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[EXTERNAL] Bike Access to Seaplane Lagoon on Oriskany / W Pacific

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Dear Transportation Commissioners,

I'm writing to request pavement and roadway condition improvements on Oriskany Avenue or W Pacific, particularly along the segment used to access the Seaplane Lagoon ferry terminal. As an experienced biker and Alameda resident that rides this route regularly, I can testify that this segment is unbelievably rough and quite hard to ride for myself, let alone for others.

With the Central Avenue bikeway now in place, more cyclists are using Oriskany as the primary connection to the ferry. However, there is a clear disconnect in the bike network at this final segment. The bikeway delivers riders close to the terminal, but the last stretch on Oriskany is in very poor condition and undermines the usefulness of the investment.

The pavement is consistently rough and uneven, making the ride uncomfortable and, in some areas, unsafe. It is especially discouraging for less experienced riders, riders with disabilities, riders with children, or anyone trying to rely on this as a daily connection. This gap effectively limits who can use the route.

At the same time, the Seaplane Lagoon parking lot is frequently full, and parking fees are now in effect. Increasing bike access is an obvious way to relieve pressure, but it only works if the connection is complete and functional.

I could have missed it, I have not seen any indication in recent City plans or capital improvement documents that this segment of Oriskany or W Pacific is scheduled for repaving or rehabilitation. Given its role as a key link to a major transit asset, that seems like a missed opportunity.

Improving Oriskany would:

- Close a critical gap between the Central Avenue bikeway and the ferry terminal
- Make ferry access safer and more reliable for cyclists
- Help shift some demand away from constrained parking
- Support the City's transportation and climate goals in a practical, visible way

This is a relatively contained improvement with a clear payoff. Resurfacing or rehabilitating Oriskany Avenue or W Pacific would significantly improve the experience for current riders and make the route viable for many more.

I encourage the Commission to prioritize this corridor in near-term planning and capital improvement discussions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Thanks,

Cam Bochman

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