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Recreation & Park Commission
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RE: Item 7-B Pathways Along Fernside Boulevard and Eastshore Drive

Commissioners,

Bike Walk Alameda is pleased that the project to assess the six eastern shoreline access pathways is continuing. We have reviewed the documentation, data and recommendations and agree with most, but not all of the staff recommendations.

1. We agree that using most of the given easement for public access is extremely important for all of the sites that have the easement.
2. We agree that each of the pathways with easement should be fixed and opened for public access quickly.
3. We agree with the full recommendations for pathways A, B, E and F.
4. For pathway C: (@Fairview), we disagree that this pathway easement should be sold. Keep this pathway open and maintain the easement in the same configuration as B. Add a shorter, nicer gate to the end.
With this pathway, the public will maintain five view/access points to the water.
We also, adamantly, oppose the statement that closing the pathway aligns with Vision Zero policy.
5. For pathway D: Maintain original (2018) staff recommendation for Water access/dock at this location. Use funds from Fernside project to provide local access as originally envisioned (Towata is a drive and park location, not consistent with CARP)
6. Preserve the underwater easements to align with the public easements and work out renewable 10 year leases. If new private docks are built, they should not encroach into the easements.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucy Gigli, Bike Walk Alameda