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Please advise the committee that I feel strongly that the DTX should be a Level 1 priority for the Bay Area, not Level 2. As a frequent rider of CalTrain, I'm aware of the inconvenience of being dropped off at 4th & King when arriving in San Francisco from the Peninsula. Now, more than ever, it's important for everyone that public transportation be as convenient as possible. With the freeways already reaching pre pandemic levels of congestion, public transit must be more convenient than cars. When people can't live close to their workplace, it must be easy for them to commute and CalTrain is so important to commuters both those travelling to or from San Francisco to work.

The Downtown Extension would connect to BART and be walking distance from the ferries, so would be a great way for visitors and locals to get to the East Bay, North Bay and the Peninsula too. It is also good for the environment because with gas prices going higher and higher, more people taking the all-electric High Speed Rail means less pollution and greenhouse gases. For San Francisco, the businesses are struggling and we need to be making it easier for people, both visitors and workers to get to offices and businesses in downtown neighborhoods.

For all the above reasons, it is essential that DTX be a Level 1 priority.

Thank you,

Gail Switzer