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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 2:02 PM

To: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>

Cc: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; Michele Pryor <mpryor@alamedaca.gov>;

Greg Boller <gboller@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>; Tracy Jensen

<tjensen@alamedaca.gov>; Transportation Commission <tc@alamedaca.gov>; City Clerk

<CLERK@alamedaca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to Reconsider the Proposed Clement Avenue Truck Route

Dear Mr. Wikstrom, Mayor Ashcraft, Members of the City Council, Members of the Transportation Commission, and City Staff:

My name is Alfonso Contreras, and I am a homeowner on Entrance Road, just two houses from Clement Avenue. As someone who lives only two houses from Clement Avenue, this proposal is not an abstract planning issue for my family. It will directly affect the neighborhood where we live and the streets we use every day.

My family and I regularly walk and bike along Clement Avenue and visit the waterfront park and playground. Over the years, the City has invested in protected bicycle facilities, pedestrian improvements, and public spaces that have made this area feel safer and more welcoming for families. Because of those investments, I was surprised to learn that Clement Avenue is now being considered as a designated truck route.

While I understand the City's goal of improving traffic circulation, I am concerned that this proposal places too much emphasis on accommodating large trucks without fully considering the long-term impacts on the surrounding residential community.

Although I do not live directly on Clement Avenue, the impacts will extend well beyond the homes that front the street. Increased truck traffic will affect everyone who walks, bikes, visits the park, or simply enjoys spending time in this neighborhood. I am particularly concerned about pedestrian safety for children and families crossing to the waterfront park and playground, as well as the increased noise and the overall change to the character of what has become a neighborhood destination.

I am also concerned that the parking study may not reflect how this area is actually used throughout the year. The waterfront, marina, bike trail, and park attract many visitors during the spring and summer, as well as on weekends and evenings. Before making a permanent decision, I believe the City should collect additional data during those busier periods to ensure the analysis accurately reflects real parking demand.

I also hope the City will clearly explain why Clement Avenue was selected over other possible truck routes and whether reasonable alternatives were fully evaluated. Decisions that permanently change a residential neighborhood should be based on a thorough and transparent evaluation of all reasonable options.

I respectfully ask the City to:

- Delay any final decision until additional analysis has been completed.
- Collect parking data during busier seasons and evening hours.
- Clearly explain why Clement Avenue was selected over other potential routes.
- Carefully consider the long-term impacts on neighborhood safety, walking, bicycling, recreation, and quality of life.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments. I appreciate the work the City does for our community, and I hope you will continue working with residents before making a decision that will permanently affect this neighborhood.

Respectfully,
Alfonso Contreras
Entrance Road Resident
Alameda, California

From: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 12:33 PM
To: Alfred M <Alfredm2020@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Strong Opposition to Clement Avenue Truck Route Relocation and Parking Elimination

Hello Alfred,

Thank you for your comments. They will be formally added to the public record at the Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for July 22nd.

The decision to recommend removing 21 on-street parking spaces on Clement Avenue was not made lightly and we recognize that this change will affect nearby residents. The Alameda Municipal Code authorizes the Public Works Director to prohibit parking when traffic engineering principles indicate it is necessary to support public safety and the safe operation of the transportation system. While the Code does not require public notification or provide an appeal process for this type of decision, Public Works chose to conduct an extensive outreach effort because of the community interest and the potential impacts. That outreach includes mailed notices, a community meeting, and a public hearing before the Transportation Commission prior to implementation. The purpose of the outreach is twofold: to explain the engineering analysis and policy considerations that led to this recommendation, and to hear from the community.

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From: Alfred M <Alfredm2020@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 8:52 PM
To: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Urgent: Strong Opposition to Clement Avenue Truck Route Relocation and Parking Elimination

Hello Wikstrom,

I am writing as a resident of the Marina Cove and Clement Avenue community to express my strong opposition and deep concerns regarding the City's proposal to relocate the truck route to Clement Avenue and permanently eliminate 21 on-street parking spaces. While we understand the completion of the Skyline development project at 2015 Grand Street has closed the final gap in the Clement Street extension, routing heavy tractor-

trailers through our residential corridor poses severe risks to our community's safety, quality of life, and property values.

Specifically, I urge the Public Works Department to reconsider this plan based on the following critical issues:

- **Severe Safety and Collision Risks:** As your notice explicitly states, the existing lane widths on Clement Avenue are too narrow to accommodate large tractor-trailers. Forcing trucks into a space where sideswipe collisions with moving and parked cars are a "likely outcome" is a major safety hazard for residents, children, and motorists.
- **Flawed Parking Study Conclusions:** The notice mentions a parking study conducted in early 2026 claiming the area has "sufficient parking capacity." As residents who live here day and night, we strongly disagree. Eliminating 21 parking spaces between Balsa Street and Paru Street will create severe parking deficits, forcing residents and guests into surrounding blocks, compounding congestion, and disrupting daily life.
- **Noise and Environmental Impacts:** Introducing heavy truck traffic into a high-density residential area will drastically increase noise pollution and diesel emissions, negatively impacting the health and well-being of local families.

Our community deserves a solution that prioritizes public safety and neighborhood livability over commercial traffic convenience. I request that the City explore alternative routing options or implement significant mitigation measures (such as strict truck size limits, restricted operating hours, and local parking compensation) before moving forward.

I will be attending the in-person community meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM to voice these concerns alongside my neighbors. In the meantime, I request that this formal objection be entered into the public record for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards
Alfred

From: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Leah Bigonger <leah.blithe@gmail.com>
Cc: Mark Bigonger <mark.bigonger@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Clement Avenue Truck Route Concerns

Hello Leah and Mark,

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From: Leah Bigonger <leah.blithe@gmail.com>
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To: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Mark Bigonger <mark.bigonger@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Clement Avenue Truck Route Concerns

Dear Scott,

Thank you for sending the notice regarding the Clement Avenue Truck Route Proposal.

My husband Mark Bigonger cc'ed here and myself appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns regarding the potential change.

As homeowners (1835 Ohlone Street), parents of young children, dog owners, and cyclists we are very anxious about this development and would like to share our thoughts:

- How will families, children, seniors, and pets safely cross the street? What will the City of Alameda do to ensure this especially when it comes to visibility?
- How will cyclists and trucks safely coexist with the bike lane?
- Why is Clement being considered when it is already a narrow bayside street with a bike lane and two local parks + playgrounds? There is also a local daycare that frequently takes multiple children to the Marina Cove playground needing to safely cross as well. FAAS is located nearby with many volunteer dog walkers. In general there are many families with young children residing in the Marina Cove area.
- What are the advantages of Clement St vs the current Buena Vista route?
- Why make this change in an already densely populated residential area?
- What health and environmental risks may take place as a result of the constant air pollution? What will the city do to mitigate this?
- Will the 21 parking spaces removed on Clement St be reallocated to Buena Vista? This will be especially problematic once the townhomes are finished built, street cleaning days, park/pier visitors and any type of private gatherings. Where are guests expected to park if residential streets are full with no parking on Buena Vista AND Clement?
- How will this switch not negatively impact home property values?

We plan to attend the meeting next Tuesday 7/14 and look forward to engaging in healthy dialog that is proactive and solutions oriented.

We will anticipate discussing further at that time with the hope of this route being reconsidered for the safety and quality of life for all.

Best Regards,
Leah and Mark Bigonger

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From: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2026 9:15 AM
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Cc: Erin Smith <ESmith@alamedaca.gov>; CITYCOUNCIL-List <CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Clement Avenue Truck Route Relocation- Marina Shores Resident

Hello Alex and Kristina,

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From: Alex and Kristina <alexw.kristina@gmail.com>
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To: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Cc: Michele Pryor <mpryor@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>
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Scott Wikstrom
Deputy Public Works Director / City Engineer
City of Alameda Public Works Department

cc: Alameda Transportation Commission

Re: Opposition to Proposed Clement Avenue Truck Route Relocation and Parking Removal

Dear Mr. Wikstrom and Members of the Transportation Commission,

I am a Marina Shores resident who walks this stretch of Clement Avenue almost every day, often twice a day, crossing at the crosswalk into the waterfront park. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed truck route relocation.

The plans designating Clement Avenue as a truck route were created before this area became the highly built-out residential neighborhood it is today. Since those plans were adopted, this corridor has added beautification projects, dedicated double bike lanes, a public playground, and multiple new condo buildings, with at least five more residential buildings and hundreds of additional occupants and families still to come. Any prior planning for this street needs to be reevaluated, and should be considered void given how fundamentally this area has changed.

Our community only has three visitor parking spaces for over 100 homes. Many of the units, including new construction, are condos with no driveways, entirely dependent on street parking, and much of what exists near the condos is already restricted as firelane or no parking lanes. If the parking on Clement is removed, many of us will be loading and unloading two blocks away, or unable to accommodate visitors, service workers, delivery drivers or those with physical limitations or mobility issues. That is not a minor inconvenience; it is an unreasonable burden that shouldn't be a condition of living in my own neighborhood.

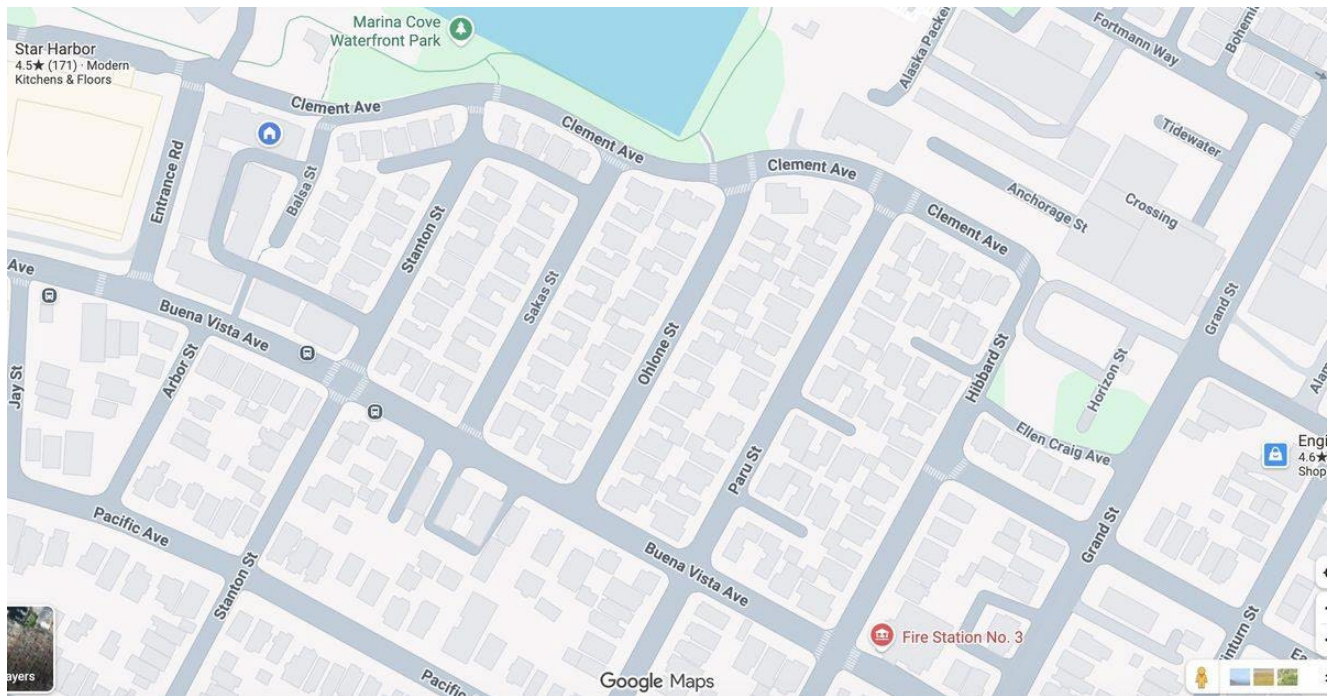
This stretch of Clement also has a playground, a park, a heavily used pedestrian path, and newly installed bike lanes. Volunteers from the Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter walk dogs through this same crosswalk daily. Our mail carrier loads and delivers from a fixed spot right on Clement that cannot be relocated. Delivery and service vehicles stop here constantly for homes whose front doors open directly onto Clement Ave.

Beyond the immediate impact, routing heavy truck traffic through this corridor will bring constant noise and will degrade the public park and walking trail that this community relies on and takes pride in.

Safety is my greatest concern. I cannot cross freely at this crosswalk without risk of being hit; I have to wait until no vehicles are visible in either direction before I can cross. Speeding and poor visibility are already serious problems here. The stop sign at Clement and Ohlone is dangerous because cars routinely roll through it without stopping. Clement Ave curves sharply and narrowly, and you often cannot see more than a block ahead, unlike Buena Vista, the current truck route, which is a straight shot with no curves, ending at a signal. An 18-wheeler will not have the visibility or stopping distance to react safely on this street. It is only a matter of time before a pedestrian, a cyclist, a child, dog walker or dog, is hit or injured. Adding to the congestion of this street is not safe or practical.

I urge the City to reject this relocation, or at minimum to halt any decision until a real, current safety and pedestrian-impact study is conducted, one that reflects how this street is actually used every day by families, children, dog walkers, mail carriers, and delivery workers, not just vehicle counts from a slow winter month.

Please reference below images for examples.



Overhead view: Buena Vista's straight alignment (left) compared to Clement Avenue's curves along the waterfront (top).



Buena Vista Avenue, the current truck route — a straight shot with no curves, ending at a signal.



The same distance on Clement Avenue, the proposed route — a sharp curve with visibility limited to about one block.



Crosswalk facing east on Clement — visibility is already poor enough that the City installed additional warning signs and lights.



Crosswalk facing west on Clement, with the playground visible at right — a blind curve just beyond it.



Approaching the crosswalk heading west on Clement, playground in the background — another blind curve.

From: [Eddy Liang](#)
To: [Scott Wikstrom](#)
Cc: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Michele Pryor](#); [Greg Boller](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Transportation Commission](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Clement Ave Truck Route and Parking Impacts
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026 11:25:37 PM

Hello Mr. Wikstrom,

My name is Eddy Liang and I am a resident of the Marina Shores Homeowners Association writing to you with my objection to the removal of parking spaces on Clement and eventual routing of trucks on this stretch of Clement.

Many of the HOA members have already either written in and/or will be attending the 14th's in-person meeting in protest to what is being planned for Clement. Rather than inundating you with studies, calculations, or theoreticals, my POV will stem from the humanistic common sense side being an 8-year resident.

The immediate area on Clement x Balsa/Stanton/etc, as it stands, is in my opinion already a major traffic hazard due to the narrow car lanes, narrow walkway (two people crossing each other will bump shoulders), bulbouts, bike lanes, blind turns, little to no traffic calming mechanisms, etc. Unless one lives here, it's difficult to convey the consistently nervous nature of residents crossing Clement to access the park or that side of the marina. Even cars' pre-collision alert system consistently goes off due to the nature of the turns there. Driving on this stretch of road is unnatural due to the curvatures in such a short distance. It just never feels safe.

To burden this beautiful area of Clement further with trucks, it disturbs and nullifies the natural serenity of it all (water, bike lanes). If anything, the stretch of Clement starting from Atlantic to Grand would be a prime candidate to be a quiet/slow street. With Clement already shouldering so much, it makes no sense for trucks to pass through when there are better alternatives like Lincoln - which are factually better.

Plans can change and they should for the better. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Eddy Liang



Our mail carrier's loading spot and cluster mailboxes on Clement Avenue. This location cannot be moved.

Thank you for your time and for taking these concerns seriously.

Sincerely,

Kristina Gonzi-Hurt
Marina Shores Resident

I second and fully support the concerns above,
Alexander Wolfe
Marina Shores Resident

From: Scott Wikstrom <swikstrom@alamedaca.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2026 11:52 AM
To: Sandra Lau <sandralau@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Serious Safety and Neighborhood Concerns Regarding Proposed Truck Route

Hi Sandra,

Thank you for your comments. They will be formally added to the public record at the Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for July 22nd.

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From: Sandra Lau <sandralau@gmail.com>
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Cc: Sandra Lau <sandralau@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Serious Safety and Neighborhood Concerns Regarding Proposed Truck Route

Dear Mr. Wikstrom and the City of Alameda,

I am writing to express serious concerns about the possibility of Clement Ave, between Sherman Street and Grand Street, being designated and used as a truck route.

The street is too narrow to safely accommodate truck traffic. It barely fits two-way traffic for standard-size cars, and the curve in the road creates an added hazard for viability and

maneuvering. Introducing trucks onto a roadway with these conditions would create a significant safety concern for residents, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

I am also especially concerned by the fact that a park is located just feet from the street. The proximity of heavy truck traffic to an area used by children, families, and other community members raises an obvious safety issue.

Beyond safety, the expected noise from truck traffic would have a substantial effect on the surrounding neighborhood. This is a residential area that already faces constraints, and adding regular truck traffic would create additional disruption.

Removing parking is not a practical solution. There is essentially no surplus parking in the area, and the existing street parking is consistently full. In addition, the newly installed bike route would be poorly situated along truck traffic on such a constrained roadway, creating another serious concern for safe access and use for all ages.

Given these safety, infrastructure, and neighborhood concerns, I strongly oppose any plan to designate this street as a truck route.

Sincerely,
Sandra

