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To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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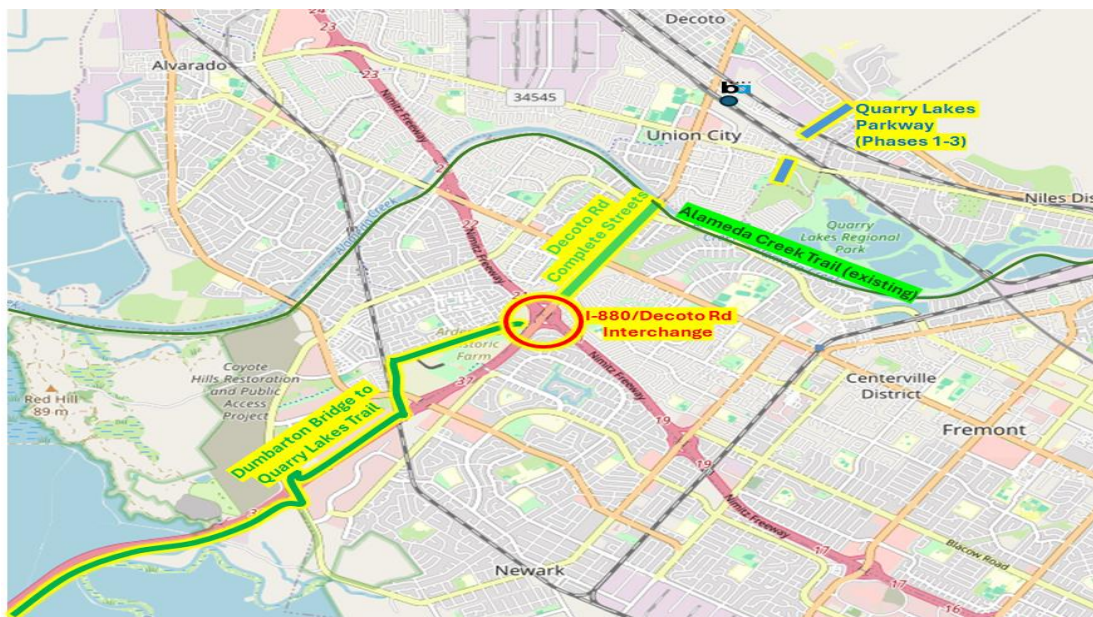
Subject: Please fund the \$18.5M I-880/Decoto Interchange Modernization project - Dumbarton Corridor - June 26th MTC meeting, item 8c

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

Resolution 4411, as currently presented, does not program funds for the I-880/Decoto Rd Interchange Modernization project. This is a serious mistake, and **I urge you to program the requested \$18.5M for this Interchange project**, in addition to the \$18.2M programmed for the Decoto Rd Complete Streets project and the \$10.8M programmed for the Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail.

The proposed I-880 Interchange modernization is the critical piece that connects the Decoto Rd Complete Streets project east of the Interchange and the Phase 2 Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail project west of the Interchange to maximize transit connectivity.

The Decoto Rd Complete Streets project adds dedicated bus lanes and protected bicycle infrastructure East of the I-880 Interchange. Phase 2 of the Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail provides high-quality bicycle access from the western side of the interchange to the Dumbarton Bridge bike path. By omitting funding for the Interchange project, the I-880/Decoto overpass remains a barrier, significantly reducing the value delivered by these 2 projects.



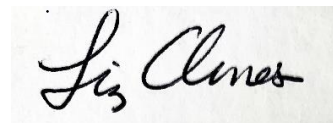
The Interchange Modernization is the critical project that unleashes the true potential for meaningful improvements in this corridor. It is a serious mistake to forgo this opportunity and instead program \$25M for phases 1-3 of the Quarry Lakes Parkway. As the included map shows, phases 1-3 of the Quarry Lakes Parkway provide no benefit to the Dumbarton Corridor, a hodgepodge of dispersed project segments with limited individual utility. The Quarry Lakes Parkway will likely encourage more driving and funnel even more vehicles into the congested Dumbarton Corridor.

Dumbarton Bridge commuters expect that RM3 Dumbarton Corridor funds to be used to improve conditions for bridge commuters. The Quarry Lakes Parkway does not do that. With no room for additional vehicle lanes on the bridge and on Decoto Rd., the only way to boost the overall people-carrying capacity of the Dumbarton bridge is to meaningfully expand mass transit, bus on SR 84 shoulder, dedicated bus lanes, utilization of the bike path across the I-880 overpass, and a Decoto Rd. complete street upgrade to the Union City BART intermodal station.

Please consider the opportunity to fund a holistic and coordinated approach that maximizes the return for taxpayers and transit. This entails fully funding the Interchange Modernization at the requested \$18.5M, in addition to the \$18.2M for the Decoto Rd Complete Streets and the \$10.8M for the Dumbarton Bridge to Quarry Lakes Trail projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background. The signature reads "Liz Ames" in a cursive, flowing script.

Liz Ames, PE.

BART Director