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The safety of bicyclists and pedestrians comes first in this traffic design on Fenniss Boulevard near Otis Drive and the Bay Farm Bridge. Designs like this encourage residents to walk, bike and roll in Alameda.

City Focuses on 'Walk, Bike, Roll'

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The City of Alameda is seeking community input on draft recommendations for the Alameda Active Transportation Plan. This input will guide the creation of safe and comfortable places for people to walk, bike and roll in Alameda. Last winter, the city solicited ideas and comments about where residents enjoyed these activities in Alameda. The city also asked in what areas residents would like to see improvements. Staff used these comments, along with a data-driven review of existing conditions and best practices, to develop recommendations on how to create a community that is friendlier to the bicycle, wheelchair and pedestrian community.

This effort focuses on programs and policies that may be included in the Alameda Active Transportation Plan. Both would encourage and support people when they walk and ride their bicycles. In addition, the city is working on policies that set the direction for the implementation of the active transportation network. The city is pairing programs and policies with infrastructure improvements that include

building a new bikeway and creating a community that is safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to walk and bike.

The city is hoping to ensure that people choose another mode of transportation than the automobile. This "mode shift" means getting more people to walk and bike. This concept is one of the program's goals. The city has assigned no particular program or policy recommendations to this goal because all the programs and policies aim to increase the number of people bicycling and walking, either through direct infrastructure investments or supportive programming.

Examples of these include:

Promoting the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program's events to encourage walking/biking, such as International Walk and Roll to School Day, Golden Sneaker Contest and Bike to School Day in May.

Implementing temporary street closures, such as Slow Streets or Sunday Streets, to provide safe and fun places for people to walk, bike,

and roll, such as on Shore Line Drive on the Main Island, Harbor Bay Parkway on Bay Farm Island, or Ferry Point at Alameda Point.

Continue partnering with Bike Walk Alameda on development of the printed walking and biking map of Alameda and create an online bicycling map.

Developing signs and educational materials about securely locking bikes to reduce bike theft.

Promoting California's Clean Cars 4 All e-bike voucher program for low-income individuals. This would provide up to \$7,500 toward the purchase of an e-bike or bike-share program in exchange for their gas-powered vehicle.

Visitors to the website will notice that the policies are numbered for easy reference. For example, the first objective under the Safety program is numbered "S.1" with the "S" meaning "Safety" and the "1" meaning the first objective. The associated actions are labeled "S.1A," "S.1B," and so on.

The city is seeking community input through the survey on the Alameda Active Transportation Plan website: <https://www.activealameda.org>.

Mayor Invites Community to Make a Difference

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

We're making changes in Alameda and we're involving the community. Incidents of racial injustice came to light across the country, including the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and too many other Black people before them at the hands of police.

"You must be the change you want to see in the world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

After the arrest of a Black Alameda resident who was dancing in the street, there were community demonstrations and calls for changing the way police services are delivered in Alameda. The citation, issued for "resisting arrest," has been dismissed.

The City Council approved and adopted the city's operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2020-21 on June 16. We agreed to revisit this budget in October, after the City Council and the community had an opportunity to discuss and examine new ways to provide public safety.

During the budget discussion, Vice Mayor John Knox White and Councilmember Malia Vella introduced a list of five topic areas they suggested the Council and community should consider when contemplating future budget revisions and policy changes. The topics are:

- Unbundling services currently delivered by the police department
- Review of police department policies and practices
- Police department accountability and oversight
- Review of laws that criminalize survival
- Systemic and community racism/anti-racism

On June 29, the City Council unanimously agreed to pursue a community-led process to inform the Council on these five topic areas. Councilmember Vella and I were chosen to work with the City Manager to develop a plan to initiate this process.

On July 21, we reported our proposal for a framework that allows the Council to listen to the community, especially Black residents who, since the previously referenced arrest, have spoken out about negative experiences they have had with police. We are asking, not assuming, what our community wants.

Some say the City Council

should move faster to identify solutions, but the issues before us are far-reaching and longstanding; they require thoughtful consideration, community involvement and constructive action. I believe that if we first listen to community members, especially members of our Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) community, we will achieve meaningful, substantive and lasting change.

Community-based committees will consist of individuals who live or work in Alameda, but are not elected or public officials, and can meet for three to five hours a month (likely over Zoom) for up to eight months. Committees will study and then report their findings and recommendations on the five topic areas to the City Manager Eric Levitt, who will present them, unfiltered, to the City Council.

If you would like to participate in one of these committees, please indicate your interest to Levitt by next Wednesday, Aug. 12, at elevitt@alamedaca.gov.

This is your community and your voice. Please let us hear from you. Be part of the solution. Be sure to wear your mask. Masks are the most effective method of slowing the spread of COVID-19. When we take personal responsibility to protect each other from COVID-19:

- Wear masks that cover our noses and mouths whenever we leave home
- Stay 6 feet away from anyone who doesn't live in our households
- Wash our hands frequently.

Please exercise caution when you socialize. Recent increases in COVID-19 cases in Alameda County resulted from parties and social gatherings. These included family get-togethers with participants beyond immediate family members.

Let's work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 so children can go back to school, businesses can reopen and people can return to work. We're all in this together.

Be safe. Be smart. Be Alameda Strong.

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School Sports Plans Revealed

Ekene Ikeme

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) announced modifications to the California 2020-2021 athletic sports calendar due to the coronavirus pandemic on July 20.

The much-anticipated schedule was released in a press release on the CIF website. The CIF, the organizing body for interscholastic athletic competitions in California, announced the season will begin with team practices in December and actual competitions beginning in January 2021. Under the new schedule format, the normal three-season schedule (fall, winter, spring) will be consolidated into a two-season sports schedule. Original fall sports will be played in the winter months, while original winter and spring sports will be played in late spring.

The CIF sets the schedule for the state tournaments for each sport. The various championships for fall sports will take place in March or April, while the CIF championships

for winter and spring sports will be played in mid-to-late June. Some championships will take place after high school graduations.

The CIF state office made the decision to streamline the CIF regional and state championship tournaments. As a result, the final state championship games for each sport will take place no longer than one week after the section championships have concluded. For example, all football section championships will be played no later than April 10 and all CIF football state championships will be played by April 17. The last day for section basketball championship games is June 12, while the state championship games will take place June 19.

The CIF did not determine the section playoffs schedule or the regular season schedule for each sport. That determination was left up to the sections themselves.

The CIF is made up of 10 different sections spanning the entire state. **SPORTS: Page 5**

Coronavirus Updates

COVID 19

No indoor professional hair care

The Alameda County Public Health Department reports 187 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Alameda as of Monday, Aug. 3. Alameda County became the first Bay Area county with more than 10,000 cases of COVID-19. That number now stands at 11,909 with 192 deaths.

In recent weeks, the State of California has made announcements about the reopening of a variety of businesses, including hair salons, barber shops and personal care services in California. Alameda County, however, has been reopening at a slower pace than the state, and the county's stricter guidelines apply to all local businesses.

As of the most recent public health order, hair salons, barber

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The City of Alameda is reviewing the way its police department responds to complaints, including those aimed at people just trying to survive.



The House that Whiskey Built

Julia Morgan, Part Two

File photo

In part two of story that began last week about renowned architect Julia Morgan, read about this interesting Central Avenue house and its famous designer. The original owners made a tidy profit from the sale of alcoholic beverages, at least until Prohibition came along and put a cork in their income. The story begins on page 3.

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