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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 6C, August 28, 2024 Alameda Transportation Committee Meeting

Dear Commission Members:

My name is Mike Henneberry and I am a life long Alameda resident. Since 2002 I have lived at 2811 Otis Drive.

When I saw the Caltrans staff report on route 61 I was dispirited to say the least. Currently AMP is undergrounding wires between the BFI bridge and Broadway. This would have been the ideal time to remake Otis Drive into something resembling of a pedestrian/bike friendly thoroughfare. Instead what Caltrans has come up with is the same old rehashed unimaginative and quite frankly stupid vision for the future of our street. They say they can't put in two lanes each direction with a turn lane because traffic would back up and go onto other surface streets. Hello? The whole point of traffic calming is to slow down traffic and teach people to get out of their cars. Am I missing something here? Broadway between Otis and Encinal has two lanes each direction and a center turn lane. The residents of Otis Drive pay the identical highway taxes and property taxes as our neighbors on Broadway and we deserve conditions similar to slow traffic.

If Caltrans can't get their act together to give some version of a quiet neighborhood to the Otis residents they should transfer the Alameda portion of route 61 to City of Alameda here planning staff recognizes there's a problem on Otis.

The Caltrans plan for Route 61 and Otis Drive in particular should be immediately scrapped and those responsible for it should go back to work with some consideration for the families that have to put up with a four lane freeway in their front yards!

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Otis Drive is currently VERY congested. It is very difficult for side street traffic to safely enter Otis (i.e. leave their homes to go anywhere)
Once the new traffic signals were installed at Broadway the traffic increased.

DO NOT RESTRICT FURTHER AUTO ACCESS OR DELIVERY/SERVICE VEHICLE SAFE ACCESS TO OUR STREETS!

Instead of bump-outs, bike lanes, zero parking on some sides you should hire motorcycle cops to keep traffic at the ALREADY POSTED safe 25MPH speed limit.
When we had motorcycle cops on our street corners near Otis the traffic was CALM. At only the expense of hired police versus expense and additional safety hazard of narrowing roadways, restricting daily flow of service and residential access.