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To: MTC Info
Subject: Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project

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Dear Ms. Nguyen,

As a resident homeowner at Richmond's Marina Bay Harbor community for over 30 years, and an avid bicyclist and user of the Bay Trail I suggest that it is IMPERATIVE that MTC include the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project in Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Plan. This project will close one of the LAST major gaps in the San Francisco Bay Trail, i.e. a key section of the Point Molate Trail in Richmond, as well as the planned Bay Trail between Contra Costa and Marin Counties.

The Project is especially critical in providing pedestrian and safe bicyclist access to Point Molate Beach Park and the rest of the City of Richmond's Point Molate shoreline. Currently, the I-580 corridor blocks pedestrian access to the northern side of I-580, and bicycle access is possible only by riding on the shoulders and sharply curving exit ramps of the freeway where a motorist killed one bicyclist and left another paralyzed. The project's Point Molate Bay Trail section between Marine Street and the Stenmark Drive exit on the northern side of the I-580 corridor will eliminate this dangerous situation. It will also allow SAFE ACCESS to walkers, joggers, skaters and other members of the greater east bay public to the now isolated areas of Point Molate and the Richmond Shoreline.

However, please provide a CRITICAL MODIFICATION to the project description to extend the **bi-directional bicycle/pedestrian path** to Castro Street in Contra Costa County, rather than terminating it at Marine Street. This will provide an important connection with the combined AC Transit and Golden Gate Transit bus stop at Castro Street and Tewksbury Avenue.

Sincerely,

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