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Honorable Chair Amy Rein Worth
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Joseph P. Bort Metro Center
101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Subject: Proposed Update to Transportation Development Act, Article 3 Policies and Procedures

Dear Chair Worth:

The City of Dublin appreciates Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) assistance in implementing various bicycle and pedestrian projects in the City. I would specifically like to acknowledge MTC's role in encouraging and supporting the local context in the implementation of these projects. We have also found MTC staff to be extremely open to listening and addressing our concerns.

Keeping past support and understanding in mind, the City of Dublin requests that the MTC consider flexibility in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) requirement for the Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA Art.3) program. Since the funds under the TDA Art. 3 program are not eligible for establishing and maintaining a BPAC, this requirement will need to be satisfied from other City funds and, therefore, will be burdensome on the City's resources, taking away bicycle and pedestrian funds from the actual implementation of improvements.

The TDA Art.3 program has been quite successful in the City of Dublin in funding bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and all the past improvements were reviewed by the Alameda County BPAC. The City also maintains a Traffic Safety Committee, which reviews projects that are geared towards improving traffic safety in the City. This committee meets every month and its recommendations are implemented through various projects and programs that are approved by the City Council. Given the limited resources and ineligibility of the TDA Art.3 funds for the operation of a BPAC; and City's demonstrated success in implementing community based bicycle and pedestrian improvements, the City would request continue using these two committees in the future for the review of TDA Art.3 projects and bicycle plan development.

We hope that the MTC Board will reconsider the Programming and Allocation Committee recommended language on the local BPAC review requirement and allow the City of Dublin to continue the current review process that has demonstrated to be very successful. Please contact Obaid Khan, Senior Civil Engineer, at 925-833-6630, if you have any questions or like to discuss.

Sincerely,

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