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July 10, 2015

Ashley Nguyen, Project Manager  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Adding Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project to the TIP and Plan Bay Area

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

North Bay Leadership Council (NBLC) urges that Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to add the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project.

NBLC is an employer-led public policy advocacy organization committed to providing leadership in ways to make the North Bay sustainable, prosperous and innovative. The Council includes 47 leading employers in the region. Our members represent a wide variety of businesses, non-profits and educational institutions, with a workforce in excess of 25,000.

NBLC appreciates your understanding of the importance of addressing traffic bottlenecks for commuters who are the lifeblood of the local economy. The gridlock on Highway 101 is detrimental to the commuters, their employers, families and communities, and the environment. The traffic is also having a negative impact on the goods movement through the Bay Area. All of this delay hurts the productivity and economic competitiveness of the region.

We look forward to the traffic relief that completing the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project will provide once Plan Bay Area and the TIP are amended to add this project.

Thank you!

Best regards,

Cynthia Murray  
President and CEO