From: <u>Transportation Commission</u>

To: Jennifer Warner

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From: Charles Eilhardt

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To: Transportation Commission <tc@alamedaca.gov> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 6d—Pedestrian Bridge

Good evening,

We are writing regarding items #6D., and we are reiterating the points made by other Bay37 residents.

We want to thank you for addressing concerns that the West End community has about exiting Alameda in an emergency. With all the housing that is being built, there needs to be a safe infrastructure for residents.

Clearly, the pedestrian bridge does not help this situation. It is a frivolous waste of taxpayer (public and private) funds. While it is a wonderful thought that masses of people (up to 6,000 people a day???) would ride their bikes to work, it's unrealistic for multiple reasons that include access and equity.

There are so many problems with a bridge, and it shouldn't go into ANY residents' community. The proposal of it being built at Bohol Circle Park means that it will go directly into the Bay 37 Community, and that an additional 6,000 people a day would be in Bohol Park, if the inflated, unrealistic estimates are to be believed. There has been very limited care, consideration, or discussion of what a bridge would mean for the residents.

We request that you put off a vote until there is more evidence that this will truly benefit the community. Those of us who live in Bay 37 expect to be included in this conversation.

Thank you very much, Charles and Louise Eilhardt

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