

EAST BAY FOR EVERYONE

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Dear BART Board:

BART provides the region an alternative to congested roads and bridges, emits far less pollution than driving, and is a critical component in getting the Bay Area to work every morning.

We therefore oppose the \$1.6 billion underfunded BART extension to Livermore, which will divert critical resources from the core BART system and build high-cost infrastructure in a place without the required housing density or transit connections to justify the investment. The Isabel TOD plan doesn't take full advantage of rapid transit to create a walkable, bike-friendly neighborhood and requires excessive parking, effectively defeating the financial and environmental benefits of TOD.

BART is a regional system and we urge the the Board to consider the regional impact of approving this extension versus funding BART's Capital Improvement Program. By cannibalizing the CIP or BART's operating budget--as the Livermore extension would do--the Board risks an overcrowded, perpetually-delayed, under-maintained system that will lose public support and ridership.

We support the fully-funded BRT alternative and urge a connection to ACE to link ACE riders to downtown San Francisco. BRT is better-aligned with the City of Livermore's current low-density land use policies and would provide an express connection to BART for Downtown Livermore, Las Positas College, LLNL and other locations. BRT is fast to build and would provide a meaningful alternative in the near future to driving on the congested I-580 and I-680 corridor instead of an unclear path forward for the full BART extension.

We urge the BART Board to focus its limited resources on building resiliency and redundancy in BART's core service area. To extend BART into Livermore at this juncture would have drastic negative consequences on the system as a whole.

Sincerely,

The 948 members and supporters of East Bay for Everyone, including:

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