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CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING. I AM CHAIR CHAR CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI. JESS PLEASE ROLL THE BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS, BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT, PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M.,

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YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. THEY SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: OKAY. I'M GOING TO START OFF BY READING AN ANNOUNCEMENT. THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE SUNSETTING ON FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023, WHICH MEANS THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WILL RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS AS WAS THE PRACTICE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC STARTING MARCH 10, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE IN-PERSON AS WAS THE CASE BEFORE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR TRAVEL COSTS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONSIDERING A.B. 2449, MORE GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW AT FEBRUARY'S MEETING. KEY POINTS ARE THAT THE PUBLIC CAN STILL PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AS WE WILL BE KEEPING THE HYBRID FORMAT. THE PUBLIC WILL STILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS BY 5:00 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING TO THE E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED ON THE WEBSITE, WHICH IS: INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.COM. 375 BEALE STREET IS OUR HEADQUARTERS. WE CURRENTLY DO NOT OFFER ANY

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ALTERNATIVE OR SATELLITE LOCATIONS FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS. THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE, FOR MAKING THE ADDITIONAL EFFORTS TO SERVE ON THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AS WE COMPLY WITH PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY RULES. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PERSON AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME APART OR, IN SOME CASES, FOR THE FIRST TIME. MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS TO OUR SAN FRANCISCO HEADQUARTERS. NOW ON TO OUR REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE DAY. WOULD THE CLERK CONDUCT ROLL CALL AND CONFIRM QUORUM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WILL DO. CHAIR DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING? COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING?

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DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. AND COMMISSIONER SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE A QUORUM.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COMMISSIONER GLOVER, WOULD YOU LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY, PLEASE?

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: YES, I WOULD BE HONORED TO. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONER. AND NOW MAY WE PLEASE HAVE OUR COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE $100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF $500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS

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AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM FOUR IS OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. AND IT CONSISTS OF ITEMS 4A THROUGH 4B. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. DO ANY MEMBERS WISH TO PULL ANY ITEMS FROM CONSENT? SEEING NO HANDS. IS THERE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR? ANYBODY WILLING TO MAKE A MOTION?

JAMES P. SPERING: SPERING WILL MOVE.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU JIM. I'LL SECOND JUST TO MOVE THINGS ALONG. THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND BY MYSELF. AND IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS ON THIS MOTION? SEEING NONE THERE. MARTHA IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WERE RECEIVED FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: OKAY. MAY WE HAVE OUR ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE?

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: WILL DO. DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

DAVID CANEPA: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: COMMISSIONER FLEMING? IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM 5, 5A, IS AGREEMENTS TO ADVANCE THE STATE ROUTE 37 SEARS POINT TO MARE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. REQUEST FOR APPROVALS OF AGREEMENTS TO ADVANCE THE STATE ROUTE 37 SEARS POINT TO MARE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INTO DESIGN PHASE: I.

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - INTEGRATED TEAM FOR DESIGN FOR STATE ROUTE 37 SEARS POINT TO MARE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: CALTRANS ($20,000,000) II. FUNDING AGREEMENT - DESIGN PHASE FUNDING FOR THE STATE ROUTE 37 SEARS POINT TO MARE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ($4,000,000). THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM, AND KEVIN CHEN WILL BE PRESENTING. KEVIN, WHENEVER YOU'RE READY.

KEVIN CHEN: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. KEVIN CHEN, MTC STAFF. WE HAVE SLIDES. I'M HERE TO PRESENT ON 5A IMPROVEMENT PROJECT I'LL START WITH INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT. THIS IS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN MTC, CALTRANS, AND THE FOUR NORTH BAY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES INCLUDING MARIN, SONOMA, SOLANO, AND NAPA. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. A BIT OF BACKGROUND. HIGHWAY 37 IS THE NORTHERNMOST NON-MOUNTAINOUS EAST WEST CONNECTOR IN THE REGION 20 MILES CONNECTING US101 IN MARIN TO I80 IN SOLANO MIDDLE STREP OF THE CORRIDOR IN BLUE BETWEEN SEARS POINT AND MARE ISLAND TWO MILES IS A TWO-WAY CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAY WITH JUST ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION THIS CREATES BOTTLENECK AND DELAYS ON A DAILY BASIS. IT CREATES AN EQUITY CHALLENGE BECAUSE HIGHWAY 37 IS A KEY CORRIDOR THAT CONNECTS AFFORDABLE HOMES ON THE EAST BAY SIDE TO JOBS IN MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTIES. ALSO THERE IS CURRENTLY NO PUBLIC TRANSIT ON THIS CORRIDOR WHICH REALLY LIMITS TRAVEL OPTIONS FOR COMMUTERS. THERE IS NO PRACTICAL OR CONVENIENT ALTERNATE

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ROUTES TO HIGHWAY 37 TO GET FOLKS ACROSS FROM EAST TO WEST. HAVING AN EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION HERE ON THIS CORRIDOR IS CRITICAL. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION HIGHWAY 37 IS DESIGNATED AS A RECOVERY ROUTE WHICH MEANS THE HIGHWAY IS GOING TO BE CRUCIAL TO FUNCTION AS A RELIABLE EVACUATION AND EMERGENCY ACCESS ROUTE. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON HOW HIGHWAY 37 TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING PEAK TRAVEL TIMES AND INCREASE VEHICLE OCCUPANCY BY PROMOTING USE OF CARPOOLING AND BUS TRANSIT. KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS. WE ARE PROVIDING HOV LANES WHICH WOULD ENABLE CARPOOL LANE WE'LL BE PROVIDING BUS TRANSIT SERVICE AS WELL AS PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE INSTALLING ITS ELEMENTS THESE ARE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS SUCH AS VARIABLE MESSAGING, SIGNS, CAMERAS AND SO FORTH THAT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT IN MANAGING INCIDENTS. WE'LL BE PROVIDING ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS THAT I'LL TALK MORE ABOUT IN THE NEXT SLIDE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST THIS PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT TOLLING PENDING ADDITIONAL APPROVALS. TOLLING IS IMPORTANT IN TWO ASPECTS, ONE IT PROVIDES DIRECT SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT GOES TOWARDS FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT. TOLLING IS A TOOL FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE TRAFFIC CONGESTION EFFECTIVELY. TOLLING IN COMBINATION WITH THE HOV LANE AND TRANSIT WOULD REALLY HELP ENCOURAGE THE USE OF CARPOOLING AND TRANSIT ON THIS CORRIDOR WHICH WOULD IN FACT REDUCE VEHICLE TRIPS AND REDUCE VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL CONSISTENT WITH BOTH REGIONAL AND STATE GOALS. NEXT SLIDE

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PLEASE. SO, WITH THIS PROJECT WE ARE ADDRESSING SEVERAL KEY ISSUES ON THIS CORRIDOR. FIRST ONCE AGAIN IS EQUITY, AS COMMUTERS ON THIS CORRIDOR EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT CONGESTION ON A DAILY BASIS, WHICH, YOU KNOW, IT TAKES UP TO 100 MINUTES FOR PEOPLE TO GET HOME FROM THE MARIN SIDE OF THE CORRIDOR BACK TO THE SOLANO SIDE OF THE CORRIDOR IT'S JUST 20 MILES WHICH NORMALLY WOULD TAKE 20 MINUTES THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DELAY. WITH THIS PROJECT THAT DELAY WILL BE REDUCED AND TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY WILL BE IMPROVED. ONCE AGAIN WE'RE INCREASING TRAVEL MODAL OPTIONS FOR COMMUTERS BY IMPLEMENTING A NEW BUS TRANSIT SERVICE ON THIS CORRIDOR ALONG WITH THE PROJECT. AND THE HOV LANE THAT WE PROVIDE AS PART OF THE PROJECT WILL HELP INCENTIVIZE THE USE OF CARPOOLING TO ADDRESS EQUITY CONCERNS WE'LL EVALUATE MEANS BASED DISCOUNT PROGRAM. WITH THIS PROJECT WE'RE GOING TO BE DELIVERING SUSTAINABILITY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE RESOURCE AGENCIES AND IDENTIFIED TWO KEY OPPORTUNITIES ON THIS CORRIDOR TO IMPROVE ECOLOGY. THE FIRST IS TO ENHANCE THE STRIP MARSH EAST TO IMPROVE THE MARSH HABITAT THAT'S RAPIDLY DEGRADING AS WE SPEAK DUE TO DRAINAGE PROBLEMS. THIS IS A NATURE-BASED SOLUTION THAT MAINTAINS THE SHORELINE EROSION BUFFERS, AND ATTENUATE WAVE ENERGY FOR [INDISCERNIBLE] HIGHWAY WHILE PROVIDING NEAR-TERM RESILIENCY THE SECOND COMPONENT REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE, ACROSS TOLAY CREEK BRIDGE, WITH A LONGER TOLAY CREEK BRIDGE IT WOULD HELP SUPPORTING THE BAY LAND STRATEGY THAT'S PLANNED

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NORTH OF HIGHWAY 37 AND THAT'S GOING TO BE TIME CRITICAL TO IMPLEMENT AS WELL. LAST BUT NOT LEAST FROM THE RESILIENCE STANDPOINT THERE ARE PARTS OF THE PROJECT THAT WOULD BOLSTER THE EXISTING HIGHWAY IN THE NEAR-TERM FOR FLOODING BECAUSE THE HIGHWAY -- [INDISCERNIBLE] IN TERMS FUNDING, WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF TOLLING FOR THIS PROJECT GENERATES FUNDING, AND ALLOWS US TO COMPETE FOR MORE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS IT WOULD BECOME A RELIABLE MATCHING FUND SOURCE AS WE COMPETE FOR OTHER FUNDS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THIS IS MY LAST SLIDE IN TERMS OF THIS PROJECT WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO COMPLETING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PHASE OF THE PROJECT, WITH PROJECTS WITH CALTRANS AND WE HOPING TO WRAP UP THIS MONTH DEPENDING ON FINAL APPROVALS OF CALTRANS WE'RE STARTING TO DESIGN PHASE OF THIS PROJECT, WITH PERMITTING TAKING PLACE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND CONSTRUCTION WILL FOLLOW FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS WE'RE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY 2027 FOR OPENING. WE ARE SEEKING APPROVAL ON TWO ITEMS FIRST COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR $20 MILLION TO FORM AN INTEGRATED TEAM FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THIS PROJECT WHICH WE ARE ANTICIPATING TO START IN ACKNOWLEDGE MONTHS. THE SECOND ITEM IS FOR A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT OF $4 MILLION FOR MTC TO RECEIVE FUNDING THAT WOULD GO TOWARDS THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE PROJECT. THAT'S IT FROM ME AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH KEVIN. DO ANY OF OUR COMMISSIONERS HAVE QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM? OR COMMENTS? OKAY. I TONIGHT SEE ANY HANDS THERE. MARTHA DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE WASN'T WRITTEN CORRESPOND RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: TWO MINUTES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GEORGE SPIES, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: I WASN'T PLANNING ON COMMENTING ON THIS ITEM BUT I WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF POINTS. ONE IS A LAND USE PROBLEM, THE REASON PEOPLE ARE COMMUTING ON THIS CORRIDOR AND CREATING CONGESTION THAT IS THERE IS THAT LAND VALUES ARE FAR TOO HIGH IN MARIN BECAUSE BUILDING IS CONSTRAINED THERE. AND, SO, SPRAWL HAPPENS OUT IN SOLANO COUNTY FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK IN MARIN. SO, THE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS NOT TO WIDEN THE FREEWAY OR THE HIGHWAY, IT'S TO BUILD MORE HOUSING IN MARIN SO THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE CAN LIVE THERE. THE STATE HAS SET GOALS FOR THE REDUCTION OF VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED BY 2030 WHICH I'M GOING TO GUESS IS ABOUT THE TIME THAT THIS THING WOULD OPEN AND IF WE WERE TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT MEETING THOSE

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GOALS MAYBE THIS WIDENING WOULDN'T BE QUITE AS NECESSARY IN TERMS OF THE CONGESTION PIECE AT LEAST. SO, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE FOLKS WHO ARE ON THIS COMMITTEE AND HAVE CONNECTIONS IN MARIN TO CONSIDER THAT LAND USE IS REALLY THE PROBLEM HERE. AND THEN, I HOPE, IF THIS DOES GET BUILT, THAT THE CAMERAS INVOLVED ARE GOING TO BE AUTOMATED TO PARTICULATE FOLKS WHO ARE VIOLATING THE HOV LANE. BECAUSE WHEN YOU RUN BUS RAPID -- YOU KNOW, BUS TRANSIT ALONG THIS FREEWAY, AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE PILING UP IN THE HOV LANE, THEN WE DON'T GO GET THE KINDS OF SPEEDS FOR TRANSIT THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. SO, YEAH. KIND OF A DISCOURAGING PROJECT, IN MY VIEW. BUT I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE OTHER REASONS TO BE DOING THIS IN TERMS OF EVACUATION ROUTES ET CETERA. THANK YOU.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THERE IS NO OTHER SPEAKERS, SEEING NO HANDS. DO I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE: I. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - INTEGRATED TEAM FOR DESIGN FOR SR 37 SEARS POINT TO MARE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: CALTRANS ($20,000,000) II. FUNDING AGREEMENT - DESIGN PHASE FUNDING FOR THE SR 37 SEARS POINT TO MARE ISLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ($4,000,000) I SEE COMMISSIONER SPERING WITH A HAND UP. IS THERE A MOTION OR A COMMENT?

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JAMES P. SPERING: MADAM CHAIR I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT. THERE IS NO URBAN SPRAWL, 99% OF ALL GROWTH IN SLOAN OWE COUNTY IS IN THE INCORPORATED CITY. SO THERE IS NO SPRAWL. NUMBER TWO, THIS PROJECT IS REALLY NEEDED MOST PEOPLE GOING EAST TO WEST ARE MIDDLE CLASS OR LOW INCOME AND THEY'RE HAVING TO SIT IN 1 TO 3 HOURS OF TRAFFIC EVERY DAY IF THERE IS A SLIGHT INFINITE. AND IF WE DON'T GO FORWARD WITH THIS INTERIM PROJECT WE HAVE A WHOLE GENERATION THAT'S GOING LIVE WITH THIS CONGESTION. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT AND SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IS THERE A SECOND ON THIS MOTION?

DAVID CANEPA: I'LL SECOND.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: I'LL GO AHEAD AND -- OH, YOU'RE NOT ON THIS COMMITTEE -- SO IN ANY CASE, I'LL GO AHEAD AND SECOND THAT MOTION, AS WELL: AND BEFORE I ASK FOR THE ROLL CALL, I DO CONCUR WITH YOUR COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER SPERING, BECAUSE AS I LISTEN TO THE SPEAKERS POINTS, WHAT EXACTLY WAS GOING THROUGH MY MIND WAS THE SERVICE WORKERS AND WHAT HAVE YOU THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE IN MARIN, EVEN WITH THE HOUSING THEY'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO COMMUTE TO GET THERE. I AGREE

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WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THAT BEING SAID MARTHA CAN WE HAVE ROLL CALL PLEASE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH THE SECOND COMMISSIONER CANEPA IS ON THE COMMITTEE.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: I DIDN'T HEAR THAT. I APOLOGIZE. YES COMMISSIONER CANEPA CAN SECOND IT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

DAVID CANEPA: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING? COMMISSIONER -- COMMISSIONER SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: YES. I'M SORRY. YOU DROPPED OUT. YES.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: ITEM SIX IS OUR PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS. THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM. I'LL NOW ASK THE CLERK TO READ THE NAMES OR ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY GENERAL WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY INTO THE RECORD. I'LL ASK IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE WITH GENERAL COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO AN ITEM ON TODAYS AGENDA PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU TO SPEAK. WHEN CALLED UPON, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF OR DIAL STAR 6.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, CHAIR: WE'RE ADJOURNED. OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH AT 9:35 A.M. CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. [ADJOURNED]

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