!

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