
From:
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2015 4:01 PM
To: MTC Info
Subject: Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project

Hello,

As a daily commuter across the Richmond San Rafael bridge I was more than thrilled to hear that this improvement project is moving forward and the possibilities of having a third lane heading eastbound for the evening commute. What I am not thrilled about is the proposal to add a bicycle lane to the upper deck instead of a third lane for the morning westbound commuters. While I am an avid cyclist I have to believe that the number of bicycles making their way across the bridge will be a tiny fraction in representation versus the thousands of cars that are routinely stuck for 20 to 30 minutes getting to the toll plaza every morning. The backup is normally from as far back as Cutting Blvd. Where are these proposed bikes coming from? There are no existing routes to the toll plaza and I highly doubt people are going to want to ride through Richmond. (no offense to Richmond but their streets are not even close to being bike ready, flat tires galore) Also the ride across the bridge is no way an easy jaunt. You're talking about one of the most windiest places in the bay area and the westerly winds will be right in your face while you ride the 5 1/2 miles.

Please get the proper data on amount of proposed cyclists crossing the bridge and make the right decision on what would work best for the masses not the few. At 30 million dollars you can create a shuttle service to drive the handful of riders across the bridge and build the third westbound lane.

I welcome any further information you can provide me about this project.

Thank you.
Robert Boeri