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**Subject:** Public comment on PBA draft 2040

Plan comments:

It is unacceptable that the draft 2040 plan falls far short of 10% improvement in health and activity MTC targets.

Re Safe Routes analysis:

"None of the scenarios assessed by MTC and ABAG staff achieve the physical activity and health goals set by MTC. The Healthy and Safe Communities target is a decrease in negative health impacts of 10 percent. All scenarios assessed fall far short of that goal, with the draft preferred scenario only decreasing negative health impacts by 1 percent. (The 1 percent figure is still the best of any of the scenarios assessed.)"

Please shift the Plan's transportation priorities to fund, over the first five years starting in 2017, a complete build out in all the PDA s and PCA s of a comprehensive "Low Stress" "Protected Bikeways" "Network." This will give true choice to the 60% of our overall population (in those areas) who would like to ride a bike for transport but need vertical-barrier protection from cars in order to take their bikes out of their houses and Apts where they are languishing.

Immediate five year buildout of Protected networks within the priority areas will go a long way to increasing activity and health goals in the Plan, and to reducing traffic congestion: this priority funding should be applied to Low stress Protected networks both near and in all the PDA s and PCA s.

As funding allows in the second five years these networks should be built regardless of economic status.

This will provide the most widespread possible health impacts, encouraging further local investments outside the PDA s by enabling in the widest population recognition of the value of Low stress complete networks to everyone in the region.

Most people have never yet seen such Protected low-stress networks and seeing and feeling them will help us all understand their critical value in improving health and activity.

Thank you for your consideration.

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