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1. Increase in estimated biking/walking to \$13B. A 1% in estimate of transportation costs of Complete Streets & pathways is far too low. COVID has sparked a huge increase in biking/walking slow streets etc. PBA should capitalize on that and increase the \$ amount for bike/ped (including building out complete streets and the regional trail network mapped by the Bay Area Trails Collaborative) and also front load these investments in the plan so the benefits (climate congestion relief mobility safety) are realized early in the plan years. This is especially important because it will likely take a long time for people to feel safe riding transit in great numbers and that could result in increased detouring & send indicators in the wrong direction.

2. Consider a Regional Strategy to Encourage/Mandate Remote Working. COVID will no doubt result in a long term shift to increased remote working which could have huge air & climate & congestion benefits. MTC should work with large/medium employers to create strategies & tools to support municipalities for increased working from home and working from local co-working spaces that can be accessed by biking/walking transit.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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