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To: Transportation Commission <tc@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Transportation Commission Bike Share Comment

Dear Transportation Commission,

My name is Jeff Goodwin, and I'm an Alameda resident writing to share my strong support and enthusiasm for the proposed Bike Share pilot program. Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend the meeting in person, but I wanted to share my feedback as you finalize the details of the program.

I bike as part of my daily commute, and I frequently use Bike Share within San Francisco as part of that equation. Having access to Bike Share as a commute solution has proven incredibly useful, flexible, and practical, and I'm excited by the opportunity to finally bring that same type of transportation option to Alameda.

Alameda is a perfect Bike Share community and I strongly believe that a robust program here could play a huge role mitigating car commuting.

Personally, the most pressing issue for our family is connection to the Seaplane Ferry Terminal. The ferries are increasingly hitting bike capacity, which means cyclists are forced to lock their bike in Alameda or drive. With the parking lots consistently filling up several days a week, we are quickly approaching a point where existing options for getting residents to the ferry are no longer sufficient. Bike Share has the potential to directly address this issue by allowing more residents to reach the ferry without driving and without needing to bring a personal bike onboard.

The point I especially want to emphasize is the importance of scale and reliability in the pilot program. My concern is that if the pilot launches with too few stations and/or too few bikes, the system may not feel dependable enough for residents to truly integrate it into their daily routines. If someone's limited experience involves arriving at stations with no bikes available — or finding they can't reach their desired destination — the program risks being perceived as unsuccessful before it has had a fair chance to prove its value. I strongly encourage the City to make the pilot geography as large as possible - both in terms of physical coverage and bike density.

In particular, I think the station locations and service area should be informed by where existing ferry commuters are actually traveling from today. My concern with the conceptual map is that it may not extend far enough into central Alameda to capture a significant number of residents who would gladly use Bike Share as part of their commute if stations were located within a short walk or ride of their homes.

I'm incredibly excited to see Alameda moving forward with this effort, and I think it represents a major opportunity to improve mobility, reduce car dependence, and better connect Alameda residents to the broader Bay Area transportation network. Go big! Let's ensure this new pilot has the best chance to succeed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
-Jeff Goodwin