

From: [Dan Allison](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:06:49 AM

External Email

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

I routinely take the Amtrak bus from [REDACTED] to Transbay (Sales Force) and return. Though the bus bypass of the westbound fare gates help, I have spent many a trip with the bus stuck in private vehicle traffic on the bridge. Amtrak schedules the bus trip for more time than it can take, but that still is not enough in some circumstances. I have both missed the outbound connection to the train in [REDACTED] which is bad for me, and had the train held for the connection, which is bad for everyone on the train.

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Dan Allison

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From: [Allison Arieff](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:43:18 AM

External Email

Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED], I support this bill because it will ease commutes, reduce carbon emissions, help combat climate change, and improve the quality of life for Bay Area residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Allison Arieff

From: [Alan Billingsley](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:34:50 AM

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I strongly support the Bay Bridge Corridor Bus Bill. Following this pandemic, it is essential that we provide the best possible access across the Bay. Thank you.

Alan Billingsley


From: [Kyle Borland](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:53:47 AM

External Email

Hello MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED], I support this bill because it will speed up commutes for all by enticing new riders to choose public transit over a personal vehicle as improvements start to be felt. My partner commuted from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] for more than a year and ended up quitting his job ultimately because of how slow and expensive the public transit commute was.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyle Borland, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [Scott Burger](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:24:22 AM

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Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], I support this bill because it will reduce carbon emissions and make it easier to commute to my office in the East Bay when work from home ends.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Burger

Scott Burger, PhD
[REDACTED]

From: [Scot Conner](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:41:00 AM

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Dear MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED]. I support this bill because it will reduce carbon emissions, mitigate climate change, encourage public transit use on both sides of the Bay, reduce traffic congestion, and bolster ridership at our struggling but vital public transit agencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scot Conner

From: [Andrea Davis](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:38:35 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED], I support this bill because it will reduce traffic, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase mobility for people without cars or who cannot drive or who prefer not to. On a personal level, even prior to the coronavirus pandemic, I have experienced a lot of loneliness, and have suffered on and off from depression much of my life. Seeing my friends really helps, many of whom live in the east bay. However, I do not have regular access to a car. Improving the transbay bus would allow me to see my friends more, and would make a big difference to me.

Thank you for your consideration,
Andréa Davis

From: [Pablo Diaz Gutierrez](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:23:15 AM

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As a resident and homeowner in [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will make it easier and faster for me and my family to commute and go visit friends in San Francisco. Further, I generally move by bike, and taking cars off the road would make it safer for me and others to move around town.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Regards,
Pablo Diaz-Gutierrez

From: [Joshua Ehrlich](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:27:17 AM

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Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a [REDACTED] resident I support this bill because it will increase integration between San Francisco and the East Bay. It will improve commutes and offer an alternative to BART for people who can't or don't drive. By reducing the number of drivers crossing the bay this will reduce carbon emissions and reduce congestion in both San Francisco and Oakland/Alameda County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua Ehrlich

From: [George F](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:58:28 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to improve Transbay bus service.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will improve the equity of access to transbay transportation. Property adjacent to BART is increasingly unaffordable, and the limited stops don't serve many of the cities of the East Bay and Peninsula. Improving bus structures open up transportation options to more car-less individuals, often poor, black, multigenerational residents. If we imagine streets reclaimed for people, that means that buses packed with our people riding cannot be stuck in traffic behind single-occupancy vehicles (SOVs). This is an issue of equity, environmentalism, and reducing the number of SOVs tearing through our communities. Fix the issues your forebears thrust upon us and pass this legislation!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
George Foster

From: [Rosana Francescato](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:22:38 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will allow more people to cross the bridge more quickly, speeding up commutes — and it will encourage public transportation use, which will reduce carbon emissions and improve the quality of life for Bay Area residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosana

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Rosana Francescato
Oakland, CA

From: [Patrick Gaarder](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:51:55 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a carless resident of [REDACTED], I support this bill because it will make crossing the bay bridge by bus much more convenient. I have had to take AC Transit buses to parts of the East Bay that are not served by Bart and the amount of time bus riders have to wait in traffic behind cars with one or two people in them is very inefficient.

It would also reflect our dedication to the environment to prioritize greener forms of transit than personal vehicles. Dedicated lanes would also encourage a lot more people to consider using the buses.

As the toll to cross the Bay Bridge increases, public transit alternatives for transbay crossings should be prioritized. Price sensitive individuals may now find that the cost of toll + parking in SF or East Bay may be high enough to get them to consider transit instead.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gaarder

From: [REDACTED] [Petals](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:57:52 AM

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Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will make the buses I take to get to San Francisco so much faster, and when I do drive, and for all the thousands of people that continue to drive, it will make traffic faster. If we can get all the people commuting from places where they can take a bus, or even off commute times, to take a bus it will free up so much space for people who can't, and will make everyone's trip faster.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Gk, she/her

From: [Tony Hawke](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:39:54 AM

External Email

Hi,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will speed up busses and make it a more reliable choice, enabling me (and other parents) to better be able to get back across the bay in time to pick up children from school/day care. I have sat on a bus in traffic on the bridge stressfully waiting to get across in time for pick up too many times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Tony Hawke

From: [Brendan Irvine-Broque](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:18:29 AM

External Email

Hi, I'm writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will finally make the transbay bus fast enough for me to drive fewer miles. For years I've carpooled with just 2 people to [REDACTED] or driven to [REDACTED] BART. If we're to stop road congestion, we need bus lanes. With AB 455, I would take the Transbay bus from [REDACTED] straight to SF. I might even rent an office space in [REDACTED] and change my gym membership to be there. It's an essential to the recovery of San Francisco.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brendan

From: [Nishant Kheterpal](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:34:51 AM

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Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] and former [REDACTED] student + resident, I support this bill because it will speed commutes for essential workers, reduce carbon emissions, and eliminate crowding on BART.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks,

Nishant Kheterpal

From: [Shawn Lee](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:26:14 AM

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Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee:

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 445 to improve Transbay bus service.

Outside of Covid, I regularly commute to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] and I cannot drive. AC Transit is a critical option, and people should be encouraged to ride the bus instead of a car with faster, more reliable commutes.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shawn Lee

Joint Metropolitan Transportation Commission-Association of Bay Area Governments
Legislative Committee
Bay Area Metro Center
San Francisco, California 94105

From: [Hunter Oatman-Stanford](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:19:48 AM

External Email

Hi there,

I'm writing to ask the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus service between San Francisco and the East Bay better.

As a longtime resident of [REDACTED], I support this bill because it will ensure I can take the bus in a timely manner when commuting to Berkeley, where I am a grad student. AC Transit service is the only affordable way for me to get between SF and the East Bay without a car, and too often, the bus is stuck in traffic waiting to get to or on the bridge in Emeryville. Please do everything you can to push for bus-only lanes and access so we can get more people out of cars and lower the region's emissions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hunter Oatman-Stanford

From: [Kerby Olsen](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:35:07 AM

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Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will ***SPEED UP COMMUTES for Bus Riders, REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, and provide better reliability for bus riders. A bus-only lane with increased bus throughput will attract and serve more commuters than a single car lane.***

If there are concerns about congestion, then a contra-flow bus lane could be installed using a zipper barrier, like on the Golden Gate Bridge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerby Olsen

[REDACTED]

From: [Connor Regan](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 12:09:35 PM

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Hi there,

My name is Connor and I'm writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will improve the parking situation here in [REDACTED] and maybe more critically because of the environmental impact of reduced carbon emissions. These are critical needs that I hope you'll consider.

Thank you very much,

Connor Regan

From: [Ariele Scharff](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:25:57 AM

External Email

Hello Legislative Committee Members,

I am writing to encourage you to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

I'm a resident of [REDACTED] and I support this bill because it speeds up commute times and makes it easier for residents who don't live by BART to get to their workplace. Prior to the pandemic I was a regular P rider, and before that, an O and W rider. It's so much better than BART because I have to worry about parking at BART which is insanely expensive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Ariele Scharff

From: [Elliott Schwimmer](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: AB 455
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:20:55 AM

External Email

Hello- I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will mean I make it to work at a consistent time every day, don't have to sit in a full double decker bus in traffic behind a single person in a car taking up nearly the same amount of space as 50 people on the bus, and because it will reduce GHG emissions and create more demand for public transit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elliott Schwimmer

From: [David Shere](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:02:07 AM

External Email

Hello,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will have a meaningful impact on my personal life, my community, and my planet. Before the pandemic I was a daily rider of the H line. It was a generally good experience, and I know that if commuting by bus were faster and more reliable, more people would choose that over driving - especially those without easy access to BART. With the coming changes to North Berkeley BART and Ashby BART stations it is vital to provide easy and reliable transportation to commuters if we're going to meet our climate goals - the literal future of our communities and our families depends on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Shere

From: [Peter Swearengen](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: Trans bay bus
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:42:29 AM

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As an ■ resident I strongly support investing in an efficient corridor for busses on the all the bridges, including the critical Bay Bridge.

We need to show commuters that transit is a benefit and improved quality of life by investing in quality and efficiency.

-Pete Swearengen

From: [Alfred Twu](#)
To: [MTC-ABAG Info](#)
Subject: MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:04:56 AM

External Email

Hello-

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED] I support this bill because it will save me a significant amount of time in getting to work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alfred Twu

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**From:** [Neil Williams](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
**Subject:** MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455 Bay Bridge Fast Forward  
**Date:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:11:55 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to encourage the MTC/ABAG Legislative Committee to support AB 455 to make the Transbay bus better.

As a resident of [REDACTED], I support this bill because my coworkers that commute across the bridge are often caught up in large traffic jams that make them miserable and can't be good for emissions. Please pass this bill to get more people moving around the bay quicker.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Neil Williams