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Dear Members of the Committee,

I urge you to support keeping 24/7 access to the Richmond Bridge path permanently. This path is a vital connection between the East Bay and Marin, allowing residents to use climate-friendly active transportation, whereas otherwise this journey would have required a car.

As the studies have shown, the level of traffic has remained the same since the pilot, even with the removal of the shoulder lane. At the same time, Marin County still hasn't built out the safe bike pathway connections to the bridge path that it promised. With these new approach paths now under construction or in design, many more cyclists will feel safe biking to the bridge path as they will not be sharing the road with high-speed traffic.

The Richmond Bridge path is a key part of the San Francisco Bay Trail, and removing access for part of the week would go against the region and state's climate goals to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and air pollution. To ensure that our communities remain resilient and equitable, please strongly consider supporting 24/7, permanent access to this vital path. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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