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Dear MTC,

I attended your open house tonight in Oakland. I thought there would be some kind of discussion, but with the nature of the event, decided to talk to some people and provide comments on-line. I was informed at check in that I would be able to do so, so I thought I could find the appropriate place on your website. That not being the case, I'm providing comments here.

I am advocating that the final plan do whatever is necessary to promote active transportation and minimize individual auto driving, even if it is in an electric car. There are too many autos on the roads today and will only increase with the population. Thus I see no necessity to increase auto capacity on our roads and highways. I used to scoff at Berkeley when they said no to highway expansion. I now know that if you build it, they will come. Of course that is true of other infrastructure as well. If you build infrastructure for walking and biking, they will come as well.

I also want to advocate for increased transit access to all parts. I live in Oakland and from where I live, unfortunately, it is easier to get to downtown SF than downtown Oakland. I've discussed this with many people at ACTransit, to no avail, yet.

Thank you for supporting bike share in the East Bay. However, I do not think this is the end all to promote bicycle riding. For many in lower incomes, it may be less expensive to own a low-cost bike than to rent one. And parts of Oakland are not conducive to riding the bike share bikes, especially in the hilly areas. Thus, I promote better infrastructure with appropriate bike lanes, protected if at all possible. I also want improved pedestrian facilities. Markham Elementary School is on 73rd and Krause in Oakland. It has 3 travel lanes in each direction with a center median. I see the crossing guards put their lives on the line each time they try to stop traffic so the children can cross. At least the children aren't being driven there.

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