

**HANDOUT – Correspondence  
BATA Oversight Committee  
Agenda Item 6a**

**From:** Cliff Bargar  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
**Subject:** In support of west span bike path

**\*External Email\***

Dear Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee Members,

I want to express my support for the continued study and pursuit of the "Bay Skyway" western span bike path. This important piece of infrastructure would close a huge gap in our active transportation network between the East Bay, Treasure Island, and the rest of San Francisco. I would also encourage you to consider the studying the impacts of repurposing some portion of the existing roadway on the Bay Bridge for active transportation uses, as was done on the Richmond-San Rafael bridge. It's crucial that we work to get people out of their cars as fast as possible if we're going to meet our climate goals and achieve Vision Zero for street safety.

Thanks,  
Cliff

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**From:** Evan Goldin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
**Subject:** Bay Bridge bikeway planning

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Dear Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee Members,

As a neighbor who lives within 100 feet of a Bay Bridge onramp, I want to strongly urge you to study and pursue a buildout of a bike path on the western span of the Bay Bridge.

I frequently travel to/from the East Bay multiple times each week. In fact, proximity to the bridge is one of the reasons I choose to live near where I am. However, it's incredibly disappointing that with a bridge nearly 60 feet wide, the only option given for travel is by vehicle. And, among those vehicles, zero preference is given to mass transit — they travel at the same speed as every other vehicle.

This needs to change. I want to be able to have better options when traveling to the East Bay, and that could decrease congestion by getting me and people like me out of our cars, and onto buses, bikes, scooters and other modes.

We should not wait for additional infrastructure either. Why not take a lane of the Bay Bridge and make it a bus lane on weekdays and bike lane on weekends? We should do that, and do it tomorrow.

- Evan

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**From:** Erik Shilts  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for the Bay Skyway project

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Dear Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee Members,

I strongly support continued study and implementation of the "Bay Skyway" western span bike path. This is a critical piece of infrastructure needed to connect the Bay Area for a 21st century decarbonized future. I would gladly bike over the Bay Bridge to the East Bay on my electric bike if the path were available.

We absolutely need low- and no-carbon options to cross the bay. Such a path would also ease the housing crunch by providing easier access to housing and jobs on both sides of the bay.

The Bay Skyway expansion is critical for achieving Vision Zero and our climate goals.

Thank you,

Erik

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From: Kenneth Russell  
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:15 PM  
To: Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
Subject: I support a pedestrian and bike path on the Western span of the Bay Bridge!

**\*External Email\***

Dear Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee Members,

Please consider this email my indication of highest support for the "Bay Skyway" western-span bike path. This type of transportation alternative is sorely needed in the Bay Area, and crucial to the proposed development on Treasure Island.

We need to lead the way in having a livable environment, with transit options that provide real alternatives to people sitting in their cars.

- Kenneth

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**From:** Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:49 PM  
**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
**Subject:** West Span Bike Path

**\*External Email\***

Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee Members:

I am a San Francisco resident writing in support of the proposed West Span Bike Path which will come before you at BATA. Right now the Bay Bridge lacks a westbound pedestrian and bike lane. With our climate crisis poised to affect every aspect of our lives in the coming decade, we need to support cyclists the same way—if not more—the government supports car drivers.

It's bad enough that San Francisco, unable to meet its housing needs for low- and moderate-income workers, must import them from East Bay. But with BART crowded, many turn to cars for their commute. This is unacceptable, and it's one of the reasons why transportation accounts for 40% of California's carbon emissions. Cars are also enormously expensive, so requiring transbay workers to own one only exacerbates the income inequality they experience.

Bike infrastructure cannot solve all of the problems with our regional economy. But it will ease the problems many workers face, and it will allow people to commute in a more sustainable and equitable fashion. Please support the west span proposal.

Thank you,  
Robert Fruchtman

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**From:** Jaclyn Harr

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:39 PM

**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>

**Subject:** I support a pedestrian and bike path on the Western span of the Bay Bridge!

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**From:** Charles Whitfield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:47 PM  
**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
**Subject:** Please support a bike & pedestrian path on the Bay Bridge

**\*External Email\***

Dear Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee Members,

My name is Charles Whitfield, and I'm a San Francisco resident and Bay Bridge user. I'm writing to urge you to support the "Bay Skyway" bike & pedestrian path on the Bay Bridge.

I don't own a car, so I get around by a combination of public transit, walking, and biking. However, my options when traveling to and from the East Bay are more limited: I have to take either public transit or an expensive taxi or rideshare. I would love to have other choices available when I travel to Oakland or Emeryville, especially to places that aren't directly served by transit.

On a broader level, I think it is critical as a matter of climate action and transportation equity to provide more infrastructure for non-car transit. Traveling by bus, bike, or foot is greener, cheaper, more space efficient, and, when protected from traffic, safer than car travel. We should encourage these modes of transportation at every opportunity.

Thanks for your work on this issue. I want to again urge you to support the Bay Skyway and to further state my strong support for any other policies that promote non-car transit, including dedicated bus lanes on the Bay Bridge.

Sincerely,

Charles Whitfield

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**From:** D K

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:48 PM

**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>

**Cc:** Kenneth Russell <kennethrussell@gmail.com>

**Subject:** I support a pedestrian and bike path on the Western span of the Bay Bridge!

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Recreationally, I have biked around the Bay several times. I would love to be able to bike from SF to Oakland for commuting and also complete a circuit of the Bay.

- David Kanter

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**From:** Hafsa Vahidy

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:02 PM

**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>; Jeannie Bruins <jbruins@losaltosca.gov>; CarolD@unioncity.org; district5@bos.cccounty.us; n Josefowitz@spur.org; Gina Papan <GPapan@ci.millbrae.ca.us>; RonenStaff@sfgov.org; officeofthemayor@oaklandnet.com; Amy Worth <aworth@cityoforinda.org>

**Subject:** BIKE THE BAY BRIDGE 2020

**\*External Email\***

Hiya, I'm an SF resident who frequents the east bay. Please add functionality for walking and biking the bay bridge to further unite the bay area. It's already so tough to get around without a car.

Thanks,

**Hafsa Vahidy**

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**From:** John Lisovsky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:39 PM  
**To:** Kimberly Ward <KWard@bayareametro.gov>  
**Subject:** I support bay bridge bike lane

**\*External Email\***

Hi there,

I am a public school teacher and a San Francisco voter. I bicycle to work every day. I am tired of bicycle infrastructure taking a backseat to car infrastructure every day of the week. California for too long has failed its cyclist community. I demand a bicycle lane on the western span of the bay bridge to finally connect San Francisco and Oakland in a cost free and carbon free bicycle and pedestrian crossing. Please prioritize bicycle infrastructure on the bay bridge and throughout the Bay Area.

Sincerely,  
John

Sent from my iPhone