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**From:** Phil Morton  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2015 11:11 AM  
**To:** MTC Info  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Support for Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Nguyen,

We live in a good time for bicycling and walking. It's in everyone's interest to good all our citizens an opportunity to keep moving. It's an important component in reducing the epidemic of obesity. Many communities around the Bay Area have been improving facilities for bicycling and walking.

As a long time cyclist for transportation and for recreation, I can usually figure out how to get to my desired destinations. It is doubly frustrating when the network is not complete so that I cannot easily or safely get from point A to point B, or even get to point B at all. My goal is to see that the non motorized network is completed.

Access to Point Molate Beach is a case in point. The shoulder on I-580 is not a safe way to reach the Point Molate shoreline. In particular the way back to Point Richmond is excessively complex and has led to a fatal accident. It is time to provide a clear and safe way for people to enjoy the amenities that Point Molate has to offer.

Please include the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project in Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Plan. This project will close 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.

Also

, please modify 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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