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The Honorable Jake Mackenzie, Chair
Bay Area Toll Authority
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Chair Mackenzie:

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) requests that the Bay Area Toll Authority explore implementing a traffic lane on the westbound upper deck of the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. While TAM recognizes the bike/pedestrian path is an important link in the Bay Trail system, TAM requests that consideration be given to the flexible use of the shoulder area. We believe the moveable barrier system on the upper deck could allow a variable use of the shoulder area – for vehicular traffic during the peak commute and for bicyclists at other times. The TAM Board authorized this request at their meeting of January 25.

TAM requests that data be gathered and thoroughly assessed for bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular usage in considering a solution. We recognize that lane configurations, toll plaza constraints, traffic impacts on both sides of the bridge, and safety considerations will need to be evaluated in crafting the best solution. Consideration should be given towards implementing joint use at the start of operations.

While there have been discussions in the past regarding this joint system of traffic management and bike/pedestrian access on the upper deck shoulder area, any final package of improvements should also consider the inclusion of joint operation of the lower deck shoulder area.

We will continue to work with the partners who have successfully delivered the lower deck third lane and the upper deck bike/pedestrian pathway, to make this upper deck project a reality. We appreciate the work that has been done to date to address our multimodal needs along with traffic congestion in Marin.

Thank you and I look forward to continued cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Chair