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From: Seth H. [REDACTED]
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To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: 101 & 580 Connector

Hello,

I'm a San Rafael resident and regularly commute into San Francisco. I read an article about the highway corridor connection between 101 and 580 and wanted to write in to share an observation on traffic in Marin and the influence of bridge toll locations on the flow of traffic.

The Marin-Richmond Bridge traffic is typically much worse in the evenings than in the mornings, often backing up northbound 101 traffic from Mill Valley up to the 580 connection. This is because there is no toll headed eastbound on 580/Richmond Bridge or north on 101/Golden Gate Bridge, creating an incentive to head north in the evenings through Marin when returning to the east bay. Mornings there are two tolls when headed from the east bay to SF through Marin on both bridges (Rich. and GG) which is why there are less severe morning traffic backups. If tolls were shifted to charge on the other direction on one bridge (e.g. charge east bound traffic on the Richmond bridge) it would create less incentive to use Marin as a corridor for East bay traffic headed home from SF and the Peninsula, and would ease traffic or possible equalize the volume of morning and evening traffic.

Thank you,

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