The prices we pay for free roads

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1. Congestion in San Francisco costs drivers over $2,000 a year in lost time.

For the whole Bay Area, jobs and population have grown 7% and 14% since the late 90’s, while congested delays per worker have grown by nearly 60%

2. Emissions from passenger cars is our region’s single biggest contribution to climate change

Share of MMTCO2e for the Bay Area in 2014

- Transportation - passenger cars
- Transportation - not cars
- Other industrial and commercial
- Other
- Agriculture
- Residential
- Oil refineries
- Electricity

3. Cars contribute to local air quality problems and heart and respiratory disease

Source: BAAQMD, Community Air Risk Evaluation Program, 2013
4. Cars cause death and injury across all modes throughout the Bay Area
“arguing that congestion pricing isn’t fair implicitly assumes that the status quo is fair”
~ Michael Manville

Current inequalities:
1. Driving externalities concentrate in disadvantaged communities
2. Current transportation funding sources are often regressive
3. Roads and driving are more heavily used by the affluent
4. Transit is more efficient but often costlier per trip than driving
5. We dedicate scarce urban space to cars instead of people