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**Subject:** Keep the RSR Bridge Open to Bikes and Pedestrians

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Dear Bay Area Metro and Contra Costa Transportation Authority,

I am a regular user of the bicycle and pedestrian access lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. I urge you to ensure that the pathway remains open to pedestrians and cyclists during any pipeline construction. Secondly, congestion pricing should be added prior to adding a third Westbound vehicle lane on the bridge.

We are in a climate crisis, which necessitates that we make walking and biking easier and more convenient instead of giving all the space on the road to polluting vehicles. Emissions from private vehicles are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the Bay Area, as well as the State and the country. The current drought has been exacerbated by climate change. We must take meaningful actions to reduce our dependence on cars and foster viable alternatives to driving. Solutions to the climate crisis start with actions taken today by our elected leaders.

Congestion pricing is a proven method to reduce bridge congestion. Let's implement it and keep the 3rd lane open for bikes and pedestrians. Thank you for your consideration and your public service.

Sincerely,

Travis Close