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**From:** GABA <info@gabaonline.org> **Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 1:00 PM

Trish Spencer; Malia Vella; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie

Cc: Jill Keimach; Jennifer Ott; LARA WEISIGER; Tony Kuttner; info@homesbydania.com

Subject: 1/16/18 City Council Meeting Consent Calendar Item 5.E.\_GABA Request for Approval

of TCP

**Attachments:** 1-16-18 GABA Letter to Councilmembers RE Approval of TCP.pdf

**Importance:** High

January 16, 2018

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In sum, we urge you to accept the TDM before you, and we look forward to joining with you as we move beyond the document's call to study the Shuttle and toward putting a pioneering solution in service.

Sincerely,

Dania R. Alvarez Tony Kuttner

GABA President GABA Alameda Shuttle Committee Chair

Cc: Jill Keimach, City Manager

Jennifer Ott, Base Reuse and Transportation Planning Director

Lara Weisiger, Alameda City Clerk

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January 16, 2018

Jennifer Ott Director of Base Reuse and Transportation Planning Alameda City Hall 2263 Santa Clara Avenue Alameda, CA 94501

Re: City of Alameda's Transportation Choices Plan

Dear Ms. Ott:

As previously stated for the City Council meeting on November 7, 2017, AC Transit would like to express support for the City of Alameda's Transportation Choices Plan. AC Transit looks forward to working with the City to expand and improve bus service in Alameda to ensure that AC Transit will be a full partner for the long term in the City of Alameda.

AC Transit staff participated on the Advisory Committee for this planning effort, and also met with City staff individually to ensure that the recommended projects and programs work for AC Transit. AC Transit's elected officials – Elsa Ortiz and Christopher Peeples – also were briefed on the Transportation Choices Plan, and are in support of it. The purpose of the Plan is to provide more transportation options for Alamedans with the goal of reducing drive alone trips at the crossings and through Alameda over the next 15 years. The bus improvements are grouped into the following priority strategies:

- 1) Expand transit, bicycling and walking to/from Oakland and BART: Because Oakland and Alameda are close, the travel time to/from Oakland by transit, walking and bicycling can be short enough to encourage people to shift modes. This priority strategy focuses on faster, more reliable and frequent buses and expanded access to discounted bus passes and information on existing transportation options.
- 2) Expand transit and carpools to/from San Francisco: The high level of transit service to/from San Francisco is an amenity that draws many people to live, work and play in Alameda. Investing in improved access to ferry terminals and BART stations and improved speed and reliability for AC Transit Transbay service will result in ridership growth and will capture new residents and employees as riders.
- 3) Expand transit and achieve a low-cost or "free" rider experience within Alameda: Improving bus service and providing bus pass discounts contributes to a higher quality of life for people who live, work, learn and visit Alameda, and improves mobility for those who do not have a car or may not have the ability to drive such as youth, seniors and people with disabilities.

AC Transit appreciates the focus on improving the infrastructure and operations for bus service in Alameda, and looks forward to working in partnership with the City on implementing the Plan.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Robert del Rosario

Director of Service Development

**AC Transit** 



Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners' Association, Inc. 3195 Mecartney Road Alameda, California 94502-6912 (510) 865-3363

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January 11, 2018



Lara Weisiger, Alameda City Clerk CITY OF ALAMEDA 2263 Santa Clara Avenue Room 380 Alameda, CA 94501 CITY OF ALAMEDA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

RE: Permanent Removal of Island Drive Bus Lanes from Transportation Choices Plan

Dear Ms. Weisiger:

Attached please find the Resolution of the Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners' Association Requesting the Permanent Removal of the Island Drive Bus Lanes from the City of Alameda Transportation Choices Plan, a Resolution from the Islandia Home Owners Association, and a copy of the forms provided by the Casistas Home Owners Association with 42 of the 43 forms collected stating the same. It is our understanding the Garden Isle Home Owners Association also submitted documentation that they too are against the previously proposed bus lanes on Island Drive.

The Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners' Association supports the City staff's removal of the offending bus lanes on Island Drive from the Transportation Choices Plan and wants to reiterate our stance in conjunction with the other associations on Bay Farm.

The Boards feel strongly that this project would lower property values within the Community, without providing the projected benefit.

Please remove the Island Drive Bus Lanes from the Transportation Choices Plan. If you have any questions please contact me at 510.865.3363 x340.

Sincerely,

Dawn Jaeger Executive Director





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# RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY OF HARBOR BAY ISLE OWNERS ASSOCIATION REQUESTING THE PERMANENT REMOVAL OF THE ISLAND DRIVE BUS LANES FROM THE CITY OF ALAMEDA TRANSPORTATION CHOICES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners Association, (COMMUNITY) represents the interests of 20 homeowner associations (2,998 residences), located on Bay Farm Isle within the City of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017 the City Council of Alameda tentatively passed the Transportation Choices Plan as a "Living Document" acknowledging that all projects would receive community input and no projects were required; and

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY met with City Transportation Planning Director Jennifer Ott and Community Residents to discuss proposed Item Number 12- Island Drive and Westline Drive Bus Lanes within said plan on November 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY finds the Island Drive Bus Lanes to be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the COMMUNITY Master Board voted unanimously to request permanent removal of the Island Drive Bus Lane Project found in Item 12 from the City's Transportation Choices Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners Association Board of Directors, Alameda, California, as follows:

- The COMMUNITY opposes the Island Drive Bus Lane Project vehemently, and finds it to be counter to the COMMUNITY's interests and choice; and
- The COMMUNITY hereby strongly urges the City Council of Alameda to REMOVE Bus Lanes on Island Drive, from the City of Alameda Transportation Choices Plan permanently.

Adopted on the 27th Day of November, 2017, by unanimous vote of the Community of Harbor Bay isle Owners' Association, LLC. Master Board of Directors.

Charles H. Hodgkins, President

Village 3B Representative

Carol Rivano, Treasurer Village 1 Representative

Walt Jacobs, Board Member

Village 4 Representative

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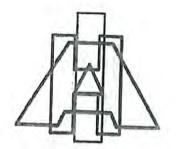
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Gary Lym, Secretary

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Dennis Pagones, Board Member

Village 1C Representative



Islandia Homeowners Association 1138 Island Drive, Alameda Ca 94502 Phone Number: (510) 522-0270

Fax Number: (510) 522-2499
Email: office@islandiahoa.org

### **RESOLUTION # 1718-4-1A**

## REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF THE ISLAND DRIVE BUS LANES FROM THE CITY OF ALAMEDA'S TRANSPORTATION CHOICES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Homeowners' Association of Islandia (comprising of 438 homes) located on Bay Farm Isle, within the City of Alameda and representing the interest of it's association members; and

WHEREAS, members of the Islandia Homeowners' Association attended the meeting between the City of Alameda and the Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners' Association; and

WHEREAS, the members of Islandia Homeowners' Association are not in favor of the City initiating bus Lanes on Island Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Islandia Board of Directors hereby resolve to support the attached resolution of the Community of Harbor Bay Isle; and

WHEREAS, the Islandia Board of directors also requests the City modify the Alameda Transportation Choices Plan to permanently eliminate Bus Lanes on Island Drive from the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Islandia Homeowner's Association Board of Directors, Alameda, California, as follows:

- The Islandia Board strongly opposes the placement of bus lanes on Island Drive; and
- 2. The Islandia Board formally requests the permanent elimination of bus lanes on Island Drive from the City's Transportation Choices Plan; and
- The Islandia Board supports the attached resolution provided by the Community of Harbor Bay Isle Owners' Association requesting the same.

Adopted on this 9th Day of January 2018, by vote of Islandia Board of Directors.

Janet Kirk, President

Vandy Stiner, Treasurer

Kevin O'Rourke, Vice-President

Nancy Evans, Member

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I am willing to offer some real solutions to the City Council if they really want to solve not create traffic problems.

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Address: 3101 El Paseo, Alameda, CA 94502
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## **LARA WEISIGER**

From: Diane Daley-Smith <ddaley\_smith@lohrealty.com>

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 5:19 PM

**To:** City Clerk

**Subject:** North Housing at City Council

Dear Clerk at City of Alameda,

I am unable to find where or how I can express my views regarding this calendar item for tomorrow, January 16, 2018.

How can this project be pushed forward without public input? I am unable to attend the hearing, if that is what it is, but I would like to say I am not in favor of this project due to my having no information. Since we are an island, we are all impacted by development. And development with no thought to additional infrastructure is short-sighted at best.

The development practically sitting on Sherman at Buena Vista next to the old Del Monte Cannery is a disgrace. With proper public input, perhaps we can at least all agree to something that will not strangle us and keep us prisoners in the tube or on our bridges. Our ingress and egress is limited and it is unconscionable to think it could be worse.

Please urge the city council to reconsider the North Housing until public input can be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## RESOLUTION OF THE BAYWOOD VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. REQUESTING THE PERMANENT REMOVAL OF THE ISLAND DRIVE BUS LANES FROM THE CITY OF ALAMEDA TRANSPORTATION CHOICES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Baywood Village Homeowners Association (ASSOCIATION) represents the interests of 239 residences, located on Bay Farm Isle within the City of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017 the City Council of Alameda tentatively passed the Transportation Choices Plan as a "Living Document" acknowledging that all projects would receive community input and no projects were required; and

WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATION finds proposed item Number 12- Island Drive and Westline Drive Bus Lanes within said plan on November 27, 2017; specifically, the Island Drive Bus Lanes to be unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the ASSOCIATION Board of Directors voted unanimously to request permanent removal of the Island Drive Bus Lane Project found in Item 12 from the City's Transportation Choices Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Woodbridge Bay Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Alameda, California, as follows:

- 1. The ASSOCIATION opposes the Island Drive Bus Lane Project vehemently, and finds it to be counter to the communities interests and choice; and
- 2. The ASSOCIATION hereby strongly urges the City Council of Alameda to REMOVE Bus Lanes on Island Drive, from the City of Alameda Transportation Choices Plan permanently.

Adopted on the 4th Day of January 2018, by unanimous vote of the Baywood Village Homeowners Association Board of Directors.

Grant Scully, Président

Marianne Schenone , 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Carol Rivano, Treásúrer