



# Memorandum

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**DATE:** March 13, 2022

**TO:** Alameda County Transportation Commission

**FROM:** Tess Lengyel, Executive Director  
Carolyn Clevenger, Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Policy  
Vanessa Lee, Clerk of the Commission

**SUBJECT:** Public Comment Submissions regarding the San Pablo Avenue  
Multimodal Corridor Project Concept for Further Project Development

Please find additional written public comments received for the March 14, 2022 Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee meeting Item 5.2: Approve the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project Concept for Further Project Development):

- Susan Terris
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**From:** [S. Terris](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** A proposal to make San Pablo Ave one lane each way - AGAINST  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:52:27 AM

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March 12, 2022

Dear Alameda CTC:

I understand there is a proposal to turn San Pablo Avenue from 2 North/South lanes to 1 North/South lane. Before implementing that proposal, I propose needed local solutions be implemented **first** to prevent the traffic from rerouting itself from San Pablo Ave. to Carlson Blvd in El Cerrito and Richmond. Please fix long-standing local traffic problems first.

**Why:** I have written to Richmond's Public Works Dept last year (2021) about the glut of traffic and speeding on the connecting street where I live between Carlson Ave. and San Pablo Ave. I talked to my surrounding neighbors and they all agreed traffic on our street needs to be slowed. Speed bumps, or putting a stop sign on Carlson at Sutter have been requested. I called Richmond's PW Dept to follow up - no response.

**Carlson Blvd.** is also used as a major thoroughfare in El Cerrito and Richmond. Traffic builds up from the 80E exit on Carlson. Traffic (including LARGE trucks) speeds during rush hours, turns L on Sutter Ave. (where I live) to connect to San Pablo Ave. I imagine if SP were turned to 1 lane both ways, the backup (on our small street) to connect to SP would DOUBLE. That would be a BIG problem for residents on Sutter Ave., in particular. I'm sure it would be a problem for other, similar streets.

There have been a few FATAL accidents on Carlson Ave., due to speeding while intoxicated, in the past half year. Nothing has been done yet about slowing traffic (and speeding problems) on Carlson Blvd. Residents are begging for traffic slowing on Carlson Blvd. to no response from Richmond.

Summary in opposition to turning SP into 2 1-way lanes at this

time:

1. Local traffic problems on Carlson Blvd. in El Cerrito and Richmond should be fixed **FIRST!**
2. Local traffic problems on streets connecting Carlson Blvd and San Pablo Ave., particularly narrow streets, should be fixed **FIRST!**

I understand the vision and need for making room for both cars and bicycles. However I think we need to plan more appropriately for the long term. After resolving current traffic problems, then implement a huge undertaking. If the local traffic problems are not resolved first, I anticipate local traffic disaster for everyone (cars and bicycles).

Finally, a plea from those of us with disabling conditions that do not allow us to use a bicycle. We need a solution that is both/and, and not either/or. Some of us need to use a car to do shopping, etc.

Thank you for listening to the pleas of local residents before acting on your proposal.

I know that the promise of infrastructure money is dazzling to the imagination. And please, fix the long-standing infrastructure problems with traffic **FIRST**.

Sincerely yours,

Susan C Terris  
6206 Sutter Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94804  
510 528 0440

"We are souls dressed up in sacred biochemical garments and our bodies are the instruments through which our souls play their music." Albert Einstein

**From:** [Mari Vlastos](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** crazy idea for San Pablo!  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 11:09:03 AM

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I'm a disabled resident of Berkeley and MUST travel by car. PLEASE don't make my trips any longer—San Pablo is congested enough as it is! (I can barely make it to my doctors off Telegraph because of the one lane congestion in Oakland now.)

Mari Vlastos  
1221 Queens Road  
Berkeley

**From:** [Michael Katz](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Do not narrow San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 12:22:51 AM

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Dear Commissioners, c/o Vanessa Lee,  
As a cyclist, pedestrian, transit rider, and your constituent, I urge you to reject any design that would remove mixed-use lanes or parking on San Pablo Avenue here in Berkeley.

Narrowing San Pablo Ave. would make conditions worse for everyone. It would worsen existing severe congestion – which would worsen the very climate impacts that our city is trying to reduce.

The temporary disruption caused by blockage and construction would kill off several fragile small businesses in one of Berkeley's perpetually struggling commercial districts. These merchants are trying to recover from the pandemic. Removing street parking would permanently kill still more businesses, by denying customers' access to them.

The only mitigation for these impacts would be to flood adjacent residential streets with traffic and parked vehicles. This is simply an unacceptable way to treat San Pablo Ave.'s neighbors.

At Berkeley's public open houses about this proposed project, many of us cyclists agreed (along with merchants and neighbors) on the following assessment of this countywide project: Some stretches of San Pablo Ave. in other cities, like Oakland, certainly need better access and accommodation for bicycle riders. But this is because they lack a network of alternative side streets.

**Berkeley is different. Tenth Street and the Curtis Street/Cornell Avenue couplet are adjacent, quiet streets that offer cyclists continuous, low-stress alternative routes. Any sane cyclist would avoid San Pablo Ave.'s noise, fumes, and congestion** – regardless of San Pablo's configuration – and instead use these convenient residential streets.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to reject misguided proposals to eliminate mixed-use travel lanes or parking spots on San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley.

Respectfully yours,  
Michael Katz  
2117 Rose St.  
Berkeley, CA 94709

**From:** [Sandra Tarbet](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** eliminating one lane and parking on San Pablo Avenue  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:13:10 PM

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HOW will be support our local businesses on San Pablo Ave. when you eliminate all parking on the Avenue????

No, we're not all going to walk, kill ourselves on a bicycle, or take the bus. WE NEED TO DRIVE AND WE NEED TO PARK!

You will be closing small businesses if you do this!!!

**From:** [Sandra Tarbet](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** eliminating one lane of traffic on San Pablo Avenue  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:11:35 PM

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I am writing to express my dismay and disappointment at the idea of eliminating one lane on San Pablo Avenue.

Many of us take San Pablo Avenue home from work from Oakland to Berkeley and Albany.

It is the only corridor between the two other than I-80 and 580.

There is this "pressure" to ride bikes, walk, and take AC Transit.

This is what YOU GUYS want, not what the taxpayers want.

I am a 62 year old woman who works in Oakland and has to get home to Albany.

I'm NOT going to put myself in the hospital by riding a bike, thank you!

Sorry but I'm not exposing myself to the crime (or covid) on our busses and it is simply not safe for me,

an elderly woman alone to be on a public transit.

I NEED TO DRIVE A CAR. When you close down a whole lane you are planning AGAINST a whole population:

Older people, disabled people, people transporting children, people who have to have their cars for work, the list goes on.

OUR SIDE STREETS WILL BECOME JAMMED, BUMPER TO BUMPER, AND DANGEROUS TO ALL.

PLEASE NO removing lanes on San Pablo Avenue.

Sandra Tarbet  
east bay resident 50 years.

**From:** [Kelley Snider](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#); [Kelley Snider](#)  
**Subject:** Horrifying San Pablo Ave. Plan  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 6:55:52 PM

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Hi,

I was informed to write to your email regarding the ridiculous plan for San Pablo Ave. which I currently reside a block from.

Is there some reason why these weird destruction of streets keeps happening? It is so hard to drive anywhere now, no one uses the bike lanes (the few cyclists I see use the car lanes instead and give you the finger if you honk at them), it is stupid to have no parking for any of the businesses on San Pablo, and equally stupid to erect obstructions, i.e. cement barriers and median strips, in a land of fires and earthquakes, especially when the reason people in Oakland died in the last conflagration was because the streets were too narrow. This plan is stupid, a waste of money, a bane to commerce on San Pablo Ave., and a threat to public safety. Who did you put in charge of all these stupid moves? A 5 year old boy with a Lego set? The Bicycle Coalition?

Fix the potholes and sidewalks instead of this stupid waste of taxpayer money. Put up STOP signs if you want to "calm" streets, it's a lot cheaper and doesn't throw the baby out with the bath water.

Thanks,

Kelley Snider

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



**From:** [Lynn Delaney](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** How do "they" justify robbing us of parking spaces and a lane of traffic on a busy street?~  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 2:26:14 PM

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**From:** [EayGee](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** keep San Pablo as it is.  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:48:56 PM

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To whom it may concern. Please Keep San Pablo as it is. Your proposal is going to create a traffic nightmare in the area. WE don't need more gridlock that there already is. You already ruined telegraph and now you want to do the same thing to San Pablo. And why didn't this get announced to everybody in the neighborhoods earlier so we could fight this????

Alan Gordon  
510-677-9250

**From:** [chaunceyroberts](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Narrowing Driving Lanes on San Pablo  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 5:44:41 PM

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What is the purpose of creating less lanes on a major thoroughfare which will cause more congested traffic for residents in North Oakland, Emeryville and possibly Berkeley. This makes absolutely no sense and also add to the long delays and disruption for emergency vehicles to get to their destinations. Please re-think this proposal and think about the residents of this amazing city.

Oakland resident and concerned citizen.

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [lauren parsons](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** No No No No No, please No  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:47:08 AM

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With all due respect, reconfiguring San Pablo corridor through Berkeley, Albany, etc. to include a dedicated bus lane, eliminate parking for local businesses with a bike lane instead is a very very very bad idea. This plan will have cascading negative effects.

Use smaller buses.

Don't ruin San Pablo Avenue!!!!!!

Lauren Parsons

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kirsten Tatterfield](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project Concept  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:31:07 PM

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This plan is, like all the past ones, is " All Stick, No Carrot! " To encourage people to use public transportation, there need to be massive subsidies, increased routes and all day and frequent schedules FIRST, in order to attract riders. Bike traffic needs to be on less busy streets -- Not on Busy thoroughfares.

**From:** [Wendy Ware](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't eliminate ANY San Pablo Ave. lanes  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 12:13:03 AM

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Hi,

> I understand that Alameda AC Transit Committee is thinking about eliminating a lane in each direction on San Pablo Ave and ALL parking. That is the worst idea ever! Please don't do this as traffic is already bad with all of the people who get off the freeway and drive on San Pablo during rush hours, you'll turn this into the mess that is Telegraph Ave in downtown Oakland or parts of Berkeley or San Francisco and those areas are terrible to drive in. I live off San Pablo and use it everyday several times a day, please don't make it worse.

> I own property in Oakland, pay taxes and vote in Alameda and will remember this in November.

> Thanks for understanding what's important to the tax payers in Oakland.

> W. Ware

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> Sent from my iPad

**From:** [linda jolivet](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal to reduce lanes in El Cerrito on San Pablo  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 3:42:46 PM

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

The idea of creating more traffic at peak hours by reducing lanes is a BAD idea! Please stop making life more difficult and El Cerrito more congested. Whoever thought of this horrendous idea should be voted out of office. I could understand a street like Central or Moser, but San Pablo is just not logical!

These types of ideas make life more difficult for people who live here, older drivers, and encourage the exodus to places like Sacramento and Roseville.

**From:** [ADI SHAKTI](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Ave comment  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 11:24:49 PM

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I prefer San Pablo stay a two lane street with parking. --Adi Shakti



**From:** [Zara Ortiz](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Ave lane elimination  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 1:24:14 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to voice my opinion on the proposed lane change/elimination of CA HWY 123 aka San Pablo Ave. **I am against this proposal.** This is not the solution to our ever growing population here in Berkeley and our surrounding cities. Please help me understand why we keep adding more and more housing units but expect people not to come here with their cars? Also help me understand why this seems so sneaky. As a native/long time resident of Berkeley I only knew of this proposal because I happened to come across a post about it on the Nextdoor app. It caught my eye as I was searching for baby items. Like many other unsuspecting residents, I will not be able to attend the scheduled Zoom meeting. Why is the general public not notified directly about this sort of plan that so greatly affects us?

Thank you for your time.

Zara Ortiz

**From:** [llyana landes](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Ave. redesign project  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 8:14:34 PM

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Hello --

I just heard about this; wish I had had input before now. I understand some of the needs driving this proposed plan, but I still think it's a big mistake. Since San P. Ave is actually a highway, it makes more sense to me to restrict it from bicycle use, as they can much more safely ride on parallel side streets. If it gets turned into one lane only for car traffic, it will end up being a congestion nightmare for everyone who drives, and what alternative do we have? (I'm 75, and not about to bike for my transportation needs, and there are a lot of seniors in our area who are not biking either.) Please please don't turn this otherwise useful highway into a congestion/traffic nightmare!!! I also will feel very sorry for all the businesses along that route.

Thank you,  
Llyana

**From:** [Rebecca Eros](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Ave.  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 6:58:08 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request that you not approve the reconfiguration of San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley. Reducing car traffic on San Pablo to a single lane is problematic for a number of reasons. The delays caused by the increased congestion will increase pollution in the neighborhood. While biking is a great idea, there are already dedicated bike streets a couple blocks away. In addition, cars slowed down on San Pablo will simply head to neighborhood streets to get away from traffic, causing danger to residents. Eliminating parking on San Pablo will harm small businesses, as customers head to destinations with more convenient parking. People who do continue to patronize these will park in the neighborhood, losing revenue for the city and increasing already significant parking congestion.

Please do not reconfigure San Pablo.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Steeby Eros  
2514 10th St.  
Berkeley, CA 94710

**From:** [johnsonrh4@earthlink.net](mailto:johnsonrh4@earthlink.net)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Ave  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:50:05 PM

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I ride my bicycle everywhere and stay off the main traffic arteries. If the goal is to cut down on air pollution then choking the traffic on San Pablo would have the opposite effect. I would like to propose that the easiest and fastest way to cut down on traffic and get the public into mass transportation is to increase the taxes on vehicles not change the patterns of the streets. I have witness all the expensive street changes around Berkeley and feel that this has been a huge mistake. The money would have been much better spent solving our homeless problem. I can assure you that I'm not alone and suggest that the current administrators get in touch with the people or we will replace you.

Regards,  
Robert Johnson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [devaki merrill](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo corridor plan  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:35:37 AM

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Hello, thanks for reading my email.

While I appreciate the intent to force people into public transit, to assume that everyone will do so is absurd. And those of us locals who are elderly (I turn 80 in a month) will definitely need to drive occasionally, if only to get closer to a dry-cleaners. Where will we park? Is it your intent to force even more double parking than already happens? There is no ACT going east/west that I'm aware of between Ashby and Stanford, and Stanford's bus is very rare. If the plan is to run more smaller vans east/west, that just puts traffic on local, smaller streets instead of on a street intended for several lanes and larger vehicles.

Before making such a radical decision, I urge you to wait until SF's remake of Van Ness is fully operational to see what actually transpires there. The positives and the negatives should be known in your planning stage, not after you have made your final decision.

Good luck with a plan that is actually HELPFUL to a majority of people who will be using San Pablo in the future. It is not clear to me that will be the case.

Thanks again for reading this email.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Merrill

**From:** [Belle Adler](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Parking  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 10:33:33 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

Please do not take away parking along San Pablo...to date there is NO data that suggests people will ride bicycles if you remove parking spaces. This will only put pressure on side/residential streets for parking. Are you trying to put businesses out of business? Really?

Belle Adler

**From:** [Paula Rydberg](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo street proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 7:34:45 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I object to the one lane proposal each way and elimination of parking on San Pablo ave. You will be hurting businesses and People who use it as a main thoroughfare to get across town.

Don't do this

Paula Rydberg

Berkeley Resident for 12 years.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [William Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** In favor of San Pablo Project!  
**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2022 11:42:48 PM

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I live in Oakland and regularly bike and take the bus. I also drive occasionally but think this is a great project. I often don't bike or bus on San Pablo particularly with my girlfriend because bicycling is so terrifying. I have feared for my life many times. And otherwise the 72 bus is so infrequent and poorly timed that if you miss one you have to wait 20 minutes for the next so I don't bother taking it. I think this project will improve bus service and bike safety. I have almost died on this street a dozen times and I think I shouldn't have to fear for my life to go to the movies or get dinner.

Thanks!

William Wilcox  
281 41st St Oakland CA 94611



**From:** [Lindsay Brothers](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** In support of PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:47:57 AM

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Hi there,

I am writing to express my support of the plan to improve San Pablo by adding bike and bus lanes. Thank you for your hard work in making the East Bay more friendly and safer for all citizens! I regularly ride the bus and walk, but San Pablo is very unsafe. My husband was just in a car accident on that street. We also need more ways to bike and take public transit in order to meet our ambitious climate goals.

Thank you for your hard work on this item!

All the best,  
Lindsay Brothers  
2815 Mathews Street

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Lindsay Brothers  
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**From:** [Derek Sagehorn](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** LATE SUBMISSION: PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 6:57:41 AM

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Hello,

I write as chair of the East Bay Transit Riders Union in support of the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Concept. This is a great opportunity to make San Pablo Avenue safer, more livable and provide transportation improvements for bus riders, pedestrians, bike riders and car drivers.

ACTC has conducted extensive outreach within the community and implemented changes in response to feedback. At this time, we must move forward to ensure San Pablo Avenue stays on track towards becoming an even better place.

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Derek Sagehorn  
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[sagehoe@gmail.com](mailto:sagehoe@gmail.com)

**From:** [Arvi Sreenivasan](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2 -- in support!  
**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:00:17 AM

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Hello, I'm an Alameda county resident and I'm writing to strongly support the San Pablo Ave Multimodal Corridor plan.

I'm a dad and I take my kids to school and activities whenever I can. Safe infrastructure to ride is the biggest factor I consider, when decided whether I can replace a car trip with a bike trip.

I see some opponents cite parents with kids as a reason we have all stay in cars forever. It's not true! Enable us to choose a greener future, please.

Thank you.

-Arvi

**From:** [Celeste Lavin](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2 comment  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 1:29:46 PM

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Hello-

I just moved to Dwight Way and Ninth, two blocks away from San Pablo Avenue. I strongly support creating bus lanes and protected bike lanes on San Pablo to help more people move safely through our city and my neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Celeste Lavin

**From:** [Antoine Grondin](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 8:49:25 AM

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Hi,

My wife, my children and I are residents at 1439 67th St, Berkeley, and are travelling along San Pablo regularly. We are **in support of adding reserved & protected bike lanes and dedicated bus lines** on the entire length. This corridor is dangerous to cross, dangerous to bike on, and has heavy car traffic, making it an unfriendly corridor to my family and I. We believe that a non-car centric redevelopment of this corridor would drastically improve our quality of life, the safety of our neighbourhood and the quality of the air.

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Antoine Grondin

**From:** [Isaac Williams](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 7:59:32 AM

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Hi,

I wanted to email to voice my support for bus & bike lines along the San Pablo corridor. As frequent rider of the 72 line and an aspirational bike rider, I know such changes would greatly improve access and the quality of being along San Pablo. When the bus and bike lines exist, I'm certain the few car trips I sometimes take will cease to exist.

Looking forward to a better future for transit & cycling in the East Bay!

Thanks,

Isaac

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Go Bears!

**From:** [Ben Gerhardstein](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Cc:** [jarrequin@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:jarrequin@cityofberkeley.info); [Ben Gerhardstein](#); [Dave\(dave@bikeeastbay.org\)](mailto:dave@dave@bikeeastbay.org) Campbell; [Derek Sagehorn](#); [Karen Parolek](#); [Kesarwani, Rashj](#); [ttaplin@CityofBerkeley.info](mailto:ttaplin@CityofBerkeley.info)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:08:05 AM

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Hello,

As a Walk Bike Berkeley coordinating committee member and a West Berkeley resident who has regularly experienced near misses with my young children on San Pablo, I strongly support adding bus and protected bike lanes and pedestrian crossing improvements along the whole San Pablo corridor. Please proceed with the planned near-term project to add bus and bike lanes in South Berkeley (3/14 Item 5.2). We must take every opportunity to make this high-injury street safer and more sustainable.

Best

Ben Gerhardstein  
Walk Bike Berkeley

**From:** [John Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:15:41 AM

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Hello Vanessa & Alameda CTC,

I am writing in support of the proposed bike lane expansion and other improvements on San Pablo Avenue. As a resident of Oakland living on San Pablo Avenue, I use the short (non-separated), existing bike lanes to go to work, go to the store, see friends, and move around the city every day. It would be a huge benefit to me for these bike lanes to be expanded northward as much as possible as well as for buses to get priority on the avenue, for when I need to go to Berkeley/Albany. I hope you will consider my comments when making your decision, it would improve my safety as well as many other riders on San Pablo.

Thanks,  
John Thompson

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Thanks,  
John Thompson



**From:** [Tarek Rached](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:18:23 AM

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Please do what you can to add bus lanes and improvements to bike infrastructure to San Pablo Ave!

Thank you,  
Tarek Rached, Berkeley resident.

**From:** [Maier, Samuel](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:28:53 AM

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Dear Alameda County Transportation Commission,

My name is Samuel Maier and I am a resident of South Berkeley.

I am incredibly excited about the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Plan and give my full support to traffic calming, bus lanes, and protected bike lanes.

Given the ongoing climate catastrophe, I think it is essential the East Bay make active and public transit a priority.

Additionally, working and low-income residents who rely on San Pablo Avenue buses deserve faster, safer commutes.

Cyclists and pedestrians should be able to move throughout Oakland, Emeryville, and South Berkeley in an environment with lower risk of serious injury or death. As well, I firmly believe that cycling in the area should be accessible to all, regardless of safety-consciousness or ability.

Thank you very much for your work addressing these matters.

Sincerely,

Samuel Maier  
1632 Alcatraz Ave  
Berkeley, CA

**From:** [David Maltzan](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:36:16 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the San Pablo Avenue Corridor project, especially the bus lanes and bulbouts - we desperately need better bus corridors here in the East Bay so that we can reduce car dependence and increase safety for all.

Thank you,

David Maltzan  
120 Bayo Vista Av  
Oakland, CA 94611

**From:** [Ludovic Blain](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
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I own two residential properties in Berkeley, living with my family in one. Most of my time on San Pablo is spent driving to Oakland or Albany, and driving to shops and restaurants on it. In fact today's breakfast, and last night's dinner, came from restaurants on San Pablo in Berkeley and Emeryville.

I strongly support more bus and bike lanes, and improvements for pedestrians, on the street. Driving on the street is challenging and dangerous because it prioritizes driving, and drivers act like it. I'd rather a slower safer street. Doing that for bikes, buses and pedestrians also makes it safer for drivers.

So I support the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor as supported by Walk Bike Berkeley.

Thanks,  
Ludovic Blain

**From:** [Hazel Court](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on PPLC 3/14 Item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:35:06 AM

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Hi, my name is Hazel and I am a resident, bike rider, and bus rider in Oakland. I'm writing to tell you I support the proposed San Pablo Ave bus/bike/ped improvements.

San Pablo today is the single most frightening street to bike on in this city. I feel strongly that whenever I take it I am risking death from either angry close-passing cars, or parked cars that pull out or open their door into me. Local residents like me need a separated bike way with hard permanent barriers.

In addition the critical bus lines which use this street are notoriously delayed by car traffic. If we are serious about replacing polluting car usage with clean public transit, buses on this street need a dedicated right of way.

The street is an overbuilt car wasteland and in dire need of these improvements.

Thank you.

**From:** [Ben Paulos](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** PPLC 3/14 item 5.2  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 3:20:43 PM

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I would like to speak out in favor of protected bike lanes and rapid bus lanes on San Pablo Avenue across Berkeley and beyond.

The concept of a "parallel bike network" on side streets is simply the status quo. We need to improve cycling and other mobility options, not simply ignore them.

San Pablo Avenue has the potential to be "superhighway" for bike commuters, increasing the speed of a bike commute and recognizing bikes as transit. This is especially true as ebikes become more common and people use them for longer commutes.

The status quo of side streets has too many stop signs and interruptions to allow for a quick commute, which encourages people to drive.

Likewise the 72R bus line only pretends to be a rapid bus under current conditions. We need to make it a real bus rapid transit system to rival the BART.

Thank you,

Ben Paulos  
Berkeley, CA

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**From:** [Sherri Reeves](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Ave Corridor Changes  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 2:52:57 PM

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Hello,

I am an Albany resident who works in Oakland. I am writing to express my support for the proposed pedestrian and cycling safety improvements that are being discussed at the upcoming meeting. I would bike on San Pablo Ave more if it was safer.

Thank you.

Sherri Reeves  
510-418-7335

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**From:** [Michael Beaty](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 12:59:18 PM

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I would like to add my voice to those supporting the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project as currently envisioned. I live in the Golden Gate neighborhood and frequently use/cross San Pablo Avenue and adjacent streets. I most often ride my bicycle, but also sometimes walk, drive, or ride the 72 bus.

The current challenges for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users are well known at this point. I would like to emphasize that the current automobile-dominant configuration is not consistent with my needs as a directly impacted nearby resident, even though I still sometimes drive down it myself. The relatively wide 4 lane S.P.A. configuration encourages speeding and freeway-like behavior. It can be so dangerous to cyclists that I end up driving instead. This contributes to local air pollution, traffic congestion, and the climate crisis. But the alternative is risking a trip to the E.R. Or the morgue. I shouldn't have to risk my life just to get groceries and pick up my prescriptions. Get rid of the off-street parking and put the protected bike lanes in.

I also strongly support the bus only lanes. Improved access for busses will mean better connections to BART and other transit lines. This will further reduce the miles I currently drive my car. When I want to ride BART today, I usually drive to the station and park. I would much prefer a reliable and even faster connection by taking the bus. Limiting private vehicle traffic to a single lane in each direction will greatly improve pedestrian safety and accessibility. It's a feature, not a bug! Put the dedicated bus lanes in. I would even encourage mounting cameras on the buses for automated enforcement as San Francisco does.

Finally, I welcome the many pedestrian improvements and streetscape elements in the current proposal. Making the sidewalks more inviting and allowing safer, more accessible crossings of S.P.A. will definitely improve the quality of life here. I believe it will ultimately help local businesses as well once a critical mass of regular foot traffic is established. Doing so will add to the vibrancy of the neighborhood and encourage development of the many empty and underdeveloped lots nearby.

I urge the Commission to move forward with the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Beaty  
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



**From:** [Milana R](#)  
**To:** [Vanessa Lee](#)  
**Subject:** San Pablo corridor changes  
**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:39:48 AM

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Hello,

I found this email through a nextdoor post regarding changing the San Pablo traffic flow, closing a lane and eliminating parking. I am 200% for this.

I live a few blocks off San Pablo, and walk and bike often. San Pablo scares the bejesus out of me. I don't bike it deliberately, and when I have to cross the road I swear I'm living a real life version of frogger. I would love to be able for bikes and buses to use this corridor more effectively. There are very few through roads in this area accessible to bikes, I would love for that to change.

Thank you for reading,  
Milana