

**From:** [Rabia Ahmed](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [City Clerk](#); [Manager Manager](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10-A Mecartney Rd. Referral Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:10:25 PM

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Hello,

My name is Rabia Ahmed. I'm a former resident of Bay Farm for 6 years. During that time, I lived in various places on Bay Farm, most recently directly on Mecartney Rd. near Garden Rd.

When I lived in Costa Brava, we walked to Bay Farm School each day, but when I moved to Islandia, Garden Isle, and most recently directly on Mecartney, I found it increasingly challenging to walk or bike my kids to school, partly because of the distance, but mostly because of the lack of safety. Mecartney Rd. from Maitland to Island Drive lacks complete sidewalks, and up until now had no bike lane on the road. Drivers routinely sped by the house, making me nervous about crossing to the sidewalk on the other side of the street.

Though I am no longer a resident, my family frequently visits Bay Farm due to our strong ties with the community, and I'm grateful the city staff is making meaningful improvements to the street so that future residents can walk or bike to their neighborhood schools, Safeway, and Starbucks.

I urge the council not to undo this good work and to take no action on the referral.

Thank you.

Regards,  
Rabia Ahmed

**From:** [Stephen Slater](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [City Clerk](#); [Manager Manager](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Item 10-A Mecartney Rd. Referral Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 12:03:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [70642BB5BB3A48108EA3DBE13EDC43B5.png](#)

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Hello City Council members,

I wanted to thank you for the road improvements on Bay Farm Island. I have a 16 year old that grew up riding his bike around the paths and streets on Bay Farm and we have had way to many close calls with drivers going around cars at the crosswalks or speeding to catch the ferry. We also have a 9 year old that attends Bay Farm Elementary and she too would like to ride her bike to school alone someday. The single lane road will make that a reality for her much sooner than it was for our son.

I have heard that there is push back against the single lane roads because it will slow down traffic. It's my households opinion that this is a good thing. We prefer to prioritize life saving safety measures over speeding cars and feel that people can just leave their houses 5 minutes earlier if traffic does become a problem. But all the children will still be alive.

Thank you, Steve  
Father of 2 kids and a Bay Farm Island resident

**Steve Slater**  
**Founder & Lead Musician**



On Jan 20, 2026 at 8:41 AM -0800, [msjcarter@gmail.com](mailto:msjcarter@gmail.com), wrote:

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Thank you,

Jessica and Maeve Carter  
Bay Farm residents

RE: January 20th AGENDA ITEM: 10-A 2026-5650 – Road Project Revisiting (Mecartney Road)

*Dear Councilmember Daysog, Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Pryor, and Councilmembers Boller, and Jensen, and City Staff,*

**I'm writing against the proposal to revisit the striping for this long-discussed, reviewed, and approved project on Mecartney Road. A senior citizen pedestrian was killed almost exactly two years ago on this very road when struck by a car who had poor visibility. The lane improvements under discussion increase visibility, reduce crosswalk distances, slow traffic, and encourage multimodal travel; exactly the interventions Vision Zero demands.**

The Mecartney Road project followed established processes and serves critical safety goals. Rather than relitigating completed projects and delaying urgent safety work, I urge this council to focus on two areas where we can genuinely improve – and can be replicated Island wide:

- *Informing residents about public comment periods for road projects*
- *Oversight on construction projects to ensure on-time, on-budget delivery*

I like to think of local legislative action as a three-layer sandwich:

#### **Community Input → Policy Frameworks (Top Bun)**

Council sets high-level goals balancing competing priorities and approves projects based on community needs. You've done excellent work establishing Vision Zero, Active Transportation Plans, and project-by-project approvals. However, letters on this item and Central Ave. improvements show citizens feel surprised, uninformed, or excluded. While Mecartney had multiple community meetings, Transportation Commission reviews, and Council approvals, residents clearly don't feel heard. When priorities inevitably conflict – throughput vs. safety – perhaps surfacing these tradeoffs at Council level *before* implementation would help residents understand the necessary compromises and engage meaningfully?

#### **Execution (The Meat)**

Staff does detailed engineering, contracting, and delivery within policy parameters. As a former federal employee, I saw how shifting legislative priorities destroyed project success: scope creep from changing directives, budget uncertainty forcing piece meal projects, and feature reductions when priorities shift mid-stream. The result: projects over budget, past deadlines, delivering less than promised.

*Road projects require stability.* When Council revisits approved projects based on new complaints, it signals approvals aren't final; encouraging contractors to slow-walk work, staff to hedge on decisions, and residents to skip formal input processes in favor of post-approval lobbying. This is exactly how we get the cost overruns and delays that frustrate everyone.

#### **Oversight & Accountability (Bottom Bun)**

Council must ensure execution happens on time and at cost. Alameda's procurement rightly seeks competitive bids, but lowest-bidder contracts don't deliver value when projects experience significant delays or overruns. The Central Ave. project on the West End feels like a primary case of this issue. We need stronger mechanisms:

- **Progress milestones with penalties:** Build accountability into contracts with clear deliverables and financial consequences for delays
- **Regular Council reporting:** Quarterly updates on major projects showing timeline vs. progress, budget vs. spending, and variance explanations

- **Post-project retrospectives:** Analyze successes and failures to improve future procurement and management
- **Contractor performance tracking:** Maintain on-time/on-budget records to inform future bidding

When we invest millions in infrastructure, residents deserve effective stewardship of tax dollars. Better oversight means ensuring we have systems to deliver the infrastructure Alameda desperately needs.

Thanks for making Alameda a multimodal-friendly city and listening to these concerns,

Thushan Amarasiriwardena

parent of two in Central Alameda, with thousands of miles on their ebike,  
and President of the Alameda Free Library Board

**From:** [Ian Langworth](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Traffic Safety at Mecartney Rd and Aughinbaugh Way / Bay Farm School  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:38:12 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to bring to your attention the changes that have been made at Mecartney Rd and Aughinbaugh Way. As a nearby resident with children attending Bay Farm School, I travel through this intersection regularly and have observed conditions that I believe warrant review.

This intersection becomes extremely busy between 7:55am and 8:15am, when school starts for the school. During this short period there are arguably unsafe traffic patterns with many vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles crossing the intersection. With so many lanes (there can be up to \*nine\* cars stopped at the intersection), driver intentions can become confusing, and it becomes difficult to look in so many different directions at once.

However, outside of this small period, the intersection is mostly unremarkable, other than for occasional exiting ferry traffic. That is why I was initially dismayed when the east-facing lane configuration was reduced from a dual left-turn-only and straight/turning lane configuration to just a single lane. While I want to ensure a safe neighborhood, it seemed odd to penalize all drivers at all times for what is really a very brief but important period of congestion surrounded by long periods of relative dormancy.

The temporary paint now indicates that the east-facing left-turn lane has been restored, which I suppose is the right move. However, the early morning school congestion remains unsolved. Because of this, I strongly urge the city council to consider placing a crossing guard or volunteer traffic director during the early morning period. Such a position hopefully has a negligible cost when considering the safety of neighborhood kids.

Best,  
Ian Langworth  
Bay Farm Resident



**From:** [Mitch B](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written comment for item 10A of 1/20/26 City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 11:52:17 AM

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Hello,

I will be making a public comment on item 10A for the 1/20/26 City Council Meeting and wanted to share a written copy with linked citations.

The email that this referral is based upon contains a lot of misinformation. It states that Mecartney is losing a car lane to add a new bike lane, but that simply isn't true. Mecartney has had a multi-use trail and a bike lane on either side for years. As someone who frequently bikes as I can't afford a car, I find it really disconcerting that cyclists have become a such a popular target amongst those who enjoy believing and spreading misinformation, so I really don't appreciate how this misinformation has been legitimized by this referral.

A car lane is being removed, but it's being removed to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the street. This makes sense as the high width of this street encourages speeding and was responsible for a pedestrian death in 2023. Traffic analysis that was presented to the transportation commission last January (<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7093887&GUID=603F2662-08C2-4E84-9A08-95CE44E14BA6&Options=&Search=&FullText=1&ref=themorningbun.com>) confirmed that this is a low volume street that doesn't need many lanes. The exhibited email claims a traffic study was not conducted and that there hasn't been significant public engagement, but this is just more misinformation.

The multiple unnecessary car lanes on Mecartney have always been wasted space, but now that they've been removed, this wasted space has become more apparent. However, this wasted space may also be an opportunity. One of the many reasons I chose to live in Alameda is because with Park and Webster St, it is a 15 minute city with cafes, restaurants, convenience stores, and more all within a 15 minute walk. However, Bay Farm does not have a Park or Webster St and lacks this same opportunity. Long term, I believe both directions of travel on Mecartney should be condensed down to the north side of the median, and the south side be converted into mixed use housing and local small businesses. You would need to make the multi-use trail a dedicated two-way bike path, but if you do there is more than 500 ft south of the median in many places which is enough room for new lots. We've seen the concern that arises when Bay Farm is at risk of losing a grocery store, so let's give Bay Farm more options for nearby storefronts and a low impact way to contribute to the housing element. This wouldn't need to happen all at once but could start at Mecartney and Aughinbaugh near the ferry terminal and progressively move eastwards. Mecartney can be more than just a street you want to get past as quickly as possible, but a destination where neighbors can meet.

Thank you,  
-Mitch B

**From:** [Laurie Hobson](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [apolitzer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:apolitzer@alamedaca.gov); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lane Changes on Mecartney Road  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 10:11:46 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members  
Current changes to Mecartney Road will impede response time for emergency vehicles that serve residents of Alameda not just Bay Farm. For me, this is a vital point in why reversal of lane lines should be explored. There are adequate bike lanes on Bay Farm and the imposed changes to serve bikers is not nearly as important as response time for emergency vehicles.  
I ask that you approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/Restriping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input. It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes by "fiat" without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our representatives in the Council, unlike the public outreach efforts conducted for other recent street projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive. The public needs to be heard and the Council needs to be informed on the Mecartney Rd changes!

Laurie Hobson  
1061 Jost Lane  
Alameda, CA 94502

**From:** [Robert Prinz](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] public comment - January 20, 2026 Alameda City Council item 10-A  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:56:45 AM

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Hello, this is a public comment on behalf of Bike East Bay to the January 20, 2026, Alameda City Council item 10-A about the re-striping of Mecartney Road. We encourage you to take no action on this item, and allow the project which is already in construction to be completed.

Some of the correspondence you have received in opposition to this project includes incorrect information about the project.

### **Existing Bike Lane on Mecartney Road**

There has been an existing Class 2 painted bicycle lane on Mecartney Road for many years, between Adelphian Way and Island Drive. Per the design plans that we accessed through the project's bid documents, it appears that the existing bikeway east of Aughinbaugh Way is being widened with the addition of a painted buffer.

The fact that some neighbors did not realize that there was already a bike lane here provides evidence for the need to increase its visibility, which is what the project is doing.

This is being accomplished by narrowing the previously extra-wide car travel lanes to more standard widths, and reassigning the space to the bike lanes and curbside parking aisles. Overly wide car travel lanes have been linked to increased driver speeds and worse traffic safety outcomes. The new travel lane widths are in line with what is recommended by the FHWA, NACTO, and Caltrans for this context.

### **New Bike Lane Isn't a Road Diet**

The section of the project that is adding a new Class 2 painted bike lane, from Island Drive to Maitland Drive, is not a lane reduction. As mentioned above, the bike lane is being added by subdividing previously over-wide car travel lanes. It does not appear that there is a reduction in the number of car lanes or car parking associated with the new bike lane here.

### **Emergency Access and Evacuation Needs Not Affected**

The Mecartney Road project appears to be a paint-only installation, with the exception of a few flex posts not associated with the bikeway, and a new corner island at Island Drive which appears to be a pedestrian safety measure. As such we would not expect this facility to impact emergency access or evacuation needs negatively.

### **The Existing Sidepath is Not an Adequate Alternative**

The existing sidepath north of Mecartney Road extends from Aughinbaugh Way to Island Drive, and not for the entirety of the project area. Enhancing the visibility and safety of the existing bike lanes, lowering vehicle speeds by reducing over-wide lanes, and enhancing pedestrian safety through crossing upgrades are all important parts of this project.

Bicycle riders are not one user group, but instead a diversity of needs and preferences. We

have heard concerns about fast e-bike riders coming into conflict with slower bike riders and pedestrians on shared-use facilities. Providing safer and more comfortable on-street facilities, like this Mecartney Road project, can help reduce crowding and conflicts on multi-use paths. Projects like this are part of how we address e-bike safety concerns in a supportive and responsible way.

Thank you for receiving these comments, and allowing the Mecartney Road project construction to continue.

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**From:** [Jessica Carter](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#); [City Clerk](#); [Manager Manager](#)  
**Cc:** [Steve Slater](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10-A Mecartney Rd. Referral Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 8:41:31 AM

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Hello City Council Members,

Our family planned to attend the City Council meeting tonight so that our daughter, a third grader at Bay Farm School, could speak in support of road safety improvements on Bay Farm Island. Unfortunately, she woke up with a fever today and we will not be able to attend. We hope you will consider our email feedback instead.

Our family strongly supports the road safety improvements underway and we urge you to complete the project as planned. We have had many close calls over the years with speeding drivers on the two lane road that don't see or slow for us in crosswalks. The expanded bike path with buffer space is a wonderful addition that allows both of our children to travel safely and implement environmental sustainability practices by riding their bikes.

Thank you,

Jessica and Maeve Carter  
Bay Farm residents

**From:** [Aziz Khatri](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [tjesen@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tjesen@alamedaca.gov); [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2026 8:36:55 PM

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Tues 1/20 PLEASE vote YES on the MECARTNEY RD. REFERRAL; Agenda item 10A

Inbox

Aziz Khatri  
915 Lilac Street

**From:** [Reyla Graber](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please pass the Council Referral 10A on 1/20/26  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2026 7:39:11 PM

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Good Evening,

I'm here tonight to urge you to vote for the Council Referral for the Mecartney Rd reconfiguration. I hope the vote will be unanimous.

It should be if the Council truly believes in the democratic process of

letting the public voice their opinion to their elected reps regarding a project that may seriously affect the publics' driving ability, safety, commute times and stress levels in their own neighborhood.

It defys common sense, why Public Works failed to first try simple methods known to everyone and used for other Alameda streets, like 25MPH signs( there is not one) and digital speed readers. You see these used elsewhere in Alameda: Why not try that for Mecartney? Or if a few drivers drive too fast, hit them with speeding tickets from a live cop. That would stop the occasional speeder fast on that short stretch of road

And furthermore Public Works used 15 years of accident data which

made it look like there are a lot of accidents happening on Mecartney.

But, professional traffic engineers, routinely use only the last 5 years of accident data.

This discrepancy in the Mecartney accident data should be

explored and analyzed fully if the Referral passes the

vote tonight.

A concluding remark: Have you seen the recently repainted and reconfigured Mecartney Rd.?

It is confusing and garish in places. Barriers of white lines strung across the road. It is bewildering. Like OVERKILL.

It is not pleasant and it is certainly not appropriate or necessary for a lovely residential neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Reyla Graber

**From:** [David Devey](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [tjesen@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tjesen@alamedaca.gov); [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney Road Referral: Agenda item 10A  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2026 7:33:08 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Counsel,

Please vote YES on the MECARTNEY ROAD Daysog Referral: Agenda item 10A. The re-stripe & painting needs to be corrected and redone on Mecartney Road. (Suggestion: re-stripe & paint the road as it was originally before the repaving).

Regards.  
David Devey

**From:** [Blair Skellie](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [apolitzer@alamedaca.gova](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Cc:** [reylagrabber@aol.com](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney Rd Proposed Changes  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2026 6:13:58 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I ask that you approve placing the issue of Reconfiguration/Restriping of Mecartney Road on a future City Council Agenda to allow the Public and Council to provide input. It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes by “fiat” without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our representatives in the Council, unlike the public outreach efforts conducted for other recent street projects such as Central ave., Tilden way, and Gibbons drive.

The public needs to be heard and then Council needs to be informed on the Mecartney rd changes!

Blair Skellie  
432 McDonnel rd

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Janet Basta](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney Road Project  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2026 4:20:22 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I ask that you approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/Restriping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input. It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes by "fiat" without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our representatives in the Council, unlike the public outreach efforts conducted for other recent street projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive.

The public needs to be heard and the Council needs to be informed on the Mecartney Rd changes. Thank you for your consideration,

Janet Basta  
342 Channing Way, Alameda

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January 16, 2026

**RE: [Item 10-A](#) — Consider Directing Staff to Place the Issue of Reconfiguration/Restripping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow Council to Provide Input. (Referral)**

Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and Members of the City Council,

**We are writing to strongly oppose this referral and to urge the City Council to reject it.**

The City Council's role, as representatives of the community, is to establish policy, priorities, and goals through adopted plans and ordinances, while professional staff are responsible for implementation using their technical expertise. Council should not be asked to arbitrate street-level design decisions once implementation is underway. Any direction should occur earlier, at the policy-setting stage. This division of responsibility enables staff to implement proven safety improvements efficiently and advance the City's safety goals.

Alameda's transportation policies were developed through public outreach and community engagement and are intended to guide staff work consistently and predictably. Item 10-A undermines this framework by reopening decisions already made through Council-approved policies.

Here, staff applied Council-adopted policies exactly as intended. The [Policy on Street Width, Lane Width, Crosswalks, and Bulb-outs \(2020\)](#) explicitly prioritizes safety in street design and resurfacing, and the project design reflects that direction.

Unlike corridor projects (ie, Central, Lincoln, Fernside) that have much broader impacts, often entail discretionary policy choices and environmental review, and require significant additional resources and funding to complete, this paving work is an administrative implementation of existing Council policy and therefore followed the City's established review process, which does not warrant Council review. Nothing being done is extraordinary. Even lane reductions, like the one along Mecartney, are not new to the Pavement Management Program, having been implemented in the past on Main Street and Robert Davey Jr. Drive.

Engagement went well beyond the standard Pavement Management Program process, including on-site meetings at Bay Farm School in spring 2024 and Fall 2025, public discussion at the January 2025 Transportation Commission meeting, follow-up meetings with the Harbor Bay Isle Homeowners Association, and written responses to key concerns [posted on the City's website](#).

Allowing mid-project intervention has real consequences. Referring staff design decisions to Council mid-implementation sets a troubling precedent by increasing costs, delaying safety improvements for vulnerable road users, and undermining established process and public trust.

Traffic engineers operate under significant professional and legal risk, and politicizing or delaying their decisions increases liability exposure. As [\*Turturro v. City of New York\*](#) makes clear, compliance with outdated guidelines does not absolve a city of responsibility once a dangerous condition is known.

If Council wishes to revisit transportation priorities, it should do so through policy revision. Once policies are adopted, staff should be allowed to implement them without hindrance. Singling out an active project mid-implementation compromises staff expertise and the City's own adopted goals, including our Vision Zero target of 2035.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge City Council to reject Item 10-A and reaffirm staff authority to implement Council-adopted transportation policies as intended.

**Sincerely,**  
Bike Walk Alameda

**From:** [Lori H](#)  
**To:** [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reconfiguration of Macartney and Island Drives  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2026 5:30:07 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I ask that you approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/Restriping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input.

It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes by "fiat" without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our representatives in the Council, unlike the public outreach efforts conducted for other recent street projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive. How can this be?

The public deserves to be and must heard and the Council needs to be informed on the Mecartney Rd changes!!

30 year Bay Farm residents,  
Lori Hale and Fawn McLaughlin

**From:** [Barbara Caulfield](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lane striping/changes on McCartney  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2026 7:50:09 AM

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Hello

I am a resident of Bay farm and have been for over 15 years. I am in favor of the lane changes and new striping on McCartney. There's rarely enough traffic to justify two lanes where they exist – part of it is already a single lane –and hopefully a continuous single lane will reduce the speed of those who do drive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Ann Caulfield

**From:** [dadunster](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney Road changes  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2026 10:13:43 PM

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I'm disturbed that reconstruction began on the Island/Mecartney intersection without public notification. The intersection currently has good visibility and practically never backlogs. I navigate it easily as both a driver and pedestrian. I'm afraid narrowing to a single lane will create confusion and frustration (I still don't know how to interpret markings on Shoreline Dr.) and thereby lead to accidents.

Please support referral request Agenda Item 10A.

Thank you,

Deborah Dunster  
3345 Solomon Lane 94502

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [paul lau](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/Restriping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 9:51:56 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I ask that you approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/Restriping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input.

It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes by "fiat" without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our representatives in the Council, unlike the public outreach efforts conducted for other recent street projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive.

The public needs to be heard and the Council needs to be informed on the Mecartney Rd changes!

Paul  
Alameda resident

**From:** [David Devey](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reconfiguration/Re-striping of Mecartney Road  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 6:32:46 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Please approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/Re-striping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input. It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes without input from affected residents. Mecartney Road is already congested at peak times, and with the reconfiguration (lane reductions) will create more traffic congestion.

Regards,

David Devey

**From:** [Mike Lindstedt](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support of Council Referral 10A for January 20 City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 2:28:30 PM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I ask that you approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration /Restriping of Mecartney Road on a future Council Agenda to allow the public and Council to provide input. It appears the

City Staff is implementing these changes without any input from the public. We live in this area and it is extremely important that the public is heard. Your recent outreach efforts for other similar projects in Alameda such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive was greatly appreciated by the public and we should not go backwards by making these changes without collaboration and input from affected residents as well as members on the Council.

Mike Lindstedt

**From:** [Sue Greenspan](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney/Island Drive "improvement project  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 11:34:57 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am a resident of Bay Farm and want to know what is going on at the intersection of Mecartney Road and Island Drive. I looked at the page for the Mecartney Road/Island Drive Improvement Project on the City of Alameda website.. There is nothing more recent than 2022 listed on the website. Why have we not been informed of the scope of the current work? I haven't heard of any outreach efforts. Affected residents need to be informed and given an explanation of the project and allowed to ask questions. Has the work been approved by the City Council. Who is making decisions on this project?

I request that the work be stopped and the City Council and the Planning Building Transportation Department provide information to Alameda residents on the Mecartney road changes. The public needs to be informed.

**Sue Greenspan**  
49 Sand Harbor Road  
Alameda, CA 94502  
510-541-3646

**From:** [Ginny Gin](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#)  
**Cc:** [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bay Farm/Harbor Bay Lane Configuration  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 11:14:15 AM

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**Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Councilmembers Pryor, Boller, Jensen and Daysog,**

**We request that you please place the issue of the "Reconfiguration and Restriping of Mecartney Road" on an upcoming Council Agenda.**

**We strongly believe it is important to offer the means for public input - as well as to provide an opportunity for Council to have an open discussion on this project.**

**We are of the understanding that there has been no collaborative communication from local Bay Farm/Harbor Bay residents.**

**Regarding numerous other Alameda roadway reconfigurations, we understand that there have been opportunities for public outreach efforts to address significant street configuration change projects (eg., Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive).**

**Personally, we hold the view that the new turn areas may be a safety issue - not only to bicyclists - but also to vehicles.**

**In addition, we are of the thought that the configuration may create significant danger to both vehicles and bicyclists alike, especially when buses must turn immediately into a bike lane - then return into the only car lane.**

**Your attention to and consideration of our concerns will be greatly appreciated.**

**Sincerely,**

**Chuck Engberg - [vikingquest5@gmail.com](mailto:vikingquest5@gmail.com) and**

**Ginny Engberg - [gingersnapginny@gmail.com](mailto:gingersnapginny@gmail.com)**

**From:** [Paul Medved](#)  
**To:** [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mecartney Rd and Auginbaugh Way Changes  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 7:29:50 AM

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Dear Madam Mayor and City Council Members,

I write to express my full support for the thoughtful traffic safety measures being implemented throughout the City, including those along Aughinbaugh and Mecartney Roads. As a longtime resident of this Bay Farm neighborhood and frequent traveler on these roads, I am very supportive of these much-needed improvements which are clearly aimed at increasing safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles alike.

Thank you (to the staff of Public Works as well) and please keep up the good work!

Paul Medved  
74 Justin Circle  
94502

**From:** [Carole Robie](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#)  
**Cc:** [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bay Farm Lane Configuration  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026 9:39:12 PM

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Councilmembers Pryor, Boller, Jensen and Daysog,  
Please place the issue of the Reconfiguration and Restriping of Mecartney Road on an upcoming Council Agenda. I believe it is important to provide an opportunity for public input as well as provide an opportunity for Council to have an open discussion. To my knowledge there has been no collaborative input from local residents. For many other Alameda roadway reconfigurations there has been public outreach efforts conducted for significant street configuration change projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive.

The local residents on Bay Farm Island need to be heard on the Mecartney Rd changes.

Personally I believe that the new turn areas are a significant danger not only to bicyclists but also to vehicles. I also believe that the configuration creates significant danger to vehicles and bicyclists when buses must turn immediately into the bike lane and then into the only car lane.

Carole Robie

**From:** [Reyla Graber](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Island Drive Traffic Changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026 3:02:41 PM

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For Lara Weisiger: kindly forward to the Council

On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 02:35:54 PM PST, John Nolan <nolan106@comcast.net> wrote:

While we cannot attend the 1/20/26 meeting, we support your referral so this plan can have public input. Thank you.

John Nolan

**From:** [Reyla Graber](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Adam Politzer](#); [Allen Tai](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Alameda City Council Meeting on Jan 20th, McCartney Road  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:54:21 AM

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To Alameda City Council

I ask that you approve placing the issue of Reconfiguration/ Restriping of McCartney Road on a future council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide input. It appears that City staff is implementing this changes by "flat " without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our in representatives in the Council. Unlike the public outreach affords conducted for other recent street projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gribbins Drive.

The Public and Council needs to be heard on the Mecartney Road changes!

Raymond Tang

Bayfarm resident for 33 years

President of Alameda Bayfarm Intercultural Committee

**From:** [Edward Sing](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Cc:** [Reyla Graber](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Alameda City Council Meetng, Agenda Item 10-A  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 1:54:59 PM

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TO: Alameda City Council

I ask that you approve placing the Issue of Reconfiguration/ Restriping of Mecartney Road on a Future Council Agenda to Allow the Public and Council to Provide Input. It appears that City Staff is implementing these changes by "fiat" without collaboration/input from affected residents as well as our representatives in the Council, unlike the public outreach efforts conducted for other recent street projects such as Central Ave, Tilden Way and Gibbons Drive.

The public and Council needs to be heard on the Mecartney Rd changes!

Ed Sing  
Bay Farmer for 29 years

# Bay Farm School

## Community Members

### **Subject: Bay Farm Community Support for Student Safety on Bay Farm Island**

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, members of City Council, Transportation Commissioners, and City Staff,

We are members of the Bay Farm school community writing to express our support for street safety improvements on Bay Farm Island. These streets are part of our students' daily lives, and thoughtful street design plays a critical role in keeping students safe.

#### **Shared responsibility**

As families and as a school, it is our responsibility to raise competent, responsible, and safe children. A key part of that work is giving students the ability to move through their community independently, including walking and biking safely to school and other daily destinations.

That independence depends on safe streets and cooperation from everyone who uses them. While none of us enjoy being slowed down when rushed, we also understand that living in Alameda involves tradeoffs. We plan around bridge lifts, school/ferry traffic, and other constraints. Accepting a few additional minutes of travel time so that children can move safely is a reasonable and necessary tradeoff that reflects our shared values.

#### **Bay Farm Safety Improvements**

We appreciate the City's work to improve safety around our school, including protected bike lanes on Aughinbaugh Way, intersection simplification and bulb-outs at Kofman Parkway, flashing beacons at Sheffield Way, and connected safer routes across Bay Farm Island. These efforts make a meaningful difference for our school community, and we are grateful for the progress already underway.

#### **Mecartney Road & Aughinbaugh Way**



The intersection of Aughinbaugh Way and Mecartney Road remains a concern and an active deterrent for some families, especially during busy mornings when sun glare, traffic, and people rushing to work can make it difficult for drivers to see children crossing. The original plan included simplifying this intersection, and we are disappointed to learn that these changes have been removed and left turn pockets are being maintained.

## **Bay Farm Community Support for Student Safety on Bay Farm Island**

### **We hope the City will:**

- 1) Reconsider simplifying the intersection in the future
- 2) Add a crossing guard during the morning school and ferry commute in the meantime
- 3) Prioritize finishing the striping to reduce confusion amongst all road users

Thank you for your efforts in making our community safe for kids.

Sincerely,

The following members of the Bay Farm School Community

**Doug Cochran**

56 Benedict Ct.  
Bay Farm School and Alameda  
High School

**Amy DeMicco**

Bay Farm parent and Bay Farm  
resident

**Kristen Parker**

3437 Solomon Lane  
parent

**Bonnie Fabian, Edwin**

**Fabian**  
Bay Farm parent and Bay Farm  
resident

**Badia Boudaiffa**

Bay Farm MS Parent and Bay Farm  
resident

**Clare Mazala and Angelo**

**Mazala**  
1134 Verdemar Drive, Alameda  
Bay Farm resident

**Aparna Kota**

Bayfarm parent and resident

**Jackie Zipkin**

750 Limerick Ln  
Bay Farm parent and resident

**Maria S**

Bay Farm and Lincoln MS parent  
and Bay Farm resident

**Jennifer Nguyen**

*Bayfarm parent*

**Kasturi Maitra**

Bay Farm parent and resident

**Kevin Baker**

Bay Farm parent

**Brian Piper**

181 Oldcastle Lane  
Bay Farm parent and resident

**Laura Dahlke**

1043 Via Bonita  
Bay Farm parent and resident

**Rob Goodier**

140 Stanbridge Ln, Alameda, CA  
94502  
Bay Farm parent & Bay Farm  
resident

**Julia Cianci**

Bay Farm School homeowner and  
parent

**Jaylen Leung**

Bay Farm parent and resident

**Analisa Harangozo**

Bay Farm parent/resident

**Bernice Ng**

23 Orr Ct  
Bay Farm

**Meggie Kang**

121 Ratto Rd, Alameda  
Bay Farm parent and homeowner

**Nicole Fay**

1104 Island Drive, Alameda, CA,  
94502  
Parent of Bay Farm School 4th  
grade student

**Kelli Gamble**

30 Ulster Place  
Bay Farm parent and resident

**Annie Onstad**

3441 Tonga Ln  
Bay farm parent

**Carin Wold**

181 Oldcastle Ln  
Bay Farm grandparent, Bay Farm  
resident, Bay Farm bike rider

## **Bay Farm Community Support for Student Safety on Bay Farm Island**

<b>Uchechi Demaske</b> Bay Farm parent	<b>Maria Piper</b> 181 Oldcastle Ln Bay Farm residents for 12 years, current renters and PTSA members	<b>Carissa Brow</b> Bay Farm Elementary school parent to two children
<b>Alexis Harris</b> 3530 Magnolia rive Bay Farm Parent	<b>Rabia Ahmed</b> Parent	<b>Stephen Kelly</b> 237 Puddingstone Rd Bay farm family
<b>Kelley Cope</b> Bay Farm School Parent and Bay Farm Resident	<b>Lisa and Scott Bieser</b> 1011 Foster Street, Alameda 94502 Residents and parents of a Bay Farm School student	<b>Brooke Pilawa</b> 100 Sweet Road, Alameda, CA 94502 Bay Farm, Lincoln, and Alameda High parent and. Bay Farm resident
<b>Lydie De Negri</b> Bay Farm and Lincoln MS parent and Bay Farm resident	<b>Reva Tembe</b> 709 Baywood Rd. Bay Farm parent & resident	<b>Jessica Carter</b> Bay Farm resident and Bay Farm School parent
<b>Monique Palmer, Craig Palmer</b> Bay Farm resident, Bay Farm parent, Bay Farm homeowner	<b>Lynne Pham</b> BayFarm Elementary	<b>Sarah Johnson</b> Bay Farm Elementary Parent
<b>Chris Wagner</b> 1104 Island Drive Bay Farm parent	<b>Catherine Brent</b> 1702 Kofman Parkway Parent, resident & homeowner	<b>Margaret Cole</b> 2613 Bayview Drive, Alameda CA Bay Farm parent
<b>Amy Cianci</b> 1001 Camino Del Valle Bay Farm Parent and resident	<b>Athena Breuer</b> 1149 Holly Street Alameda California 94502 Bay Farm Teacher, Bay Farm Resident	<b>Joanne Tang</b> parent
<b>Arielle Crenshaw</b> Parent, Homeowner, Bay Farm Resident	<b>Bri Martinez</b> Bay Farm School parent and local resident	<b>Valentina G Ezquerro</b> Bay Farm parent and Bay Farm resident.
<b>Rachel Lee</b> 161 Oyster Pond Rd Bay Farm and Lincoln MS parent and Bay Farm resident	<b>Pola Ebrahimi</b> Orr Rd Bay Farm resident, homeowner, and parent	