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[RE: Item 3-B: Mid-Cycle Budget Adjustments / Workforce Changes](#)

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

We're encouraged to see the recommendation for a new Parking Technician position within Public Works. We understand this role will improve enforcement coverage—not only around the garage and ferry terminals as stated, but also for critical issues like illegal parking in bike lanes.

As you may know, bike lane violations are a persistent problem in Alameda, particularly in our business districts and around schools. This creates real safety risks and discourages people from choosing biking for everyday trips. To understand the scale of the issue on Park Street, Bike Walk Alameda counted over several days and found an average of more than 15 violations every 30 minutes between 5:30 and 7:00 PM!

Alameda has even come close to earning a dubious national distinction for blocked bike lanes (see: *Alameda: Almost Champions of...Blocked Bike Lanes* at <https://bikewalkalameda.org/2026/04/06/alameda-almost-champions-of-blocked-bike-lanes>), and we're eager to move in the opposite direction. Stronger, more consistent enforcement is an important part of the solution.

One ongoing concern we've raised with staff is the lack of enforcement coverage after 7:00 PM and on Sundays. Because violations remain frequent during these times, we encourage the City to consider expanding coverage—either through additional staffing or small schedule adjustments. Given that these roles tend to be revenue-neutral or even revenue-supporting, we're confident there is a viable path to addressing these gaps.

Thank you for your consideration.

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