

San Rafael Chamber

July 16, 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:

The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce (SRCC) urges that Plan Bay Area and the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to add the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement Project.

SRCC is a member-based business advocacy organization providing a strong voice in support of the economic vitality of our community. We represent 600 companies with over 12,000 employees in a wide variety of businesses, non-profits and educational institutions, throughout San Rafael and Marin County.

The Chamber has performed hundreds of Business Expansion and Retention interviews in the past two years and the lack of transportation options and traffic congestion is consistently identified as an obstacle to businesses ability to retain and attract employees. SRCC 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,



Joanne Webster
President and CEO
cc: Board of Directors (via email)