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Dear MTC & ABAG,

In my email of June 27, I stated:

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Any further planning in the Bay Area should be centered on the development of a ferry system, akin to that in Seattle and Sydney.

Such a plan was fully developed over 30 years by Bruce Spaulding, former Vice Chancellor of UCSF. He can be reached at "[REDACTED]".

Such a system would create numerous benefits, including but not limited to new transportation hubs, thus relieving stress on existing communities, reduction of automobile traffic, easing the burden on bridges, and obviating the need to expensive tunnels. As well, it would be a primary system for public safety in the event of natural catastrophe. such a system would allow the projected increase of population without disruption of existing communities, and would facilitate the seamless absorption of new population elements into existing communities.

One of the problems of existing regional planning, is that it is focussed on existing modes of transportation, exiting hubs, etc.

It would constitute of total lack of due diligence not to fully examine this possible transportation element. Any plans made without taking this into consideration would be a breach of public trust.

For the purpose of reviewing those earlier plans, and hopefully incorporating them into the Bay Area 2040 Plan, perhaps the best source of information is the Water Emergency Transportation Authority ("WETA") [www.sanfranciscobayferry.com/weta]. WETA was established by SB 976, and replaced the original Water Transit Authority ("WTA") in order to be eligible for FEMA funds when the next major earthquake[s] occurred. In addition, the Bay Area Council [www.bayareacouncil.org] was involved in creating the WTA and WETA, and has files covering the development of extensive the Bay Area ferry plan.

And yes, it would be expensive, but that is a political/finance problem which could be overcome.

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