



City of Alameda Response to Bike Walk Alameda Correspondence

March 5, 2024

On February 13, 2024, Bike Walk Alameda provided a letter to the Mayor and City Council as part of the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment stating that some capital projects planned to begin or complete construction in 2023 had slipped. Letters referencing delayed projects were also provided to the Planning Board and Transportation Commission for their February 26 and 28 meetings, respectively. All letters included a link to a “Project Tracker” hosted on the Bike Walk Alameda website and included requests to expedite certain projects and programs in 2024.

This memo provides status updates on the projects and programs mentioned in the letters. It represents a small subset of the City’s transportation work. For a status report on all transportation projects, see the Transportation Annual Report in Exhibit 1, page 65.

Status of Projects Marked “Delayed” in Bike Walk Alameda Project Tracker

The table below presents the status of each of the projects marked “delayed” by Bike Walk Alameda. **All projects in Table 1 were listed in the [2023 Transportation Capital Projects Work Program map](#) as “construction will begin or be completed in 2023.”**

Due to staff shortages and other constraints, these projects did not begin construction in 2023. Recent hires have allowed City staff to advance projects through to construction per the updated timelines below.

Table 1: Status of Projects Marked “Delayed” in Bike Walk Alameda Project Tracker

Project	Status	Anticipated Completion
Central Avenue Safety Project	The Central Avenue Safety Project scope has expanded over the years, creating better and more comprehensive safety improvements. In 2023 the project received funding for a third roundabout and flood management elements, necessitating additional design and Caltrans review. The City is seeking final Caltrans approval for the work within Caltrans Highway 61 right-of-way and will solicit construction bids shortly after receiving this approval.	Break ground in late 2024; construction duration 18 months

Project	Status	Anticipated Completion
Grand Street Resurfacing and Safety Improvements	Completed an additional design, community, and approval process resulting in substantial design concept revisions. Phase one, Shoreline to Otis Drive, is at 100% design and ready to bid, pending Caltrans approval.	Phase One by end of 2024 Phase Two by end of 2025
Jean Sweeney Open Space Trail Connectors	Construction costs were higher than expected, requiring the City to utilize more fund sources. Construction contract award is scheduled for March 19, 2024.	Fall 2024
Lincoln Walnut Crossing Improvements	Project bid opening is scheduled for March 12, 2024.	Summer 2024
Safe Routes to School Infrastructure	Conceptual planning was completed in 2023. Recently hired staff has initiated final design drawings. Project planned to be bid for construction in fall 2024.	Summer 2025
Traffic Signal and Pedestrian Improvements	Construction contract award scheduled for April 16, 2024, Council Meeting.	Summer 2024

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Status of Projects Bike Walk Alameda Recommended for Expediting

The Bike Walk Alameda letters to the Planning Board and Transportation Commission also included a series of recommendations for 2024 priorities. See the Transportation Annual Report in Exhibit 1, p. 65, for the full 2024 transportation work plan.

Table 2: Status of Projects Bike Walk Alameda Recommended for Expediting

Project or Program	Bike Walk Alameda Request	Status	Anticipated Completion Based on Current Staffing Levels
Neighborhood Greenways	Complete the conversion of all the Slow Streets slated to be Neighborhood Greenways. <i>Staff note: this includes Pacific Ave, San Jose Ave, and Versailles Ave. (The Active Transportation Plan includes additional Neighborhood Greenways that aren't current Slow Streets and not all Slow Streets are slated to be Neighborhood Greenways.)</i>	Design work did not begin in 2023 as planned due to staff shortages plus unanticipated staff needs, including: Estuary Water Shuttle planning, which unexpectedly required purchasing and retrofitting a boat; and the Grand St project, which required a new design, public engagement, and approval process. The 2024 Transportation Work Plan includes beginning construction to convert at least one Slow Street to a Neighborhood Greenway. This will require not only design work but community outreach. It will lay the groundwork for future Neighborhood Greenways, and if time allows, staff will pursue more than one conversion this year. This may not be possible with such a robust plan for other work, such as the Estuary Water Shuttle launch, Oakland Alameda Estuary Bridge planning, Fernside Boulevard planning, major grant proposals for Stargell Ave and Lincoln	Complete quick-build conversion of the three Slow Streets by 2025

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		Ave/Marshall Way/Pacific Ave projects, and more.	
High Injury Corridor Daylighting Project – Tier 3	Construct in 2024	In 2023, design work was done for Tier 3 streets in the 2024 pavement management program. Staffing shortages slowed progress on other Tier 3 streets.	2025
Bike Parking	Add bike parking per Active Transportation Plan program 7. <i>Staff note: Program 7 is, “Install additional bike parking throughout Alameda, including in-street bike corrals and parking that accommodates bicycles of different sizes, including longer wheelbase cargo and children’s’ bikes.” It is marked as a priority for implementation by 2025.</i>	No new bicycle parking was installed in 2023. However, several racks were maintained or replaced, all the City’s shared-use electronic bike lockers were maintained, and planning was undertaken to add more on-street bike parking corrals along Park and Webster Streets, which will be installed in Summer 2024. While the City has approximately 2,300 bicycle parking spaces citywide, including 134 spaces in shared-use electronic bike lockers, and in six on-street bike parking corrals, there is demand for more bike parking. Transportation Planning and Public Works staff will work in 2024 to develop a program to install at least 200 new bike parking spaces by the end of 2025. Additional racks are anticipated to be installed at City parks and with new development projects.	2025

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Bikeshare	Give attention to bike share this year per Active Transportation Plan Program 10. <i>Staff note: Program 10 is, “Evaluate current bikeshare (standard and electric), scooter share, and other micromobility options, and establish programs and policies for their operations in Alameda. Include adaptive bicycles and discounts for low-income residents.” It is marked as a priority for implementation by 2025.</i>	This work was delayed due to staffing constraints and is planned to begin in 2025.	Complete planning in 2025
Safe Routes to School Infrastructure	Construct in 2024.	See status in the previous table. Construction bidding will occur this year.	Summer 2025