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Dear Ms. Nguyen, Planning Commissioners and City Staff

Although, I'm sure the commissioners are well aware, the remarkable beauty of the San Francisco Bay the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge affords views and experience of is not well known by the general public, and certainly little recognized by the tourism industry. By adding bike lanes to this span we will succeed in something quite remarkable: Creating - an ENTIRELY NEW RECREATION EXPERIENCE! Marin is the home of the Mt. Bike, known worldwide as a phenomenal form of recreation; and entirely unknown to humans, until its invention on the slopes of Mt. Tam here in the Bay Area of California.

What could be more fitting than to give the world the opportunity to experience the San Francisco Bay from the exhilarating position of a bicycle high atop the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge?? as they ride to and from Marin.

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.

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.

However, 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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