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Subject: FW: Transportation Commission mtg 9/28 (draft priority project list for the Alameda CTC 2018 CIP call for projects.)

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Subject: Transportation Commission mtg 9/28 (draft priority project list for the Alameda CTC 2018 CIP call for projects.)

Jennifer and Rochelle,

I see that you have created a priority project list for the CIP call for projects. If I am reading it correctly, the estuary crossing bridge feasibility study is NOT on the list.

I understand that you feel that the coast guard issue should be addressed before the city attempts an engineering feasibility study.

However, we feel strongly that the bridge engineering feasibility study needs to be put on the CIP list immediately, so that it even has hopes of getting funding by 2018. If it doesn't, it could be many more years of waiting for the funding with an already long time line.

The TC will be viewing the list on 9/28 and we'd like to see presented to the TC the expected ridership for a **water shuttle, line 31 replacement for the Estuary Crossing Shuttle (ECS) and the proposed modifications to the second walkway of the Posey Tube which the Broadway Jackson project proposes.**

In order for these project to be evaluated and approved for further study by the TC, we respectfully ask that the TC be presented with the potential ridership numbers and benefits to traffic congestion, environment, etc that the proposed projects might have.

thanks,
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Alameda Transportation Commission

Subject: Item 5c 2016-3358 Approve the Draft Project List for the Alameda County Transportation Commission Call for Projects

Dear Transportation Commissioners:

As you know from our communication to each of you last week, Bike Walk Alameda has been working closely with Alameda City staff on how best to jump start efforts to make progress on what the 2009 Estuary Crossing Study designated as the **preferred long-term solution** for the **number one priority** in our Bike/Ped Plan: a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. After seven years of no progress, we believe that it is past time to take concrete steps here. While we have not reached agreement on Alameda's countywide CIP project list, we do feel there is growing consensus that now is the time to act and that we should work collaboratively to achieve our shared goals.

We believe that seeking funding for Caltrans' proposed study from ACTC in the current cycle is an important opportunity that should not be passed up. If the City of Alameda is not prepared to nominate and take the lead on this project, we believe there are some concrete steps you can take tonight to show genuine commitment to meeting the top policy goal outlined in the Bike/Ped Plan.

1. Direct City staff to formally request Caltrans submit an application and act as the lead as part of this funding cycle. Due to extreme time sensitivity, this needs to be drafted and sent in a matter of days, not weeks.
2. Direct City staff to work in consultation with Bike Walk Alameda to develop steps for Transportation Commission and City Council approval that will guide efforts to make measurable progress on a bike/ped bridge for West Alameda.
3. Direct City staff to be prepared to find and allocate resources of staff time and dollars to advance the preferred solution of a bridge while proactively engaging stakeholders such as Caltrans, City of Oakland, County of Alameda, and the Coast Guard in efforts to **#BridgeTheGap**.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucy Gigli, President Bike Walk Alameda

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Subject: FW: Bridge the Gap Support
Attachments: BridgetheGap_AlamedaTC Support.pdf

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Subject: Bridge the Gap Support

Dear Commissioners,

I'm submitting the attached letter on behalf of Walk Oakland Bike Oakland to encourage the Transportation Commission to support Caltrans' feasibility study of the bike pedestrian bridge between Alameda and Oakland. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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September 28, 2016

City of Alameda Transportation Commission
c/o Virendra Patel, Transportation Commission Secretary
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Dear Commissioners:

Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) has been advocating to improve neighborhood livability, vitality and sustainability by making walking and bicycling safe, easy, accessible and fun since 2007. On behalf of WOBO's Board and our 12,000 members and interested social media followers, we unequivocally support the pursuit of a Caltrans feasibility study of a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian bridge connecting Oakland and Alameda as a viable, smart, and exciting solution that addresses congestion, air quality, convenience and access issues.

WOBO fully supports the concept and the feasibility study for a pedestrian and bicyclist path connecting Oakland and Alameda as stated in Bike Walk Alameda's BridgetheGap petition. The bridge can be a sorely needed connection between some of the most bike-able and walkable neighborhoods and recreational and business areas in both municipalities. Beyond serving just as a transportation alternative between Oakland and Alameda, the bridge has potential to be a powerful economic engine and would be a tremendous recreational asset. City of Oakland staff have responded positively to the proposed bridge solution.

WOBO is committed to working with City of Oakland staff and leadership, City of Alameda, regional governance at Caltrans, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, State Assemblymembers, Alameda County Transportation Commissioners, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and other partners to support the best bridge solution moving forward.

We encourage your Commission to take a strong position to move the necessary feasibility study forward, and to consider allocating the necessary resources to support the effort so that Alameda gets the optimal benefit from the bridge.

Thank you for your consideration. With our regional partners, we can bring truly transformational changes that benefit both cities.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: Include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Moveable Bridge Feasibility Study on ACTC's Priority Project List

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Subject: Include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Moveable Bridge Feasibility Study on ACTC's Priority Project List

Dear Commission Secretary Virendra Patel,

Thank you for all the work you do for our City of Alameda. Please share this communication with all of the other Commissioners on the Transportation Commission.

Dear Commissioners,

Please only approve a priority project list that includes the feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian moveable bridge between west Alameda and Oakland. A bicycle and pedestrian bridge would fix the network gap here by offering users 24/7/365 access that is easy-to-use, safe and enjoyable. In addition, a bridge will get more people out of the Tubes than any other proposed alternative, easing congestion and benefiting even those that don't use it. A bridge was the recommended long-term solution in the 2009 Estuary Crossing Feasibility Study, but it's been seven years since any progress has been made on it. Let's not delay any longer. I urge you to take this opportunity and include the study in the project list as the next important step in addressing this high-priority issue.

Regards,

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