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Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:19 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; John Knox White; Malia Vella; Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog
Cc: ANDREW THOMAS; Rochelle Wheeler
Subject: Agenda Item 6-C (Transportation Choices Plan Annual Report - OAAP comments from BWA and Bike East Bay)
Attachments: OAAP Webster Path.pdf

Good Morning Mayor and Council Members:

Please see the attached joint letter from Bike Walk Alameda and Bike Easy Bay addressed to Andrew Thomas regarding the Oakland Alameda Access Project. We are requesting that you give direction to staff tonight that Alameda take a position against spending precious transportation dollars pursuing a pathway in the Webster Tube.

Respectfully,

Brian McGuire
President, Bike Walk Alameda



RE: Oakland Alameda Access Project

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On behalf of Bike Walk Alameda and Bike East Bay, we believe Alameda should send a clear signal to our regional partners whether we should continue spending valuable regional transportation dollars planning for and building a second substandard pathway in the Webster Tube. No further time or money should be wasted pursuing this idea.

Nobody wants to increase opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists travelling between West Alameda and Oakland more than we do. However, we cannot imagine a scenario where spending millions of dollars to duplicate the old, three foot wide Posey Tube path would be justifiable. Alameda's City Council should give direction to ask that this part of the proposed Oakland Alameda Access Project be removed from further consideration. The presence of this element only serves to postpone and distract agency stakeholders from real solutions.

We still believe that in order to meet the multimodal and complete streets intent of voters that passed Measure BB, a significant portion of the project needs to fund real improvements to solve the Estuary crossing problem for bicyclists and pedestrians which will help relieve traffic congestion. Alameda should continue to advocate that position. We are 100% supportive of efforts that would advance the transportation alternatives on and/or over the water.

The OAAP should be studying and funding the items Alameda has been asking for and working towards for over a decade, possibly including: the detailed bridge feasibility study and stakeholder engagement process, a water shuttle planning process, water shuttle(s) and operations. We look forward to continuing to work closely on these transportation priorities.

Respectfully,

Brian McGuire
Board President
Bike Walk Alameda

Dave Campbell
Advocacy Director
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