

Draft PBA 2050 Comment Form submission

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[1] *Zip Code* [REDACTED] *Affiliation* Board Member, Bike Walk Alameda (bikewalkalameda.org) *Topic* Transportation *Comment* Bike Walk Alameda would like to submit the following comments on the Transportation Chapter of the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050. First, we fully support the broader vision, and the priorities of climate and equity as described in the introduction. We're excited to see the need to create safe and healthy streets listed as one of the three main themes. Active transportation deserves to be elevated like this, and we applaud the recognition. However, we think its allocation of budget — at just 3% (\$17B out of \$579B) — falls short. There is great need for safe 'green' infrastructure, much of it relatively inexpensive, but some of it very costly, in the range of traditional automobile infrastructure costs. These more expensive projects are critical in that they fix key gaps in the network of active transportation facilities. They must be more easily funded to make active transportation truly viable for everyone. Please consider reallocating funding with projects like this in mind. Imagine what more could be done in terms of active transportation with even a tenth of this budget! We also noted and support the advocacy for automated speed enforcement, and the thinking that drives that effort. We hope that can extend to other legislative advocacy that will lead to safer streets for our most vulnerable users. Regarding road tolls, please consider reinvesting money into non-car transportation options, not just electric car infrastructure. While electric cars may be preferable to gas-powered cars, their lifecycle emissions are still significant, and they perpetuate car-centric patterns that are detrimental to society in a myriad of ways. We feel that investing in seamless mass transit, a complete and safe active transportation network, and shared micromobility and e-bikes should be our greatest focus for investment. Thank you for your consideration and all your work to improve mobility in the Bay Area. [1] mailto:[REDACTED]