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Hello MTC,

I would like to write in strong support of the added bike lanes to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. I live in Oakland and commute to near San Quentin, and would enjoy the opportunity to bike to work or BART-bike to work. Right now, I only really have the option to drive; bus service is cumbersome. I am a biker, and completing this stretch of the Bay Trail would be amazing. I'd love the chance to get on my bike and get more exercise. This is a long overdue improvement!

My only concern is accidents: when there is an accident on the bridge, the backup can be horrendous. In the worst case I can remember, it took 2.5 hours to get to work when only one lane was open. I fear that losing the shoulder would increase the frequency and severity of backups due to accidents. Completely stalled traffic is no fun.

Would it be possible to add bike lanes hanging off the edge of the bridge?

Also, a group of coworkers and I carpool from Oakland to San Rafael nearly every day. Could a carpool lane be added to 580 through Richmond sometime in the future? We routinely have 4-5 people in one car, and if more people carpooled, the traffic would improve a great deal.

Thank you

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