

From: [Brooke Bortner](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Please follow through on the plan for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 7:00:41 PM

April 20, 2024 @ 01:50am Please follow through on the plan for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening! Dear Stephen Benson,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to reopen the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. It is encouraging to hear that the MTC is considering the proposal to adjust the bike lane usage, allowing for better vehicle flow during weekdays.

The persistent traffic congestion on this bridge, a vital artery for daily commuters, has significantly impacted our community. With the BATA committee set to discuss this issue on May 8, I urge you to support this plan and advocate for comprehensive solutions to our traffic issues.

Daily, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge, severely affecting quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely Black and Brown people of color - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

It is important to note that the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge is underused, serving only a small number of cyclists compared to the overwhelming majority who commute by car. Around 80,000 car trips are made across the bridge daily, and these individuals desperately need a more efficient route.

They also deserve to live free from the health hazards posed by pollutants coming from the bridge traffic, which have been proven to increase risk for a number of diseases, especially in vulnerable populations.

By moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane, we can significantly alleviate traffic congestion and demonstrate a commitment to solving one of our community's most pressing issues. This action would resonate well beyond our local area, setting a positive example for other regions struggling with similar challenges.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives and restore confidence in our local government's ability to provide sensible and responsive solutions.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue.

Sincerely, Brooke Bortner 231 E Richmond Avenue , Richmond, CA 94801
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From: [Lauren Banister](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: I urge you to take prompt action on the plan for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 6:40:53 PM

April 20, 2024 @ 01:30am I urge you to take prompt action on the plan for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Dear Stephen Benson,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to the proposal regarding the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, particularly the potential closure of the bike lane from Mondays to Thursdays.

Our community has long suffered from the closure of the third lane on this bridge, which significantly affects daily life. The upcoming BATA committee discussion on May 8 presents a critical opportunity to revisit this plan and address the extensive traffic issues affecting bridge commuters comprehensively.

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge on a daily basis to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

While only 80-250 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane daily, car trips exceed 80,000. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

The traffic on the bridge is also a health hazard, worsening air quality in Richmond that has been proven to contribute to respiratory, cardiovascular and neurological diseases.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor dedicating the third lane to carpools and transit during peak morning hours, which highlights the community's strong preference for practical transportation solutions that reflect our needs.

Your decisive action can significantly enhance community trust and well-being, showing that practical, equitable solutions to our problems are possible. We trust in your leadership to make the right decision to restore efficiency and equity to our transportation system.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue.

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From: [Peter Mandell](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Please follow through on the plan!
Date: Friday, April 19, 2024 6:40:21 PM

April 20, 2024 @ 01:30am Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Please follow through on the plan! Dear Stephen Benson,

I am a concerned resident advocating for the reopening of the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for hearing our voices on this issue - I was very glad to learn that the MTC is considering moving forward with the proposal to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays.

This is a pressing issue that has directly harmed our community for years. I hope that you, as a commissioner, are making it an urgent priority to not only follow through on the plan to be discussed by the BATA committee on May 8, but also take it a step further to address the full traffic problem plaguing daily bridge commuters.

The closure of the third lane has disproportionately impacted the East Bay's marginalized and frontline communities, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 80-250 bikers use the bike lane daily on the westbound portion of the bridge, whereas 80,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives.

These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

The traffic is also a health hazard, exacerbating air pollution in Richmond that's having a detrimental impact on the health and well being of local residents.

We urgently need to address this issue. Following through with the proposal would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities.

Thank you again for your attention to this urgent matter. While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening a third lane for carpools and transit on the upper deck of the bridge during the morning commute!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership. Your leadership and action on this issue will be greatly appreciated by me, my fellow supporters, and all of the residents and commuters affected by the current status of the bridge.

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From: [Paul Chapman](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: I urge you to approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 5:40:30 PM

June 07, 2024 @ 12:30am

I urge you to approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Dear Stephen Benson,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you not only have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities, but you can set a much-needed example that our local government authorities can take the tangible steps needed to make daily life easier for residents.

Our community has long suffered from the inaccessibility of the third lane, which significantly affects daily life. The upcoming opportunity to approve the permit to be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority about enacting changes to the bridge presents a critical opportunity to revisit this plan and comprehensively address the extensive traffic issues affecting bridge commuters.

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge on a daily basis to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

While only 80-250 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane daily, car trips exceed 80,000. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor dedicating the third lane to carpools and transit during peak morning hours, which highlights the community's strong preference for practical transportation solutions that reflect our needs.

Your decisive action can significantly enhance community trust and well-being, showing that practical, equitable solutions to our problems are possible. We trust in your leadership to make the right decision to restore efficiency and equity to our transportation system.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue.

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From: [Todd Krish](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Please approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:20:35 PM

June 06, 2024 @ 09:10pm

Please approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to reopen the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The persistent traffic congestion on this bridge, a vital artery for daily commuters, has significantly impacted our community. With the Bay Area Toll Authority set to submit a permit application for more permanent changes to the Bridge in the coming month, I urge you to support this plan and advocate for comprehensive solutions to our traffic issues.

Daily, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge, severely affecting quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely Black and Brown people of color - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

It is important to note that the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge is underused, serving only a small number of cyclists compared to the overwhelming majority who commute by car. Around 80,000 car trips are made across the bridge daily, and these individuals desperately need a more efficient route.

By moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane to car traffic during the work week, and allow for the emergency shoulder to serve its purpose for accidents, we can significantly alleviate traffic congestion and demonstrate a commitment to solving one of our community's most pressing issues. This action would resonate well beyond our local area, setting a positive example for other regions struggling with similar challenges.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives and restore confidence in our local government's ability to provide sensible and responsive solutions.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue.

Sincerely,
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From: [Carol Maggio](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The time is now to implement a more permanent solution!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:11:05 PM

June 13, 2024 @ 08:00pm

Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The time is now to implement a more permanent solution!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support for the permit to be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays, and restore the emergency shoulder. The current bike lane setup is underutilized and causing significant daily disruptions for thousands of commuters.

This potential change presents a critical opportunity. Traffic congestion has become more than a nuisance; it has a major negative impact on quality of life for the workers - primarily people of color - who are forced to navigate the increasingly lengthy bridge commute. These workers are already facing the stress of increased costs of living and fewer residential options, with the Bridge serving as their only option for their daily commute.

While only 80-250 cyclists use the westbound bike lane each day, an overwhelming 80,000 vehicle trips are made. This imbalance highlights the urgent need for a solution that better serves most bridge users.

Reopening the third lane would alleviate congestion and reduce the daily stress on thousands of commuters. This change is supported by 80% of Richmond voters, who favor practical solutions that enhance commute efficiency and public health.

Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

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From: [Dale Greene](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The time is now to implement a more permanent solution!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 5:20:15 PM

June 14, 2024 @ 12:10am

Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The time is now to implement a more permanent solution!

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support for the permit to be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays, and restore the emergency shoulder. The current bike lane setup is underutilized and causing significant daily disruptions for thousands of commuters.

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Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

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From: [Elena Ronquillo](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Please approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:30:37 PM

June 13, 2024 @ 08:20pm

Please approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to reopen the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The persistent traffic congestion on this bridge, a vital artery for daily commuters, has significantly impacted our community. With the Bay Area Toll Authority set to submit a permit application for more permanent changes to the Bridge in the coming month, I urge you to support this plan and advocate for comprehensive solutions to our traffic issues.

Daily, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge, severely affecting quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely Black and Brown people of color - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

It is important to note that the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge is underused, serving only a small number of cyclists compared to the overwhelming majority who commute by car. Around 80,000 car trips are made across the bridge daily, and these individuals desperately need a more efficient route.

By moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane to car traffic during the work week, and allow for the emergency shoulder to serve its purpose for accidents, we can significantly alleviate traffic congestion and demonstrate a commitment to solving one of our community's most pressing issues. This action would resonate well beyond our local area, setting a positive example for other regions struggling with similar challenges.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives and restore confidence in our local government's ability to provide sensible and responsive solutions.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue.

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From: [Kathy Guruwaya](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Please approve the BATA permit ASAP!
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:30:52 PM

June 13, 2024 @ 08:20pm

Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Please approve the BATA permit ASAP!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am a concerned resident advocating for the reopening of the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for hearing our voices on this issue.

This is a pressing problem that has directly harmed our community for years. I hope that you, as a BCDC commissioner, are making it an urgent priority to approve the permit that will be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority to enact the very necessary changes to the Bridge that commuters have been waiting for for years. It's past time we close the bike lane during commuting hours and restore the emergency shoulder to prevent further delays caused by accidents.

The closure of the third lane has disproportionately impacted the East Bay's marginalized and frontline communities, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 80-250 bikers use the bike lane daily on the westbound portion of the bridge, whereas 80,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives. These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities.

Thank you again for your attention to this urgent matter. While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening a third lane for carpools and transit on the upper deck of the bridge during the morning commute!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership. Your leadership and action on this issue will be greatly appreciated by me, my fellow supporters, and all of the residents and commuters affected by the current status of the bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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From: [Maria Alvarado](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: I urge you to approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:30:29 PM

June 13, 2024 @ 08:20pm

I urge you to approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you not only have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities, but you can set a much-needed example that our local government authorities can take the tangible steps needed to make daily life easier for residents.

Our community has long suffered from the inaccessibility of the third lane, which significantly affects daily life. The upcoming opportunity to approve the permit to be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority about enacting changes to the bridge presents a critical opportunity to revisit this plan and comprehensively address the extensive traffic issues affecting bridge commuters.

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge on a daily basis to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

While only 80-250 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane daily, car trips exceed 80,000. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor dedicating the third lane to carpools and transit during peak morning hours, which highlights the community's strong preference for practical transportation solutions that reflect our needs.

Your decisive action can significantly enhance community trust and well-being, showing that practical, equitable solutions to our problems are possible. We trust in your leadership to make the right decision to restore efficiency and equity to our transportation system.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue.

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From: [Eric Greenwood](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: I urge you to approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
Date: Sunday, August 4, 2024 9:50:09 PM

August 05, 2024 @ 04:40am

I urge you to approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you not only have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities, but you can set a much-needed example that our local government authorities can take the tangible steps needed to make daily life easier for residents.

Our community has long suffered from the inaccessibility of the third lane, which significantly affects daily life. The upcoming opportunity to approve the permit to be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority about enacting changes to the bridge presents a critical opportunity to revisit this plan and comprehensively address the extensive traffic issues affecting bridge commuters.

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge on a daily basis to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

While only 80-250 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane daily, car trips exceed 80,000. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor dedicating the third lane to carpools and transit during peak morning hours, which highlights the community's strong preference for practical transportation solutions that reflect our needs.

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Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue.

Sincerely,
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From: [Dennis Fisco](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: This process has gone on long enough, Commissioner. Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 10:00:16 AM

August 07, 2024 @ 04:50pm

This process has gone on long enough, Commissioner. Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am a concerned resident advocating for the reopening of the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for hearing our voices on this issue.

The lack of a third lane or emergency shoulder on the bridge is a problem that has directly harmed our community for years. I hope that you, as a BCDC commissioner, are making it an urgent priority at your September 5 meeting to approve the permit that will enact the very necessary changes to the Bridge that commuters have been waiting for for years. It's time to close the bike lane during commuting hours and restore the emergency shoulder to prevent further delays caused by accidents.

The closure of the third lane has disproportionately impacted the East Bay's marginalized and frontline communities, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 80-250 bikers use the bike lane daily on the westbound portion of the bridge, whereas 80,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives. These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities. The review process for implementing these changes to the bridge has gone on too long. We must have government agencies and a transportation plan that is responsive to the needs of our community. This is your chance to make an impact.

Thank you again for your attention to this urgent matter. While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening a third lane for carpools and transit on the upper deck of the bridge during the morning commute!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership. Your leadership and action on this issue will be greatly appreciated by me, my fellow supporters, and all of the residents and commuters affected by the current status of the bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
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From: [Noel Marcos](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Commissioner, the time is now to implement a more permanent solution for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:50:21 AM

August 08, 2024 @ 03:40pm

Commissioner, the time is now to implement a more permanent solution for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support for the BATA permit application to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays, and restore the emergency shoulder. The current bike lane setup is underutilized and causing significant daily disruptions for thousands of commuters.

Please take decisive action to approve this permit application at the BCDC meeting on September 5!

This potential change presents a critical opportunity. Traffic congestion has become more than a nuisance; it has a major negative impact on quality of life for the workers - primarily people of color - who are forced to navigate the increasingly lengthy bridge commute. These workers are already facing the stress of increased costs of living and fewer residential options, with the Bridge serving as their only option for their daily commute.

While only 80-250 cyclists use the westbound bike lane each day, an overwhelming 80,000 vehicle trips are made. This imbalance highlights the urgent need for a solution that better serves most bridge users.

Reopening the third lane would alleviate congestion and reduce the daily stress on thousands of commuters. This change is supported by 80% of Richmond voters, who favor practical solutions that enhance commute efficiency and public health.

Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

Sincerely,
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From: [Tuan NGUYEN](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Please hear the community and approve the permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on September 5.
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:50:51 AM

August 08, 2024 @ 03:40pm

Please hear the community and approve the permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on September 5.

Dear Stephen Benson,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you not only have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities, but you can set a much-needed example that our local government authorities can take the tangible steps needed to make daily life easier for residents.

Please approve BATA's permit application on September 5!

Our community has long suffered from the inaccessibility of the third lane, which significantly affects daily life. The upcoming opportunity to approve the permit to be submitted by BATA about enacting changes to the bridge presents a critical opportunity to revisit this plan and comprehensively address the extensive traffic issues affecting bridge commuters.

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Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor dedicating the third lane to carpools and transit during peak morning hours, which highlights the community's strong preference for practical transportation solutions that reflect our needs.

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Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue.

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From: [William J. Gossy](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:50:15 AM

August 08, 2024 @ 03:40pm

Dear Commissioner: Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to reopen the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The persistent traffic congestion on this bridge, a vital artery for daily commuters, has significantly impacted our community. I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge at the BCDC meeting on September 5. We are counting on you, as one of the public officials who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our transit woes.

Daily, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge, severely affecting the quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely Black and Brown people of color - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

It is important to note that the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge is underused, serving only a small number of cyclists compared to the overwhelming majority who commute by car. Around 80,000 car trips are made across the bridge daily, and these individuals desperately need a more efficient route.

By moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane to car traffic during the work week, and allow for the emergency shoulder to serve its purpose for accidents, we can significantly alleviate traffic congestion and demonstrate a commitment to solving one of our community's most pressing issues. This action would resonate well beyond our local area, setting a positive example for other regions struggling with similar challenges.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives and restore confidence in our local government's ability to provide sensible and responsive solutions.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue on September 5!

Sincerely,
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From: [Laura Freeman](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Please approve the BATA permit ASAP!
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 8:48:40 AM

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September 26, 2024 @ 03:44pm

Thank you for listening about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Please approve the BATA permit ASAP!

Dear Commissioner Belia Ramos,

I am a concerned resident advocating for the reopening of the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for hearing our voices on this issue.

This is a pressing problem that has directly harmed our community for years. I hope that you, as a BCDC commissioner, are making it an urgent priority to approve the permit that will be submitted by the Bay Area Toll Authority to enact the very necessary changes to the Bridge that commuters have been waiting for for years. It's past time we close the bike lane during commuting hours and restore the emergency shoulder to prevent further delays caused by accidents.

The closure of the third lane has disproportionately impacted the East Bay's marginalized and frontline communities, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 80-250 bikers use the bike lane daily on the westbound portion of the bridge, whereas 80,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives. These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities.

Thank you again for your attention to this urgent matter. While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening a third lane for carpools and transit on the upper deck of the bridge during the morning commute!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership. Your leadership and action on this issue will be greatly appreciated by me, my fellow supporters, and all of the residents and commuters affected by the current status of the bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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From: [Jack Fritz](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:48:10 AM

[External Email - Use Caution]

October 14, 2024 @ 09:25pm

Dear Commissioner: Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

Dear Commissioner Belia Ramos,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to reopen the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The persistent traffic congestion on this bridge, a vital artery for daily commuters, has significantly impacted our community. I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge at BCDC. We are counting on you, as one of the public officials who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our transit woes.

Daily, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge, severely affecting the quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely Black and Brown people of color - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact. 63% of the car commuters are people of color, and 60% make less than the median income for the Bay Area.

It is important to note that the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge is underused, serving only a small number of cyclists compared to the overwhelming majority who commute by car. Around 80,000 car trips are made across the bridge daily, and these individuals desperately need a more efficient route.

By moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane to car traffic during the work week, and allow for the emergency shoulder to serve its purpose for accidents, we can significantly alleviate traffic congestion and demonstrate a commitment to solving one of our community's most pressing issues. This action would resonate well beyond our local area, setting a positive example for other regions struggling with similar challenges.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives and restore confidence in our local government's ability to provide sensible and responsive solutions. You also have the chance to improve the lives of thousands of daily commuters.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue.

P.S. I just found out only two lanes are open for the direction that serves 79% of the traffic? That in itself speaks volumes of the inequity taking place. The Marinians will be alright, make my commute normal again!

Sincerely,

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From: [dee kay](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: This process has gone on long enough, Commissioner. Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 2:29:30 PM

[External Email - Use Caution]

January 16, 2025 @ 10:28pm

This process has gone on long enough, Commissioner. Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Commissioner Belia Ramos,

I am a concerned resident advocating for the reopening of the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for hearing our voices on this issue.

The lack of a third lane or emergency shoulder on the bridge is a problem that has directly harmed our community for years. I hope that you, as a BCDC commissioner, are making it an urgent priority to approve the permit that will enact the very necessary changes to the Bridge that commuters coming from the Richmond side have been waiting for for years. It's time to close the bike lane during commuting hours and restore the emergency shoulder to prevent further delays caused by accidents.

The closure of the third lane has disproportionately impacted the East Bay's marginalized and frontline communities, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 80-250 bikers use the bike lane daily on the westbound portion of the bridge, whereas 80,000 trips are made daily by car. 63% of the car commuters are people of color, and 60% make less than the median income for the Bay Area. The commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives. These workers and their families are already dealing with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities. The review process for implementing these changes to the bridge has gone on too long. We must have government agencies and a transportation plan that is responsive to the needs of our community. This is your chance to make an impact.

Thank you again for your attention to this urgent matter. While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening a third lane for carpools and transit on the upper deck of the bridge during the morning commute!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership. Your leadership and action on this issue will be greatly appreciated by me, my fellow supporters,

and all of the residents and commuters affected by the current status of the bridge.

Sincerely,

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From: [antoine abizeid](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Please approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 9:05:29 PM

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February 22, 2025 @ 05:04am

Please approve BATA's permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Thank you for listening!

Dear Commissioner Belia Ramos,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to reopen the third lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

The persistent traffic congestion on this bridge, a vital artery for daily commuters, has significantly impacted our community. With the Bay Area Toll Authority set to submit a permit application for more permanent changes to the Bridge in the coming month, I urge you to support this plan and advocate for comprehensive solutions to our traffic issues.

Daily, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge, severely affecting quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely Black and Brown people of color - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

It is important to note that the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge is underused, serving only a small number of cyclists compared to the overwhelming majority who commute by car. Around 80,000 car trips are made across the bridge daily, and these individuals desperately need a more efficient route.

By moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane to car traffic during the work week, and allow for the emergency shoulder to serve its purpose for accidents, we can significantly alleviate traffic congestion and demonstrate a commitment to solving one of our community's most pressing issues. This action would resonate well beyond our local area, setting a positive example for other regions struggling with similar challenges.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives and restore confidence in our local government's ability to provide sensible and responsive solutions.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue.

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From: [Janet Aguilera](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:25:11 PM

February 22, 2025 @ 12:24am

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays, and restore the emergency shoulder.

Please take decisive action to approve this permit application at the BCDC meeting on March 20!

This potential change presents a critical opportunity to address a major inequity. Traffic congestion has become more than a nuisance; it has a major negative impact on quality of life for the commuters - of whom more than two-thirds are from households making less than \$75K per year - who are forced to navigate the increasingly lengthy bridge commute.

These workers are already facing the stress of increased costs of living and fewer residential options, with the Bridge serving as their only option for their daily commute.

While only 21 cyclists use the westbound bike lane during morning commuting hours, an overwhelming 40,000 vehicle trips are made. This imbalance highlights the urgent need for a solution that better serves most bridge users.

Reopening the third lane would alleviate congestion and reduce the daily stress on thousands of commuters. This change is supported by 80% of Richmond voters, who favor practical solutions that enhance commute efficiency and public health.

Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

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From: [Joan Bonnar](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:19:40 PM

February 22, 2025 @ 12:19am

Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Stephen Benson,

Please support the unanimous decision by MTC to share the bridge and remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays, Monday through mid-day Thursday, to alleviate traffic congestion and safety risks for commuters and working people! Our community has been stressing the urgent need to make this change for years. Now is the time for BCDC to act - please vote to support this common sense move to balance the needs of thousands of working people and a handful of bicyclists. on March 20!

The implementation of the bike lane has disproportionately impacted commuters from the East Bay, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 21 bikers use the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge during the morning commute, whereas 40,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives.

This data shows that this is a clear equity issue. Over 82% of bridge commuters have a household income less than \$100K, and more than two-thirds make less than \$75k. These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit amendment would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities.

While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening the third lane!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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From: [Luis Rodr](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:20:41 PM

February 22, 2025 @ 12:20am

Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!

Dear Stephen Benson,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays.

Please vote on March 20 to reopen the bike lane during weekdays to alleviate the persistent traffic congestion that has negatively affected quality of life for tens of thousands of daily commuters.

I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge. We are counting on you, as one of the BCDC commissioners who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our traffic woes.

On average, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge daily, severely affecting the quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely middle and working class people - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

The median commuter has a household income of less than \$75K per year, and spends more than an hour commuting to work.

While only 21 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane during peak hours, car trips exceed 40,000 daily. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue on March 20!

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From: [Tony Mendicino](#)
To: [Benson, Stephen](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025 4:20:37 PM

February 22, 2025 @ 12:20am

Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

Dear Stephen Benson,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities.

Please approve the permit amendment to remove the bike lane on the bridge Mondays-Thursdays to help alleviate bridge traffic at the upcoming March 20 vote!

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge daily to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

The median commuter has a household income of less than \$75K per year, and spends more than an hour commuting to work.

While only 21 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane during week day morning peak hours, car trips exceed 40,000 each morning. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane for a breakdown lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor removing the bike lane during peak morning commute hours.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [Carol Pierman](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:20:43 AM

February 22, 2025 @ 04:20pm

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays, and restore the emergency shoulder.

Please take decisive action to approve this permit application at the BCDC meeting on March 20!

This potential change presents a critical opportunity to address a major inequity. Traffic congestion has become more than a nuisance; it has a major negative impact on quality of life for the commuters - of whom more than two-thirds are from households making less than \$75K per year - who are forced to navigate the increasingly lengthy bridge commute.

These workers are already facing the stress of increased costs of living and fewer residential options, with the Bridge serving as their only option for their daily commute.

While only 21 cyclists use the westbound bike lane during morning commuting hours, an overwhelming 40,000 vehicle trips are made. This imbalance highlights the urgent need for a solution that better serves most bridge users.

Reopening the third lane would alleviate congestion and reduce the daily stress on thousands of commuters. This change is supported by 80% of Richmond voters, who favor practical solutions that enhance commute efficiency and public health.

Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

Sincerely,
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From: [Marguerite Sgrillo](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:46:55 AM

February 22, 2025 @ 05:46pm

Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

Please support the unanimous decision by MTC to share the bridge and remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays, Monday through mid-day Thursday, to alleviate traffic congestion and safety risks for commuters and working people! Our community has been stressing the urgent need to make this change for years. Now is the time for BCDC to act - please vote to support this common sense move to balance the needs of thousands of working people and a handful of bicyclists. on March 20!

The implementation of the bike lane has disproportionately impacted commuters from the East Bay, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 21 bikers use the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge during the morning commute, whereas 40,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives.

This data shows that this is a clear equity issue. Over 82% of bridge commuters have a household income less than \$100K, and more than two-thirds make less than \$75k. These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit amendment would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities.

While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening the third lane!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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From: [Robert Goff](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:27:08 AM

February 22, 2025 @ 04:26pm

Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities.

Please approve the permit amendment to remove the bike lane on the bridge Mondays-Thursdays to help alleviate bridge traffic at the upcoming March 20 vote!

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge daily to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

The median commuter has a household income of less than \$75K per year, and spends more than an hour commuting to work.

While only 21 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane during week day morning peak hours, car trips exceed 40,000 each morning. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane for a breakdown lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor removing the bike lane during peak morning commute hours.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [Rosa Casazza](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:38:32 AM

February 22, 2025 @ 05:38pm

Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays.

Please vote on March 20 to reopen the bike lane during weekdays to alleviate the persistent traffic congestion that has negatively affected quality of life for tens of thousands of daily commuters.

I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge. We are counting on you, as one of the BCDC commissioners who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our traffic woes.

On average, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge daily, severely affecting the quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely middle and working class people - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

The median commuter has a household income of less than \$75K per year, and spends more than an hour commuting to work.

While only 21 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane during peak hours, car trips exceed 40,000 daily. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue on March 20!

Sincerely,
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From: [Lynn Husbands](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 2:03:38 PM

February 24, 2025 @ 05:35am

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to FRIDAY, and restore the emergency shoulder.

Please take decisive action to approve this permit application at the BCDC meeting on March 20!

This potential change presents a critical opportunity to address a major inequity. Traffic congestion has become more than a nuisance; it has a major negative impact on quality of life for the commuters - of whom more than two-thirds are from households making less than \$75K per year - who are forced to navigate the increasingly lengthy bridge commute.

These workers are already facing the stress of increased costs of living and fewer residential options, with the Bridge serving as their only option for their daily commute.

While only 21 cyclists use the westbound bike lane during morning commuting hours, an overwhelming 40,000 vehicle trips are made. This imbalance highlights the urgent need for a solution that better serves most bridge users.

Reopening the third lane would alleviate congestion and reduce the daily stress on thousands of commuters. This change is supported by 80% of Richmond voters, who favor practical solutions that enhance commute efficiency and public health.

Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

Sincerely,
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From: [Esme Sanchez](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:53:57 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 02:53am

Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

Please support the unanimous decision by MTC to share the bridge and remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays, Monday through mid-day Thursday, to alleviate traffic congestion and safety risks for commuters and working people! Our community has been stressing the urgent need to make this change for years. Now is the time for BCDC to act - please vote to support this common sense move to balance the needs of thousands of working people and a handful of bicyclists. on March 20!

The implementation of the bike lane has disproportionately impacted commuters from the East Bay, and it's why I'm one of thousands calling for change. As you know, on average, only 21 bikers use the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge during the morning commute, whereas 40,000 trips are made daily by car. These car commuters have no other alternative to get to and from work each day, and due to the traffic on the bridge, they're forced to navigate increasingly long commute times that cause further strain on their lives.

This data shows that this is a clear equity issue. Over 82% of bridge commuters have a household income less than \$100K, and more than two-thirds make less than \$75k. These workers and their families are already struggling with the rising costs of living and increasingly fewer residential options. They shouldn't also have to navigate onerous travel times and additional neighborhood traffic, all in the name of a few daily cyclists.

We urgently need to address this issue. Approving the permit amendment would not only offer a strong start to permanently resolving the inequities of the traffic issue on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, but also offer an example to the rest of the Bay Area and the state that our government agencies have the capacity to address some of the biggest challenges facing our communities.

While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening the third lane!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Mala Mahlebashian](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 2:05:25 PM

February 22, 2025 @ 07:11pm

Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays.

Please vote on March 20 to reopen the bike lane during weekdays to alleviate the persistent traffic congestion that has negatively affected quality of life for tens of thousands of daily commuters.

I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge. We are counting on you, as one of the BCDC commissioners who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our traffic woes.

On average, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge daily, severely affecting the quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely middle and working class people - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

The median commuter has a household income of less than \$75K per year, and spends more than an hour commuting to work.

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Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions. All 3 lanes should be opened back up to traffic as it was to stop congestion and for safety reasons.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue on March 20!

Sincerely,
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From: [Margaret Keelan](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:39:03 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 02:38am

Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays.

Please vote on March 20 to reopen the bike lane during weekdays to alleviate the persistent traffic congestion that has negatively affected quality of life for tens of thousands of daily commuters.

I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge. We are counting on you, as one of the BCDC commissioners who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our traffic woes.

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From: [Omar Rascon](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:46:03 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 02:45am

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Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

Sincerely,
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From: [Omar Rascon](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:44:42 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 02:44am

Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

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As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities.

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Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor removing the bike lane during peak morning commute hours.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [Alexis Lares](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:46:46 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 08:46pm

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From: [Ludmyrna Lopez](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:05:47 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 08:05pm

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From: [Patricia Pigman](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:04:22 AM

February 26, 2025 @ 07:03pm

Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

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You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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From: [ROBERT LEE](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:43:18 PM

February 26, 2025 @ 08:43pm

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

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Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

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From: [Andrew Day](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 9:56:53 AM

February 27, 2025 @ 05:56pm

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From: [Connie Parsons](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 1:36:45 PM

February 27, 2025 @ 07:03pm

Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

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While it is clear that there are loud voices in opposition to this proposal, please remember that the vast majority of Richmond residents support it: Eighty percent (80%) of Richmond voters support opening the third lane!

You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Craig McGree](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 8:26:46 AM

February 27, 2025 @ 04:26pm

Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

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Please approve the permit amendment to remove the bike lane on the bridge Mondays-Thursdays to help alleviate bridge traffic at the upcoming March 20 vote!

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Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane for a breakdown lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor removing the bike lane during peak morning commute hours.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [James Cook](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Please hear the community and approve the permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on September 5.
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 11:42:59 PM

February 28, 2025 @ 05:13am

Please hear the community and approve the permit application for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge on September 5.

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you not only have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities, but you can set a much-needed example that our local government authorities can take the tangible steps needed to make daily life easier for residents.

Please approve BATA's permit application ASAP!

Our community has long suffered from the inaccessibility of the third lane, which significantly affects daily life. The upcoming opportunity to approve the permit to be submitted by BATA about enacting changes to the bridge presents a critical opportunity to revisit this plan and comprehensively address the extensive traffic issues affecting bridge commuters.

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge daily to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market. 63% of the car commuters are people of color, and 60% make less than the median income for the Bay Area.

While only 80-250 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane daily, car trips exceed 80,000. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Nearly 80% of voters favor dedicating the third lane to carpools and transit during peak morning hours, which highlights the community's strong preference for practical transportation solutions that reflect our needs.

Your decisive action can significantly enhance community trust and well-being, showing that practical, equitable solutions to our problems are possible. We trust in your leadership to make the right decision to restore efficiency and equity to our transportation system.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. It is crucial that we resolve this issue as soon as possible to improve the lives of thousands of daily commuters.

Sincerely,
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From: [Karen Alvarado](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 9:26:55 AM

February 27, 2025 @ 05:26pm

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Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue on March 20!

Sincerely,
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From: [Kathleen Clancy](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 8:18:41 AM

February 27, 2025 @ 04:18pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Richard Sintchak](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 12:20:25 PM

February 27, 2025 @ 06:46pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Rong Xu](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 12:09:12 AM

February 27, 2025 @ 08:08am

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [William Meredith](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 8:08:48 AM

February 27, 2025 @ 04:08pm

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From: [Gustavo Spremich](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 5:45:16 PM

March 01, 2025 @ 01:44am

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Jay Coffey](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 5:39:21 PM

March 01, 2025 @ 01:39am

Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

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Sincerely,
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From: [Jidel Lopez](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 6:12:47 PM

March 01, 2025 @ 02:12am

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From: [Maria Flores](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 5:52:58 PM

March 01, 2025 @ 01:52am

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From: [Christian Talavera](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 7:34:18 AM

March 01, 2025 @ 03:33pm

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From: [Erika Medina](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 6:04:36 PM

March 02, 2025 @ 02:04am

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From: [Jesus Ramos](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 9:42:34 AM

March 01, 2025 @ 05:41pm

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From: [Karen Karen](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 8:00:20 AM

March 01, 2025 @ 04:00pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Richard Smith](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 9:45:57 AM

March 01, 2025 @ 05:45pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Harold Maneth](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 8:45:58 AM

March 02, 2025 @ 04:45pm

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From: [Hilario Marquez](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 7:25:01 PM

March 03, 2025 @ 03:24am

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Sincerely,
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From: [Jesus Lopez](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 8:39:04 AM

March 02, 2025 @ 04:38pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Nedisa Ochoa](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 5:09:07 PM

March 03, 2025 @ 01:08am

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From: [Samantha Davidson](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 6:13:29 AM

March 02, 2025 @ 02:12pm

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From: [Adam Balcerek](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 2:42:20 PM

March 03, 2025 @ 10:41pm

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From: [Nazir Cooper](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 3:28:36 PM

March 03, 2025 @ 11:26pm

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From: [Nico Mendoza](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:15:44 AM

March 02, 2025 @ 12:56am

Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

Please support the unanimous decision by MTC to share the bridge and remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays, Monday through mid-day Thursday, to alleviate traffic congestion and safety risks for commuters and working people! Our community has been stressing the urgent need to make this change for years. Now is the time for BCDC to act - please vote to support this common sense move to balance the needs of thousands of working people and a handful of bicyclists on March 20!

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You have the power to make an essential common sense decision that will go a long way towards addressing inequity in the community and restoring faith in our local leadership.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Tony Abizeid](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Monday, March 3, 2025 12:30:11 PM

March 03, 2025 @ 08:29pm

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

Dear Mayor Marie Gilmore,

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Sincerely,
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From: [Chris Bravo](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 5:54:35 PM

March 04, 2025 @ 04:03pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Frederico Alves](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 6:45:56 PM

March 04, 2025 @ 05:14pm

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Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue on March 20!

Sincerely,
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From: [Jose Leon](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:39:49 AM

March 04, 2025 @ 05:54am

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

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Sincerely,
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From: [Mary Mary Helmrich](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:57:33 AM

March 04, 2025 @ 04:10am

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Sincerely,
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From: [Robert Payne](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 4:08:44 PM

March 04, 2025 @ 02:28pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Sandra Howard](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:27:48 PM

March 04, 2025 @ 06:45pm

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Stefanne Medeiros](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 10:22:18 AM

March 04, 2025 @ 05:33am

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Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor removing the bike lane during peak morning commute hours.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [Steven Khuong](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 11:15:21 AM

March 04, 2025 @ 07:01am

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Vincent Cristales](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 7:40:09 PM

March 04, 2025 @ 05:50pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Hector Castro](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 12:03:22 PM

March 05, 2025 @ 08:02pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Jaqueline Esteban](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 1:56:30 PM

March 05, 2025 @ 09:56pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Jerem Cruz](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 11:24:50 AM

March 05, 2025 @ 06:45pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Maryan Waqa](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 2:26:42 PM

March 05, 2025 @ 10:26pm

Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!

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Sincerely,
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From: [Nick Howell](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 11:54:46 AM

March 05, 2025 @ 07:53pm

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From: [Zoltan Mandoki](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8:03:08 AM

March 05, 2025 @ 09:37am

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Andrew Hamill](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:43:09 PM

March 07, 2025 @ 04:42am

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

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Sincerely,
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From: [Dina Garcia](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:43:14 PM

March 07, 2025 @ 04:42am

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Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [Elsa Mata-Powell](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 9:39:34 AM

March 06, 2025 @ 05:38pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Erik MOnterroso](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 6:11:02 PM

March 07, 2025 @ 02:10am

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From: [Heather Ellis](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 9:56:48 AM

March 06, 2025 @ 05:56pm

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From: [Kimmy Moran](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 7:36:45 PM

March 07, 2025 @ 03:36am

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Sincerely,
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From: [Maria Alvarado](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 9:51:45 AM

March 06, 2025 @ 05:51pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Robert Knight](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 9:38:13 AM

March 06, 2025 @ 05:37pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Anna Griffin](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 8:16:52 PM

March 08, 2025 @ 04:16am

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Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

Sincerely,
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From: [Brittany Ross](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 1:15:13 PM

March 07, 2025 @ 09:14pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Marty Wolf](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 10:56:27 AM

March 07, 2025 @ 06:56pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Mort Pimsler](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 1:48:42 PM

March 07, 2025 @ 09:48pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Paul Fordham](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 10:10:03 AM

March 07, 2025 @ 06:09pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Alonna Jackson](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 3:34:42 PM

March 08, 2025 @ 11:34pm

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From: [Angela Hinckley](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 8:09:46 AM

March 08, 2025 @ 04:09pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Clint Fuhrman](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 8:55:22 PM

March 09, 2025 @ 04:54am

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Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays on March 20.

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From: [Danielle Tocher](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:05:24 AM

March 08, 2025 @ 05:04pm

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From: [Juventino Crisostomo](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 10:00:47 AM

March 08, 2025 @ 06:00pm

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From: [Ola Bailey](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 9:15:01 AM

March 08, 2025 @ 05:14pm

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From: [Catherine Reeves](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:25:50 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 04:25am

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From: [Eliezer Galindo](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:12:11 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 04:11am

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From: [Francisco Moreno](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 4:27:03 PM

March 09, 2025 @ 11:26pm

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From: [Jessica King](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 4:14:09 PM

March 09, 2025 @ 11:13pm

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From: [Lilliana Pena](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 5:44:21 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 12:43am

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From: [Linda Varonin](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 3:49:44 PM

March 09, 2025 @ 10:49pm

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From: [Mervyn Regan](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:07:05 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 04:06am

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From: [Scott Lewis](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 3:57:06 PM

March 09, 2025 @ 10:56pm

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From: [Zoe Elkins](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 2:45:50 PM

March 09, 2025 @ 09:45pm

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Sincerely,
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From: [Carlos Perez](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:05:01 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 11:03pm

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From: [Darren Mendelsohn](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 2:22:46 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 09:20pm

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From: [Herbertt Brosbe](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 1:08:21 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 08:06pm

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From: [Josue Camacho](#)
To: [Marie Gilmore](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:15:28 PM

March 10, 2025 @ 11:14pm

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Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: Stacey Brazil <team@speak4.co>

To: Commissioner Pat Eklund <peklund@novato.org>

Date: 03/10/2025 11:45 PM PDT

Subject: [External] Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

March 11, 2025 @ 06:43am

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Sincerely,
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From: Diane Dulmage <team@speak4.co>

Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:48 PM

To: Gunther, Andrew@Waterboards <Andrew.Gunther@Waterboards.ca.gov>

Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

March 11, 2025 @ 10:45pm

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From: Jackie Leventhal <team@speak4.co>

Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:16 AM

To: Sean Randolph <sean@bayareacouncil.org>

Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!

March 11, 2025 @ 04:00pm

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jackie Leventhal](#)
To: [Tommy Williams](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:16:57 AM

March 11, 2025 @ 04:00pm

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From: [Jackie Leventhal](#)
To: Ambuehl, David@DOT
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:16:27 AM

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To: Gunther, Andrew@Waterboards <Andrew.Gunther@Waterboards.ca.gov>
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now! use the Phish Alert Button.

March 11, 2025 @ 07:43pm

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To: Sean Randolph <sean@bayareacouncil.org>
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

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From: Joel Eisenberg <team@speak4.co>
Date: March 11, 2025 at 12:45:15 PM PDT
To: "Addiego, Mark" <Mark.Addiego@ssf.net>
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

March 11, 2025 @ 07:43pm

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On 03/11/2025 7:02 AM PDT Judy Kerr <team@speak4.co> wrote:

March 11, 2025 @ 02:00pm

Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!

Dear Commissioner Pat Eklund,

I am reaching out as a concerned member of our community to show my support to close the bike lane on the westbound portion of the bridge from Mondays to Thursdays, and restore the emergency shoulder.

Please take decisive action to approve this permit application at the BCDC meeting on March 20!

This potential change presents a critical opportunity to address a major inequity. Traffic congestion has become more than a nuisance; it has a major negative impact on quality of life for the commuters - of whom more than two-thirds are from households making less than \$75K per year - who are forced to navigate the increasingly lengthy bridge commute.

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Your support for this proposal can drive significant positive change, demonstrating effective leadership and responsiveness to community needs. We count on your commitment to making decisions that prioritize well-being and equity in our transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this urgent appeal. Your action is crucial for our community's future.

Sincerely,
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From: Stacy Poe <team@speak4.co>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 6:59 AM
To: Sean Randolph <sean@bayareacouncil.org>
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

March 12, 2025 @ 01:57pm

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From: [Ahmed Riaz](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 10:48:00 PM

[External Email - Use Caution]

March 18, 2025 @ 05:46am

Commissioner, you can make a big difference with my morning commute!

Dear Commissioner Belia Ramos,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the urgent need to remove the bike lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge during weekdays.

Please vote to reopen the bike lane during weekdays to alleviate the persistent traffic congestion that has negatively affected quality of life for tens of thousands of daily commuters.

I urge you to support the plan to close the bike lane during the week and restore the emergency shoulder on the Bridge. We are counting on you, as one of the BCDC commissioners who will make this decision, to take decisive action and help bring about a comprehensive solution to our traffic woes.

On average, tens of thousands of vehicles are bottlenecked on the bridge daily, severely affecting the quality of life for people in nearby communities. Our local communities - largely middle and working class people - are bearing the brunt of the traffic impact.

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Please remember that an overwhelming 80% of Richmond voters support this initiative, clearly showing public support for practical, effective transportation solutions.

Your leadership can significantly improve our daily lives.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to resolving this critical issue!

Sincerely,
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From: [Alenie Olasiman](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Commissioner, East Bay working class commuters are counting on you!
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 10:47:54 PM

[External Email - Use Caution]

March 18, 2025 @ 05:46am

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Sincerely,
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From: [URSULA CALDERON URSULA CALDERON](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Support Commuters! Support Working People! Please act now to fix the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge!
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 6:26:45 PM

[External Email - Use Caution]

March 18, 2025 @ 01:25am

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From: [domine hill](#)
To: [Belia Ramos](#)
Subject: Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 12:15:06 AM

[External Email - Use Caution]

March 18, 2025 @ 07:12am

Dear Commissioner: The traffic on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is hurting our communities. Please act now!

Dear Commissioner Belia Ramos,

As a resident deeply concerned with our community's well-being, I appreciate your attention to finding solutions for the grave traffic issues on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. As a BCDC commissioner, you have the opportunity to address one of the Bay Area's worst transportation inequities.

Please approve the permit amendment to remove the bike lane on the bridge Mondays-Thursdays to help alleviate bridge traffic!

Traffic congestion disrupts daily lives, disproportionately affecting the working class people who must commute across the bridge daily to combat rising costs of living and an increasingly strained housing market.

The median commuter has a household income of less than \$75K per year, and spends more than an hour commuting to work.

While only 21 cyclists utilize the westbound bike lane during week day morning peak hours, car trips exceed 40,000 each morning. Most of these commuters have no alternative routes, enduring long travel times that exacerbate their daily stress and reduce their overall quality of life.

Given these conditions, your support in moving forward with the proposal to reopen the third lane for a breakdown lane would alleviate the immediate transportation inequities and set a precedent for addressing significant community challenges across the Bay Area and beyond.

Thank you for considering the voices of the vast majority of Richmond residents who support this change. Nearly 80% of voters favor removing the bike lane during peak morning commute hours.

Thank you for your dedicated service and attention to this pressing issue. Please vote to remove the bike lane during weekdays.

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