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Dear Mr. Strelo:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reviewed the Tran Bay Cable Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2004082096). In reviewing the Public Services and the Public Safety Sections of the draft EIR we did not see any analysis of the construction impacts where the Trans Bay cable crosses the BART Trans Bay tube. The construction description for the cable mentions trenching, burying the cable, and plate coverings, but does not have any discussion on how that will be handled as the cable crosses under the BART tube. Given the age of the BART tube it seems that there should be mitigation measures to assure public safety during construction.

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Under project alternatives the only overhead transmission land route assumes that the high voltage AC cable routes through the BART Tran Bay tube making that alternative unacceptable. Did the City consider routing the AC cable under the bay from Oakland to San Francisco as an alternative?

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Very truly yours,

Sean Gallagher, Director
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