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To: Ashley Nguyen, Project Manager
Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Ms. Nguyen and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission,

I am writing in support of adding the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project to Plan Bay Area and to the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

By prioritizing the re-opening of the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during peak evening commute hours, we will make a big difference in cutting traffic, reducing air pollution, and improving the quality of life in the North Bay.

I live in Greenbrae, and the impact of the traffic affects me every work day, and sometimes on the weekends. Events like the upcoming closure of Doyle Drive will be unbelievably dreadful. So I have planned to leave the bay area to avoid the stress.

Last year, on several occasions, it took me more than 15 minutes just to be able to back out of my own driveway so that I could take my son to school, or go to work. And even then I had to coordinate with my neighbors to literally stop drivers and ask them to let us into the line of traffic.

You see, I live on one of the "feeder" streets - Via La Cumbre - and the traffic was so bad that people couldn't leave the neighborhood to enter Sir Francis Drake Blvd because Sir Francis Drake was jammed and not moving, in either direction. I had to utilize every side street I could find to drive the 2 miles to my son's school and that drive took another 45 minutes. Yes, to go 2 miles in the westerly direction from my home to Kent Middle School.

That is unacceptable "Level of Service" traffic.

Thank you.

Tamara Hull