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Comment:
1. Increase in investment in biking/walking to $13B. A 1% investment of transportation dollars to Complete Streets & pathways is far too low. COVID has sparked a huge increase in biking/walking, slow streets, etc. PBA should capitalize on that and increase the amount for bike/ped (including building out complete streets and the regional trail network mapped by the Bay Area Trails Collaborative). Safety is an added bonus. This is especially important because it will take a long time for people to feel safe riding transit in great numbers, and that could result in increased driving and send indicators in the wrong direction.

2. Create a Regional Strategy to Encourage/Mandate Remote Working. COVID will no doubt result in a long-term shift to increased remote working, which could have huge climate, congestion, and mobility benefits. MTC should work with large/medium employers to create strategies and tools to support mandates for increased working from home and working from local co-working spaces that can be accessed by biking, walking and transit.

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