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**From:** Jennifer Snow [<mailto:snowwren@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Forward to transportation board [Main Street]

Dear Transportation Board,

I am a West End Alameda resident, and I both drive and ride my bike on Main Street in the area proposed for traffic reduction in favor of bike paths. I strongly recommend that instead of restricting car traffic (which will only get heavier when the new housing on the Base is complete) the transportation board focus on improving the existing mixed-use path. This path is fine for me (riding a hybrid) but apparently is too decrepit for road bikes. This wide area next to Main Street provides plenty of room for a bike path and this is where it should be placed, firmly away from all car traffic. Main Street needs to be available, realistically, for fairly heavy car traffic (and obviously there should also be bus service to the ferry!). Regardless of the final decision made, I also request as a West End resident that there be a longer and more transparent public comment and response time rather than a final vote taken in the near future.

Thank you,

Jennifer Snow  
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**From:** Gabe [<mailto:astorax@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Main Street bike lane plan

Hello,

I have some concerns around the plan being voted on Monday Dec 3rd to turn Main Street from Pacific to the Ferry Building into a single lane road in either direction.

My concerns are:

- 1) That no notifications were posted at the ferry terminal itself. Arguably the folks most impacted by this change haven't had any kind of notification around it.
- 2) The traffic numbers I've been told about mention cars per day, but no information around WHEN those cars are on that stretch of road was mentioned. My concern is that commute times are not properly taken into consideration, and it will cause massive traffic when I most need to be getting to the ferry.
- 3) The illusion of safety for the bikers that travel between the Bay Propeller driveway and the Ferry terminal driveway. There are cars that park along the roadside there, and visibility on when to back out of those spaces (particularly during commute times when already folks pull out of those spaces very quickly to get into traffic) is very bad, and the cars will be backing out through the new bike lane, which will be quite dangerous for bikers who now think themselves more safe because of having a dedicated bike lane.

I'm not saying we shouldn't fix the problem. I myself do not ride my bike to the ferry because it's unsafe.

But I feel like there's other alternatives that aren't being fully thought through, and I have concerns at the short time frame and lack of notification.

Could we please delay the vote, and have more open communication around the plan and what the alternatives are that wouldn't impact traffic to the ferry please?

Best regards,  
Gabe Weiss (Alameda resident and ferry commuter)

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**From:** Denyse [<mailto:denyse@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 3:45 PM  
**To:** Transportation <[transportation@alamedaca.gov](mailto:transportation@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Bike Lanes on Main St.

Dear Commissioners,

I regret that I will not be able to attend the December 3rd Transportation Commission meeting to provide these comments in person, but I hope you'll consider these written comments when deliberating your approval of bike lanes on Main Street, from Pacific to the ferry terminal, as recommended by staff.

I'm writing because I commute to the ferry by bicycle on this stretch. Its current configuration is unnecessarily frightening and dangerous, discouraging many people who might otherwise bicycle to the ferry. As you will hear from staff, it is one of the highest bike/car crash corridors in Alameda. It's unconscionable that we, as a city, have not provided any safe way to get to the Main St. Ferry Terminal except by car.

The only options for those of us who think its ridiculous to drive just a few miles to the ferry is to either a) attempt to share the roads with cars, which has become increasingly dangerous in just the past few months with lane closures due to the Site A construction. Or, b) try to ride on the sidewalks. The west side sidewalk is very busy with people who have walked to their cars, and the east sidewalk does not connect to the ferry terminal, is very poorly maintained, not lighted, and does not provide a safe way to cross any of the intersections. Also, it is poor transportation practice to expect pedestrians to share their safe space with people on bikes. It creates

unnecessary conflicts when there is plenty of room on the road for both cars and bikes. We just need to reconfigure that space so that it's safe for both people on bikes and drivers.

I'm sure you've heard about the latest UN Climate Report release a few weeks ago and the more urgent Congressional Climate Assessment. Both reports state that we have about 13 years left to completely redefine our transportation systems so as to significantly slash our GHG (green house gas) emissions. In the US, transportation accounts for over 40% of our emissions. Providing bike lanes on a major commute corridor is probably the least painful of the changes we will need to make in order to speed up that transportation mode shift. We are a low-lying island. We have the most to lose by not making some very drastic changes very quickly. We should be taking the lead on these types of initiatives, but we've fallen behind our neighboring cities (SF, Oakland, Berkeley) in terms of prioritization non-SOV transportation solutions. These bike lanes are far from the drastic changes we need to make, but they're a good start. We simply have to start sending the message that we'll be prioritizing other travel options over the SOV in our transportation planning going forward. It's one thing to have other modes as a priority in our plans and policies, but now is your chance to put those priorities into action.

I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gerry Thomas [<mailto:gbthom@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Bike Lanes on Main St.

Commissioners:

I am writing in SUPPORT of the proposed bike lanes for Main St. from Pacific to the ferry terminal. I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday, Dec. 3, but want to make my support for this project known.

I have ridden my bicycle along this stretch of Main St. to the ferry building almost every single work day since 2013 (pouring rain being the only exceptions); both to the ferry in the morning and from the ferry in the evening. In 5 years, I have been hit by cars on 3 different occasions (luckily only once being thrown from my bicycle). Beyond that, several times a week, consistently, I am buzzed by aggressive drivers coming within inches of my handlebars, honked at, yelled at, and/or flicked off simply for choosing to commute on a bicycle. This is scary enough, but even scarier on a dark evening.

The safety of bicyclists must be prioritized over the convenience of 2 lanes in each direction for cars. Reducing the car lanes on Main St. to a single lane in both directions will have minimal impact on drivers obeying the law and driving the speed limit, while having a large impact on the safety of bicyclists.

There are already a large number of bicyclists that commute to the ferry and the City should do its best to further encourage bicyclists over cars for reasons ranging from reducing traffic density to environmental concerns that need not be explained further here.

The addition of bicycle lanes on Main St. from Pacific to the ferry terminal is a much needed improvement that I fully support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any more information.

Thank you for your time,  
Gerald Thomas  
Alameda Resident

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**From:** Lucy gigli [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 5:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

City Clerk ,

I support bike lanes on Main Street.

I am very excited that Main Street will become safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

I am thankful that city staff has figured out a quick and inexpensive way to make the street safer. The current configuration of Main Street is unnecessarily frightening and dangerous, discouraging many people who might otherwise bicycle to the ferry.

Lucy gigli  
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**From:** Dan Wood [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 5:45 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

City Clerk ,

I am in support of the proposed bike lanes in Main Street. I have bicycled along Main Street on the way to the ferry (or Alameda Point) many times and I'm always concerned for safety. It feels like I'm bicycling along the side of a freeway!

It looks like our city's staff has come up with a solution that is inexpensive and will make the streets safer. I feel that if the route to the ferry is safer by bicycle than it is now, it will encourage more people to bike — rather than drive, and of course park their cars.

Please approve the bike lane plans please continue work on safety improvements that will reduce the overall road speed to get an even safer bike commute.

Dan Wood

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**From:** Heather Little [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 7:14 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

City Clerk ,

A little over two years ago, my husband was biking home from the Main Street ferry and was pushed off the road by a driver, resulting in several cracked ribs and a collarbone that was broken off at both ends. His collarbone break was so serious that surgeons from around the country were discussing his case. To this day, the section closest to his breastplate has never fully healed because it could not be operated on due to the proximity of the break to his aorta. Mark STILL bikes to and from the ferry. For this, and so many other reasons, I support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan.

I am very excited that this proposal will make Main Street safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

Please help Alameda continue to prioritize safer streets and move this improvement forward.

Heather Little

Heather Little

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**From:** Kirstin Van Cleef [<mailto:kirstinvancleef@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 9:44 AM

**To:** Transportation <[transportation@alamedaca.gov](mailto:transportation@alamedaca.gov)>

**Cc:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Main Street Bike Lanes

Hello Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly urge you to please add bike lanes to Main Street. If you need convincing, please take some time to go watch what happens on this road during morning and evening weekday commutes. Better still, ride your bike out there.

Cars are speeding by on the narrow poorly maintained road and pulling in and out of parking on the side of the road, people are walking on a winding path riddled with cracks and roots that doesn't even extend the full length of the road, while those of us on bikes are left to struggle through this frightening scene. It's truly awful and shockingly in contrast to the safe, 25 MPH, bike-friendly place Alameda claims to be.

I ride my bike to the ferry every day to begin and end my commute to my job in San Francisco. Every day I am disappointed in the Island City that I love because every day I think about how poorly this important transit connection is handled here. Not only is there no bus connection to the ferry, there aren't even proper bike lanes.



The ferries are so important even if you don't ride them - all of the ferry riders are helping keep additional traffic out of the tube and off the bridges leaving and returning to Alameda each day.

I see every day that the bike racks at the ferry are full, so I know I am not alone in this disappointment. I am sure even those who drive to the ferry would appreciate a safer situation on Main Street.

Please help everyone on Alameda with bike lanes on Main Street.

Thank you,  
Kirstin

**From:** Ezra Denman [<mailto:ezra.denman@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 8:59 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Bike Lanes on Main Street

I understand there is a proposed plan to create bike lanes on Main Street from the ferry terminal to Pacific Avenue. I would like to voice my support for this proposal as both a biker and a driver to the ferry.

As a biker this stretch is the only part of my ride that doesn't have a clear bike lane or shoulder. The issue is if I use the pedestrian walkway, I'm speeding through people walking which is dangerous for them. If I use the street I risk being hit by a car since there is no shoulder at all.

As a driver this stretch is dangerous because there is a constant stream of bikers in the right lane, causing me to switch lanes, which then causes traffic and potential accidents. Since it is dark in the winter at 5pm, I can't hardly see the bikers, even with their flashing red lights. There have been some close calls for sure.

Many people ride to the ferry everyday. The fact that there is no bike lane is ridiculous (this goes for the stretch on Tilden that goes to the Fruitvale stop as well). To not do anything about this issue is to be complacent. Doing nothing will lead to somebody getting killed. It might be inconvenient or expensive, but the issue will not go away on its own. Don't wait until tragedy strikes, do something.

-Ezra Denman, resident

**From:** annalisa boslough [<mailto:boslough@stanford.edu>]

**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 9:38 AM

**To:** City Clerk <[CLERK@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CLERK@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** bike lanes on main st

Good morning,

I'm writing to provide my enthusiastic endorsement for creation of bike lanes on main st. in Alameda. I take public transportation to Alameda via ferry every day and bike from the ferry to work, mostly on Main St. The commute would be much improved with bike lanes. Even without bike lanes the road condition is often sketchy,

with large potholes and cracks. Especially on rainy days with limited visibility, the commute feels dangerous due to the worn out roads and traffic. I would very much appreciate approval of the plan to construct bike lanes and appreciate the city of Alameda hearing my comments. Thanks!

Anna Boslough

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Matt "Sammons" Morales [mailto:msammons@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Main St bike lane

Hey there,

I'm a daily bike/ferry commuter and hear there is a proposal for bike lanes on Main Street near the ferry terminal. I urge you to move forward with any such plan. There is no clear safe route for bikes there.

=Matt

**From:** Christopher Zorn [mailto:christopher.zorn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 11:51 AM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Bike Lanes on Main St from Pacific to Ferry Terminal

I am unable to attend the Transportation Commission meeting on Dec 3rd but wanted to email my support for adding the bike lane to Main St.

It is a much needed improvement as that road can be dangerous especially when there are increased bikers from the ferry.

I would like to add that more than the minimum should be done. A buffer or protected section would be ideal.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jon Randell [mailto:larryone@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 1:53 PM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; info@bikewalkalameda.org  
**Subject:** Bike Lanes on Main St  
**Importance:** High

Dear Commissioners,

Please approve the bike lanes on Main St. that are being recommended by staff. I commute by bike on that road everyday to get to the ferry. It's incredibly dangerous. Everyday, I have to deal with drivers are who are trying to intimidate and bully people on bikes to get off 'their' road. People on bikes need and deserve clearly designated safe space on the roads -- yesterday!

You may hear from some people that instead of bike lanes, the city should be focusing on getting bus service to the ferry terminal. And, that would be great. The reality of making that happen is quite different thought. Even if the city had that kind of control over ACTransit's bus lines, and could magically mandate a bus line to the ferry, there are still significant problems with that solution in the short- and mid-term, if you're objective is to get people out of cars -- and that IS our objective!!.

First, virtually no one who drives to the ferry now is going to chose to add \$5 to their daily commute in order to take the bus when parking is free. Until WETA starts charging for parking (which is NOT in their short- or mid-term plans for Main St), literally no one will switch to taking the bus out of the goodness of their heart.

Second, until WETA and ACTransit gets their acts together and commits to a synchronized schedule, no one trying to get to work can risk either a) the ferry not waiting for a delayed bus in the AM, or b) the bus not waiting for a delayed ferry in the evening. There's no substantive work being done on this synchronization right now. So, even if we had a bus route in place immediately (which we're probably at least 2 years away from), there's other barriers to overcome before this would move the needle on getting people out of their cars and onto buses.

Therefore, if we're going to put our money where our mouth is and get real mode-share shift out of the policy document stage, we need to add these bike lanes immediately (3 years ago would have been better, but I'll take 'immediately'). Otherwise, we're all talk and no action.

Please, I urge you, approve these bike lanes today before anyone else is hurt on this unnecessarily dangerous corridor!

Thank you

Jonathan Randell  
Eagle Ave.  
Alameda, CA

**From:** Molly McGee [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 8:07 PM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Transportation Commission member,

I support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan.

I am very excited that this proposal will make Main Street safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

Molly McGee

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**From:** Mark Little [mailto:marklittle@fuseproject.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 12:15 PM

**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** Interim striping of Main St

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission,

Prior to the full implementation of measures approved on February 4, 2014 relating to The Environmental Impact Report (EIR), General Plan Amendment, and Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP) for Alameda Point, I am writing to voice my strong support for the proposed interim measures to restripe Main St into a three lane roadway and provide for continuous Class 2 bike lanes from the intersection of Pacific to the Main Street Ferry Terminal entrance. As a long-time bicycle commuter and ferry rider, I have traversed the stretch of Main Street from Pacific to the Ferry Terminal countless times. I choose to ride on the road because it is my legal right to do so. I strictly follow the law and stop at stop lights and stop signs. My hope is that in doing so, auto commuters will see the equivalency of the bicycle as a legitimate mode of transportation.

I applaud the City of Alameda's efforts to make more of our streets bicycle friendly. Unfortunately, Main St is anything but bicycle friendly and we can't wait for the full implementation of the MIP to do something about it. With the increase in ferry ridership has come the predictable increase in both automobile and bicycle traffic, not to mention other forms of motorized and non motorized scooters, skateboards, etc. I have seen a marked increase in hostility towards cyclists over the past few years coinciding with this increase in auto traffic.. I have been verbally abused by drivers yelling at me to get off the road, get a real car, ride on the sidewalk. I've had cars race by me within inches as they honk their horns. I've been forced off the road. I've been shown the middle finger more times than I can recount. All of this because I choose to ride a bicycle. Every cyclist who I speak to on the ferry has similar stories.

This is unacceptable. Nearly 1 in 5 commuters who ride the ferry arrive to the ferry terminal on a bicycle and I suspect many more would if there was a safe route via the proposed bicycle lane. Please vote yes to approve this essential and responsible upgrade to protect the safety of a significant portion of our city's ferry commuters.

Thank you,

Mark Little  
1626 Morton St

**From:** Alan Teague [mailto:alan@alameda.morphdog.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 10:43 PM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Recommendation to Approve Interim Main Street Striping Plan

Dear Members of the Transportation Commission,

The information contained within the Staff Report for the item “Recommendation to Approve Interim Main Street Striping Plan” is not sufficient for you to make an informed decision. I strongly recommend that you continue this item so that Staff can provide the information you need.

- During the week, the Ferry service generates traffic surges towards the Ferry in the 15-20 minutes prior to the morning runs and away from the Ferry in the 5-15 minutes after the afternoon/evening runs. This results in significantly higher peak loads on Main Street. Average Daily Traffic Counts do not capture this nature and ADCs for November would be an under estimate due to inclusion of the holiday periods and weekends. The Staff Report should contain the peak traffic that occurs during these restricted 15-20 minute periods in order to assess the impact on commuter traffic times, if any. A full ferry could result in 2-300 vehicles trying to use Main Street within a 15-minute timeframe.

- Between the Ferry terminal entrance and Singleton, there are approximately 125 parking places. The report does not describe how the proposed change will impact these spaces.

- There is no mention of what the impact on this configuration will be when North Housing begins feeding the commuter traffic load.

- There is no mention of the impact that the Antique Fair has on Main Street and beyond. The current load stresses the existing Main Street configuration (and beyond). How will the new configuration impact this monthly event?

- The description of the Ferry Fleet <https://sanfranciscobayferry.com/sites/default/files/SFBFfleet.pdf> indicates that the vessels serving Alameda Main Street have bike capacities of 10% to 12.5%.

Alternatively, what would be the impact of reducing Main Street to a 25 MPH road? This amount of speed reduction has been shown to half the severity of accidents. Would this allow bicycles and vehicle to share the road like they do in the rest of Alameda? This would be a significantly lower cost option.

Regards,  
Alan Teague  
Alameda Resident

**From:** Angela Hockabout [mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 7:50 AM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Transportation Commission member,

I support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan.

I am very excited that this proposal will make Main Street safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Liberty Jenkins [mailto:liberty.jenkins@me.com]

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 7:56 AM

To: Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>

Cc: City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>

Subject: Cycle lane on Main Street

To whom it may concern

Unfortunately I cannot make the transportation meeting this evening but, as a committed public transit commuter and cyclist, I would like to advocate for greater infrastructure supporting cycling in Alameda. I am sure you are aware of the increasing numbers using the ferry to commute. This is a wonderful asset of Alameda and encourages growth in our community. It also means more car and bike traffic on Main Street. Please can we ensure the safety of our cyclists by providing a dedicated cycle path and/or improving the side walk paving.

Yours faithfully

Liberty Jenkins  
Ballena Bay

**From:** Kimby Wells [mailto:kimbywells2015@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 8:33 AM

**To:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; info@bikewalkalameda.org; Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** Bike lanes on Main Street

Dear Transportation Commission,

Please add bike lanes to Main Street.

I ride my bike to the Ferry Terminal every day on my commute to work. Bike lanes would make the ride safer for me, for the other riders, and for the drivers who share the road. The addition of bike lanes would also encourage more people to commute by bike which would help Alameda's traffic congestion and the environment.

I support the addition of bike lanes on Main Street. I also urge you to consider other safety improvements on Main Street including filling potholes and cracks on the Southbound side and smoothing the joint between the Atlantic Avenue right turn lane and Main Street northbound. This joint currently creates a bike tire-sized gap and a parallel step that is very unsafe for cyclists.

Thank you,

Kimberly Wells  
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**From:** Debbie O. Tisdale [mailto:dotisdale@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 9:19 AM

**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>; City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; Gail Payne <GPayne@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** In support of bike lanes on Main St. near Ferry Terminal

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing in support of adding bike lanes to Main St. from Pacific to the Main St. Ferry Terminal. I live in Alameda and bike to and from the ferry terminal five days per week to commute to work. I bike because it benefits my health, the environment, and my family's budget. Also there is currently no bus service to the ferry terminal, and parking spots fill up early leaving a mess of street parking, so biking is my best choice. However, the roads as they currently are feel unsafe for bike riders. Many drivers are accelerating aggressively because the speed limit is higher than other parts of the island. If I ride in the lanes, I feel endangered when cars pass me with little clearance. I have two small children at home who need me to stay alive, so I avoid biking in the driving lanes on Main St.

Please approve a plan to add bike lanes and improve safety of this stretch of road. Thank you in advance.

Debbie Tisdale

Brush St, Alameda, CA 94501

**From:** Tyler Velten [mailto:tylervelten@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 10:34 PM

**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>

**Cc:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Bike lanes to Main St. Terminal

To the Alameda Transportation Commission,

I was recently notified of the Commission's interest in improving a bicycle connection from Pacific Avenue to the Main Street Ferry Terminal. Thank you for considering this issue as it is imperative that dedicated bike lanes and/or trails be implemented along this dangerous stretch of Main St. as well as other routes across and off the island.

As a daily bike commuter to the city, the ferry offers unique and efficient access to San Francisco. Unlike many landlocked Bay Area communities restricted to crowded freeways, bridges and BART lines, Alameda residents enjoy comfortable, clean, fast transit on one of the worlds most beautiful urban waterways. The ferry, as residents have consistently recognized and valued, is a vital piece of infrastructure that is key to our community reconciling our current traffic congestion woes. I must underscore that as an island, we will not improve traffic congestion until we improve our bike trails and bike routes for commuters, families, and children (This includes additional estuary crossings serviced by dedicated 40person pedestrian/bike/scooter ferries).

The Main St. proposal is critical to improving our bike infrastructure and thus improving alameda for all residents, not just cyclists. Current access to the ferry is designed to favor automobiles and pedestrians leaving bicycles to compete for sidewalks and safe crossings at intersections. It is ironic that a community such as ours, with our wide flat roads and defunct rail right-of-ways still struggles to realize the community benefits of dedicated bike routes. Given the widely understood and well researched evidence, bicycle friendly communities and streets allow for effective reduction of traffic and pollution (<https://www.citylab.com/solutions/2014/09/when-adding-bike-lanes-actually-reduces-traffic-delays/379623/>), and improve the economics of a community (<https://www.citylab.com/solutions/2015/03/the-complete-business-case-for-converting-street-parking-into-bike-lanes/387595/>).

The current road layout along Main Street, not to mention other bleak auto-only thoroughfares like Willie Stargell, Atlantic or Central Ave, force bicyclists to share lanes with cars or be relegated to sidewalks designed for pedestrians. This is unacceptable. Often cyclists, the most efficient mode of transportation, are routinely challenged by aggressive drivers upset at the mere presence of a bicycle on the road or pitted against pedestrians who feel that two wheels do not belong on city sidewalks.

Fortunately, the solutions are straightforward and relatively cheap, employing mostly re-striping and paint budget. So please, lets get a handle on our traffic congestion by thinking outside of the car. Please recognize that protected and dedicated bike lanes/trails/routes and intersections, along Main Street, will rapidly begin to improve our island's safety and enjoyability for all residents!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tyler Velten  
Weber Street

**From:** Dinesh Thiru [mailto:dinesh9@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 10:05 AM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; Ruchi Thiru <ruchika.thiru@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Support for Bike Safety Improvements on Main St.

Hi Alameda Transpotation Commission,

I'm writing to voice my support for the bike safety improvements you're planning to make on Main St. from Pacific Ave to the ferry terminal.



I bike this route often on my commute and while I'm an experienced biker (been biking to work for 10yrs+), I find this route to be particularly dangerous. The road is very bumpy, cars move quickly, and there is no designated bike lane. There is a sidewalk that bikers use, but this creates a treacherous situation with fast moving cars where bikers are moving between the sidewalk and street. This stretch is definitely the most nerve racking of my commute and while I haven't had an accident yet, I fear one is bound to happen.

I'd love for more Alamedan's to be able to bike to work and take advantage of all the amazing modes of transportation we have to offer. This is big part of why my wife and I chose Alameda as the place to raise our family.

Making Main St. more bike friendly would enable more folks to bike to the Ferry and thus likely reduce traffic and improve transportation for all Islanders.

Thank you again so much for the considering this.

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**From:** Aaron Carpenter [mailto:aaronfcarpenter@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 7:48 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>; Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Approve bike lanes on main st

Hello,

I'm writing to support the proposal to add bike lanes to Main Street. I can't make the meeting tonight but support the plan as a ferry bike commuter.

Best

Aaron carpenter  
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Alameda resident.

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**From:** Anni Porteous [mailto:aporteous1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>; City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** Dom <dominicracciatore@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Main Street Bike Lanes// Tonight's meeting

Hello,

I hope this finds you well!

In the event that I am not able to attend tonight's meeting of the Transportation Commission, I would like to write in and lend my support to the plan to repaint lanes to put in bike lanes on Main Street on the way to the ferry terminal.

My fiance and I bought a house on Alameda over the summer, and bike from our house to the ferry terminal and back along Main Street every day. Please, please pass this plan- because it is not currently clear where bicycles are supposed to be, we ride with car traffic, and on the sidewalks (those bicyclists too scared to ride with urgent car commuters during rush hour). Riding with cars is difficult at best, and dangerous at worst- cars don't see us, swerve around us or just drive uncomfortably close. Please give us our own space on the road, for everyone's peace of mind and easier commuting.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note, and I hope you will pass this great improvement!

Best,  
Anni Porteous

**From:** Rene Rodriguez [mailto:[info@sg.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 1:15 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

Rochelle Wheeler,

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Putting the bike lanes in will also make the existing walkways safer for pedestrians to use. I highly recommend adding some additional paint and markings for the walkway on the west side of the intersection. As it is now is very dangerous for pedestrians.

I have been commuting by bicycle from SF to Alameda for work at Alameda Point for over a decade, and I look forward to seeing some improvements.

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**From:** Kristen Hanlon [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 5:51 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

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**From:** Britton Schwartz [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 11:22 AM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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**From:** Klaus Schniedergerers [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 3:46 PM  
**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

Rochelle Wheeler,

I strongly support bike lanes on Main Street.

As a ferry commuter, I use Main St every day between Encinal HS and the Ferry terminal. I sometimes drive and sometimes bike.

I am an experienced cyclist, in many large cities and also in SF. Main St is the most dangerous and least usable bike corridor I know - and there is really no alternative to get to the ferry.

Given that in 2017 already 18% of all ferry users bike to it, there should be more consideration for their safety. Encouraging biking will also reduce car traffic and reduce parking pressure, so all car drivers should benefit from it as well.

It's inconceivable that we have 5 1/2 lanes dedicated for cars (4 for traffic, and 1.5 for parking on shoulder), and zero for bikes - on what is likely the most-used bike corridor in our city.

Right now I use the sidewalk for biking - which is very difficult as it's a narrow path with lots of pedestrians, and used for both directions.

In addition it's in a very bad shape between Stargell and Pacific (badly broken up, no lighting, bad holes, low tree branches).

For anyone opposing these bike lanes - please try just once to bike from Stargell to the terminal on Main, or bike from the terminal towards Encinal HS during the rush hour when the ferry arrives.

As I also often also drive, I understand the resistance from many of my fellow commuters. But of the 2 lanes in each direction often one is used for turning anyways (illegal U-turns into the diagonal parking spaces along Main), or left turns from Main/ferry into Stargell. Keeping the center turning lane should keep the flow acceptable and not much worse than what it's now, but also reduce the speeding on the 4 lanes.

It should make walking on the sidewalk more safe when bikes are no longer forced to take it.

I'm very excited for this change to hopefully happen quickly and affordably - please make the right choice.

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**From:** Charles Johnson [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 7:07 AM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

Rochelle Wheeler,

I support bike lanes on Main Street.

I am very excited to support this proposal! that As a cyclist who uses the ferry, bike lanes will make Main Street safer for bicyclists. Currently the ride to the ferry terminal requires that cyclists mix in with heavy automobile traffic or use a crowded pedestrian path. This reduces safety and increases congestion for everyone, regardless of their method of transportation.

I am thankful that city staff has figured out a quick and inexpensive way to make the street safer. The current configuration of Main Street is unnecessarily frightening and dangerous, discouraging many people who might otherwise bicycle to the ferry.

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**From:** Jackie Jacksondaley [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 10:34 AM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

Rochelle Wheeler,

I support bike lanes on Main Street.

My husband bikes from the East End to the Main Street ferry terminal every day, and it is this stretch that scares him the most.

I am very excited that this proposal will make Main Street safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

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Jackie Jacksondaley

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**From:** Chris Spiegel [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 11:25 AM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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Chris Spiegel

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**From:** Scott Rocher [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 6:04 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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**From:** Peter Grosser [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 10:09 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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**From:** Lilli Keinaenen [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 2:25 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Interim Main Street Striping Plan

Rochelle Wheeler,

I support bike lanes on Main Street.

I am very excited that Main Street will become safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly, it's quite the racetrack and there has been quite a few accidents.

As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal early in the morning in the dark.

Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path, it's less than ideal having walkers and bikers on the same path, since the people on bikes will most likely be rushing to make it to the ferry.

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And since there isn't any transit options, bikes and Birds will be the greatest ways to reduce driving and alleviate the parking issues.

Alameda is IDEAL for biking, with (mostly) slow cars, and flat terrain. This is the biggest impact Alameda can make to reduce our footprint.

Thanks for not letting perfection get in the way of progress. Painted bike lanes are great. Fully separate lanes are of course better, but in a lot of places, not necessary. Rather have painted lanes than no lanes.

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**From:** Georgianna Lear [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 7:39 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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**From:** Kelly Harp [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

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Kelly Harp

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**From:** deborah lafferty [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 11:35 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Rochelle Wheeler,

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I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

deborah lafferty

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**From:** Kirsten Fairbanks [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 6:18 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Rochelle Wheeler,

I support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan.

As a mother and a resident of Earth I am excited at the possibility of more bike lanes in our beautiful island town. As our climate heats up and our sea levels continue to rise, Alameda must make bold and decisive choices that make reducing our carbon footprint easy and accessible for all residents.

I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

Thank you.

Kirsten Fairbanks

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**From:** Jill Reed [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 8:56 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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Jill Reed

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**From:** Molly McGee [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2018 8:07 PM

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**From:** Marc Fournier [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

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Marc Fournier

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**From:** Elisabeth Brown [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 5:53 AM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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**From:** Angela Hockabout [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

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**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>  
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**From:** Lee Jackson [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]  
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**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Rochelle Wheeler,

I support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan.

I bike this every day, And have found the existing bike paths unusable and unsafe. However, they are better than being clipped by cars rushing to the main street ferry.

I am very excited that Main Street will become safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

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Lee Jackson

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**From:** Nicole Loeffler-Siu [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 9:04 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Rochelle Wheeler,

I support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan.

I bike every day with my two small children on my bike and we bike all over alameda (we no longer drive on the island after getting our family bike.) however, we need better bike infrastructure that makes it safer for families to bike.

I am very excited that Main Street will become safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

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Nicole Loeffler-Siu

[nicole.loeffler@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.loeffler@gmail.com)

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**From:** Doug Keen [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 8:43 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

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Doug Keen

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**From:** Jenny Johnson [<mailto:info@sg.actionnetwork.org>]

**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2018 8:40 PM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <[rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5-A Main Street Bike Lanes

Rochelle Wheeler,

I commute by ferry five days a week and strongly support bike lanes on Main Street. Please approve the plan!

I am excited that this proposal will make Main Street safer for bicyclists and that people will potentially be driving more slowly. As it is, Main Street is too dangerous for biking when everyone is trying to get to the ferry terminal. Plus, those bicyclists on the narrow side path make it harder to walk on the side path.

I urge you to please 1) approve this plan to add bike lanes to Main St. ASAP and 2) move forward to work with a traffic engineer to make other safety improvements to this corridor, including safety improvements at all of the intersections, and reducing the speed on that road to 25 mph.

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December 3, 2018

Christopher A. Miley, Chair  
Alameda Transportation Commission  
City of Alameda  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Main Street Restriping Plan

Dear Chair Miley:

The Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) supports the City of Alameda staff recommendation to restripe the section of Main Street between Willie Stargell Avenue and the Main Street Ferry Terminal.

As the staff report to the Transportation Commission indicates, 18 percent of Alameda Main Street riders arrive by bicycle. That translates to roughly 200 bikes on an average weekday traversing Main Street. With capacity for up to 50 bikes on WETA's largest vessels and both rack and locker parking available, WETA encourages bicycling as a healthy, more sustainable way to access the ferry terminal. Making these needed safety improvements will further encourage Alameda ferry riders to ride bikes to the ferry.

Sincerely,



Nina Rannells  
Executive Director  
Water Emergency Transportation Authority

cc: A. Thomas  
J. Del Bono

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ken McCroskey [mailto:kenmccroskey@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2018 2:54 PM

To: Transportation <transportation@alamedaca.gov>

Cc: City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>

Subject: Main Street Bike Lane

Dear Alameda Transportation Commissioners-

I'm writing in support of cycling safety on Main Street in Alameda. Adding a bike lane in each direction would support cycling to and from the ferries. It would also support trips to and from schools, and help increase Alameda's network of cycling infrastructure in an area that is both newly populated and likely to increase in population.

I'm a Traffic and Safety Commissioner from Albany, CA, just north of Berkeley. I'm also an American League of Bicyclists Certified Instructor. I spent a few weeks this summer leading kids in rides across Alameda, including to the ferry. While other destinations have viable alternate routes, biking on the road is the most direct way to reach the terminal.

Here in Albany we put our major east/west main street, Marin Ave. on a “road diet” almost twenty years ago. This left room for bike lanes in both directions and had some important results that Alameda should realize as well: motorists stopped weaving between lanes to pass slower traffic or cars paused for turns, pedestrians could cross at un-signalized intersections much easier, and the whole corridor became a calmer, more human space. Negative results have been minimal.

What if families could get on their bikes in the morning and combine school and work trips? I envision the whole group comfortably riding down Pacific or an improved Central to get to one of the junior highs (NEA, Encinal, The Academy, etc.). Then the parent could head up Main Street to get to the ferry and their job.

I urge you to implement a road diet on Main Street and implement bike lanes as far south as possible. It’s a heck of a lot cheaper to re-purpose your roadway and add bike parking than to build more parking for cars that just sit there all day. If you have any questions, or would like a tour of Marin Avenue in Albany, let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Ken

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From: LARA WEISIGER  
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 12:48 PM  
To: Gail Payne; Rochelle Wheeler; Scott Wikstrom  
Subject: FW: Please approve bike lanes on Main Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Virginia Lacy [mailto:virg.lacy@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 9:10 AM  
To: City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>  
Subject: Please approve bike lanes on Main Street

To whom it may concern:

I recently heard about the potential proposal for bike lanes on Main Street from Pacific Avenue to the ferry terminal. As a ferry commuter, I enthusiastically support this proposed improvement! I bike to the ferry about 3 days a week and absolutely dread this section of road. It is the scariest, most dangerous bike ride I have experienced in the Bay Area. I actually dread it when I'm driving, too—bikers have no place to go and cars have to swerve out of the way to avoid them.

I hope the commissioners will approve this needed safety improvement. I genuinely believe we could save someone's life with this decision.

Thanks!  
Virginia Lacy



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