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TO: Katie Rice, President
    Judy Arnold, Supervisor, District Five
    Damon Connolly, Supervisor, District One
    Kathrin Sears, Supervisor, District Three

FROM: Steve Kinsey, Supervisor, District Four

RE: Letter of Support for AB 157, Richmond-San Rafael Bridge

Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in authorizing our Board President's signature on the attached letter, supporting AB 157 authored by Assembly Member Marc Levine. This bill is vitally important to the well-being of many Marin communities, as it would facilitate acceleration of the design, environmental review, and permitting processes related to two pilot projects on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge. These four year trials include opening a peak-hours third lane eastbound on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and an extension of the Bay Trail for bike and pedestrian use on the westbound level.

The bill recognizes that by undertaking pre-construction processes concurrently, the project timeline could be accelerated by approximately 18 months. If approved by the legislature, and signed into law by the Governor, this bill will help improve traffic on Highway 101 and Interstate 580, providing important societal, economic and environmental benefits. I strongly urge your support for this letter.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey
Supervisor, District Four