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Just fyi

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Mayor and City Councilmembers:

I understand you have received some emails about the Bus Express Lane on Island Drive. These emails refer to Project #12 in the Transportation Choices Plan, which proposes 3,000 feet (0.6 miles) of a dedicated bus only lane heading northbound on Island Drive towards Doolittle Drive. The project would NOT require any reduction in vehicle lanes. The median encroachment would not be more than one to two feet out of a 26-to 63-foot median and would not require any tree removal (see attached concept plans). This project will go through a subsequent community outreach process with the Harbor Bay community before implementation.

The benefit would be to speed up both Line 21 (Bay Farm Island, east Alameda, Fruitvale BART), which we know has reliability issues due to traffic congestion, and Line OX (Transbay bus service to/from Bay Farm Island, east Alameda). The dedicated bus lane going northbound would allow buses to bypass traffic at intersections on Island Drive between Maitland Drive and Doolittle Drive, especially during the morning peak periods, to save three to four minutes of wait time. Again, no travel lanes will be eliminated for this project.

We were careful to make sure that we proposed transit and TDM projects throughout the City, including in Harbor bay, especially since that community has voiced concerns about traffic congestion. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jen



