



S. F. Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, 26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111

February 5, 2009

re: BCDC - Richmond San Rafael Bridge Access Item

Dear San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commissioners:

A group of interested Richmond citizens has formed the Richmond Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC) to seek safe and connected multi-modal routes in our city. Our slogan is "For a bikeable, walkable Richmond."

In furtherance of our goals, RBPAC has submitted an application for MTC TDA funding to develop a Master Bike Plan in Richmond. The Plan will show important links between many routes including the crucial Bay Trail connection across the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. In addition, our "Bikes? Yes!" subcommittee invites you to visit our brand new website www.bikesYES.org which is devoted to RSR Bridge access.

We are concerned about the lack of progress on bicycle access issues under Cal Trans' stewardship. It is especially frustrating to Richmonders that it has taken deathly tragedy along the I-580 designated bike route to open discussion about taking measures to increase the safety of bicyclists such as erecting barriers, creating effective signage and re-routing fastpass access lanes.

We ask that Cal Trans honor its commitment to construct public bike access over the Richmond SR bridge in accordance with the recommendations of the BCDC, the Lieutenant Governor, MTC and many of our State and local elected leaders. The RBPAC joins other groups in asking BCDC to seek a favorable response from Cal Trans in order to create safe access across the RSR Bridge.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Harris, acting chair
Richmond Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee