



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA
An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



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Steve Heminger, Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 8th Street
Oakland CA 94607

RE: Regional Rail Plan Alternatives

Dear Mr. Heminger,

This is to add our voice to those who have expressed concern about the limitation on alternatives to be considered in the development of the Regional Rail Plan. The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area truly believes in the need for an efficient, reliable, convenient and affordable regional transit network.

With regard to the Regional Rail Plan, we had been lead to believe both during the initial “charrette” process and in the public workshops, that all unbuilt options would be on the table. We made clear in our participation that we were still neutral, in particular, on the issues of the Bay Area route for the High Speed Rail and we have no position on the extension of BART to San Jose/Santa Clara. We had been reassured at the time that evaluating these options, particularly the high-speed rail route, would be a product of the planning effort. We were awaiting the consultant’s analysis to help us in our decision process.

We request that you not limit the analysis to only those projects that are not already included in MTC’s Resolution 3434. Clearly, some of these projects are a long way from having identified funding, so they should be kept on the table for an analysis.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Craig, President
League of Women Voters of the Bay Area