



City of Alameda California

March 2, 2017

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Chair Bob Alvarado
Vice-Chair Fran Inman
Commissioner Yvonne Burke
Commissioner Lucetta Dunn
Commissioner James Earp
Commissioner James C. Ghielmetti
Commissioner Carl Guardino
Commissioner Christine Kehoe
Commissioner James Madaffer
Commissioner Joseph Tavaglione
Commissioner Honorable Jim Beall
Commissioner Honorable Jim Frazier

Dear CTC Chair and Commissioners:

The City of Alameda is requesting that the California Transportation Commission grant a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project, a 4 mile long part along a former railroad.

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. Thus, the project is halted until the TIP budget amendment is approved, which will be in mid-April. A 6-month extension was originally requested because the project design required a soil remediation work plan approved by the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and it took significantly longer than originally anticipated to secure those approvals from DTSC. The 6-month extension leaves the City only 5 weeks to formally bid the project, finalize the terms, and have the City Council officially award the contract. This compressed timeline for a public procurement process would jeopardize the funding to build the Cross Alameda Trail. The six months was originally requested and feasible until it was realized that the project was left out of the TIP budget. A longer 9-month extension will provide enough time for the City to complete the appropriate public bid process after the TIP is approved and help to ensure this community-loved project is completed.

The Cross Alameda Trail, a 4 mile long path, spans the length of the City of Alameda, from the former Alameda Naval Base to the Miller Sweeney Bridge, connecting to the City of Oakland. This section of the Cross Alameda Trail runs through the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, which is a 27-acre park that is being developed on former railroad property and has tremendous community and political support. This trail

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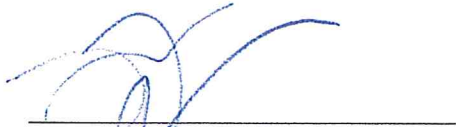
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Thank you for your service on the CTC and your consideration of our critical request. Your support of the City of Alameda's extension for an additional 3-months (for a total of 9-months) is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer



Vice Mayor Malia Vella



Councilmember Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft



Councilmember Frank Matarrese



Councilmember Jim Oddie



City of Alameda, California

March 9, 2017

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To the CTC Chair and Commissioners:

The Recreation and Parks Commission is an appointed board of Alameda residents who represent the interests of parks and recreation services and projects for all Alamedans. We strongly support the California Transportation Commission granting an additional 3 months for a total of a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting, rather than the originally requested 6-month extension.

Our Commission has played a key role in the community outreach for the Cross Alameda Trail and Jean Sweeney Open Space Park project. We have heard first-hand from thousands of residents just how important this project is for our community. The City is working toward becoming a very bicycle and pedestrian friendly community and ensuring the success of this off-street trail section is critical for our city's children, families, elderly, disabled, commuters and park users. This section of the trail will connect and bridge other trail sections now in progress of construction and create a safe way for our residents to cross our island community.

City staff have worked hard to make this project a reality for Alameda residents. The project was first ready to go out to bid many months ago and our Commission does not want to see this project lose its funding due to issues with the approval process. Since this project was not included in the federal transportation budget (TIP), any movement to go out to bid is on hold until that is corrected. The project is now in the process of being included in the TIP, but these approvals take time. An additional three months would ensure that there is adequate time to go out to bid and award the construction contract.

This section of the Cross Alameda Trail will connect people to a primary public transportation hub and provides safe access for the Alameda Food Bank constituents since it is directly adjacent to the park.

Thank you for your consideration and the Alameda Recreation and Parks Commission strongly urges you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

Chair Ruben Tilos

Commissioner Marianne Carter

Recreation and Parks Department
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Alameda, California 94501
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Vice-Chair William Delaney

Commissioner Ron Limoges



February 28, 2017

To CTC Commissioner,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

The Alameda Point Collaborative is a supportive housing program serving formerly homeless families. We are a community of 500 residents, living near the western terminus of the Cross Alameda Trail. Less than 30% of our residents have their own vehicle and must travel by bus or walking to most destinations. The Cross Alameda Trail Corridor is a very active travel route for our families, particularly for our youth who travel along this route to get to school, and to the Boys and Girls Club, and for families walking up to Webster Street for shopping or other activities. I want to be sure you have a clear picture of who these users are. Our residents are survivors of domestic violence, disabled homeless veterans, and families with significant disabilities working to overcome the trauma of homelessness. The Cross Alameda Trail Corridor is an important access way for them, and it is muddy, hazardous, dark at night, and particularly challenging for residents with disabilities. Our community has fought long and hard to see the Cross Alameda Trail Project become a reality. We would be highly disappointed if it failed to happen all due to a bureaucratic oversight.

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. The project is halted until the TIP budget amendment is approved, which will be in mid-April. A 6-month extension was originally requested because the project design required a soil remediation work plan approved by the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and it took significantly longer than originally anticipated to secure those approvals from DTSC. The 6-month extension leaves the City only 5 weeks to formally bid the project, finalize the terms, and have the City Council officially award the contract. This compressed timeline for a public procurement process would jeopardize the funding to build the Cross Alameda Trail. The six months was originally requested and feasible until it was realized that the project was left out of the TIP budget. A longer 9-month extension

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Alameda is ready to build this trail; our residents are ready to use this trail. Please make this happen!! Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,



Doug Biggs

Executive Director

Alameda Point Collaborative.

California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street MS.52
Sacramento, CA 95814

I am writing to ask that you give Alameda a longer extension of time to finance the Cross Alameda Bike Trail in Jean Sweeney Open Space Park.

As a frequent bicyclist, I can tell you that the trail is sorely needed. Alameda, while friendly to bicycles, is still dangerous. Riders, especially students, need safe corridors to get across the island. Bicycle improvements, such as the recently created bike path along Shoreline Ave are very popular. The new park is very popular as well.

For these reasons, I hope the Commission will give Alameda the time it needs.

Fred Patterson

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Alameda, CA 94501

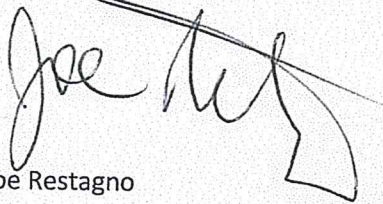
March 1, 2017

To: CTC Commission

I am writing to ask the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to grant the City of Alameda an additional 3-month extension, for a total of 9 months, to meet the funding requirements necessary for the Cross Alameda Bike Trail portion of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Project. I reside in Alameda and view this project as very important to our community. I am aware of how hard Jean Sweeney worked to obtain the land for the City of Alameda. Her passing was a sad day for everyone in our community, but we all respect and support the open space land that she saved for us. As the park has taken shape, the Alameda community is excited about this project that will benefit people of all ages in the greater East Bay.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and know that a decision to grant the City of Alameda an additional three months will allow this unique open space to be developed and benefit to so many.

Sincerely,

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Joe Restagno
3263 Madison St
Alameda, CA 94501

Helen Joyce Harris

***983 Independence Drive Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 748-9087 helenrav4@yahoo.com cell (510) 205-4980***

February 28, 2017

Dear CTC Commissioner,

I write to support the nine-month - not six-month -- extension of the funding requirements necessary to prepare for the completion of the remarkable new feature possible now in Alameda, the Jean Sweeney Park/Cross Alameda Trail [ATPL 5014 (042)].

Obviously the Cross Alameda Trail is essential to the full vision of the park and to the enhancement of our city - in this era of traffic congestion and parking troubles, the more bicyclists we can entice out of their cars, the better. Many other essential improvements will come along with both the park and the trail - safe routes for school children, access to the Food Bank, and access to public transportation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Helen J. Harris,
Alameda Resident

June Murakami-Delaney

1700 Dayton Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501 / delaneyjune@yahoo.com / (510) 769-0777

March 1, 2017

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Sincerely,

June M. Delaney

June Murakami-Delaney

1700 Dayton Avenue

Alameda, CA 94501

March 1, 2017

To: The California Transportation Commission
From: Patricia Bowen, Alameda Kiwanis Club member
Re: The Cross Alameda Trail, Jean Sweeney Open Space Park

Dear Commissioner,

It has come to my attention that the Cross Alameda Trail Project, through the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, was inadvertently omitted from the 2017 Federal Transportation Budget (TIP) project list. Therefore, no further progress towards funding and realization can be achieved until this project is placed on this year's TIP budget, through an amendment when it next meets in mid-April.

Time is short. The project is halted. The City of Alameda is ready to receive bids on the Cross Alameda Trail, yet only has a 6-month extension. The six months were enough before the TIP budget omission. In the interim, the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has approved the soil remediation work plan: an arduous process in and of itself, which took far longer than expected. This leaves the City of Alameda only 5 weeks to finalize bids and officially award the contract for the work. Funding is crucial for the ensured success of the Cross Alameda Trail. It cannot be compressed into the 5 weeks without jeopardizing the whole project.

The CTC should grant the City of Alameda a **9-month extension** for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. The TIP omission was not within its control.

What the Cross Alameda Trail Project means to Alamedans is inestimable:

- continuous bike trails the length of Alameda (the other segments now in progress)
- protected passage for pedestrians
- safe recreation for children and adults on local outings
- access to crosstown facilities such as the Alameda Food Bank (adjacent to the trail)
- the enhancement of a new park for the West End of Alameda, underserved now.

The Alameda Kiwanis Club is sponsoring playground equipment for the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park. We are fundraising for that endeavor. The Alameda Rotary Club is sponsoring a pavilion to afford public gatherings, even in inclement weather. The City of Alameda is very sincere in its efforts to provide convenient access to this new park. The Cross Alameda Trail allows all Alamedans to come.

Please grant the 9-month extension to make this project happen.

Sincerely, Patricia Bowen (for Alameda Kiwanis Club, Alameda CA_)

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March 2,2017

Dear CTC Commissioner

Please approve the requested total 9 month extension for the Jean Sweeney bike path requested by the City of Alameda. I have longed for this walk/bike route for more than 50 years. Many people have worked tirelessly to move the project this far. I hope that you will honor their effort by allowing the momentum to continue forward. I'm sure you are aware of the successful conversion of railway right of ways to bike paths in England. What is a few months in the big picture of more healthy modes of transportation for the public?

Sincerely,

Roberta Hough
911 San Antonio Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501

March 1, 2017

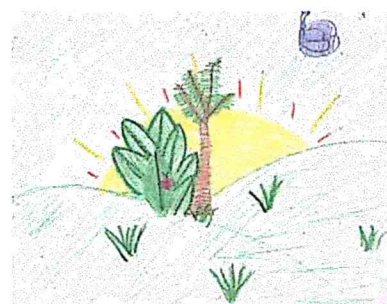
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I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project. It would be a shame for this project to be derailed because of what seems to be – essentially – a glitch (see Addendum).

The Cross Alameda Trail Project means a lot to this community – and to me personally. As a community member who resides adjacent to the Jean Sweeney Park, formerly the Alameda Belt Line, I have been very involved in trying to guide its future toward a positive outcome. For a history of this involvement, I would direct you to a (very old now – vintage late 1990s) website that I created, where the history of the Belt Line as a community project is chronicled. (<http://www.alamedaopenspace.com/land.html>)

In 2002, we held an “Art in the Park” contest, where Alameda kids submitted drawings about what the park meant to them. Take a look at some of this art – it is inspiring!

(<http://www.alamedaopenspace.com/contest.html>)



This “rails to trails” inspired Cross Alameda Trail Project is the centerpiece – *the anchor* – of this amazing, unique, and universally loved community asset. A community asset we look forward to sharing with all our surrounding municipal and regional neighbors!

At this time, we have a sizable homeless population out in the space, and – although I am very sympathetic – I feel very strongly that Jean Sweeney Park space should not be allowed to languish.

Please, please, please grant the City the extra 3 months (9 months total) needed to get this project under way! We would be so grateful to you if you would grant this extension.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Sherry Stoll, 1852 9th Street, Alameda, (510) 863-1763

Addendum

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. The project is halted until the TIP budget amendment is approved, which will be in mid-April. A 6-month extension was originally requested because the project design required a soil remediation work plan approved by the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and it took significantly longer than originally anticipated to secure those approvals from DTSC. The 6-month extension leaves the City only 5 weeks to formally bid the project, finalize the terms, and have the City Council officially award the contract. This compressed timeline for a public procurement process would jeopardize the funding to build the Cross Alameda Trail. The six months was originally requested and feasible until it was realized that the project was left out of the TIP budget. A longer 9-month extension will provide enough time for the City to complete the appropriate public bid process after the TIP is approved and help to ensure this community-loved project is completed.

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Requested: an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension.



Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families

March 1, 2017

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To the CTC Chair and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Alameda Point Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families (ACCYF), I am requesting that the California Transportation Commission grant a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

The ACCYF membership is made up of more than twenty organizations that provide programs and services to students in our schools and their parents. ACCYF meets monthly in the Alameda City Council Chambers, and is governed by its co-chairs: Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer, Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, and Alameda Unified School District Trustee Jennifer Williams.

Our members have played an active role in the Public Hearing and planning process for Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, and are looking forward to the completion and opening of this

valuable asset to all families and individuals in Alameda. As planned, this project offers a wide range of recreational choices for all of our residents, including providing safe routes for our children to walk or bike to school. The inability to complete the Cross Alameda Trail project, which completes a 4-mile-long path spanning the length of the City of Alameda, would be an opportunity lost, and something we hope your agency will keep from happening.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

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Jim Franz

Community Development Coordinator & Staff to the ACCYF
City of Alameda Community Development Department
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Youth Collaborative Co-Chairs

Alameda Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer
Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan
Alameda Board of Education Trustee Jennifer Williams

*The Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families
promotes positive child and youth development through
building innovative community partnership, sharing information,
and maximizing resources.*

Amy Wooldridge

From: Claudia Viera, Esq. <claudiaviera@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: jean sweeney letter of support

March 3, 2017

Dear Sir/Madame,

My son and I live 4 blocks from the proposed Jean Sweeney park. We cannot wait until it is built! We urge you to please extend the deadline to raise funds for 9 months as requested by the City of Alameda so that the bike path and park can be built!

For us, Jean Sweeney park will provide direct bicycle access to a shopping district nearby, a green zone and play structures for children and families in our neighborhood, and the segment of the San Francisco bay trail that is needed in Alameda.

My 9-year-old son and I bike to school daily and we bike all over Alameda. However, we cannot easily bike to our local supermarket and bank because access is blocked by the overgrown, old railroad area (which will become the park.) Currently, to get there, we must cycle on a long busy thoroughfare (Sherman street) which is scary since he is still young. Once the park is built, it will provide direct bicycle access for us to cross over to the shopping district without any busy streets.

Second, our neighborhood has only one small park. Jean Sweeney park with bike paths will provide many acres of land for playing, cycling and enjoying other family events. Our part of Alameda has been long neglected and is in need of this vital upgrade to bring us closer as a community.

Lastly, the magnificent bay trail will go through this park and is a necessary component to connect the other parts that have already been built. My son and I have cycled from Emeryville to Point Richmond, and one day hope to cycle from our home directly to Point Richmond, and beyond on the SF Bay Trail.

For all these reasons, we strongly urge you extend the funding deadline by 9 months as requested. Our Alameda community (and others who use the trail) will thank you mightily for this extension, which will allow the park to be built out fully in all its glory.

Thank you.

Claudia Viera
Mediator/Attorney
1618 Saint Charles St.
Alameda, CA. 94501
510.393.7117

Amy Wooldridge

From: Geoffrey Sylvester <geoffrey.sylvester@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 7:51 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Cross Alameda Bike Trail in Jean Sweeney Park

Dear California Transportation Commission (CTC)

I am writing to ask you allow Alameda the needed time of 9 months, as requested by Alameda Recreation & Parks Department Director Amy Wooldridge to start construction of the Cross Alameda Bike Trail portion in Jean Sweeney Park.

I realize you need to move work along and I applaud you for that BUT, in this case, getting funding is also very complex and the so more time is needed to accomplish this very important project.

I live at the west end of Alameda and the Posy tube is not a usable bike route. I must bike across Alameda to the bridges to get to Oakland etc. If this bike path is built through the park it will provide an important section of the safe pathway I need to commute.

Please allow for the requested nine month extension on the funding requirements.

Thank you for your attention and responsiveness to this important matter.

Geoff Sylvester
930 Pacific Ave. Alameda CA
geoffrey.sylvester@gmail.com

Amy Wooldridge

From: Fei Xu Ouyang <fei.x.ouyang@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:29 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Request 9 months extension on funding for the Cross Alameda Bike Trail

Dir. Wooldridge,

As a resident in Alameda, I'd like to request a 9 months extension on funding for Cross Alameda Bike Trail. We have been very much looking forward for Jean Sweeney Park to be developed. We live close by and love biking, so this bike trail will be a very important feature, we have already been planning on how to use it with our two girls. We also donated two benches in the park. We trust that you will use your power to push the development of the park and secure its funding.

Thanks,
Fei Ouyang
1603 Fortmann Way
Alamea

February 28, 2017

CTC Commissioners,

As two of the original members of the Cross Alameda Trail steering committee, we write to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

This project has been the top transportation project in Alameda for over a decade and is close to moving across the finish line, the end result of thousands of hours of community and staff work. It would be a shame if necessary, but bureaucratic work held up the final contract award and halted the funded program in its tracks simply because state approvals were slow to be received.

The Cross Alameda Trail is a 4-mile-long path that spans the length of the City of Alameda, from the former Alameda Naval Base to the Miller Sweeney Bridge, connecting to the City of Oakland. The section of the Cross Alameda Trail runs through the 27-acre Jean Sweeney Open Space Park that is being developed on former railroad property and has tremendous community and political support. This trail section will connect with two other trail sections now in development and provide off-street bicycle/pedestrian access for Alameda residents, commuters, families, children who need safe routes to school, people accessing a major transportation hub at one end of the trail, and people connecting with valuable services at the adjacent Alameda Food Bank.

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Sincerely,


Audrey Lord-Hausman


John Knox White

Amy Wooldridge

From: Christine Buck <mcbuck@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: letter to CTC

California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street MS.52
Sacramento, CA 95814

To whom it may concern:

I recently was made aware that the Cross Alameda Trail portion of the Jean Sweeney Park project has hit a speed bump, because it was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. The City of Alameda has asked for a bit more time in order to put the pieces in place to get the project out to bid, complete the bidding process, and award the project.

I live about five blocks from the park and have been looking forward to adding this haven to my regular biking and walking routine. Now that I'm in my 70's, keeping fit through physical activity has greatly added to my quality of life. I have been looking forward to this new "greenbelt" where I can bike without traffic hazards in a natural setting. I know that countless others of all ages are extremely excited to have this chance for recreation and exposure to nature right in the middle of town.

Increasing the extension for an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) seems like a reasonable request, given all the moving parts to this project. Please grant the City of Alameda's extension request.

Thank you very much for considering this issue.

Yours truly,

Christine Buck
1131 Bay Street
Alameda, CA 94501

Amy Wooldridge

From: Esther Burlingame <esther.burlingame@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 7:24 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Email to the CTC in Support for the Cross Alameda Trail Project

To CTC Commissioner,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

Having a connected off-street bicycle/pedestrian access for Alameda is vitally important. I have been witness to several bicycle versus auto accidents on our streets involving children. With the Cross Alameda Trail project we have the ability to create safer routes.

This trail project is the first phase of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park development and a cornerstone upon which the remaining park development is built which will be a tremendous blessing to the residents of the City of Alameda and the Bay Area preserving open space. The park will encourage outdoor activities for children or all ages in a safe environment which will help improve the health of our community.

I strongly encourage you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

Esther Burlingame

Amy Wooldridge

From: George Fitzgerald <revcgf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 6:00 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Cc: Susan Jeffries
Subject: A Nine Month Extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project

SUPPORT FOR NINE MONTH EXTENSION

Dear CTC Commissioner,

I am joining my many Alameda neighbors and friends in requesting that the California Transportation Commission grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project at its March 16, 2017 meeting.

This trail project is the first phase of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park development to which our community is high committed, as Jean Sweeney was a model of commitment and care for all of us in the city of Alameda. Not only will this project honor her dedication and hard work, but it will be used, appreciated and treasured by the community for years to come.

We realize that the challenge of coordinating a community and state effort invariably takes more time than originally anticipated, but if the extension is not granted it jeopardize the effectiveness of the entire project.

Thank you for your consideration and we strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely yours,

George and Susan Fitzgerald

2927 Marina Dr., Alameda

Amy Wooldridge

From: Tita Mahoney <titamahoney@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Cc: John Mahoney
Subject: Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Project

CTC Commission
To Whom it May Concern

March 3, 2017

My husband and I are writing to ask the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to grant the City of Alameda an additional 3-month extension, for a total of 9 months, to meet the funding requirements necessary for the Cross Alameda Bike Trail portion of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Project. We reside in Alameda and view this project as very important to our community. We are aware of how hard Jean Sweeney worked to obtain the land for the City of Alameda. Her passing was a sad day for everyone in our community, but we all respect and support the open space land that she saved for us. As the park has taken shape, the Alameda community is excited about this project that will benefit people of all ages in the greater East Bay.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and know that a decision to grant the City of Alameda an additional three months will allow this unique open space to be developed and beneficial to so many.

Sincerely,

John & Tita Mahoney
1720 Palmera Court
Alameda, CA 94501

Amy Wooldridge

From: Dorothy Freeman <dfreeman@pacbell.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: CDC Letter: JSOSPF

Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund
212 Santa Clara Ave
Alameda, CA 94501

March 2, 2017

CDC
Commission

1120 N. Street MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear CTC Commissioners;

The Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund is a 501c3 created to assist the City of Alameda with development of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park.

The board members of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund are writing to request the Commission's approval for an additional 3 month extension requested by the City of Alameda for the funding for the Cross Alameda Bike Trail's (CAT) section that will pass through the Jean Sweeney park. Nine months is needed to fulfill the funding requirements.

The 4 mile Cross Alameda Bike Trail will be the first portion of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park to be developed. It will provide alternative transportation for the island city of Alameda. The people of Alameda have been waiting since 2002 to see the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park begin construction. And the CAT has also been a long dream of Bike Walk Alameda whose mission is to make our city a safe and enjoyable place to walk and bike. When we had community meetings for elements the public wanted in the park, bike and walking trails were major features.

The CAT is even more important as it's 4 mile path is part of the Northern Waterfront Primary Development Area of Alameda (PDA). The Alameda PDA has development planned for several thousand more new housing units and business sections within a short distance of the trail.

The CAT is an important transportation link in today's world that needs alternatives to driving our cars. The 4 mile bike trail would still be important even if it didn't pass through the park. During a ride on the CAT, for a short distance, a rider will enter into a quiet open place where the busy world will be left behind.

When the project to turn a 27 acre retired railroad switching yard into a beautiful city park was started, the complexities of the process were underestimated. Many different parts had to be satisfied before arriving at the place we are at today. Alameda is ready to get to work developing a 27 acre urban park most cities would love to have, as well as a major bike path across the city in what is about to become the most congested area of the island. Both the park and the

4 mile CAT are important to Alameda. We encourage you to increase the 6 month extension to the 9 months needed so we can start both the trail and the park construction.

We encourage you to visit the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park web site (sweeneyopenspacepark.org). The land has a wonderful history and a great future. Please help us get started on both of these projects.

Respectfully

Board Members: Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund

Jim Sweeney Co-Chairman

Doug DeHaan Co-Chairman

Dorothy Freeman Secretary/Treasurer

Amy Wooldridge

From: Steve Elias <elifish3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:10 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Jean Sweeney Park

Director Wooldridge-

I know you are excited about creating more park space in our lovely city.

I am a member of the Team Alameda cycling club and a supporter of increased bicycling throughout our city.

I am writing to you in the hope that you will promote bicycling in our community by supporting the Cross Alameda Trail through the park.

Please forward my thoughts to the California Transportation Committee.

Thank you-

Steve Elias

Amy Wooldridge

From: tonycorica@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: CTC Letter

March 1, 2017

To: CTC Commission

I am writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda an additional 3 month extension, for a total of 9 months, to meet the funding requirements necessary for the Cross Alameda Bike Trail portion of the Jean Sweeney Park Project. I am a lifelong Alamedan who knew Ms. Sweeney well and know how hard she worked to obtain the land for the City of Alameda. As the park has taken shape, the Alameda community is excited about this project that will benefit people of all ages in the greater East Bay.

Thank you for consideration of this request and know that a decision to grant the City of Alameda an additional three months will allow this unique open space to be optimally developed for the enjoyment of many.

Sincerely,

Tony Corica
Sent from my iPad

Amy Wooldridge

From: Denise Larkin <denise@deniselarkin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:41 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Request for additional 3 month extension - SweeneyOpenSpace Park

To Director Woolridge,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

This project has personal meaning for me. I have already donated and arranged for a park bench to be installed in the park in memory of my late mother, who was born, raised and lived her entire life in Alameda. Memorializing her in this way is very important to me, and I know that there are other potential supporters who are hoping to do something similar for their family members or friends.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Denise Larkin

(also born and raised in Alameda)

Amy Wooldridge

From: Anna Elefant <annaelefant@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 7:49 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Alameda BIKE trail letter of support

California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street MS.52
Sacramento, CA 95814

March 3, 2017

TO: California Transportation Commission

I am writing to ask the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to grant the City of Alameda an additional 3-month extension, for a total of 9 months, to meet the funding requirements necessary

for the Cross Alameda Bike Trail portion of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Project. My family has resided in Alameda for the past 34 years and have been active in using all of our parks and programs

offered by the Recreation Department. We hope that you will consider the extension so the bike path can be completed which will provide a continuation of the Cross Alameda

Trail. It will show a commitment to providing logical planning .

Thank you for your consideration.

ANNA ELEFANT
26 Avondale Landing
Alameda, CA 94502
510-521-3507

Amy Wooldridge

From: David or Joyce Denyven <denyven@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Cross Alameda Trail Project

To CTC Commissioner,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. The project is halted until the TIP budget amendment is approved, which will be in mid-April. A 6-month extension was originally requested because the project design required a soil remediation work plan approved by the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and it took significantly longer than originally anticipated to secure those approvals from DTSC. The 6-month extension leaves the City only 5 weeks to formally bid the project, finalize the terms, and have the City Council officially award the contract. This compressed timeline for a public procurement process would jeopardize the funding to build the Cross Alameda Trail. The six months was originally requested and feasible until it was realized that the project was left out of the TIP budget. A longer 9-month extension will provide enough time for the City to complete the appropriate public bid process after the TIP is approved and help to ensure this community-loved project is completed.

The Cross Alameda Trail is a 4 mile long path that spans the length of the City of Alameda, from the former Alameda Naval Base to the Miller Sweeney Bridge, connecting to the City of Oakland. The section of the Cross Alameda Trail runs through the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, which is a 27-acre park that is being developed on former railroad property and has tremendous community and political support. This trail section will connect with two other trail sections now in development and provide off-street bicycle/pedestrian access for Alameda residents, commuters, families, children who need safe routes to school, people accessing a major transportation hub at one end of the trail, and people connecting with valuable services at the adjacent Alameda Food Bank. This trail project is the first phase of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park development and a cornerstone upon which the remaining park development is built.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

I would like to add some personal information to the above form letter that you will be receiving from many people: I am 91 years old and ride my bicycle every day -- whenever possible -- for 45 minutes to an hour. I believe strongly that this type of exercise has kept me in excellent physical condition, and that anything that can

be done to encourage others to do cardio-vascular exercise regularly will improve their health. Many people fear that riding their bikes on city streets would be dangerous; this off-street trail would be a place where they, and especially their children, could do it safely.

Sincerely,

David Denyven

Amy Wooldridge

From: Patsy Baer <2baers@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: CTC/Sweeney

To CTC Commissioner,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project at its March 16, 2017 meeting.

It appears that there have been delays in different departments which have resulted in not enough time for our city to bid this project.

This project is hugely popular in our city and we want to make sure it has every opportunity to be done successfully.

Please extend the deadline nine months.

Sincerely,

Patricia Baer

Amy Wooldridge

From: Jesse M Adams <jesse.m.adams@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:33 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Jean Sweeney Park

CTC Commissioner:

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. The project is halted until the TIP budget amendment is approved, which will be in mid-April. A 6-month extension was originally requested because the project design required a soil remediation work plan approved by the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and it took significantly longer than originally anticipated to secure those approvals from DTSC. The 6-month extension leaves the City only 5 weeks to formally bid the project, finalize the terms, and have the City Council officially award the contract. This compressed timeline for a public procurement process would jeopardize the funding to build the Cross Alameda Trail. The six months was originally requested and feasible until it was realized that the project was left out of the TIP budget. A longer 9-month extension will provide enough time for the City to complete the appropriate public bid process after the TIP is approved and help to ensure this community-loved project is completed.

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A citizen of Alameda who lives just a few minutes from the proposed park, I have been eagerly anticipating its opening for years now. I have a child that will be able to utilize it as well. I enjoy cycling and hiking immensely and would hate to see the project delayed or derailed because of an inadvertent oversight on the part of our elected officials, who by and large do a great job.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

Jesse M. Adams
1622 Union St.
Alameda, CA 94501

Amy Wooldridge

From: Michael J Kadel <mjkadel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:25 PM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)]

Director Wooldridge,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list. The project is halted until the TIP budget amendment is approved, which will be in mid-April. A 6-month extension was originally requested because the project design required a soil remediation work plan approved by the Dept. of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and it took significantly longer than originally anticipated to secure those approvals from DTSC. The 6-month extension leaves the City only 5 weeks to formally bid the project, finalize the terms, and have the City Council officially award the contract. This compressed timeline for a public procurement process would jeopardize the funding to build the Cross Alameda Trail. The six months was originally requested and feasible until it was realized that the project was left out of the TIP budget. A longer 9-month extension will provide enough time for the City to complete the appropriate public bid process after the TIP is approved and help to ensure this community-loved project is completed.

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If this project falls apart Jean Sweeney Open Space Park will continue to be a destination for the homeless. People move in, trash collects, crime rises, and the homeless are kicked out. I live very near to the park and my neighborhood needs the fences down and the lights up. Jean Sweeney Open Space Park will be a HUGE boon to Alameda and to our neighborhood when it is complete. Letting the space molder, on the other hand, drags down our quality of life. Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request. Those 3 months could make a tremendous difference.

Thanks,

Michael Kadel
Alameda, CA

Amy Wooldridge

From: Kat Schuett <katschuett@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: URGENT! Please extend Cross Alameda Trail Project

To CTC Commissioner,

The following email is more than just a request for an extension...it is an urgent request to save a vital part of our community's future! It's also a request that will be a key step to encouraging more people to bike versus drive. This leads to less traffic in a highly congested area, as well as healthier, more fit citizens. Please don't let a timing issue stop the construction of this much needed community project!

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

Although the Cross Alameda Trail project is ready to go out to bid, the project was inadvertently left off the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) project list.

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Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,
Kat Schuett and family

Kat Schuett
The Better World Hub
Community - Magazine - Events

Amy Wooldridge

From: Liz Taylor <liz@doermarine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Jean Sweeny open space support

To CTC Commissioner,

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

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As a parent and business owner in Alameda, I see the urgent need to have more off street biking/walking routes that are protected from the growing traffic congestion and development. Preserving this small patch of park land while making it broadly accessible is vital to the community. Please grant the City of Alameda the extra time needed to get the project done right.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

Liz Taylor
DOER Marine
1827 Clement Ave
Alameda CA 94501

February 28, 2017

To CTC Commissioner,

I am an avid bike rider and there are MANY Alameda families that I truly believe will use and benefit from the proposed Cross Alameda Trail. I think the Cross Alameda Trail at JSOSP would be enjoyed by thousands and would add to the overall enriching home town Alameda experience so cherished by Alameda residents and their families!

I'm writing to ask the California Transportation Commission to grant the City of Alameda a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting. This 9-month extension is critical to ensure the success of this project.

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Thank you for your consideration and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Mathews

1275 Weber St

CTC Letter Signatories in support of a 9-month extension request for the City of Alameda's Cross Alameda Trail.

All are Alameda residents.

Damian S Mason and Trina Oberlander
John Jacobs (3rd generation resident)
Joni and Paul Mahler, 1100 Paru St., Alameda, CA 94501, jpmahler@comcast.net
Christine Carroll
Nancy Soo-Hoo
Lily Leung
Lauren Eisele, Alameda resident
Leslie Hodgkin, 2847 VanBuren St, Alameda, CA 94501
Cheryl Saxton, 1303 Crown Drive, Alameda, CA 94501 (3rd generation resident)
Denise Gasti, Alameda Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 1217, Alameda, CA 94501
David Hewitt (Lifelong Alamedan), 3019 Bayo Vista Ave., Alameda, CA 94501
Jenna Valdespino
Matt Wheeland, 3236 Adams St., Alameda, CA 94501
Steven Haworth, 1726 Wood St. Alameda, CA 94501
Christen Chesel, 633 Waterview Isle, Alameda, CA 94502
Yvonne Yildirim, 1330 Broadway, Alameda, CA 94501
Grant Burningham
Russ Grant
Carolyn V. Mason, 15 Danbrook Court, Alameda, CA 94502
Christine Ganser, 1120 Paru St., Alameda, CA 94501
Ki Chung
Linda Carloni
Michael Schiess Executive Director, Pacific Pinball Museum, 1510 Webster St, Alameda
Patricia Potter, 1430 Paru St., Alameda, CA 94501
Elaine Louie, 1593 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501
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Ann Wettrich
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John Brennan, 711 Grand Street, Alameda, CA 94501
Christopher Todd
K. Scott MacAskill, 132 Haight Ave , Alameda, CA 94501
Nikki Herrmann & Wanshun Tam, 1625 Wood Street, Alameda, CA
Neil J. Rubenstein
Elissa Vinson, 703 Atlantic Avenue, Apt. 128, Alameda, CA 94501
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Erin Wright, 2620 Washington Street, Alameda CA 94501
Dawna Dowdell-Dos Santos, Alameda Kiwanis Past President
Camille and James Khazar
Janet Beatty, Alameda resident
W.D. Gibbs, Esq., 202 Baywood Road, Alameda, CA 94502

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California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

March 13, 2017

Attn: Chair Bob Alvarado
Vice-Chair Fran Inman
Commissioner Yvonne Burke, Commissioner Lucetta Dunn, Commissioner James Earp,
Commissioner James C. Ghielmetti, Commissioner Carl Guardino, Commissioner Christine
Kehoe, Commissioner James Madaffer, Commissioner Joseph Tavaglione, Commissioner
Honorable Jim Beall, and Commissioner Honorable Jim Frazier

To: CTC Chair and Commissioners:

As the State Senator of the great City of Alameda, I strongly support the California Transportation Commission granting a 9-month extension for the Cross Alameda Trail Project [ATPL 5014 (042)] at its March 16, 2017 meeting, rather than the originally requested 6-month extension.

The Cross Alameda Trail is a 4 mile long bicycle/pedestrian path that spans the length of the City of Alameda from the Alameda Naval Based that is now being redeveloped to the Miller Sweeney Bridge and the City of Oakland. This project will greatly improve bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as enhance public health and support environmental stewardship for Alameda and surrounding East Bay.

This project should not lose its funding due to a bureaucratic glitch. The project is ready to go out to bid now, but all progress is halted until the 2017 federal transportation budget (TIP) is amended and approved, which will occur in mid-April. The City of Alameda needs an additional 3-months for a total 9-month extension in order to provide the appropriate time needed for a public procurement process. As a former rail yard, the project site has extensive soil issues and it took significantly longer than anticipated for the Department of Toxic Substance Control to finalize the city's soil remediation work plan. These factors caused a delay to the initial design and thus the need for additional time.

Thank you for reviewing this matter and I strongly urge you to grant an additional 3-months (for a total of 9 months) to the City of Alameda's extension request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Skinner".

State Senator, District 9