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Subject: Comments to Plan Bay Area/TIP re: RSR bikelane
Attachments: Comments to MTC.docx

Please see the attachments for a brief list of comments that I would like to be responded to. Thank you.

- What data supports a demand or a need for bicycle/pedestrian use across or on the RSR bridge that cannot be accommodated with existing bus or shuttle?
- Is there any economic benefit to a bike path? Currently, most bicycle users enjoy the recreational opportunities on the East Shore bike path from Richmond to Emeryville and numerous locations for bicycling in Marin County. However, very few would ride the additional 5 miles up/down (plus round trip back!), against heavy winds, deafening roar of traffic, dust and debris being kicked up by traffic to get somewhere they don't actually need to be. For recreation, most bikers use car racks and drive to a desired location for shorter, more enjoyable options or they ride in their local community sphere without using a car.
- How will the loss of the shoulder on the upper deck affect traffic when there is a minor accident or breakdown?
- How will the loss of the shoulder affect the ability to maintain and paint the bridge in an economical way?
- Morning rush hour traffic on WB 580 (presumably the same volume that backs up on EB in the PM commute) has become very heavily congested in recent years, backing up almost to Regatta. Has there been a study or consideration to convert the shoulder to a third traffic lane on the upper deck as well?
- The current toll plaza should be widened to increase capacity or the booths should become automated like on the Golden Gate to eliminate the "cash lane" backup. Is this being planned?
- The merge lane just past the toll plaza will need to be shortened to accommodate the proposed bike lane. Won't a shorter merge of 7 lanes into 2 lanes create more congestion during peak periods?
- Does MTC plan to make public the comments and responses currently being solicited for the amendments to Plan Bay Area and the TIP?