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Oakland City Planning Commission  
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Subject: Emery Go-Round Shuttle Yard (PLN18498)

Dear Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the Emeryville City Council, I am writing in support of the Emeryville Transportation Management Association's (ETMA) application for a Conditional Use Permit for a shuttle yard under the MacArthur Maze, off of Mandela Parkway (Item 2 on your April 3, 2019 agenda).

An Emery Go-Round facility under the Maze will convert an unimproved, unoccupied, sporadically maintained site that is used for truck parking and storage to an active, clean, well-lighted, secure, landscaped facility with a new office and shuttle parking. It will be occupied from 5:30 am to 10:00 pm every day, providing eyes on the area.

Access from Mandela Parkway will route the 54 daily shuttle trips toward the commercial neighborhood to the north, so shuttles will not affect the residential neighborhood to the south.

Locating the yard on this site will allow the Emery Go-Round to continue providing free public service from 40<sup>th</sup> Street (less than a half-mile walk from Ettie and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets) to MacArthur BART station in Oakland, and to Amtrak, shopping, jobs and schools in Emeryville. Without this site, the Emery Go-Round would have to search for a site in distant parts of Oakland or Richmond, and the distance would prevent the Emery Go-Round from operating at its current efficiency. ETMA's current temporary shuttle yard on Horton Street in Emeryville will no longer be available as of April of 2020.

The proposed Emery Go-Round yard would not only benefit Emeryville and the region, but also improve the currently un-used site. We hope you will approve this project.

Sincerely,

Ally Medina, Mayor