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To: MTC Info
Subject: MTC PPP Comment Letter

Dear MTC:

I wish to formally add my voice to that of Susan Kirsch's excellent letter suggesting corrections and pointing out the significant flaws in the PPP in the past which, if not changed, will result in more of the same for the next version. The public is not interested in being manipulated by false choices, carefully managed "opportunity sessions" and a lack of sincerity on staff's part to really and truly hear our concerns and apply their best work to solving the problems that are brought up.

We have been to too many carefully orchestrated Public Workshops, with the ends carefully arranged for the groups to find them, where opposing views are shut down and marginalized. Revolution by the public has been the result.

It would behoove MTC and ABAG to knit together a coordinated Bay Area transportation network, with real time information on busses, Muni, and ferries, routes, times and payment cards FIRST before attempting to shoehorn more people into an already cramped and badly mismanaged and uncoordinated, aging transportation system. I do not include the SMART train in this network, because it will fail to serve any serious transportation needs due to the lack of follow up bus service at stations and the placement of the tracks in the path of sea level rise flooding. If the MTC boardmembers were seriously up to the task of solving transportation, they should every one of them be taking the bus to all meetings, errands, etc to see where the holes are, fixing those holes and making our Bay Area transportation system viable. This should be the true mission of MTC; not assisting developers in building more cubicles for workers to live in, in the hopes that they will drive a public transportation system into existence by creating Bay Area wide gridlock, which MTC appears to be supporting.

Sincerely,

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