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Dear MTC Commissioners and BATA Board,

I'm writing to ask the MTC and BATA to extend HOV lanes to 24/7 operations and implement congestion pricing on the Bay Bridge.

Bay Bridge gridlock is no longer just a weekday morning and evening issue. Weekend traffic is often just as heavy, yet our toll rules act like it doesn't exist. Shutting down HOV lanes on weekends removes any incentive to carpool or take transit, while leaving tolls flat encourages peak-hour driving.

To fix weekend gridlock and cut emissions, I urge you to:

- * Keep HOV/carpool lanes active 24/7 to give buses and carpools reliable, fast lanes every day of the week.
- * Implement congestion pricing to disincentivize solo driving during high-demand hours and encourage people to use BART or AC Transit.

If we want to fix Bay Area traffic, our tolling and lane management need to reflect how people actually travel today, not how they traveled decades ago.

Thanks for your time and leadership,

Cyrus

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