



June 24, 2013

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

Subject: Transportation Development Act, Article 3 Policies and Procedures

Dear Chair Worth:

The City of Livermore requests the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) consider flexibility in the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) requirement for the Transportation Development Act, Article 3 (TDA) program. For the past decade, the MTC has allowed TDA projects to be reviewed by either a local jurisdiction's BAC, or by the County's BAC for local jurisdictions that did not have BACs. This decade long practice has worked well. Use of the County's BAC has fostered regional partnerships on cross jurisdictional bike and ped projects and sharing of information such as innovative design solutions. We request the MTC adopt TDA policies and procedures explicitly allowing this flexibility as had been recommended by MTC staff to the Programming and Allocations Committee on June 12th.

The City of Livermore formed a BAC several years ago to steer the development of a Bike and Trails Master Plan. After the Master Plan was adopted, the BAC was disbanded. Since that time, Livermore has been implementing priority bicycle and trail projects established in the Master Plan. Livermore receives an annual budget for TDA funds of approximately \$70,000, which is not enough funding to advance the projects included in the Master Plan. Therefore, Livermore has been rolling over the annual budget for four or five years to build up sufficient funding necessary to advance a project through construction. If the MTC requires Livermore to create a standing BAC, the committee would only see proposed TDA-funded projects every four or five years on average. The infrequent need for such a committee does not justify its cost or administrative burden to maintain.

As with any public infrastructure or amenity, Livermore carefully determines what is best for the community through extensive community input, including our former BAC. We share MTC's desire to have local bike and ped projects implemented with input from local bicyclists and pedestrians. We believe that our shared objective is appropriately met through our current process. Please allow flexibility for the local jurisdictions to use the County's BAC for TDA projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Marc Roberts
City Manager