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Dear Commissioners,

As a frequent commuter on the Dumbarton Bridge, I am deeply disappointed by your intent to not fund the I-880/Decoto Interchange project while allocating funds to the Quarry Lakes Parkway.

Over the last few years, my bridge toll bills have increased significantly, and I know these funds are being spread across the Bay Area, which feels unfair to those of us who rely on the bridge for our daily commutes. The Dumbarton Corridor funds are the tiny fraction that was supposed to come back to those of us who foot such a large portion of the bill. It feels like adding insult to injury to see my bridge toll payments used for the Quarry Lakes Parkway, rather than to fund alternative options for crossing the bridge.

The only way to relieve congestion in the corridor is to offer practical and safe alternatives to driving, either by mass transit or by bike. However, navigating the I-880 Interchange is currently a nightmare and dangerous. The higher bridge toll discourages driving, but without viable alternatives, it feels more like a punishment than a solution.

I have been looking forward to improvements in the Dumbarton bus service, particularly in terms of reliability and speed, as well as enhancements for bike infrastructure since the Dumbarton Bridge has a bike path. But getting there requires safely crossing I-880 over the Decoto Interchange. Funding the Quarry Lakes Parkway instead is disheartening, as it diverts resources away from addressing the real issues in our community.

I strongly urge you to remove the Quarry Lakes Parkway and prioritize improvements to the I-880/Decoto Interchange. Enhancing this interchange, especially for buses and bicycles, would provide immediate and significant benefits to commuters and help provide alternatives to traffic congestion on the bridge.

Please consider the long-term impacts and benefits of investing in infrastructure that supports sustainable and efficient transportation options. The Quarry Lakes Parkway does not address the pressing needs of the Dumbarton Corridor and could exacerbate existing traffic issues as it simply funnels even more vehicles towards the known bottlenecks. There is little benefit in widening the cone of a funnel when we know it is the throat that restricts the flow.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your efforts and hope that you will prioritize projects that genuinely benefit the commuters who rely on the Dumbarton Bridge.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schwartz