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I support adding the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project to Plan Bay Area and to the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

My wife and I (64 and 66 yrs respectively) ride our bikes to work from Point Richmond to Berkeley using the Bay Trail. We live in San Rafael, and currently transport our bikes by car over the Richmond San Rafael Bridge where we park and continue by bike to our offices in Berkeley. A bike route over the bridge would allow us to make the 17 mile route entirely by bicycle.

As the current Chair and long time member of the City of San Rafael Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I have encountered many people who would use this resource for daily commuting and/or recreational travel.

A separated bi-directional bicycle/pedestrian path on the north side of I-580 adjacent to westbound traffic will provide a safe and direct connection of the Bay Trail between Contra Costa and Marin counties.

Now is the time to make a commitment to non-motorized transportation and air quality by incorporating bicycle and pedestrian improvements into regional transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your efforts in this regard.



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