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March 9, 2018

Board of Commissioners  
Transportation Authority of Marin  
900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100  
San Rafael, CA 94901

Re: Third West Bound Lane on Richmond-San Rafael Bridge

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Marin Association of Public Employees (MAPE). MAPE is the union that represents the majority of Marin County employees. Approximately one half of the workers we represent do not live in Marin County. Many cannot afford to live in the County because of the high cost of housing.

A significant number of our members commute to work every day across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The unbearable traffic on the bridge is a daily reality for our members who must drive across the bridge.

The MAPE Executive Board, which is comprised of union members elected by their fellow members, voted at its February 2018 meeting to support the proposal made by Marin County Supervisors Damon Connolly and Judy Arnold that a third westbound lane on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge be created for vehicular traffic during the morning rush hour. We urge you support this proposal.

Though adding a third auto lane for the evening east bound commute will make life easier at the end of the day for our members and others who have to commute to the East Bay, it will do nothing to alleviate the morning commute for commuters including our members who have to endure the commute every day. Adding a west bound rush hour lane will provide some relief to our members who must commute from the East Bay.

We look forward working with you to make this plan a reality.

**Marin Association Of Public Employees (MAPE)**  
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Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roland M. Katz', is written over the typed name and title.

Roland M. Katz  
Executive Director

c: MAPE Executive Board  
Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Public Press