

BATA AGENDA ITEM 4a - PUBLIC COMMENT

To Metropolitan Transportation Commission

April 25, 2024

375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Richmond/San Rafael Bridge Bike Lane

I beseech you to keep the current bike lane open. As one who has been arrested four times to gain access on the Bay Bridge, and who has ridden the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge without the benefit of a protected lane. In these times of accelerating global warming, it is incumbent upon you to do everything possible to promote alternative transportation methods. Bicycling and walking the bridge is not only healthier for the environment, but for the individuals able to do it.

I will be riding the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge more often now that I have learned of the SMART system, since I regularly visit Santa Rosa. Nearing 70 years old, I can ride from Oakland up to and across the bridge with my electric-assist bicycle and take the train to Santa Rosa, and do the return trip in the same manner.

Until you build a separate bike/pedestrian path, similar to the Bay Bridge, it is unconscionable for you to close the current bike lane.

Sincerely,

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