

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** ERIN aradi <[redacted]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

ERIN aradi

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I am so excited to ride my bike over the Richmond San Rafael bridge but the lack of a safe route to get there will prevent me from using it without having to drive and park somewhere first. With the current set up, it's inevitable that there will be cyclists hit and killed by cars driving at high speeds. Please support the construction of a barrier protected two way bike lane on the flyover 580 onto Sir Francis Drake so that all level of cyclists will feel safe and cyclists deaths will be reduced.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Dan Bell [dan.martin.bell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:56 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Dan Bell

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

I believe the new Richmond Bridge bike path, which was constructed at a substantial expense, would be used by many more Marin residents if this important (and safe) connection were provided. This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Bilkis Bharucha [bilkis.bharucha@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:35 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Bilkis Bharucha

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Sausalito

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

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I have personally biked this route multiple times, and found the intersection to be a challenge to navigate on a bicycle. Making the junction near SFD Avenue safer and more streamlined for riderS will be of tremendous benefit for cyclists (and also cars, for safer navigation) and possibly motivate new riders in the area. I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Erika Bruno [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 2:12 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Erika Bruno

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Oakland

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

To whom it may concern:

I live in the East Bay and work on Sir Francis Drake in Marin next to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. I am working on figuring out the best way to commute to work via bicycle and tested out the route on Monday, 18 Nov. 2019. The access point exiting the Richmond Bridge and getting onto Sir Francis Drake is extremely insecure and not protected at all whatsoever. Cars are exiting the freeway quite quickly as they work their way towards trying to further enter Larkspur or zip onto HWY 101.

There is also not a solid protected linkup once you exit the off-ramp and try to connect to the currently existing bike path that goes along the shoreline. The shoulder starts to

become narrow before the crosswalk at the first light after exiting which makes me feel quite wary. To connect to the existing bike path, which is on the opposite side of the road, I had to cut across city traffic in a non-ideal manner.

There are many folks who are excited about commuting over the Richmond Bridge into areas such as Larkspur and San Rafael aside from riding over for pleasure. Regarding Sir Francis Drake, I feel like installing painted buffers would be wise as well as installing clearer and more abundant signage. In general, if we make all of the link-ups safer, it will encourage people to use their cars less and avoid the risk of having riders hit by cars.

Best,

Erika Bruno

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Terry Bunton [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:58 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Terry Bunton

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Mill valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners, I along with hundreds of cyclists and a few hikers I crossed the RSR bridge on Saturday to celebrate its opening. Upon returning to Marin I used the recommended 580/Francis Drake flyover to get to Anderson Drive, this is a disaster waiting to happen, as you must share the road on this flyover with very moving fast traffic that is leaving 580 west bound onto Francis Drake. This is on a left curving uphill bend and is very UN-nerving. The only protection is worn "White Paint" on the road. A solid barrier is urgently needed, or at least for the immediate future some white reflective posts epoxied to roadway to better define the bike path. While these would do absolutely nothing to prevent serious injury, it would serve as a guide to high speed vehicular traffic that doesn't expect bicycles to suddenly appear on the side of the roadway. Respectfully,  
Terry Bunton.

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Shawn Burrell <shawnburrell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 6:15 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Full Name**

Shawn Burrell

**E-mail**

[Redacted]

**City/Town:**

Petaluma

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

As of this moment, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of



this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled traffic.

Thank you for your time!

Sent from MCBC

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Tiff Chang <tiffanychangdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Tiff Chang

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Please build protected bike lanes leading up to the new bridge path. This is best for both drivers and bikers. We spent all this time on building bridge infrastructure and now we need the infrastructure that actually makes it useful. Don't let anyone die because you didn't build this protected bike way. Please build protected bike ways all over Marin and build out BART while you're at it. Not only the rich should be able to live in Marin. Plus as a driver how scary would it be to drive 45mph knowing you might hit a biker.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Dan Ciccarone [mailto:[daniel.ciccarone@ucsf.edu](mailto:daniel.ciccarone@ucsf.edu)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:40 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Dan Ciccarone

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners, The new bike pathway on the Richmond San Rafael bridge will be well used. We need a more protected pathway to get to and from the bridge on the Marin side. Pls help us with a protected pathway on Andersen Ave.

thanks.

Dan Ciccarone

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Erik Clyman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:42 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Full Name**

Erik Clyman

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Novato

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

hey! I love bicycling and I'm originally from Berkeley but now I live in Novato. there is no good way to the bridge for me to bring my parents out on the roads. the options are all scary, eg. hostile cars upset you're cycling in their way, and I want to recommend some options from my personal experience riding in the area.

can we cycle through San Quintin?

can you connect the dirt path between the motel the the archery place? (I think this is your plan already based on how the new pavement has been done recently)

can you connect the new bridge from 3rd Street to something? it's a wonderful bridge

but then it's got no path with it? (I'm guessing it's gonna be a future phase that's already planned for when Francisco gets worked on). it just doesn't make sense from 3rd to harbor right now.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Andrew Crawford <andrewmcrawford25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 3:38 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Andrew Crawford

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

I participated in the opening of the Richmond Bridge bike lane last weekend. Even as

an experienced cyclist, the stretch between E Francisco and Anderson was a bit sketchy.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Marisa Deutsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:53 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Marisa Deutsch

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Francisco

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp. The current route via Andersen Drive is extremely dangerous- I was nearly sideswiped by a car this past weekend. Please, please provide a safe and protected route for cyclists.

Thank you.

Marisa Deutsch



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**From:** Anne Engel [mailto:mcbc@ate15.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 11:19 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Anne Engel

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-Ramp.

I frequently ride this route with my baby twins in a trailer to get to the beach at San Quentin from San Anselmo and it is a VERY scary experience.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of

this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

Thank you,  
Anne Engel

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Graham Freeman [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:59 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Graham Freeman

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Santa Cruz, California

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Doing so today will prevent needless deaths tomorrow, while helping to ensure a safe and enjoyable route for folks who choose responsible modes of travel.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Bob Frommer [mailto:Bobfrommer1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Bob Frommer

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I'm a 25-year Marin resident who enjoys bicycling. I biked the new Richmond Bridge bike path (thank you!) Sunday--but to reach the path from my home in Terra Linda I felt that I would be taking my life in my hands crossing SFD from Andersen and then riding along the narrow rough bike lane on SFD. PLEASE invest in at least a barrier on SFD, and whatever you can devise to enable bicyclists to cross from Andersen.

Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Bob Frommer

124 La Alondra Ct, San Rafael.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Janet Furman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Janet Furman

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Corte Madera

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

Please fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp. This is needed for the safety of bicycle commuters!

Thank you,

Janet Furman

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Matt Galland [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 6:51 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Matt Galland

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Greetings,

Love the trail! Thanks for opening this up!

Please include this note for consideration during your planning meeting for tonight, November 21, 2019. If not addressed during the meeting, please factor these items into your general planning and keep me updated on your next steps.

I am a lifetime cyclist from Mill Valley that has been riding our hills since 1975. I used to bike to work when I was working in SF but now I have been commuting to Richmond for the last 14 years. Tried the bike-bus-bike option several times but it was a hassle..

Now, thanks to your good work, I was able to participate in the grand opening ride last Saturday and have happily begun commuting to my office in North Richmond. I've even managed to recruit two of my Marin-based colleagues to join me already this week!

Three less cars off our roads on a regular basis!

With that said, there are several areas along our particular route that I would like to bring to your attention. Specifically, we need Richmond and Marin's assistance in cleaning and marking the following segments safer for our riding community:

Marin-side:

> Eastbound Sir Francis Drake (SFD) to 580 East merge and shoulder path to San Quentin / bridge path exit: Needs regular cleaning from debris from adjacent heavy-equipment gravel parking area and roadwork activity. Also suggest barricade or permanent reflective plastic pylons to inhibit speeding motorists from straying onto bike lane. The painted dual white "separation zone" and warning-bumps on the section dividing the roadway and the path seems inadequate.

> Westbound path from bridge to Francisco Blvd East to (nonexistent) crosswalk to the hole-in-the-fence entrance for Westbound SFD bike path/580 overpass: Needs clearly marked bike path, signage, and lights (or reflective visual aids) to identify route and facilitate safe crossing of busy oncoming (eastbound) traffic.

> Westbound SFD from Andersen Drive intersection to westbound SFD bike path at Drakes Cove Road (on south side of SFD): No clear safe crossing of busy oncoming eastbound traffic, requiring westbound cyclists to pedal on VERY narrow shoulder through to Larkspur Landing Circle, Suggest clearly marked bike lane and improved signage for traffic.

Richmond Side:

> From W. Ohio Ave at Canal Blvd and Richmond Parkway to intersection at Hensley Street, Bay Trail is covered in heaps of garbage, broken glass, used clothing, trash, and other debris for nearly the entire path. Trees, branches and adjacent foliage is

overgrown and crowding the trail, requiring cyclists to duck and swerve to navigate this section, hoping to get through without popping a tire or damaging their bike. PLEASE CLEAN THIS SECTION.

I have uploaded an map highlighting these segments for you to view here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/pbY1VPX1X2RJBMSLA>

Let me know if you have any questions. I cannot make your meeting tonight but hope my message makes it on your agenda for discussion.

Please reply to acknowledge receipt and, if possible, include your expected plan(s) to address these issues.

Sincerely,

-Matt Galland

Mill Valley, CA

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Sent from [MCBC](#)



**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Drew Gilligan [drew.gilligan@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:21 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Drew Gilligan

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Please approve funding for a two way barrier to the new Richmond/ San Rafael bikeway. It makes the approach much safer and more people will use this great bikeway!

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Geneva Gondak [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 11:07 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Geneva Gondak

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Corte Madera

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

Please fund a barrier protected two way bike lane on the I-580 W / Sir Francis Drake off ramp! Right now there is no safe way to get onto and off of the Richmond Bridge bike lane. Crossing two lanes of fast traffic and riding on freeway shoulders is dangerous and downright scary. I hope to use this new bike lane all of the time (thank you!!!) but would love to be able to get on and off the bridge without risking my life.

Sincerely,

Geneva Gondak

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Nancy Grover [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 4:57 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Nancy Grover

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Let's make the pathway safe and easily accessible to all. I am a senior who is trying to use my car much less frequently. Please help me and others like me by making a barrier-protected two-way bikeway.

Sent from MCBC

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** KATHLEEN HOLOCH [katholoch@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 7:03 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

KATHLEEN HOLOCH

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

orinda

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I am very excited about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge bikeway. However, in order to increase safety (and also usage, which will can decrease traffic) a barrier-protected approach on the westbound I-580/Sir Francis Drake off-ramp is really needed. Please approve the staff's recommendation for this improvement.

Sent from MCBC

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Kyle Jordan [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:34 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Kyle Jordan

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Novato

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Theresa Kamler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:39 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Theresa Kamler

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael, CA 94903

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

I just participated in my first ride across the bridge and it felt like a whole new world opened up. My concern is this safe link to Anderson drive. The safety barrier on the bridge does make me feel safe. The westbound off-ramp Sir Francis Drake scares me like no other road as traffic not only does not really reduce speed but crossing feels like taking my life into my hands for transportation.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of

this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

If this corridor is not completed it is cause to deter use of the new bridge lane.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

Respectfully,  
Theresa Kamler

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** FW: Miles of Smiles!

**From:** Tarrell Kullaway, Marin County Bicycle Coalition <bulletin@marinbike.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** Derek McGill <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Miles of Smiles!

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**MARIN COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION**





## Item 9 - Public Comment

*"It was so amazing! There were nothing but smiling faces everywhere I looked." – Tarrell Kullaway*

Hi Derek,

On Saturday, I joined **thousands of fellow bike lovers** in celebrating the historic, long-awaited opening of a pathway on the **Richmond-San Rafael Bridge**.

I rode with young and old, men and women, people of all walks of life, on all kinds of bikes. It was an incredibly empowering and inspiring display that I won't soon forget. If you were there, you'll know what I mean when I say there were "**miles of smiles.**"

### **Let's keep that momentum going!**

Many of you have asked how you can **help ensure that this "test" project becomes a permanent** and treasured link in our transportation system. Still, more of you have expressed **concerns that the infrastructure** on the Marin side is very poor.

**Here are two things you can do today to help the cause:**

1. **Take two minutes to write elected officials asking that they fund a two-way barrier-protected bikeway linking the Bridge with Andersen Drive.** Transportation Authority of Marin is considering this project tomorrow (Thursday) night. **We need your voice** today to ensure that people have safe rides to and from the bridge!
2. **Join or support** Marin County Bicycle Coalition - we're working to make biking safe, fun and accessible in Marin County. **If you bike in Marin, we are your voice!**

Together, we will deliver a powerful message to elected leaders--not just about the importance of a pathway on a bridge, but about the need for safe routes connecting our communities, for access to healthy, non-polluting transportation, and for more, not fewer, car-free options.

Saturday showed us that **the bicycling community is incredibly strong when we come together as one**. No matter who you are, why you ride, or how you ride, **we need you** as we celebrate the bicycle and all of the good it does for us, our communities, and the planet.

Sincerely,  
Tarrell Kullaway  
Executive Director

PS: Please be sure to head to our website to [voice your support](#) for a **safe route linking the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge with Andersen Drive!**

PSS: Your donations fund advocacy to build infrastructure projects. **Give** to the Safe Roads Program. We can't do the work without your support. **With any [contribution](#) of \$50 or more, you automatically become an MCBC member.**

**Support Road Advocacy**



**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Lee Larsen [mailto:lee@larsen@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 9:50 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Lee Larsen

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

After last Saturday's San Rafael Richmond Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on my return ride to Marin, I wished for access on the westbound I-580 Sir Francis Drake offramp. Instead along with hundreds of other riders, I rode under 580 at San Quentin and up the Sir Francis Drake westbound on ramp to 580, a frightening experience to ride against vehicles that were accelerating to merge onto 580.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation. Thank you.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Cheryl Longinotti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:59 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Cheryl Longinotti

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Corte Madera

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp. This bikeway will provide safe access to and from the RSR Bridge. It will enable me and many others like me to reach the East Bay without driving a motor vehicle.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Janet Lourenzo [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Janet Lourenzo

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Corte Madera

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I loved the opportunity to bike the Richmond bridge and felt reasonable safe, with exception of the pretty scary section from Anderson drive to the exit for San Quentin. I was on the freeway entrance with cars flying by at freeway speed...its was especially dangerous if there were any other bikes around me, There was not much room for escape if an accident occurred while cars merged onto freeway and I felt like a sitting duck...if there is anything you can do to improve bike/ped safety, it would be lifesaving and hugely appreciated.

Sent from [MCBC](#)



MARIN COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION

November 21, 2019

**Subject: Various Actions Associated with Access Improvements for the Approaches to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge - Agenda Item No. 9**

Dear Commissioners:

Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) urges you to approve staff's recommendation to take steps needed to expedite the construction of a Class IV (protected) bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Doing so--in tandem with the package of Bay Area Toll Authority-funded improvements currently underway on Francisco Boulevard East--will extend a car-free bicycle route from the bridge to the Andersen Drive / Sir Francis Drake intersection.

Currently, people bicycling to the bridge from Larkspur (via Sir Francis Drake Blvd.) must ride on the freeway shoulder. Those bicycling from San Rafael (via Andersen Dr.) have to cross two directions of uncontrolled freeway on and off-ramp traffic, then ride on the freeway shoulder. People bicycling westbound are also exposed to high speed traffic on the I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp. Simply put, this barrier-separated bikeway will keep people travelling in both directions out of harm's way.

This past weekend, 5000 people of all ages and abilities biked over the bridge. On the East Bay side, people were welcomed with an impressive network of safe, intuitive bike routes and clear signage connecting the bridge with pathways in Richmond and beyond.

It was very apparent that there is still much work to do in Marin to incorporate the bridge into our bicycle network. Feedback we received described the Marin connections as "nonexistent," "dangerous," "confusing," "unwelcoming," and "embarrassing." No matter where you stand on the bridge pathway, we hope you share our concern for the safety of those who ride it.

We look forward to working with Transportation Authority of Marin, County of Marin, City of Larkspur, and City of San Rafael to improve access routes to the bridge following the completion of this important connector.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TK', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tarrell Kullaway  
Executive Director  
Marin County Bicycle Coalition



**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Daniel Meltzer [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:31 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Daniel Meltzer

**E-mail**

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Honorable Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners,

I urge you to follow the recommendations of staff to approve funding for a protected bikeway to access the new Richmond-San Rafael Pathway from Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

As we as a society continue the slide into the era of climate-change, "alternate" facts, road rage and dystopia automobile monoculture, your actions here will play a critical role in determining the fate of our community and indeed the world beyond our county's borders. Having travelled extensively in "cycling-friendly" communities around the nation and world, I can assure all of you that it is not the existence of single

showpiece bits of infrastructure that make the difference in the widespread adoption of cycling as a true daily mode of transportation--although these are indeed important as cornerstones--but rather the seamless and safe integration of cycling infrastructure into the very fabric of the community that is the true catalyst widespread everyday transportation cycling. The happy corollary to this paradigm is that in every area I am aware of where cycling infrastructure has reached a threshold of safety and usability, striking improvements to quality-of-life occur. And of course the tax base and property values benefit exponentially as well. Please consider this reality when making your decision, the livability of our community depends on it.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Daniel Meltzer

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Craig Murray <Craig\_Murray@richmond.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:46 PM  
**To:** dconnolly@marincounty.org; gary.phillips@cityofsanrafael.org; Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** FW: Richmond Bicycle Safe Passage Summary of Improvements

RE: TAM 11/21/19 Mtg., Item 7. MTC's Plan Bay Area 2050 (Discussion) - Support for funding RSRB approach, separated two-way bicycle lane on the I-580 flyover onto SF Drake Blvd.

Member Damon Connolly  
Member Gary Phillips  
Members of Board of Commissioners Transportation Authority of Marin (c/o Denise Merleno)

I encourage your support for this simple but necessary improvement to keep trail users and bicycle riders safe on this portion of dedicated Road Right-of-Way.

Approval, Funding and a Constructed Project will do the following:

1. Allow people to commute to work via the bridge pathway and Anderson Drive both ways;
2. Allow people to avoid having to cross Sir Francis Drake at Anderson which involves high speed cars which do not stop;
3. Allow trail users and vehicle operators a predictable location and alternative since both areas are currently potential fatality zones.

Current use of the unprotected I-580 Freeway east-bound on-ramp (photo below) to connect to Pt. San Quentin (GGT Bus Stop, Prison, shoreline areas and regional Bay Trail) is unsafe and results are predictable. "This accident was completely unnecessary" were the words of TRAC's Bruce Beyaert in 2006 when on 9/24/2006 an errant car killed an Engineer and Father of two daughters 8 and 4 while riding with a friend on a unprotected I-580 Freeway Ramp. This accident occurred on the then unprotected I-580 Freeway shoulder trail at the west I 580 bound approach to the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. Link enclosed of West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) minutes summarizing concerns: <https://www.wcctac.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/10/10-27-06-wm.htm>



Location of East Bound I-580 Bicycle and Trail Corridor. Bike Route Signed.

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Photo Courtesy of the Bikes?Yes [www.bikes?yes.org](http://www.bikes?yes.org)

In regards to San Quentin area and San Rafael trail coordination and celebration events, I have attended earlier meetings at the City Public Works Building on Morphew Street with County representatives, local constituents , ALTA planning in study sessions to look at alternatives that are cost-effective, workable, simple and safe trail connection alternatives. I have also participated in City of San Rafael BPAC meetings and helped celebrate City of San Rafael's Mahon Creek to Anderson Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) Grand Opening on July 16, 2019 and the Richmond San Rafael Bridge San Francisco Bay Trail opening on November 16, 2019.

Enclosed below is a summary of bicycle and trail enhancements that have recently occurred in Richmond.

Thank-you for serving on TAM and your consideration in support of this project.

Craig K. Murray, SR/WA  
Development Project Manager II  
City Manager's Office  
Property Asset Management Division  
Pt Molate Community Advisory Committee Staff Liaison

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**From:** Patrick Phelan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** Craig Murray; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Richmond Bicycle Safe Passage Summary of Improvements

Hi Craig, here are a list of projects. I do not have costs.

(perhaps most important) Short-Term Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections with Richmond San-Rafael Bridge Project built over one mile of 2-way cycletrack (protected bike lane) along W Ohio Ave and S Garrard Blvd, connecting the Richmond Greenway to Pt Richmond. A class III route was striped through Pt Richmond to connect to another 2-block section of cycle track that brings you to the new multi-use path that connects to the bridge. Wayfinding signage was also installed along the whole route. The cost estimate on file is \$487K.

Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan <https://ferry2bridge2greenway.com/>  
Partially funded by a Caltrans sustainable planning grant. Planning and conceptual design project to envision safe bicycling routes connecting the bridge with the Richmond Ferry and the Richmond Greenway, so focusing mainly on Cutting Blvd, Harbour Way S, S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Pt Richmond. You can get cost from Lori RB.

San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3601/San-Pablo-Ave-Complete-Streets>  
Tawfic should have cost. Project is complete by had to be truncated

Carlson Crosstown Connection <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3282/Carlson-Crosstown> Michael Williams should have cost. Project is under construction but stalled.

37<sup>th</sup> Street Bike/Ped <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/3655/37th-St-BikePed> ask Tawfic for cost. Project is under construction but mostly complete.

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Richmond-Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure Project. Traffic has cost. After many (10?) years being separated by San Pablo Ave, this project connected the two greenways with a new traffic signal, 800 feet of new multi-use path, and a new bridge over Baxter Creek. Completed April 2018

Nevin Ave Streetscape. 9-block bicycle boulevard streetscape with bulbouts, roundabouts, and bioswales connecting Richmond Multimodal station to the Civic Center. Completed 2017.

Moody Underpass. Grade separation project that added class I multi-use paths on both sides for the roadway, connects to Bay Trail. 2016.

Bay Trail projects in 2014 & 2015 built 0.7 miles of class I paths along the waterfront in the Brickyard Cove area.

Hope you can work with this! Cheers,

**Patrick Phelan**  
**Infrastructure Administrator**

A large black rectangular redaction covers the contact information for Patrick Phelan. The redaction obscures his phone number, email address, and website. Some text is visible at the bottom of the redaction, including "Richmond, CA" and "www.richmondca.gov".

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Susan Nawbary [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:49 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Susan Nawbary

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Please fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp. Cars are driving very fast to gain freeway speeds and distracted drivers may drift onto the shoulder. It is really dangerous and undermines the accomplishment of the awesome SR-R Bridge pathway, which is beautiful and great!

Sent from MCBC

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Steven Plunkett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Steven Plunkett

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

To whom it may concern,

As a life long Marin resident and daily bicycle commuter, I have waited a lifetime to see the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge open for pedestrian and bicycle access. This path is integral for both cycling as transportation and recreation, moreover the path will provide a much anticipated link in the San Francisco Bay trail network.

As A San Rafael resident the proposed connection will greatly enhance access to the bridge from Anderson drive, Providing a safe alternative for cyclists and pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,  
Steven Plunkett

Sent from [MCBC](#)



**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Paolo Pompanin [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:12 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Paolo Pompanin

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I have been commuting by bicycle from Mill Valley to San Rafael for the past 15 years. I much appreciate all the work that has been done to improve safety on my commute and in Marin in general.

I am writing to you today to urge you to approve staff's recommendations to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the West bound of I-580/Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

I use this route on occasions and riding along 45ph traffic, without a separating barrier is very unsafe.

Thank you for you consideration.

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Rod Ponath [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:21 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Rod Ponath

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Greenbrae

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

I support the Richmond-San Rafael bridge bikeway and a two-way bike path connection with Anderson Drive.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Haley Randel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Haley Randel

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

The new Richmond Bridge bike path opens a whole new world to me, unfortunately, it is so dangerous to get to the bridge by bike that I hesitate to use it. Creating a safer way to access the bridge from the ferry building is important to complete the bridge project and ensure that bridge users have a safe way to access the new path.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Daniel Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:04 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Daniel Robinson

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Any improvement that allows more people to feel comfortable riding their bike to/from work, errands, friends, etc is a benefit to us all.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Denise Rosales [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 1:42 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Denise Rosales

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Laura Roxon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 3:43 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Laura Roxon

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Kentfield

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

So wonderful to have a bike lane on the bridge! Please keep up the good work by making the approach safer with barriers on Sir Francis Drake to Anderson. The cars are moving really fast passed that section.  
Thank you

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Raquel Brooke Sandoval [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:44 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Raquel Brooke Sandoval

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

I have lived in Marin my whole life and I've always used public transportation to get to school and work. I was so excited to purchase a bicycle this year and have noticed all the lovely bike lanes and paths available. Please continue these efforts to support those residents who are willing to make the green decision to be one less car on the

road during rush hour. The power outage and subsequent pile-ups at the gas stations made me especially grateful for another form of transportation.

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Raquel Sandoval

Sent from [MCBC](#)



**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Edgar Mateos Santillan [mailto:mateos@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:21 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Edgar Mateos Santillan

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Greenbrae

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

We want to be safe when cycling to and from the Richmond-San Rafael bridge. So we ask you to help is by approving a recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Regards

Edgar Mateos Santillan

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Chris Schierholtz [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:47 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Chris Schierholtz

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Deer Commissioners,

First off - Thank you !

I pedaled across the Richmond San Rafael Bridge on Saturday and it was glorious !!

So awesome !!

One more favor please ? Could you please put up a barrier on the I-580 Sir Francis Drake exit? It was super dangerous feeling while riding that part - cars seemed to be going a million miles an hour.

Thank you and keep up the great work!

Chris Schierholtz

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Joel Schmukler [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 5:58 AM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Joel Schmukler

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Woodacre

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commisioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier protected, two way bikeway on the westbound 580 SFD exit ramp. The current configuration leaves cyclists accessing the bridge exposed to fast moving traffic and at risk. Please dare to do something great and create safe alternative transportation options for the citizens of Marin. Thank you.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Jean Severinghaus [sever117@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:43 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

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**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Full Name**

Jean Severinghaus

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Greenbrae

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

We all need a barrier protecting two-way bicycle traffic from cars on the SFD/580 flyover. Please find this immediately to make it safe for people to commute by bicycle to central Marin from west Contra Costa County. Thank you.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** James Sievert [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 9:24 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

James Sievert

**E-mail**

**City/Town:**

Mill Valley

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Please approve protected bicycle access to the Richmond Bridge. This missing link will make the connection much safer and feasible for a broader group of people. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Nancy Spellman [nancyspell@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Nancy Spellman

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael, CA

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Hello Board of Commissioners!

I am a 25 year resident of San Rafael, and have been commuting to Richmond for the last 7 years. I was proud to be part of the contingent that road over the Richmond Bridge on opening day, and was thrilled to experience the infrastructure that awaited me on the East Bay side, leading me right to my office on West Cutting Blvd. The Marin side, by comparison, was sorely lacking by comparison. I live in Terra Linda and decided to ride the frontage road home via downtown San Rafael, and the route is decidedly not friendly to cyclists on East Francisco Blvd. If there were a bypass that lead from the West end of the bridge to Anderson Drive, it would be far safer for

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everyone. Please let's make this a complete route so that we can get more cars off the road, and more people pedaling! Keep up the good work!!

My best,  
Nancy Spellman

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Moritz Steiner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 5:32 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

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**Full Name**

Moritz Steiner

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

it's so great to finally be able to bike across the bridge to Richmond. However, I got a good scare doing so the first time because of the high speed traffic I had to deal with before reaching the bridge.

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.



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Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

This much-needed safety improvement will keep people out of harm's way as they ride to and from the bridge. Again, I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Anne Christine Strugnell [mailto:acs@acswrites.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Anne Christine Strugnell

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Having created a bike lane on the Richmond Bridge, it makes sense to make it as appealing as possible to people--but the stretch between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is forces people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

Because a bike route is only as safe as its least-safe segment, this one stretch reduces the perceived safety and value of the entire cross-bridge route, potentially limiting rider use of the new bike lane. Please connect the dots of this route and implement this much-needed safety improvement to protect cyclists and promote cycling.

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation.

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** David Suto [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

David Suto

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Sausalito

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

TAM Board,

Please fund the protected two-way bikeway on the Sir Francis Drake off ramp. I had an opportunity to ride east on Sir Francis and west on Anderson on Saturday to and from the path opening. I am a decades long commuter and weekend bicycle rider and I would find the current shoulder access very unwelcoming (scary) if I weren't with a group of riders. Also, I believe that ongoing efforts to prevent excessive debris from accumulating in the unprotected bike lane will be a struggle. I saw the street sweepers clear the lane on Friday morning but witnessed many flat tires on that stretch only 24 hours later. I have heard that Richmond has already stepped up to provide protected

access corridors to the bridge from the center of the city and if we want to complete this project and make the money already spent successful we need to remove the existing barriers to safe travel in Marin.

Thanks

David Suto

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**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Wayne A Van De Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Wayne A Van De Walker

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Anselmo

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Having ridden out to the San Rafael Richmond bridge as a test run on Sunday, November 10, then to ride the bridge on both opening day, Saturday, November 16, and again on Sunday, November 17 I was very pleased with my rides on the bridge but disappointed with the potential unsafe conditions to the entrance and exit from the bridge on the Marin side. First I approached the bridge via Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and the 580 San Quentin on ramp. This provides a wide shoulder for most of the way, but you are pinched a bit as you enter 580 and then need to make sure no cars behind you as you move over to the bike lane at the bottom of the exit. Coming off the bridge heading west the lack of a bike lane and good clear signage to the gap to get you back onto Sir Francis Drake is concerning. I would recommend a bike lane and added signage. This is especially need as rider will be crossing two lanes of traffic where automobiles are not use to seeing bicyclists. A barrier up the Sir Francis Drake Blvd on ramp would be useful in protecting

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Marc Vendetti [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:02 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Marc Vendetti

**E-mail**

[redacted]

**City/Town:**

Fairfax

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

The new Richmond Bridge path is fantastic! The next step is to create a safe approach to the bridge with a two-way separated path from Anderson Drive. Let's do this **\*\*immediately\*\*** before someone gets hurt or killed sharing the I-580 ramp with high-speed traffic. Thank you.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Jason walters [walters.jason2@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Jason walters

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Corte Madera

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

It's time. Climate change is real and this is a quality of life issue. Having safe bike access over the San Rafael Richmond bridge is a no brainer. Please make it happen.

Sent from [MCBC](#)



**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Jeff R Weidner [mailto:jeirw1987@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Jeff R Weidner

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

San Rafael

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

We need a safe route from Andersen driver to the RSR Bridge. Please put a barrier and make it two way.

Sent from [MCBC](#)

**Denise Merleno**

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**From:** Nancy Weninger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 3:08 PM  
**To:** Denise Merleno  
**Subject:** Comments on Item 9 - TAM Board of Commissioners 11/21/19 Meeting

**Full Name**

Nancy Weninger

**E-mail**

[REDACTED]

**City/Town:**

Larkspur

**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve staff's recommendation to fund a barrier-protected two-way bikeway on the westbound I-580 / Sir Francis Drake off-ramp.

Currently, the safest route between the bridge and Larkspur or San Rafael is via Andersen Drive. The safety of this route is completely diminished by the absence of this barrier-protected route, forcing people on bikes to ride on freeway shoulders and cross two directions of uncontrolled 45+ MPH traffic.

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I intend to ride the bridge often and hope you will help improve current conditions here in Marin.

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## Agenda Item 9: Various Actions Associated with Access Improvements for the Approaches to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (Action)

The following members of the public commented on the abovementioned item by submitting prepared text (see attached) furnished by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition:

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**Message to the Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners:**

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