



July 17, 2015

Ashley Nguyen, Project Manager  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
101 Eighth St.  
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Support for inclusion of the Richmond/San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Access Improvement Project in Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Plan

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

On behalf of Bike East Bay, I want to express our support for the inclusion of the Richmond/San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Access Improvement Project in Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Plan. This project will close major gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail, which is both a Priority Conservation Area and a Focus Area in Plan Bay Area. Completing the Bay Trail also is a goal of the Regional Bicycle Master Plan.

The RSR Bridge serves as the primary transportation connection between Contra Costa and Marin Counties, and we are extremely interested in working with MTC and BATA to expeditiously move this congestion reduction project forward. This project presents a unique opportunity to provide a safe, useable, and enjoyable pathway that accommodates both bicyclists and pedestrians.

In addition, this project will create new Bay Trail access between Richmond and Point Molate, providing new recreational opportunities for East Bay residents and significant new local and regional access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Bike East Bay anticipates that this pathway will attract a broad range of users for both transportation and recreation. This project is a regionally significant commute and recreational facility that will work towards reducing congestion, improving air quality, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting public health. We look forward to partnering with BATA and the MTC to make this project a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Renee', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Renee Rivera  
Executive Director, Bike East Bay