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[Email Metropolitan Transportation Commission]

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Dear Ms. Nguyen,

The Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project really should be included in the "Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Plan." This project will close serious gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail: (1) a section of the Point Molate Trail in Richmond, as well as (2) the planned Bay Trail between Contra Costa and Marin Counties.

For years I and family visited Pt. Molate beach, before its closure, and later I 'birded' the shore area north of the SR Bridge but I always have had to DRIVE there. I often bike north from Emeryville or Berkeley, and it has long been a disappointment that I have to stop at 580 for safety reasons, since the I-580 corridor blocks not only pedestrian access to the northern side, but bicycling further is possible only by riding on the shoulders and sharply curving exit ramps of the freeway where a motorist killed one bicyclist and left another paralyzed. This Project will provide safe bicycle access to Point Molate Beach Park as well as on-foot access to the rest of the Point Molate shoreline and even some uplands.

I also urge that you modify the project so that the bi-directional bicycle/pedestrian path extends to Castro Street in Contra Costa County, rather than ending at Marine Street. This will provide an important connection with the combined AC Transit and Golden Gate Transit bus stop at Castro Street and Tewksbury Avenue.

Sincerely,

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