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Board of Directors

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Denyse Trepanier
President

Dear Transportation Commissioners and Staff,

Brian Fowler
Treasurer

We'd like to comment on several items on the [11/15 agenda](#).

Tim Beloney
Secretary

6A: AC Transit Realign

Cyndy Johnsen
Board Member

We appreciate the challenge of optimizing bus service within existing funding constraints. With the vast majority of transportation funding still going to highways, this seems like a good opportunity to underscore the importance of including in our City's legislative agenda support for laws that better align transportation funding with transportation goals. We look forward to the day when we can enjoy the unconstrained service scenario!

Maria Piper
Board Member

6B: Performance Metrics

Lucy Gigli
Founder, non-voting

We fully support hiring a consultant and funding as necessary to help with this important project, and/or budgeting for a contract with an outside firm for ongoing support as needed. Staff is limited and unable to get to all they need to do as is. We shouldn't be choosing between implementing projects that are designed to meet vitally important safety, equity, and climate goals, and gathering the comprehensive data we need to measure their effectiveness. We need to do both. Our budgeting should reflect this.

6C: Oakland-Alameda Estuary Bridge

It's great to see the progress made by consultants and staff on this project. The screening criteria matrix is an especially helpful tool in considering the many variables and constituents together, holistically, and identifying the best options moving forward. While nothing will please everyone all of the time, it feels like with these designs and alignments, we're a lot closer to pleasing a lot of people most of the time. We're very grateful for all of this thoughtful work.

Non-Agenda Item

A non-agenda item we wanted to bring to your attention in case you were not aware of it, is the passage of [AB 413](#), which makes it illegal in California to park within 20 feet of a crosswalk, whether it's a striped crosswalk ("marked") or not ("unmarked"). As you know, the City of Alameda adopted a daylighting ordinance in 2019, but its mandate applies to just some crosswalks; this legislation is stronger in that it applies to all crosswalks.

The new State law does not require cities to paint daylighted curbs red, but we're hoping this practice will become a standard part of the Public Works process, as red curbs will be very helpful in communicating these new parking prohibitions to the public.

If you could recommend or otherwise support this change in process so it happens as a default, we think it would have a huge impact on safety.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bike Walk Alameda