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RE: [Item 7-F: Annual Transportation Reports](#)

Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, Members of the City Council, and Staff,

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you for your ongoing efforts to improve access for bicyclists and pedestrians over the past year. Major achievements like the new Cross Alameda Trail along Clement, the bike signals, and the estuary water shuttle represent significant progress — improving daily life for many in our community and advancing our safety and climate goals.

This year is shaping up well, too, with long-awaited projects like Grand Street, Central Avenue, and the Neighborhood Greenways breaking ground. These projects are essential to completing Alameda's Low Stress Network, ensuring that people of all ages and abilities can safely and comfortably travel by bike or on foot. A statistically significant survey conducted as part of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) revealed that 46% of Alamedans are "interested but concerned" — they would bike more, but only if a safe network exists. Building this network is crucial, and projects like these are a solid start.

We're also excited that Public Works is aligning with other cities by incorporating Vision Zero infrastructure improvements into routine paving projects, starting with Bay Farm this year. This approach will enhance street safety more efficiently and effectively than one-off projects.

We also wanted to share a few concerns and asks:

- **Slow Streets to Neighborhood Greenways:** The conversion process is taking much too long, frustrating some users who have been eager for improved traffic calming as well as those who are simply tired of barricades. The latest proposals deprioritize this project by making implementation — except for one small segment of Pacific — contingent on funding. The ATP committed to a much more ambitious timeline (and ostensibly, funding), with Pacific, San Jose, and Versailles all to be completed *last year, in 2024*. We urge you to follow through on that commitment by prioritizing funding and resources needed to finally complete this initiative as expeditiously as possible.
- **Risks from Federal Government:** Please update the community on transportation projects that depend on federal funding and may now be at risk, such as Lincoln. Share what steps the City is taking in response, including our lobbyist's efforts at the federal and state levels, strategy adjustments, and how we can support those efforts.

Thank you for your dedication to making Alameda safer and more accessible for all. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to working together to keep the momentum rolling forward.

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