Hi Carsie,

Here is comment for BATA O for the Oct. 9 meeting. Leslie for MTC-ABAG Public Information

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Dear Members of the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Oversight Committee,

I am writing to you to request that you please consider opening the Car Pool Lane(s) in the vicinity of all the Bay Area Bridges to Disabled people traveling alone.

I ask this request for your consideration as many bridges frequently have excessive stop and go traffic and disabled people get held back in bumper to bumper traffic for a rather long time...maybe forty five minutes or so. Frequent braking creates a considerable strain on the disable people especially for those who have muscular degradation problems with their legs and this can have safety issues. As someone who has to travel from the East Bay across the Bay Bridge to meet with doctors at UCSF sometime four to five times a month, I can tell you that it will be a blessing if the Bay Area Bridge Authority accommodates disabled drivers. You may choose to keep the toll for disable people if it is a financial necessity.

I appreciate your looking into this request in more detail.

Sincerely,

Christopher Baena