



City of Albany

1000 San Pablo Avenue • Albany, California 94706
(510) 528-5710 • www.albanyca.org

January 3, 2012

Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, 3rd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chair Green,

On December 19, the Albany City Council discussed the draft Countywide Transportation Plan and the Transportation Expenditure Plan. The City Council has the following comments on the current documents:

- The City encourages a “fix-it first” approach to maintain transit services that are critical to the residents of the City of Albany, particularly services that reduce green house gas (GHG) emissions
- The City embraces bike and pedestrian alternatives, and supports an increase in the percentage allocation of local streets and roads funds to bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure from 15% to 20%
- The City believes the CWTP and TEP should provide for flexibility in determination of the ultimate solution to various transportation problems, rather than trying to predetermine a particular solution that may need to change in the face of evolving technology and other opportunities
- In Albany, transit lines do not serve our middle & high schools. Thus, the City of Albany would encourage flexibility in the youth pass program to allow the program to fund alternatives such as bike infrastructure, which would be more effective in Albany where active transportation (walking and biking) provides even greater environmental and health benefits than transit
- All cities should have something to gain from the proposed plans and expenditures, thus the City Council encourages transparency and geographic equity in the overall funding program, not just in specific programs.

We believe that such changes in the TEP would better serve the transportation needs of the region and increase voter support for this important sales tax enhancement. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Farid Javandel
Mayor

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.

