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[REDACTED] [1] *Zip* [REDACTED] *Affiliation* Retired *Topic* Other *Comment* This plan contains a broad array of well thought out strategies. One area that is not mentioned is crime and safety. Crime has risen dramatically in the Bay Area during the pandemic. This affects the ability of residents to safely get out of their cars and walk or take transit. If people are not safe from assault/theft etc. in public, especially in downtown areas and in buses or trains they will minimize their use of these options. I live near Berkeley, and the high number of unstable/untreated seriously mentally ill/drug abusers, has greatly reduced the amount I walk there. This concentration of severely troubled people is even higher in San Francisco. As a result, I have not visited SF for a number of years and have no plan to do so in the future. Additionally, if I need to go anywhere at night, I always drive and would think twice about going out at night to go to a restaurant or to see a movie. I also recently had a bicycle stolen, and am not planning on replacing it in the near future because the chance of theft is so high. The Bay Area is a special place to live, but in order to maintain residents interest and ability to live here these serious issues need to be addressed. [1] mailto:[REDACTED]