

March 22, 2017

Commissioners,

As two of the original members of the Cross Alameda Trail steering committee, we write to support the City of Alameda's proposal for the Cross Alameda Trail: Atlantic Gap project.

This project has been the top transportation project in Alameda for over a decade and is close to moving across the finish line, the end result of thousands of hours of community and staff work.

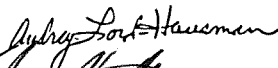
The Atlantic gap, including a necessary, properly-signed mid-block crosswalk from the senior center to the shopping area, represents a must-complete phase of this project and a failure to complete it will hold up the opening of a significant active transportation corridor in Alameda. As you're aware, changes to a previous project created this gap and as such both the City of Alameda Transportation Commission and Recreation and Parks Commission voted to support the idea that this gap be addressed before the full, multi-mile project be opened for use. As construction is set to begin on both sides of the gap, moving this project forward is time-sensitive.

The Cross Alameda Trail is a 4-mile-long path that spans the length of the City of Alameda, from the former Alameda Naval Base to the Miller Sweeney Bridge, connecting to the City of Oakland. The section of the Cross Alameda Trail runs through the 27-acre Jean Sweeney Open Space Park that is being developed on former railroad property and has tremendous community and political support. This trail section will connect with two other trail sections now in development and provide off-street bicycle/pedestrian access for Alameda residents, commuters, families, children who need safe routes to school, people accessing a major transportation hub at one end of the trail, and people connecting with valuable services at the adjacent Alameda Food Bank.

Thank you for your consideration and we strongly urge you to leverage this opportunity to complete this high-priority transportation project in Alameda.

Sincerely,

Audrey Lord-Hausman



John Knox White



## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** Wesley Bexton <bexton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** I support the proposed "Atlantic Gap" two-way protected bike lane

Dear Alameda Transportation Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my support for the bike lane design, known as the “Atlantic Gap”, which would help complete the Cross Alameda Trail and create an efficient and safe way for bikers to cross the busy Webster/Atlantic and Constitution/Atlantic intersections and create safe biking access to Jean Sweeney Open Space Park. This connection is a critical portion of the Cross Alameda Trail and will provide necessary safe bike connections to Alameda Point, the Main Street Ferry Terminal, and schools that draw from neighborhoods east of Webster.

The design, with its protected 10 foot wide two-way bike lanes, has been well crafted and provides a top notch facility for people on bikes. I believe it will also cause virtually no sacrifice by car drivers or AC Transit to cross the bike facility and drive through the intersections.

As a homeowner, taxpayer, parent, and citizen of Alameda, I support the recommended design for the “Atlantic Gap” and hope that you work to approve it.

Best regards,  
Wesley Bexton  
1534 Buena Vista  
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# Housing Authority of the City of Alameda

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March 21, 2017

Rochelle Wheeler  
Transportation Planner  
Transportation Planning Department  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
Alameda, CA 94501

Subject: Cross Alameda Trail

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

I am writing in regards to the proposed Cross Alameda Trail, specifically as it relates to the safety improvements on Atlantic Avenue between Constitution Way and Webster Street, known as the Atlantic Gap. We would like to thank City staff for their hard work on this project and for including the Housing Authority throughout the discussions. We appreciate the included safety recommendations and I would like to provide this letter of support from the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda.

As you are aware, our administrative office and largest community complex is centrally located within the subject area. Known as Independence Plaza, the residential community is comprised of 186 units occupied by senior citizens who regularly travel the Atlantic Gap by car and on foot. We continue to have concerns about the mid-block pedestrian crossings, which are prohibited, but are regularly occurring. In an attempt to keep these seniors safe, we welcome any and all efforts to enhance road and pedestrian safety in this key traffic corridor of Alameda.

We very much appreciate and recognize the benefits of the overall project, connecting the east and west ends of Alameda by way of a safe and continuous bicycling and walking facility and, again, we thank you for allowing us to provide our input.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Cooper  
Executive Director

## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** Ryan Meith <ryanmeith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** Letter in support of proposed "Atlantic Gap"

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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"Dear Alameda Transportation Commissioners,  
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I support the recommended design for the "Atlantic Gap" and hope that you work to approve it."

Sincerely,  
Ryan Meith

## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** Aaron D Thies <athies@yahoo.com> on behalf of Aaron DelloIacono Thies <aaron@addeliverysolutions.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Cc:** athies@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** I support the recommended "Atlantic Gap" bike lane design

Dear Alameda Transportation Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my support for the bike lane design, known as the "Atlantic Gap", which would help complete the Cross Alameda Trail and create an efficient and safe way for bikers to cross the busy Webster/Atlantic and Constitution/Atlantic intersections.

The design, with its protected 10 foot wide two-way bike lanes, has been well crafted and provides a top notch facility for people on bikes. I believe it will also cause virtually no sacrifice by car drivers or AC Transit to cross the bike facility and drive through the intersections.

I support the recommended design for the "Atlantic Gap" and hope that you work to approve it.

Sincerely,

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Alameda, CA 94501-3959

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## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** cyndyjohnsen <cyndyjohnsen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** Cross Alameda Trail

I am writing in support of the proposed plan for new bike friendly infrastructure that would close the Cross Alameda trail gap between Constitution and Webster along Atlantic. It's well-designed and will be well-used by generations to come. I hope you will approve it and continue to make Alameda a great place to live.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cyndy Johnsen  
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## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** Jason Gallagher <jgallagher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:42 PM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** 5-A on your March 22nd agenda

Dear Transportation Commissioners,

I am writing to you regarding item 5-A on your March 22nd agenda. I would like to see signage clearly stating to pedestrians that they need to stop for bicyclist in the street when the bicyclist has the right away. I am concerned that at a number of locations in the "gap closure" bicyclist are made vulnerable by pedestrians jay walking. Specifically, I see conflict at the bus stop on Atlantic and also near the bus stop on the southwest corner of Webster and Atlantic where bicyclist and pedestrian paths appear to cross. Stop signs for pedestrians need to be installed where bicyclist and pedestrian paths cross. I have had a pedestrian walk out in front of me when riding by bike on Webster Street and have had numerous close calls and scares. Seniors and young children are especially vulnerable. There is senior / disabled housing directly across the street as well as hundreds of disabled students at the College of Alameda who all could disobey the street signs and walk in front of a bicyclist who has the right away. I am sure that you are aware that bicyclist have been badly injured and even killed by distracted people on their iPhones walking into a bike lane. It is essential that pedestrians clearly understand that they must follow the rules that apply to them when crossing streets. I would also like to see APD charged with developing an enforcement plan. I see the potential for a life threatening hazard at the SW corner of Atlantic and Webster if appropriate safety measures are not incorporated into the project.

March 21, 2017

City of Alameda Transportation Commission  
2263 Santa Clara Ave  
Alameda, CA 94501

SUBJECT: March 22 Transportation Commission Meeting, Item 5A: Approve Design Concept for Cross Alameda Trail Gap Closure on Atlantic Ave. between Webster St. and Constitution Way

To the City of Alameda Transportation Commission:

In November 2015 the Cross Alameda Trail (CAT) Gap Closure project was brought before the Transportation Commission. At this meeting, AC Transit notified the Commission regarding the impacts the proposed project would have on nearby bus stops and the Commission directed the relevant City Departments to work with AC Transit to ensure that access to the existing bus stops would be maintained. Since that time the Transportation Planning and Public Works Departments have worked diligently with AC Transit to ensure that transit operations and transit patrons' needs were included during the design process.

AC Transit supports the recommended Option 1 (without mid-block crossing). Option 1 includes an improved bus stop in the southbound direction of Webster St. at Ralph Appezatto Memorial Parkway. This bus stop is one of the busiest stops on the AC Transit Network in Alameda. By leaving the bus pole in its existing location while shifting the new pedestrian crosswalk and cycle tracks closer to the intersection curb returns, buses can fully pull over without impinging into pedestrian/cyclist zones. In addition, the widening of the bus stop waiting platform so that it is on the same plane and flush with the adjacent sidewalk will make boarding and alighting significantly easier for all bus passengers.

AC Transit also supports the new bus pad and passenger waiting area being built at the existing stop on eastbound Atlantic Avenue at Webster Street. AC Transit appreciates that an in-lane stop is being preserved; this allows a bus to easily re-enter traffic after it has finished un/loading passengers, reducing dwell times and leading to improved travel times for passengers. The introduction of a mid-block crossing so close to this bus stop would likely lead to dwell times and delays for buses greater than those projected for cars, and seems an unnecessary action given existing crosswalks less than 250 feet away in either direction.

AC Transit appreciates the opportunity to work with City and looks forward to the improvements that will be implemented under Option 1.

Sincerely,

**AUSTIN LEE**, AICP  
Transportation Planner



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## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** Lilli Keinaenen <lilli@keinaenen.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** Supporting the proposed Webster & Jean Sweeney connector!

This is me, an Alameda resident, cyclist and outdoorsy person voicing my support for the connector part for Webster street for the Cross Alameda Trail. As a cyclist often finding myself on Webster due to no viable options, it's scary as it is. So any additional bike lanes, especially ones that don't inconvenience drivers, has to be done. Getting more people on bikes will be vital in helping Alameda sort out it's traffic issues.

Hoping you guys will get it done on Wednesday!

All the best,

**Lilli Keinaenen**  
GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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**From:** Keith Weitzen [mailto:kweitzen@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 10:10 AM

**To:** Rochelle Wheeler <rwheeler@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** (Safety Recommendation): Cross Alameda Trail Atlantic Gap Closure Project to Transportation Commission - 3/22/17

Hello Rochelle,

My wife and I have enjoyed living in Alameda for 17 years, and really appreciate all the improvements to our wonderful neighborhood.

For the Gap Closure Project, I would like to respectfully ask for consideration of our following **Safety Recommendation**.

**Background:**

Currently along the Ralph Appezato Memorial Pkwy, at various times a homeless person will sleep on the bench, at the bus stop in front of the college....on the college side of the street.

Fortunately there is a 4-lane road that separates that side of the street, from our families' homes directly facing the street.

Also, on "our side of the street", on occasion rowdy people will walk by, seemingly on their way to/from the bus stop on Webster Street.

Over the years, some of my neighbors talk about people walking by throwing things at our houses.

And, climbing over the fence to take a short cut from the street, or perhaps for mischievous reasons.

One section of the fence they also broke thru the bottom, so they could sneak thru.(which our HOA has fixed and re-fixed).

**Safety Recommendation:**

Our neighborhood's concern is anything that would stop the flow of people past our families' homes, directly facing Ralph Appezato Memorial Pkwy.

We would like to humbly request:

- a) No benches nor seating areas be erected, nor created.
- b) No exercise equipment such as push-up platforms, chin-up bars, etc.
- c) No new bus stops, nor moving of existing.

d) Anything else that you would foresee having an impact to our above stated.

In closing, I would like to say, the Gap Closure Project is a very welcome enhancement to our community. I hope you will consider our **Safety Recommendation**.

Please call or email me with any questions, or anything I can help clarify.

Sincerely,  
Keith & Defeng Weitzen  
1 Dowitcher Court Alameda, CA 94501  
(415) 235-6220

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**From:** Rochelle Wheeler [<mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:52 PM  
**To:** Rochelle Wheeler  
**Subject:** Cross Alameda Trail Atlantic Gap Closure Project to Transportation Commission - 3/22/17

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY



**March 15, 2017  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact:  
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### **Transportation Commission Requested to Approve Concept for Safety Improvements as part of Cross Alameda Trail Atlantic Avenue Gap Closure**

At its March 22, 2017 meeting, the Transportation Commission will consider approving a concept design that would make major safety improvements for people walking, bicycling and using transit on Atlantic Avenue, between Webster Street and Constitution Way, including at these two intersections that bookend this one block. The recommended gap closure project will connect two designed and funded off-street segments of the Cross Alameda Trail to the east and west, ultimately creating a 1.5 mile continuous, safe bicycling and walking facility for people of all ages and abilities (Figure 1).

#### **Transportation Commission Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** City Council Chambers, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue

**Public Comment:** May be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting or made verbally at the meeting

#### **Figure 1: Cross Alameda Trail – West End Sections**



**Summary of Atlantic Gap Project:** Staff is recommending a two-way, ten foot wide, protected bicycle lane along Atlantic, with the section between Webster Street and the Webster Square shopping center driveway at the same level as the sidewalk, and the section from the driveway to Constitution Way at the street level, utilizing one of the three existing auto travel lanes. There will continue to be a 6 to 7.9 foot sidewalk for pedestrians along the block. The current eastbound bus stop on Atlantic Ave (AC Transit Lines 19 and 31) will be retained and improved by building an eight feet wide concrete bus pad. Safety improvements will be made for people walking and bicycling at the intersections of Webster & Atlantic, and Constitution & Atlantic.

In developing this recommendation, City staff and consultants considered and studied numerous options for this 500-foot block. The City collected and reviewed the traffic, right-of-way and utility data; observed the current transportation patterns; and met with stakeholders, to find a solution that would work within the existing conditions and many constraints, and that would provide as much separation between people biking and walking and cars/trucks as possible to create a safe and comfortable experience.

The cost estimate for constructing the recommended Cross Alameda Trail Atlantic Gap project is \$970,000 and is expected to be funded by Measures B/BB sales tax dollars and Development Impact Fee funds. Staff anticipates the project will be constructed by mid-2018, along with the Cross Alameda Trail Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway (RAMP) project, to the west.

**For more information** on this [Transportation Commission](#) agenda item, including the staff report and detailed concept designs, [please click here](#).

Or, you can refer to the **Town Hall** tab on the following web page:

<https://alamedaca.gov/public-works/cross-alameda-trail>.

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## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** John <bulsaraman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** Atlantic Gap section of future Cross Alameda Trail

RE: Approve Design Concept for Cross Alameda Trail Gap Closure on Atlantic Ave. between Webster St. and Constitution Way (Action)

I would like to submit my support for the design as it is presently proposed for this trail.

Thank you,

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*John Corbally*



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March 14, 2017

Transportation Commission  
Alameda, CA 94501  
RE: Cross Alameda Trail Atlantic Gap Closure project

Commissioners,

Thanks for allowing us to comment on the gap closure project. As you know, this one block long section of Atlantic is a critical link between two sections of the Cross Alameda Trail.

We have worked with city staff over two years to create intersections and protected bike lanes that will help guide people through this very busy area. The protected intersections that have been included in the design function to slow all traffic down and guide people walking, biking and driving through safely.

These two intersections are biking and walking gateways for College of Alameda, Webster Street, Marina Village, Alameda Landing, Posey Tube and ACLC and Nea schools. let's take the opportunity and the duty to create a safe and functional environment so that the CAT can really be a showcase for Alameda.

We fully support the proposal and look forward its implementation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucy Gigli, President Bike Walk Alameda

## Ashley Zieba

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**From:** gerstle@mindspring.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:52 PM  
**To:** Ashley Zieba  
**Subject:** Re: 3/22/2017 Transportation Commission Meeting -- Comment

Please confirm receipt.

Dear Transportation Commissioners,

I am writing to you regarding item 5-A on your March 22nd agenda. I would like to see signage clearly stating to bicyclists that they need to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. I am concerned that at a number of locations in the "gap closure" pedestrians are made vulnerable to being hit by bicyclists. Specifically, I see conflict at the bus stop on Atlantic and also near the bus stop on the southwest corner of Webster and Atlantic where bicyclist and pedestrian paths appear to cross. Stop signs for bicyclists need to be installed where bicyclist and pedestrian paths cross. I have been hit by a bicyclist who was riding on the Webster Street sidewalk and have had numerous close calls and scares. Seniors and those with disabilities are especially vulnerable. There is senior / disabled housing directly across the street as well as hundreds of disabled students at the College of Alameda. I am sure that you are aware that pedestrians have been badly injured and even killed by bicyclists traveling at high speeds. It is essential that bicyclists clearly understand that they must stop for pedestrians. I would also like to see APD charged with developing an enforcement plan. I see the potential for a life threatening hazard at the SW corner of Atlantic and Webster if appropriate safety measures are not incorporated into the project.

Regards,

Steve Gerstle