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To: ACTransit Board of Directors  
Elsa Ortiz, President

On behalf of Bike Walk Alameda we would like to enthusiastically endorse the proposed Seaplane Lagoon Shuttle. There are many very strong arguments in favor of the shuttle, including:

- Reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles travelling across the Island during rush hour thus reducing traffic congestion.
- Allowing those living on the East end of the island to get to the ferry in a timely manner.
- Reducing air pollution by reducing the number of vehicles on the road.
- Allowing bicyclists to use the shuttle increases the likelihood that more will ride bikes knowing that in case of inclement weather, they will have a safe way to get home.

Alamedans have been asking for a bus shuttle to the ferry terminal for a long time. We are very glad to know that ACTransit has listened to this request, and we are certain that that the shuttle will be a successful step forward in getting more people comfortable in choosing mass transit over their car.

Best regards,

Bike Walk Alameda



May 7, 2021

President Elsa Ortiz  
AC Transit  
1600 Franklin Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Pilot Bus Service – Line 79- Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal Service

President Ortiz, on behalf of WABA's Board of Directors and BIA members, thank you for your efforts to create additional transit service to West Alameda.

We support the Ac Transit staff proposal to create a peak-hour timed connection to the Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal as presented. As Alameda Point Waterfront District is further developed more transportation options are very much needed.

The August 2021 proposed start to the Seaplane Lagoon pilot will allow for an effective test during the summer/fall months.

Thank you in advance of your consideration of this pilot program. It will greatly enhance Transportation for the West End of Alameda.

Regards,

*Linda*

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May 7, 2021

Chantal Reynolds, External Affairs Representative  
Legislative Affairs and Community Relations  
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District  
1600 Franklin Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for Piloting A Timed Ferry Connection**

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On behalf of the Downtown Alameda Business Association (DABA), I am writing to express our support for piloting a timed ferry connection to sync up the start of the bus service with the new ferry terminal.

Founded in 1981, DABA represents over 400+ district members. As part of DABA's goal to maintain an economically prosperous, clean and green district, we view this proposal to direct alignment with our Strategic Plan.

We support the proposal for piloting a new service that would connect much of the main island to the new Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal when it opens in August. We support the plan for AC Transit to operate buses along the 51A corridor via Santa Clara and Webster and along Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway to the ferry terminal. This line would be specially timed with the ferry schedule for peak commute trips to and from San Francisco, which would give people a great opportunity to interact with our members' establishments on their way to and from work.

The Downtown Alameda Business Association encourages the AC Transit Board to support this proposal to pilot a timed ferry connection to sync up the start of the bus service with the new ferry terminal.

Sincerely,

Kathy Weber  
Executive Director



## City of Alameda • California

May 5, 2021

President Elsa Ortiz  
AC Transit  
1600 Franklin Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Pilot Bus Service – Line 78 – Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal Service**

Dear President Ortiz,

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that I am writing on behalf of City of Alameda staff to express support for the AC Transit staff proposal to initiate a peak-hour timed connection to the Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal that would operate across Alameda along Ralph Appezato Pkwy and Santa Clara Avenue and up to Fruitvale BART. This bus route mimics the primary market for ferry service in Alameda, which is between Webster Street and Park Street. It also is much appreciated that AC Transit staff is proposing the Seaplane Lagoon pilot – Line 78 – to begin in August 2021 in coordination with WETA and the opening of this new ferry terminal. The Line 78 pilot allows AC Transit to test this new service option and to gather real-world input before making a commitment to including it in the network for the long term.

Thank you for your continued full-service bus operations in Alameda and the east bay. AC Transit's inclusive approach to business is top notch, and AC Transit staff and Board show a commitment to excellence that is commendable.

Regards,

*Andrew Thomas*

Andrew Thomas

Director of Planning, Building and Transportation

Board of Directors  
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District  
1600 Franklin Street, 10th Floor  
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May 6, 2021

Dear AC Transit Board:

On behalf of the Transportation Committee of Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA), we whole-heartedly support the proposed bus line from the Fruitvale BART station through the city of Alameda to the new Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal. The excellent presentation made by your staff last week reflected all the hard work, careful analysis and planning that went into this proposal.

We are enthusiastic about several key aspects of this proposed route. Both the City of Alameda and AC Transit have been aware for some years of the demand from commuters for bus access to the Alameda ferries. This route will provide access to a large proportion of our residents, and the buses will be timed with the morning ferry departures and afternoon arrivals. The proposal also aims squarely at issues of affordability by taking advantage of lower ferry fares and offering a free bus transfer. Finally, with the City having decided to charge for parking at the ferry terminal, this route may finally succeed in luring SF commuters out of their cars.

We in CASA have always appreciated the critical role the AC Transit system plays in our region's goals to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Several of our members have worked with AC Transit staff in the past on publicizing and promoting the Line 19 BART shuttle, an unfortunate casualty of the dramatically reduced ridership this last year, and we look forward now to teaming up with you again to make sure all Alamedans are aware of this very exciting new transit service!

Thank you so much for your consideration and support of this proposed line.



Christy Cannon  
Transportation Committee, CASA

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