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Subject: RE: Transportation Commission Mtg - Wed, May 22 at 7 p.m. - City Hall - Council Chambers

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Hi Gayle,

Please let Transportation Commission members know that I drive from Bay Farm to the Webster/Posey Tube via Otis Drive each weekday morning about 7:30am (and other days/times as well) and every day I see drivers trying to go too fast on a street that doesn't need to be four lanes wide, and one which could serve bicyclists and pedestrians so much better.

I very much support the City's proposal to calm traffic and improve safety along Otis Drive.

Thank you!
Paul Medved
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Greetings,

Please see attached agenda for the upcoming Transportation Commission meeting to be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in the Council Chambers (Third floor) at Alameda City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. The full meeting agenda details can be found at the following link:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=694160&GUID=8A5E2DE1-8AFF-4D24-A259-8A05CDF14012&Options=info&Search=>

Thank you kindly,

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From: Jennifer Gong <jennyg33@gmail.com>
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Subject: Traffic safety presentation for Transportation Committee meeting - 5/22/19
Attachments: Pedestrian and Bike Safety Presentation 5.22.19.docx

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Hi Gayle,

The link below is a video of my kids' presentation to be presented, if possible, during the Transportation Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd. Also, attached is the transcript. Please pass both along to committee members.

Video link via Google Photos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BNHjAcpiNCPDFAgN7>

Thank you,
Jenny Gong
(Kiely and Jacob Wong's mom)

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Presentation
Presented by Jacob and Kiely Wong

Jacob- Hello, my name is Jacob Wong and I am a 7th grade student at Will C. Wood Middle School.

Kiely- I am Kiely and I am a 5th grade Wood Junior Beaver.

Jacob- We are here this evening to discuss why we need more safety measures on Otis Drive between the streets of Westline and Willow.

Kiely- My family and I live near the proposed affected area that is considered for much needed upgrades.

Jacob- When we choose to walk or bike around Otis and Willow, we need to be very cautious due to heavy traffic. Many times drivers are driving well over the speed limit, even around our school zone.

Kiely- We're not saying that being cautious is a *bad* thing, but it would be easier for us and our neighbors to get around without having to worry about the high potential of getting hurt.

Jacob- If we could get cars to reduce their speeds to be within 25 miles per hour, that would be great. This project will help accomplish that.

Kiely- Improving bus stops and streetscapes, like landscaping, will also help prevent collisions between vehicles. This can help prevent collisions because when it rains, the road is slippery and better landscaping can prevent the road from getting flooded.

Jacob- The way we can improve bus stops is moving them from the near side to the far side of intersections and getting rid of the bus stops that pick up and drop off very few people.

Kiely- A roundabout would also be a useful extension to upgrading Otis Drive and Grand.

This is one of the main intersections in town and it will help prevent accidents that happen there. A roundabout will enhance vision of other motorists which can lead to better communication and easier turning.

Jacob- After school, we have events near the "affected area" such as orthodontic appointments for both of us. We frequently walk to our appointments, which are at South Shore Center. We also know that many of our other fellow classmates and friends from other schools have orthodontics appointments as well.

Kiely- These appointments require the usage of Otis from Grand all the way to Willow.

Jacob- Sometimes, our swim practices are at Franklin Pool, and we have to scooter there using Otis Drive.

Kiely- Crossing streets can be difficult, because cars would not always stop for us pedestrians.

Jacob- Otis and Willow are both very busy street and there are *many* cars there that will not stop when they are making a right turn on a red light.

Kiely- But with bike lanes, drivers would be more aware of bikers and pedestrians, and that includes scooterers too.

Jacob- Providing bike lanes that would be separated from motorists with a striped buffer would benefit any bikers because they would be visible to motorists.

Kiely- This would be even more safe for pedestrians and bikers so bikers wouldn't have to ride on the sidewalks or streets. Riding on the streets might result in a car hitting them, while riding on the sidewalk they might hit a pedestrian.

Jacob- When we walk our dog Boomer, we usually go along Otis Drive towards Westline and back.

Kiely- Sometimes we walk to Washington Park with Boomer and getting these upgrades would reduce the chances of Boomer running off or getting hit.

Jacob- This would not only benefit us, but it would also benefit anyone walking through this area.

Kiely- When heading that way almost daily, we have noticed that cars drive well over the speed limit, sometimes as much as twice the regular speed.

Jacob- Adding more speed limit signs can make drivers more aware of their speeds and slow down.

Kiely- More stop signs could also be provided, so the cars have to stop more often. This would hopefully make them drive slower between each stop.

Jacob- Crosswalks can also have a better indication when someone is crossing.

Kiely- If there were to be flashing lights on the both sides of the road, it would remind people to drive slower so they won't hit people.

Jacob- We have noticed that on the intersection of Willow and Otis, the traffic light takes a long time.

Kiely- Improving signal phasings and timings on traffic lights would be more efficient for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Jacob- Upgrading this light in particular, along with others, will allow traffic to run through more smoothly.

Kiely- I hope you have agreed with our concerns over the safety of traffic on Otis, between Westline and Willow. Please consider these much needed improvements, to make our city of Alameda much better and safer.

Jacob- Thank you for your time and allowing us to present our concerns.