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Re: Comment on a proposal to add the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project to Plan Bay Area and to the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear MTC,

I am squarely for creating a third lane eastbound on the San Rafael Bridge. I am well aware that the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (Lobby) in concert with the San Francisco bicycle lobby has made sure that the completion of an expensive new bike lane from a site along 80 near industrial Richmond to Point Molate is linked to building the third lane. The regulations which bureaucrats like Diane Steinhauser point to which 'tie their hands' and make the completion date for the third lane 2 or 3 years from now are an outrage. The proposal to put this unnecessary, little-used but 1st class bike lane on our TIP because otherwise the bike lobbies will hold up the third lane as long as they possibly can, is nothing short of transportation blackmail. I'm sure Supervisor Steve Kinsey figures in this somewhere. The excess in the spending for such "equity" projects would be laughable if the money were not so sorely needed for the thousands who are stuck in our traffic. Now is the cue for some transportation "expert" to say that if our commuters all lived where they work or rode bikes to get there, we wouldn't have this problem. That kind of remark is no longer even slightly amusing. Spend the money where it can do the most good for the greatest number.

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