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To: [Vanessa Lee](#)
Subject: Please extend expanded bike and bus lanes into Berkeley
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Dear Vanessa and the Commission,

I live on the Berkeley/Oakland border three blocks from San Pablo. I drive and bike this area frequently. I'm writing in support of extending the near term improvements on San Pablo up into Berkeley.

Extending bus lanes and protected bike lanes into Berkeley in the near future would have an amazing positive impact on my daily life in the neighborhood. The section from Alcatraz to Russell in particular would be a huge improvement for my bike trips, creating a safer way for me to ride with my two young children to local shops, parks, and other neighborhoods in Berkeley.

Further, I believe these changes are a crucial local step to take to reduce driving and fight climate change, improve safety, and create a better standard of living in my area. I encourage the commission to make the protected Lanes as robust and unbroken as possible, without breaks that would allow loading trucks or other delivery cars to block the way. The completeness of these lanes plays a huge role in whether prior feel confident about riding their bikes, especially when they have young kids with them.

Thanks for reading,

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