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Letter to the city on behalf of cyclists at the point, in reference to
PLN19-0279 - Alameda Point Site A Phase Two Tentative Map.

The safety and use considerations for bicyclists in phase 1 of this construction project have not been handled very well. How can we help ensure that reasonable access is maintained? Even when access is only limited temporarily it can have serious consequences for people who use the streets and sidewalks.

Pedestrian and cyclist access issues we've noted:

- Poor visibility between Main St west side bike path and Trident due to construction fence (and banners put on the construction fence). Cars typically roll through the Trident stop sign for visibility on their turn to Main St. One of our colleagues who was commuting by bicycle was hit by a car here
- The intersection at Main St and Atlantic Ave has become increasingly constricted to pedestrian and bicycle traffic: concrete barriers block the crosswalk AND shoulder, requiring bicyclists and even pedestrians at times to walk down the roadway. The 3 lane to 1 merge heading northbound is dangerous and doesn't provide a good place for bicyclists to go
- In that area we've also seen schoolchildren walking in the road against traffic—signage and crosswalks must be in place and easy enough for kids going to school to follow
- Pedestrian detour signs are not maintained—so even when they are up, we don't know whether they are accurate
- No bike lanes on Trident detour road
- Trident was closed half-way down to thru traffic with concrete barriers, requiring further detours through even less bike-friendly streets
- Poor bike consideration along Tower (near Almanac) where large cones constrict car traffic and bikes often weave between cones
- A diesel-powered pile driver was used (such as the one seen [here](#)), this created a continuous source of heavy air pollution in the area as the combustion is very inefficient (it was noticeably difficult to breathe when passing downwind of it). It appears this style of pile driver is used for its low cost of operation, but clearly at the expense of air quality.

On behalf of cyclists at Alameda Point, thank you for your consideration. We're really looking forward to the planned improvements and hope to stay safe until the new infrastructure arrives.

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