

From: [Megan Murphy](#)
To: [CityCouncil-List](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Item 3-C: Mid-Cycle Budget Update
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:54:59 PM

RE: Item 3-C: Mid-Cycle Budget Update

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

I am a homeowner and parent of young children in Alameda. My family cycles to school daily on Alameda streets. I fear for their safety.

I am asking you to **support the additional \$250K for safe streets / Vision Zero projects** in Table 6 of this Item.

- Beyond daylighting, high-visibility crosswalks, public engagement and response, which specific concerns will this address?
- How will we get the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure projects back on track?
- Will we get the conversion of Slow Streets to Neighborhood Greenways project completed closer to the original timeline (as opposed to 2027, per the Strategic Plan Progress Report)?
- Will we put our 2030 Low-Stress Backbone Network back on track for completion by 2030? If not, what does the Staff need?

I ask that you **clarify what it would take, including funding sufficient human resources if necessary, to get these and other impactful projects in our Active Transportation Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan delivered as originally planned.** Without this step, our targets around street safety and reducing VMT (vehicle miles traveled) will very likely be missed.

This is the follow-through I expect from our leadership given our City's [Climate Emergency](#) and [Vision Zero](#) commitments. I hope you will take this workshop and the mid-cycle budget adoption next month as opportunities to put those urgent words into action.

Sincerely,

Megan Murphy
Alameda resident and parent of AUSD students

From: [Dorothy Freeman](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)
Cc: [Manager Manager](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] May 21 Alameda City Council Agenda Item 3C
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 1:46:07 PM

May 21 Alameda City Council Agenda Item 3C

Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Mid-Cycle - Budget Update

Exhibit 1

V18 Updated 5/6/2024

FY 2024-25 MID-CYCLE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

FUND 100 - GENERAL FUND

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED CAPITAL TRANSFERS- USE OF FUND BALANCE

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog, and Council Members Vella, Spencer, and Jensen,

Regarding the budget capitol item *Increase Professional Services - Sweeney Park Railroad Repair* for \$190,000.00. The fire at the historical Sweeney Park Railroad building that was caused by homeless individuals was a very sad occurrence. Fortunately, the quick action of the Alameda Fire Department saved the building from complete destruction and left it in a repairable state.

For many years, this building was in very bad shape with graffiti all around. Fortunately, in April 2013 a community minded group at the Latter Day Saints Church (Morman) took this eyesore on as a special project to help improve this very important artifact left from the Belt Line Railroad. Since this first renovation, the public has respected the building and very little graffiti has reoccurred. The fire this year has returned the historical building to an eyesore in a fast-developing neighborhood.

The funding provided in the budget will repair the historical building for preservation until a future date when funding can be provided to make the building an active part of the park. More important, the funding will repair the building so it is no longer an eye sore in this very active developing section of Alameda and the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park.

The Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund Board of Directors encourage approval of the funding necessary to repair this historical building and preserve it for future use and as a memorial of the Belt Line Rail Road land that has become this very admired park.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Freeman

Co-Chairman:

For the Board of Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund

cc: City Manager
City Clerk

From: [Trish Spencer](#)
To: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: Fwd: Midyear budget
Date: Monday, May 20, 2024 11:59:41 AM

From: Catherine .E <egelblock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 11:03:00 AM
To: tspencer@alamedaca.gov <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Midyear budget

Dear Ms Spencer,

City Council should use its mid cycle budget to assess the causes of the delays in implementing traffic safety improvements planned for residential side streets. Residents are not getting the programs and projects promised.

AND City Council should provide more staffing resources and budget funding to get the city's overall transportation plans back on track.

Thank you!!

Sincerely,
Catherine Egelhoff.

From: [Cyndy Johnsen](#)
To: [CityCouncil-List](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); board@bikewalkalameda.org; [Jennifer Ott](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 3-C: Mid-Cycle Budget Update
Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 7:35:34 AM
Attachments: [5_21_2024_CC_3C_Comments_Budget.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and Members of the City Council,

Please see our comments regarding Item 3-C (the Budget workshop), attached.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Bike Walk Alameda



Board of Directors

May 17, 2024

Denyse Trepanier
President

RE: [Item 3-C: Mid-Cycle Budget Update](#)

Brian Fowler
Treasurer

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

Tim Beloney
Secretary

We've been eagerly looking forward to this discussion and have a few thoughts we hope you will consider. First, we urge you to **support the additional \$250K for safe streets / Vision Zero projects** in Table 6 of this Item.

Cyndy Johnsen
Board Member

Second, we urge you to get clarity around the direction you provided Staff in earlier Council meetings, which was to return during budget discussions with options to address the many transportation project delays we've been experiencing. It's unclear to us whether this funding is that option, or if that step was missed.

Maria Piper
Board Member

In the event this funding is that option, we suggest you have Staff include more details about it. Beyond daylighting, high-visibility crosswalks, public engagement and response, which specific concerns will it address? For example, will it get the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure projects back on track? Will it get the conversion of Slow Streets to Neighborhood Greenways project completed closer to the original timeline (as opposed to 2027, per the Strategic Plan Progress Report)? Will it put our 2030 Low-Stress Backbone Network back on track for completion by 2030? If not, what does Staff need?

Lucy Gigli
Founder, non-voting

We noted that there wasn't a recommendation for additional transportation workforce, or even an option to consider it. Is that because Staff believes the delays will be remedied by the additional funding alone? If not, what does Staff need?

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