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Subject:

Bike East Bay comments on Agenda Item 6A today's TVTC meeting

Lisa

Can you please share with TVTC Board in advance of today's 4pm meeting, thank you:

Dear TVTC:

Bike East Bay has worked with all of your cities and agencies over the years to improve mobility for everyone, people who take transit, walk, bike and drive. We worked with you and the 14 jurisdictions in Alameda County to secure voter support for Measure BB, now fully operational and bringing in over \$250 million/year for needed transportation improvements. We have twice worked with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority in two attempts to secure voter support for a new Measure J, and we will continue these efforts in 2024 to bring in needed dollars to increase transit reliability and frequency and get more people walking and bicycling in Contra Costa. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with all of your agencies on these efforts.

Which is why this draft strategic plan is so frustrating. Several projects in this draft strategic plan are transportation sales tax funded projects too, which is why your strategic plan needs to be strategic, and forward looking, as our sales tax efforts have been. Both sales tax measures made a serious commitment to fund better transit options, and do so in the near term. Your draft strategic plan does little to nothing for near term transit and it needs to do so. We are asking that you fully fund Project A-11: Express Bus/Rapid Bus Phase 2 at \$18million. You can do this readily by using updated housing projections rather than the already outdated housing projections of your Nexus Study. Here is our letter of December 21, 2021 detailing more of our concerns.

We are also asking that you revise how this process works before the next 5-year update. Projects should not be scored by the cities proposing their projects—independent scoring is needed. And the process needs to be transparent—not behind-closed-doors negotiations and dealings, which is no way to build voter trust going forward. You are seemingly deliberately keeping voters unaware of this program. When it comes time to ask voters for their continued support, we will have that much more work to do because no one knows about the TVTC. All our members know is that your process is wrong. It's time for strong transparent leadership.

Please revise this plan.

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