

# EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The City Clerk's Office received  
the attached correspondence regarding  
**Agenda Item #6-D on the  
11-19-13 City Council Agenda**

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**Date:** 11/19/2013 5:12 PM  
**Subject:** Alameda Point Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP)

Dear City Council members

re: Alameda Point Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP)

I am very excited about the proposed bike facilities on Alameda Point.

I live in Alameda and use my bike combined with bus and BART as my primary transportations. Alameda is a low lying island which is particularly susceptible to inundation as the sea level rises from global warming ( <http://cascade.wr.usgs.gov/data/Task2b-SFBay/> ). Susceptible communities like Alameda should take the lead on reducing CO2 emission; good bike transportation infrastructure will encourage people to use their bikes for transportation, which is a transportations with very low emissions. Another benefit of a biking community is that people get more exercise and meet other members in their community; thus they are healthier and happier.

I am a hard core bike rider so I ride my bike even if it is not optimal; I ride through the Posey Tube which I classify it as one of the worst bike rides in America. I want to live in a community, however, where I feel it is safe for my wife and son to use their bikes on a regular basis. We need roads that have wider bike lanes, such as the ones on Fernside near Lincoln Middle School. When the road is separated from fast moving cars, it is safer and I will encourage my family and friends to bike more. I am a strong advocate of "bike boulevards" which are now common in Berkeley.

The proposed protected bikeways and cycle tracks on Alameda Point, like the one designed for Shoreline Drive, will increase bicycle transportation by making it much easier and safer.

I hope that these are a model of other safe bicycling lanes/paths that the city will continue to build.

Thank you  
Sincerely,

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