



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



September 13, 2010

James Fang, President, and Members of the Board of Directors
Bay Area Rapid Transit District
344 20th Street, Oakland, CA 94604

Dear President Fang and Members of the Board of Directors,

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area, representing the twenty local Leagues in the Bay Area, strongly recommends that you not endorse current plans for the Oakland Airport Connector.

We realize that this project has been under consideration for many years. However, it is inappropriate to allocate the many millions of dollars this project will cost during this time of economic uncertainty, while the future of transit funding is in doubt, when many riders are facing economic hardship, and when excellent alternatives exist to the automated guideway plans under consideration.

We ask that you reject the current plan, or at least delay its approval until it has been updated to address full environmental review criteria under current circumstances, which have changed since the first review was conducted several years ago. An analysis of alternatives that gives credible projections of costs, ridership, fares, and service benefits and that includes options such as rapid bus and bus rapid transit, is needed as part of this review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marion Taylor, President