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Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Attn: Public Information Office
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Dear MTC:

The MTC/ABAG has spent millions of dollars and over a decade creating Plan Bay Area One and now you are working on Plan Bay Area Two. You have acknowledged the failing of your outreach in Plan Bay Area One and yet it seems like the public is being taken for a second time with an autocratic central plan that presumes to control the economic and governmental destiny of millions for decades ahead.

You don't see a problem with this?

Most people have no idea what is happening with Plan Bay Area because the entire process was designed to MINIMIZE public involvement by holding daytime meetings, arcane language and the collusion of silence from local media.

Most people have no idea what is going on with Plan Bay Area One. That simple fact alone should indicate that something is very wrong with your "public process".

Most telling is use of the term "stakeholders" to describe just about every NGO, Developer, Financial player, Politician in the Bay Area EXCEPT the people that will be paying for your utopian dreams- the TAXPAYERS and ORDINARY CITIZENS.

Trouble is brewing.

In Marin, the East Bay, San Francisco, the Peninsula and the Silicon Valley, informal surveys have demonstrated that 80% of the INFORMED public is opposed. The problem, which you may call an "opportunity" is that the vast majority of citizens are wholly ignorant and too busy to pay attention to your grand Plan Bay Area scheme.

In Marin and elsewhere, a grassroots movement has emerged to INFORM the citizens about Plan Bay Area. We have succeeded in defeating incumbent politicians like former Supervisor Susan Adams who served as Vice President of ABAG while remaining silent about Plan Bay Area at home. She was defeated in a landslide in June 2014.

I know you will probably ignore this letter just as you have ignored hundreds of other letters and hours of testimony criticizing Plan Bay Area. You will "win" a Pyrrhic victory.

Are you not a student of history? The people will rise again. We have been fighting for liveable, human scale communities since the 1920s in Marin. We will Save Marin Again!

Sincerely,

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See the Larkspur Rebellion :<http://youtu.be/XwyrJWiONjo>