METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023, 9:45 AM

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. I LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE TO ORDER. THIS MEETING SUCCESS WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. MEMBERS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO CONFIRM QUORUM IS PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ARREGUIN?

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA? IS ABSENT. EKLUND? AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMMING IS ABSENT. GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING?

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DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER HUDSON? IS ABSENT. MEMBER MAHAN IS ABSENT. MEMBER PEDROZA? MEMBER PEDROZA IS HERE. MEMBER RABBITT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SPERING IS ABSENT. MEMBER THAO IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER NOACK WOULD YOU MIND BEING DEPUTIZED?

SPEAKER: I ACCEPT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT WE HAVE A QUORUM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM TWO, THE CONSENT CALENDAR. CONSISTS OF ITEMS 2A AND 2C. DO ANY MEMBERS WISH TO PULL AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? IF NOT IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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DUTRA-VERNACI DO THE I'LL MOVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. AND, MARTHA DID YOU CATCH ME ON ROLL? I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I DID NOT. THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. IS THERE A SECOND?

PAT ECKLUND: I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

DAVID RABBIT: SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RABBITT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION FROM ANY MEMBERS? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS FROM MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK. I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM OR WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM. THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: WE'LL GIVE THEM TWO MINUTES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DEBBIE? GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS DEBBIE TOTH, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CHOICE IN AGING I AM COMMENTING ON THE ITEM 2C, LEGISLATIVE HISTORY. I WAS CONCERNED TO SEE THE AGENDA PACKET AND NOT SEE THAT THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS INCLUDED ON A.B. 540. THIS IS LEGISLATION FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TO MODERNIZE FORMER LEGISLATION AND LIFT UP THE COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCIES WITH A DEDICATED FUNDING STREAM TO ENSURE WE HAVE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT LEGISLATION CLEARLY ARTICULATES THE HISTORY OF STAGNATION IN INVESTMENT IN THIS PARTICULAR FORM OF TRANSPORTATION. SO WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE PUT A LOT OF MONEY INTO BUILDING TUNNELS, ROADS, STREETS, PATHS, WIDENING ROADWAYS MAKING STREETS WALKABLE AND I COULD GO ON AND WE HAVE DONE NOTHING OVER THAT SAME 20 YEAR PERIOD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OUR AGING POPULATION THEY ARE GROWING AT A RAPID RATE AND IT'S A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE AND EQUITY ISSUE AND WE NEED TO ENSURE WE GET THIS SUPPORT AND I HOPE THAT MTC AND ALL OF OUR PROVIDERS RECOGNIZE THIS AND I WANT TO INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND AGING POPULATION IN ENSURING THEY GET WHERE THEY NEED TO GO, GOING FAR BEYOND WHAT PARATRANSIT WAS DESIGNED TO DO. CONTINUUM OF AGING AND DISABILITY IS FAR GREATER THAN THE SERVICE OF PARATRANSIT CAN MEET WE NEED TO DO THINGS TO

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INCLUDE THIS POPULATION, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE COMMITTEE HAVE THEIR EYEBALLS ON THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: CALL THE ROLL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ARREGUIN?

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA IS ABSENT. DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EKLUND?

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PAT EKLUND: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING? IS ABSENT. HUDSON? IS ABSENT. MEMBER MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MEMBER PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBITT?

DAVID RABBIT: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SPERING? IS ABSENT. THAO IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER NOACK?

SPEAKER: YES. ABSTAIN ON 2A.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WITH ONE ABSTENTION ON 2A.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH THAT. BRINGS US TO ITEM THREE, STATE LEGISLATION 3A. UPDATE ON THE MTC ABAG STATE LEGISLATIVE VISITS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GOOD MORNING CHAIR ARREGUIN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I DID WANT TO PROVIDE AN INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE LEGISLATIVE VISIT THAT YOUR MTC AND ABAG REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDED UP IN SACRAMENTO LAST -- OH GOSH, FEBRUARY 28TH, TO MARCH 1ST. SO, JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. THAT WAS THE FIRST OF TWO PLANNED 2023 SACRAMENTO DAYS. YOUR MTC AND ABAG DELEGATION THAT WENT UP THERE DID REPRESENT A GOOD CROSS SECTION OF MTC AND ABAG LEADERSHIP, THAT YOU DO HAVE QUITE A FEW FOLKS THAT WERE UP IN SACRAMENTO HERE TODAY. SO I'M JUST GOING TO PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE THEN TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE CHAIR TO SEE IF SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS TO ADD. SO, WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE FACETIME WITH A GOOD CROSS SECTION OF THE BAY AREA DELEGATION. WE WERE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH 18 OF THE 26 BAY AREA DELEGATION MEMBERS, IN THEIR OFFICES. IN GENERAL, THE MEMBERS SEEMED VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT MTC AND ABAG'S TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY THIS YEAR WHICH CITIZEN TRANSIT OPERATING FISCAL CLIFF. I THINK IT'S PART OF WHAT HELPED THERE IS THAT YOUR STAFF HAD BEEN ABLE TO BRIEF THEM SEVERAL TIMES ON THE ISSUE. TRANSIT OPERATORS HAVE -- AND HEARING QUITE A BIT FROM LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER PARTNERS IN GENERAL THERE

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WAS A PRETTY REMARKABLE AMOUNT OF CONSENSUS FROM THE BAY AREA DELEGATION MEMBERS ON REALLY THAT THE TRANSIT FISCAL CLIFF IS A NEED THAT SACRAMENTO SHOULD CARE ABOUT AND SHOULD BE REALLY LOOKING TO ADDRESS, AGAIN, THEY WERE VERY WELL INFORMED ON IT. WHAT WE DID REALLY HEAR FROM THEM IS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO REALLY BE PRESENTED WITH SOME POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS ON THIS SO I THINK WE HAVE A CHARGE TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION IN THE NEXT COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. THE OTHER TIME SENSITIVE TOPIC THAT WAS A PRIORITY FOR YOUR DELEGATION TO CONVEY TO MEMBERS WAS AN UPDATE ON THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE POTENTIAL REGIONAL PLANNED 2024 HOUSING MEASURE AND REALLY REQUESTS THAT FOLKS SUPPORT THE BAHFA CLEAN-UP BILL THAT MTC AND ABAG ARE COSPONSORING THIS YEAR. A.B. 1319 BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER WICKS, AND IT WAS REALLY NICE THAT QUITE A FEW MEMBERS IN THAT -- THOSE MEETINGS CONVEYED THAT THEY REALLY STRONGLY SUPPORTED BAHFA, THEY WERE EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLANS ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE AND HAD EITHER ALREADY COAUTHORED THE BAHFA CLEAN UP BILL OR CONCUR SAID TO SIGN ON TO THE CLEAN UP BILL. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE CHAIR TO SEE IF HE HAS ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MY COLLEAGUES WERE ALSO PART OF THE DELEGATION, AND WHO CAN ADD TO, I'LL JUST SAY THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS GREAT THAT SO MANY MEMBERS WERE AWARE OF THE TRANSIT FISCAL CLIFF FOR AGREEMENT WE NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION

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I THINK THERE IS AN OPENNESS TRYING TO SEE WHAT ROLES THEY CAN PLAY, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION RELATIVE AROUND PLANNING MOVING AHEAD WITH THE REGIONAL HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION MEASURE IN 2024 AND I THINK WE CONVEYED TO MANY OF THE MEMBERS WE'RE GOING TO CONDUCT SOME POLLING TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT VOTERS PRIORITIES ARE IN THE BAY AREA. I'LL TURN IT OVER.

ALFREDO PEDROZA: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE BUT STAFF DID A GREAT JOB. THEY WERE ALREADY AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES AROUND THE FISCAL CLIFF. THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT MY TAKE AWAY IS THERE IS SO MUCH THAT WE'RE DOING AS AN ORGANIZATION IN TERMS OF NETWORK MANAGEMENT THERE. ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT THE LEGISLATOR WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THAT I THINK WE COULD COME BACK AND FOLLOW UP ON. BECAUSE A LOT OF THE CONVERSATIONS WERE AROUND THE FISCAL CLIFF, TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS AND THAT RESONATE WITH LEGISLATORS UNDERSTANDING WHO IS RIDING OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM AND WHAT THE FISCAL CLIFF MEANS TO FOLKS IN OUR REGION. SO, IT WAS REALLY CRITICAL TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION. THANK YOU TO ALL COMMISSIONERS THAT PARTICIPATED.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YES. THANK YOU. IT WAS GREAT. I REALLY APPRECIATED BEING ONE OF THE FOLKS WHO WERE ABLE TO BE UP

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THERE. ONE OF THE TAKE-AWAY'S ON THE HOUSING SIDE WHEN I MET WITH ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS THE CONVERSATION AROUND UTILITIES PG&E SPECIFICALLY ABOUT HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GET HOOK UPS AND I KNOW IT TOOK SOME OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS BY SURPRISE BUT I CERTAINLY SEE THAT IN MY OWN CITY WITH SOME DEVELOPMENT. AS WE TRY AND CONTINUE TO WORK FOR MORE HOUSING I THINK WE NEED TO WORK MORE WITH OUR UTILITIES AND FIGURE A WAY TO GET THESE PROJECTS ONLINE INSTEAD OF HAVING TO WAIT YEARS AND YEARS. SO, THAT, AGAIN, WAS A BIG TAKE AWAY.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: I WANT TO THANK GEORGIA AND REBECCA, AND ALIX AND ALL THE STAFF WHO PREPARED OUR DELEGATION AND THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO TALK TO MEMBERS, AND CONVEY OUR PRIORITIES. AND THERE IS MORE WORK TO DO, CLEARLY. BUT I THINK THERE WAS A WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO WORK WITH US TO FIND A SOLUTION. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE?

PAT EKLUND: [INDISCERNIBLE].

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: AND THEN WE'LL GO TO THE MEMBERS ON ZOOM.

DAVID RABBIT: FOLLOW UP ON COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI REGARDING PG&E. IN PETALUMA THERE IS A 100% AFFORDABLE

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HOUSING PROJECT THAT HAS A FOUNDATION IT HAS BEEN SITTING IDLE FOR FIVE MONTHS NOW BECAUSE PG&E NEED TO COME IN AND MOVE A POWER POLE WIRES RUN ACROSS THE PROPERTY $50,000 A MONTH FOR THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT IN HOLDING COSTS ONGOING COSTS. REBECCA I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, BECAUSE ON THE MARKET RATE DEVELOPMENT, UP BY OUR AIRPORT THAT IS COMPLETELY BUILT AND WE CALLED PG&E LIKE A DEVELOPER WOULD, TO HOOK UP THE POWER AND PG&E SAID WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY. LITERALLY, THE CAPACITY OF THE POWER, THEY HAVE TO REDO THE -- AND WE HAVE HAD OUR BATTLES WITH PG&E OVER THE COURSE OF THE FIRES WE WERE TOLD THAT CPUC RESTRICTS PG&E FROM PLANNING FORWARD AND OVERSIZING THEIR SYSTEM BECAUSE OVERSIZING THEIR SYSTEM THOSE RATES WOULD GET PASSED ON TO HATE PAYERS FOR PG&E'S INVESTMENT FOR FUTURE HOOK UPS OR REVENUE. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S TRUE BUT I THINK OF A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES THAT I KNOW OF AND MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS SPOKE OF, IT COULD BE VERY TRUE. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT -- IT'S ALWAYS BEEN DIFFICULT TO GET PG&E, QUITE HONESTLY TO GET POWER TO A BUILDING. BUT IT'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE SO. AND IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WE COULD DO AT THE STATE LEVEL, WORKING WITH, THROUGH THE CPUC, AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, WHATEVER IT TAKES. SO, THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

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CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: JUST TO YOUR POINT, THANK YOU. THAT'S UPSETTING, TO SAY THE LEAST. BUT THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER STAFF PERSON TOLD US THAT IN THEIR AREA, IT'S LIKE 12 YEARS OUT, IN SOME CASES. SO.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: BEFORE I GO TO SPEAKERS ON ZOOM AT THIS POINT, I THOUGHT IT WAS MATT HANEY WHO HAD THIS BILL?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: ASSEMBLYMEMBER WOOD IS WORKING ON THIS BILL. THIS IS A BIG ISSUE IN THE NORTH BAY BUT ALSO ACROSS THE STATE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I WAS GOING TO SAY SENATOR WIENER AND BECKER HAVE TWO DIFFERENT BILLS ON SIMILAR ITEMS AS WELL, AND THERE MAY BE MANY MORE BILLS OUT THERE. THIS IS AN ISSUE FIDUCIARY HOUSING, ISSUE FOR HOSPITALS. THERE ARE HOSPITALS UNBUILT THAT ARE WAITING TO BE INTERCONNECTED. VEHICLE PERMIT, VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. AND I DO THINK, YOU KNOW, CHAIR PEDROZA, AND PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, AND I, I THINK WE WERE ALL IN THAT -- EVERYBODY WAS IN -- I THINK -- WAS IT A MEETING WITH BRAD ABOUT, SORT OF, THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE BAY AREA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WAS IN THE, SORT OF, HELD BY ABAG BUT KIND OF SOMEWHAT

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JOINTLY, AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT CAME UP, SORT OF, IN THIS MEETING, AS WELL. BECAUSE, AS ONE THINKS ABOUT MIDDLE WAGE JOBS IN PLACES LIKE THE NORTHERN CONTRA COSTA WATERFRONT, BUSINESSES DON'T WANT TO MOVE THERE TO BUILD FACTORIES OR WAREHOUSES OR THINGS LIKE THAT, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET A PG&E CONNECTION ON TIME. SO I THINK THERE'S A REAL ROLE FOR US TO -- WE -- YOU KNOW, AND, WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THIS AS WELL, WITH CCAS WHO ARE STRUGGLING AROUND CONNECTING THEIR PUBLIC CHARGING, PUBLIC ZERO-EMISSIONS VEHICLE CHARGING NETWORKS TO THE GRID. I DO THINK THERE IS A ROLE THAT WE CAN PLAY HERE, AS, LIKE, REGIONAL AGENCIES, BECAUSE PG&E, WE ARE -- MOST OF THE PG&E REACH -- WE ARE IN SO MANY OF PG&E'S TERRITORY, SO I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT IS, BUT I DO HOPE WE CAN -- WE DON'T JUST KIND OF -- I HOPE WE DON'T TRY TO SOLVE THIS CITY BY CITY OR COUNTY BY COUNTY SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE UNDERPOWERED AND NOT ALLOW US TO KIND OF SOLVE IT AT SCALE WE NEED TO -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR ROLE IS BUT I THINK IT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN HAVE ONE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: ALIX?

ALIX BOCKELMAN: THROUGH THE CHAIR, DEFINITELY WE SHOULD TRACK ALL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS. BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT, I THINK WE TALK A LOT ABOUT HOW RELATIONSHIPS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE TOOK TO HEART, KIND OF,

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WHEN WE WERE BRINGING THE CLIMATE STRATEGY TO YOU, THAT WE NEED TO WORK CLOSER WITH PG&E BECAUSE OF SO MUCH OF THE WORK THAT WE DO SO WE ARE SETTING UP A MEETING WITH ANDY AND, SORT OF, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT PG&E THAT, SORT OF, COVERS THE SAME NINE COUNTY BAY AREA, BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY DO QUITE A BIT OF PLANNING LIKE WE DO, BUT WE WEREN'T AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND THEY'RE NOT AWARE OF WHAT WE'RE DOING THAT'S JUST A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE, BUT YOU IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING WE SETTING UP IN ORDER JUST TO LET YOU KNOW WE'RE WORKING ON THAT SO YOU CAN BE AWARE OF THESE CHALLENGES HOW IT'S IMPACTING THE ABILITY OF US TO REACH OUR GOALS.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS REALLY INFORMATIVE REPORT. CAN WE JUST GET A LIST OF WHAT ABAG BOARD MEMBERS AND MTC COMMISSIONERS WENT ALONG WITH A LIST OF THE LEGISLATORS THAT WE MET, AS WELL? AND I WOULD HOPE THAT, MAYBE, THE NEXT TIME BEFORE THE DELEGATION GO UP THIS WEEKEND, TALK ABOUT IF THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE LEGISLATORS ABOUT. THANK YOU.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. GOOD SUGGESTION. I KNOW WE HAD A PRETTY DETAILED ITINERARY.

SPEAKER: ABSOLUTELY.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? OR WRITTEN COMMENTS? I SAW A HAND RAISED AND IT WENT DOWN. ONCE AGAIN IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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. AND NO PARTICIPATES IN THE BOARDROOM WAITING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION, WE CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, 3B, STATE TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE ADVOCACY. UPDATE ON THE RECENT ADVOCACY TO SECURE STATE SUPPORT TO ADDRESS TRANSIT OPERATORS AND NEAR-TERM FISCAL CLIFFS AND INVEST IN REBUILDING RIDERSHIP. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND REBECCA LONG WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM TODAY. THANK YOU.

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REBECCA LONG: GOOD MORNING CHAIR ARREGUIN. REBECCA LONG, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THIS ITEM BUILDS A LITTLE BIT MORE IN DETAIL WHAT GEORGIA SHARED AS FAR AS OUR ADVOCACY TRIP, THIS IS OUR TOP PRIORITY THIS YEAR. AND I WANTED TO INFORM THE COMMITTEE SOME OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE AND SOME OF THE CONVERSATIONS MORE THAN WHAT'S IN THE MEMO. LAST MONDAY WAS A JOINT HEARING OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE POLICY COMMITTEES TO TALK ABOUT BOTH THE SHORT-TERM CRISIS FACING TRANSIT AS WELL AS LONG-TERM TRANSFORMATION AND I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONCEPT OF TRANSFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION REALLY SPEARHEADED THROUGH THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN AND THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE IS SOMETHING BEING CARRIED INTO THE STATE CONVERSATION SO ASSEMBLYMEMBER FRIEDMAN HAS A BILL PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE, SO THAT'S GOOD. I WAS INVITED TO PRESENT. FROM A STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE THERE IS A NEED TO OVERHAUL TRANSIT FUNDING STATEWIDE PRIMARY SOURCE TRANSIT OPERATING FUNDING AT THE STATE LEVEL IS THE SALES TAX ON DIESEL FUEL BUT OF COURSE WITH OUR CLIMATE GOALS IN THE STATE WE INTEND TO PHASE OUT DIESEL FUEL AND SIMILAR TO THE GAS TAX IN GENERAL WHICH IS THE PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE ENTIRE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME MAJOR RESTRUCTURING IN THAT WAY WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL WE HAVE TO OVERHAUL FUNDING AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MORE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR

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FUTURE TRANSIT. IN THE CONTEXT OF BUDGET, IN THE POLICY COMMITTEE HEARING THERE WAS RECOGNITION OF THESE NEAR-TERM FUNDING CHARGES AND SOME CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT ARE THE BEST PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR TRANSIT, THAT PRETTY MUCH THE ONLY ONE THAT'S BEEN USED TRADITIONALLY IS THE FARE BOX RECOVERY RATIO WHICH IS THE SHARE OF YOUR OPERATING COSTS THAT ARE COVERED BY FARES, AND THAT HAS BEEN, OVER TIME, REALLY WEAKENED IN TERMS OF EVEN BEING WHAT THAT METRIC MEASURES BECAUSE OVER TIME THERE HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONS THAT YOU CAN COUNT OTHER SUBSIDIES SALES TAX IN THAT METRIC SO IT ISN'T A USEFUL METRIC PARTICULARLY GIVEN MANY AGENCIES INCLUDING OURS WITH THE CLIPPER START THAT WE ARE ENCOURAGING FOLKS TO HAVE DISCOUNTS ON FARES AS A WAY TO ATTRACT MORE RIDERS. SO WHAT WE REALLY CARE ABOUT IS RIDERS. RIGHT? THAT IS WHAT GENERATE THE BENEFITS FROM TRANSIT, WHETHER IT BE CLIMATE OR ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY. SO THERE WAS SOME CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW CAN WE RETHINK ABOUT WHAT THOSE APPROPRIATE MEASURES SHOULD BE. AGAIN SHIFTING TO THE BUDGET, THIS WEEK, YESTERDAY, THE SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST HEARING, LOOKING AT THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET AND DID EXAMINE THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDING BY $2 BILLION. AS A REMINDER THERE WAS A $4 BILLION AUGMENTATION PROPOSED, $2 BILLION IN THIS NEXT BUDGET YEAR THEN 2 BILLION THE GOVERNOR HAS PROPOSED CUTTING THAT IN HALF THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO $400 MILLION TO THE BAY AREA AND FUNDS ARE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND

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MTC ADOPTED POLICY HAS CUTS, AND EXPRESSED BY THE CHAIR DERAZO AND HIGHLIGHTED AT THE TOP OF THE HEARING CONCERNS AROUND TRANSIT OPERATING FUNDING. UNDERSTANDING THAT A PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. THERE ARE 50 COMMENTS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT A LETTER THAT WE FINISHED COLLECTING SIGNATURES ON IT HAS OVER 108 ORGANIZATIONS MANY FROM THE BAY AREA BUT ALSO STATEWIDE IT'S GOT BUSINESS COMMUNITY LABOR, EQUITY ADVOCATES, A BROAD SET OF STAKEHOLDERS THEN 30 PEOPLE WHO CALLED IN. THE MESSAGE IS CERTAINLY BEING DELIVERED AND THE CONVERSATION GEORGIA REFERENCED IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING TO COME FROM. AS I AT THE HEARING YESTERDAY, THE CONVERSATION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RESPECT AND SHIFTS TO HIGHWAY FUNDING, THAT'S REASONABLE GIVEN HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY FUNDING THE STATE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND SO THE STATE IS GETTING ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN IT DID PREINFRASTRUCTURE AND GOVERNOR PROPOSED FUNDS PRIMARILY FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND RESILIENCE. THERE WAS CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT OUTSIDE OF THE GENERAL FUND ARE ALSO DIFFICULT WE'RE HEARING THE COALITION BUILDING ON LEGISLATURE ITSELF IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT STEP. ALSO HEARINGS NEXT WEEK ON THE ASSEMBLY SIDE AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND WITH THAT I'LL OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: COMMISSIONER RABBITT?

DAVID RABBIT: REBECCA THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT AND ALL THE WORK. SORRY I MISSED THE TRIP TO SACRAMENTO. HAVE WE -- AND I'M GLAD THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE REVENUE SOURCES FOR TRANSIT OBVIOUSLY THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED TO STATE LEAST. ON THE FISCAL CLIFF PIECE WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR TRANSIT OPERATORS ARE FACING A DIFFERENT FINANCIAL DILEMMA WITH DIFFERENT PERIODS OF TIME REALLY BASED UPON THEIR CURRENT REVENUE SOURCES. HOW NUANCED DID WE GET? DO WE KEEP IT BROAD WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FISCAL CLIFF OR DO WE GET INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES? AND THEN ALSO TALK BY THE TIME TRANSIT DEPENDENT VERSUS COMMUTE OBVIOUSLY THOSE THAT ARE COMMUTE ORIENTED HAVE TAKEN THE BIGGEST HIT AND PROBABLY HAVE THE LONGEST RECOVERY PERIOD TO GET BACK TO WHATEVER THAT NEW NORMAL WILL BE. SO I'M JUST CURIOUS ON HOW WE BREAK THIS DOWN AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO REALLY ATTAIN.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU FOR THOSE QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONER. ON THE QUESTION OF HOW DETAILED ARE WE GETTING. YOU KNOW AT THIS POINT MOST OF OUR COMMENTS ARE TALKING ABOUT REGION-WIDE AND WE'RE GIVING THE RANGE OVER FIVE YEARS WHICH IS THE TOTAL. AND THAT ESTIMATE, RIGHT NOW, IS BETWEEN TWO AND A HALF TO $29 BILLION. THE ACCUMULATIVE OVER FIVE YEARS. CERTAINLY, YOU

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KNOW, WE -- AS THE CONVERSATION EVOLVES, WE'RE HAVING TRANSPARENT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THAT SHORTFALL IS REALLY FROM TWO OPERATORS, AND THAT'S SAN FRANCISCO MTA, MUNI, AND BART. AND THOSE ARE ACTUALLY QUITE DIFFERENT AGENCIES IN TERMS OF THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIPS THAT THEY SERVE, AS WELL AS THE REVENUE SOURCES. BART'S FINANCIAL CHARGES ARE PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY THE REDUCTION IN FARE REVENUE. FOR MUNI, IT'S A COMBINATION. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE NOT FULLY RECOVERED THEIR RIDERSHIP. I BELIEVE THEY'RE AROUND 60%, WHEREAS BART IS AROUND 40% OF RECOVERY. BUT SAN FRANCISCO MUNI'S REVENUE MIX IS VERY TIED TO THE WORK-FROM-HOME CHALLENGES. AND SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY GET A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PARKING REVENUE, SO AS FEWER AND FEWER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMING INTO THE CITY TO COMMUTE, THAT PARKING REVENUE HAS GONE DOWN. THEY ALSO GET A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN REALLY REDUCED AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC. SO WE'RE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT. WE -- I WAS JUST ASKED YESTERDAY TO PROVIDE SOME DETAIL BY OPERATORS. AND WE'RE SHARING THAT WITH THE BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF, BECAUSE AS YOU POINTED OUT, COMMISSIONER, IT'S NOT AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION ACROSS THE REGION. I WOULD SAY THAT, WITHIN OUR OPERATORS, THERE -- THE SENSE OF CAMARADERIE, AND KIND OF WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER THAT EVOLVED DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC REALLY IS STILL THERE, AND SOME OF OUR SMALLEST OPERATORS, YOU KNOW, WHO DON'T FACE THE SAME EXTENT OF REVENUE SHORTFALLS, BECAUSE THEIR

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COVID RELIEF MONEY IS EXPECTED TO LAST LONGER. THEY'RE FULLY ON BOARD WITH ASSISTING WITH THIS FISCAL CLIFF BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT LONG-TERM, THEIR FUTURE, YOU KNOW, RISES OR FALLS WITH BART, WITH THESE OTHER LARGER OPERATORS THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY PROVIDE A HUGE EXTENSIVE FEEDER BUS SERVICE TO THOSE SYSTEMS. HOPEFULLY THAT CONTINUES.

DAVID RABBIT: I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. I CAN JUST SPEAK FOR THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE OBVIOUSLY WE'RE STILL SPENDING ARPA FUNDS AND WE WILL INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WHICH IS GREAT, BUT ALSO MEANS THERE IS NO LAYOFFS. THERE IS ATTRITION SO OUR FARE BOX RECOVERY HAS PLUMMETED BECAUSE WE'RE RUNNING BUSES THAT HAVE A MUCH LOWER NUMBER OF FOLKS ON THEM. AND THEN, OF COURSE, WE'RE TOTAL DEPENDENT ON TOLLS AT THE BRIDGE, AND TOLLS ARE DOWN, SIGNIFICANTLY, 30%. AND THE WAY THE BRIDGE OPERATES, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BRIDGE FIRST AND WHAT'S LEFT GOES TO -- SO IT HITS THE TRANSIT SIDE THAT MUCH MORE. THAT MUCH HARDER. ARE THEY STILL TALKING -- OR ARE WE STILL TALKING? OR WHERE IS THE DISCUSSION ON THE UNALLOCATED CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDS TO SMOOTH THINGS OUT OVER THE COURSE OF FIVE YEARS?

REBECCA LONG: SO, THAT IS THE CONVERSATION. IT'S DEFINITELY STILL ON OUR LIST OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS. I WOULD SAY, EVEN THOUGH IT'S UNALLOCATED, SO THERE IS ABOUT 35% NOW LEFT IN

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CAP-AND-TRADE THAT IS APPROPRIATED EVERY YEAR ON A DISCRETIONARY BASIS. THOSE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS ON A, YOU KNOW, MULTI-YEAR BASIS, I SHOULD SAY YEAR AFTER YEAR, CERTAINLY FEEL LIKE, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE AN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS IN THE FUTURE. SO, YOU KNOW, AS WITH EVERY FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT DOESN'T CONSTITUTE NEW REVENUE, AS IN A TAX INCREASE, THERE ARE FOLKS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH, SHALL WE SAY, TO SECURE SOME OF THOSE FUNDS. SO CAP-AND-TRADE IS BY NO MEANS GOING TO BE EASY. BUT I WOULD NOTE, YOU KNOW, TRANSIT HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN APPROPRIATE PLACE TO SPEND CAP-AND-TRADE DOLLARS, AND WHEN WE HAVE TALKED TO LEGISLATORS AS WELL AS JUST MANY STAKEHOLDERS, THEY RECOGNIZE THAT'S A REASONABLE PLACE TO LOOK, JUST, GOOD LUCK. [LAUGHTER]

DAVID RABBIT: THAT'S A GOOD SUMMARY. I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I THINK WE CAN BE DOING RIGHT NOW. I STILL THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE, YOU KNOW, KEEPING ON THE TABLE, OPTIONS FOR, SORT OF, LOCAL OR REGIONAL, SORT OF, REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES AND NOT, YOU KNOW -- AND OF COURSE I HOPE THE

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STATE WILL STEP UP AND DO ITS JOB AND SECURE TRANSIT, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD -- YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP ON THE TABLE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENT THE FROM MEMBERS ON THE BOARD? QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ZOOM? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. I SEE WE HAVE ONE RAISED HAND. DOES ANYONE WISH TO SPEAK ON ITEM 3B STATE TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE ADVOCACY. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: TWO MINUTES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FIRST UP IS ADINA LEVIN. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

ADINA LEVIN: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS AND ABAG MEMBERS. ADINA LEVIN WITH SEAMLESS BAY AREA AND TRANSBAY COALITION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE BROAD AND BROADENING COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THE SURVIVE AND THRIVE CAMPAIGN TO SEEK STATE FUNDING TO ADDRESS THIS FISCAL CLIFF AND PREVENT SEVERE SERVICE CUTS AND HELP TO REGROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP. WE HAVE

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BEEN WORKING, RECENTLY, ON STRENGTHENING THE COALITION OF SUPPORTIVE GROUPS AROUND THE STATE AND WITH PARTNERS IN LA AND IN OTHER PARTS IN THE STATE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON GATHERING PETITION SIGNATURES AND ENGAGING IN POSITION SIGNATURES AND CALLING INTO THE LEGISLATURE SO THE LEGISLATORS SEE THAT THERE IS SUPPORT, SO REALLY GLAD TO SEE MTC WORKING WITH AGENCIES ON THIS ESSENTIAL CAMPAIGN. WANTED TO MENTION WHAT REBECCA LONG HAD STATED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP AND SUPPORTIVE NATURE OF FRIEDMAN'S A.B. 761, BECAUSE IN SOME VISITS TO THE LEGISLATURE AMONGST COALITION ADVOCATES EARLIER THIS WEEK, THOSE STRUCTURAL ISSUES ABOUT HOW TO FUND TRANSIT, HOW TO REGROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP, YOU KNOW, WHAT KINDS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO IMPROVE TRANSIT, THOSE QUESTIONS GET RAISED, AND THEY CAN'T BE ANSWERED IN THE BUDGET CYCLE, DIRECTLY. AND SO HAVING THAT A.B. 761 TASK FORCE BILL THAT TAKES THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE AND MAKES IT STATEWIDE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN REALLY SUPPORT BY HAVING SOLUTIONS MOVE FORWARD, EVEN AS THE STATE PROVIDES FUNDING TO AVERT THE FISCAL CLIFF. THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY SPEAKS ON ZOOM WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? I DO NOT SEE ANYONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WERE THERE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM?

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE TO SEE IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON 3B. PROCEEDING TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM. ITEM 3C SENATE BILL 225 CABALLERO COMMUNITY ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM ACTION ITEM JULIE SNYDER WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. I'M JULIE SNYDER WITH MTC ABAG STAFF BEFORE I JUMP INTO THE PRESENTATION ON SB225 I WANTED TO RESPOND TO THE EARLIER CONVERSATION ABOUT UTILITY HOOK UPS TO INFORM THE COMMISSION AND BOARD THAT LEGISLATION INTRODUCE SAID BY SENATOR WIENER IS SENATE BILL 83 AND IT WOULD REQUIRE ALL ELECTRONIC UTILITIES TO CONNECT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO THE GRID WITHIN EIGHT WEEKS OF THAT REQUEST. SO MOVING TO SB225. THIS LEGISLATION IS AUTHORED BY SENATOR CABALLERO SALINAS SPONSORED BY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS HOUSING CALIFORNIA AND PUBLIC ADVOCATES. THE BILL CREATES THE COMMUNITY ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM TO ACQUIRE WHAT'S CALLED NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS AND MAINTAIN THEIR AFFORDABILITY FOR AT LEAST 55 YEARS. YOUR ADOPTED ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN ITEM FIFE A EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL CONCEPT IS IN SB225 SO WE'RE BRINGING THE SPECIFICS TO YOU TODAY FOR A FORMAL POSITION SUPPORT. I'LL START WITH BACKGROUND MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION LOW-INCOME

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HOUSEHOLDS IN OUR STATE LIVE IN UNSUBSIZED APARTMENTS WITH AFFORDABLE RENTS AND THIS IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS NATURALLY COWERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNFORTUNATELY COMMUNITIES ARE INCREASINGLY LOSING THIS AFFORDABLE STOCK BECAUSE RENTS ARE RISING FASTER THAN WAGES. IN THE BAY AREA ALONE OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD LOST 160,000 SUCH HOMES AND OUR NEW PRODUCTION OF COURSE IS NOT REMOTELY KEEPING PACE WITH THAT LOSS. SO ACQUIRING APARTMENTS AND MAINTAINING THE AFFORDABLE RENTS FOR BOTH EXISTING AND FUTURE RESIDENTS IS WHAT WE CALL PRESERVATION. A NUMBER OF OUR GOALS FIRST PRESERVATIONS IDENTIFIED IN OUR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY AS ONE OF THE KEY APPROACHES TO ACHIEVING OUR GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS IN PART BECAUSE IT MAINTAINS RESIDENTS ACCESS TO TRANSIT NETWORKS. SECOND PRESERVATIONS ALSO PROVEN MODEL TO PREVENT DISPLACEMENT WHICH ALLOWS LOWER INCOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO THEIR SUPPORT NETWORKS AS WELL AS PRESERVING CULTURAL FABRIC OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THIRD IT PROVIDES HOUSEHOLDS WITH IMMEDIATE STABILITY AND REDUCES LIKELIHOOD THEY WILL FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL GROWING EVIDENCE RISING RENTS OF PRIMARY CAUSING HOMELESSNESS IF WE CAN TURN OFF THE SPIGOT ELIMINATING HOMELESSNESS BAY AREA IT BECOMES MORE ACHIEVABLE. SO WHILE LOCAL AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS FOCUS ON PRESERVATION INCLUDING BAHFA'S PILOTS THE STATE DOES NOT SB225 WOULD FILL THIS GAP BY CREATING THE COMMUNITY ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND PRESERVATION

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PROGRAM THE PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE BOTH SHORT-TERM CAPITAL TO BUY AND REHABILITATE PROPERTIES AS WELL AS LONG-TERM RENT SUBSIDIES TO MAINTAIN THEIR AFFORDABILITY FOR THE RESIDENTS APPLICANTS CAN BE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR DEVELOPER. IN ADDITION LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND REGIONAL ENTITIES LIKE BAHFA WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY TO SERVE AS A LENDER OF THE PROGRAM FUNDS WITHIN THEIR GEOGRAPHY SO THERE IS TWO OPPORTUNITIES THERE FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL ENTITIES TO PLAY A ROLE. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BILL BECAUSE THESE SORTS OF THINGS ALWAYS NEED MONEY, SENATOR CABALLERO AND COAUTHOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER MATT HANEY ARE SPEARHEADING A ONE TIME $500 MILLION BUDGET ASK TO FUND THE PROGRAM. STAFF RECOMMENDS A SUPPORT POSITION ON THIS LEGISLATION. IT WILL ALLOW BAHFA AND OUR LOCALITIES TO ACCESS SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO FUND BOTH EXISTING AND NEW PRESERVATION PROGRAMS THAT ARE TAILORED TO LOCAL NEEDS, AND EVEN IF THE STATE BUDGET SITUATION PRECLUDED A NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR FUNDING A NEW PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM AND STATUTE WILL CEMENT PRESERVATION BOTH AS AN EFFECTIVE STATEWIDE STRATEGY AND CREATE AN OPENING FOR FUNDING IN FUTURE YEARS. SO I'LL STOP THERE AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE? IF NOT, I WOULD

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LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO REFER A SUPPORT POSITION FOR SB225 TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMISSION.

PAT EKLUND: I'LL SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND. THANK YOU. COMMISSIONERS ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE MOTION? ANY MEMBERS ON ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK? SEEING NONE. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM EITHER IN THE BOARDROOM OR ON ZOOM. IF ANY ATTENDEE ON ZOOM WISHES SPEAK PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM PRESENT WHO WISH TO SPEAK. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU JULIE. AND WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CLERK TO CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WOULD DO CHAIR ARREGUIN?

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

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EDDIE AHN: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA IS ABSENT. MEMBER DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. MEMBER EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER FLEMING? IS ABSENT. MEMBER HUDSON IS ABSENT. MEMBER MARKHAM? MARKHAM IS ABSENT. MEMBER PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RABBITT?

DAVID RABBIT: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: YES .

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SPERING IS ABSENT. THAO IS ABSENT. DEPUTIZED MEMBER NOACK?

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SPEAKER: YES.

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: MOVING TO ASSEMBLY BILL 350 AGUIAR CURRY SACRAMENTO REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GOOD MORNING GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN MTC STAFF. STAFF RECOMMEND WAS A SUPPORT POSITION ON A.B. 350 A LED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER AGUIAR CURRY, IT WOULD DELAY UNTIL 2025 THE SACRAMENTO AREAS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES UPDATE SO THAT SACRAMENTO VERSION OF PLANNED BAY AREA, THIS DELAY WOULD BETTER ALIGN WITH SACK SUCCESS'S LONG RANGE PLANS WITH THE BAY AREA LONG RANGE PLANS AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MEGA REGION PARTNER SAN JOAQUIN AREAS LONG RANGE PLANS THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR IMPORTANT MPO PARTNER SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO BE ABLE TO DO SOME MORE DETAILED PLANNING WORK FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THIS COMMITTEE A COUPLE OF THINGS BETTER ALIGNING WITH OUR LONG RANGE PLANS ENABLING MORE COORDINATION ON THE TECHNICAL ASSUMPTION AT ALLS THAT GO INTO ALL OF OUR LONG RANGE PLANS SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FROM A STATUTORY PERSPECTIVE

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FOR AIR RESOURCES BOARD SO THE PLANNING SIDE, BENEFITTING TIME SHIFT SUPPORTING IMPROVED COORDINATION ON TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES AND REGIONAL BOUNDARIES INCLUDING ON INTERSTATE 80 CORRIDOR BETWEEN SOLANO AND YOLO COUNTIES SO A COUPLE OF BENEFITS, THE IMPORTANCE OF BAY AREA PERSPECTIVE HAS BEEN SINCE 2016 WORKING WITH THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PARTNERS AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MEGA REGION WORKING GROUP AND THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATION TO BETTER ALIGN OUR LONG-RANGE PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING INVESTMENT. AMONG THE ENTIRE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, SACRAMENTO PARTNERS HAVE REQUESTED THAT MTC SUPPORT THE BILL BECAUSE OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MEGA REGION WORKING GROUP. RECOMMENDING MTC SUPPORT POSITION. OPEN FOR QUESTIONS.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: I'LL MAKE A MOTION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION REFER SUPPORT POSITION ON A.B. 350 TO THE COMMISSION.

EDDIE AHN: SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY COMMENTS ON A.B. 350? SEEING NONE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE BOARDROOM. ARE THERE ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONES. PROCEEDING TO PUBLIC COMMENT. ANY ATTENDEES ON ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 3D IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

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OR PRESS STAR NINE. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS IN THE BOARDROOM? SEEING NONE. WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: OKAY UNLESS THERE IS FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION WE CAN PROCEED TO ROLL CALL VOTE ON A.B. 350.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ARREGUIN.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA IS ABSENT. EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING IS ABSENT. HUDSON IS ABSENT. MAHAN IS ABSENT. PEDROZA?

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ALFREDO PEDROZA: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RABBITT?

DAVID RABBIT: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SPERING IS ABSENT. THAO IS ABSENT. NOACK?

SPEAKER: YES.

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

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM 4A, WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE. INFORMATION ITEM AND GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM. MAYBE ALSO UPDATE US ABOUT THE UPCOMING TRIP WE'RE TAKING.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: ABSOLUTELY. STILL GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN MTC STAFF. YOU HAVE A REPORT FROM SUPPLEMENT STRATEGIES YOUR DC ADVOCATES IN YOUR PACKET. TO NOTE THEY'RE DILIGENTLY

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WORKING TO PREPARE FOR THE JOINT MTC AND ABAG ADVOCACY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. GOING TO BE UPCOMING IN MARCH FROM THE 27th TO THE 29th. THEY'RE WORKING ON PUTTING TOGETHER MEETINGS WITH YOUR BAY AREA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WITH HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN ALSO THIS YEAR BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH INCREASE IN NEW FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND ELECTRIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE EEPA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WE'RE WORKING ON SETTING UP MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS FROM THOSE ORGANIZATIONS SO WE CAN PROVIDE THEM AN UPDATE ON WHAT YOU ALL DO AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO GIVE US SOME MONEY AS WELL. WE'RE ALSO PREPARING FOR A CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION THE ANNUAL CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION RECEPTION IT'S ON TUESDAY THE 28th. IT'S SOMETHING THAT MTC AND OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERS HAVE COORDINATED ON FOR DECADES NOW. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME WE'RE BACK IN DC IN A TIME WHEN FOLKS ARE REALLY GATHERING IN BIG GROUPS AGAIN, AND SO WE HAVE COORDINATED WITH MANY OF THE TRANSIT AGENCIES, COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATIONS, AND LOCALS FROM ACROSS THE BAY AREA TO REALLY COME ON BOARD THIS YEAR TO SPONSOR THE EVENT AND TO REALLY BE SHOWCASED AS A PARTICIPANT AND A SUPPORTER OF THE EVENT. AND SO WE ARE HOPING THAT THAT WILL BE SOMETHING -- THAT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SPEAKERS FROM THE BAY AREA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND SOME

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FOLKS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND USDOT TO COME TO SPEAK TO FOLKS AND TYPICALLY IT HAS DRAWN BETWEEN 305 HELPED PEOPLE IN THE PAST SO WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO GEN UP ATTENDANCE THERE. A COUPLE OF OTHER UPDATES I JUST WANT TO ON SUBSTANCE SHARE WITH THIS GROUP. YOU KNOW, TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE IS SOMETHING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO STEP IN AND, REALLY, UNUSUALLY SUPPORT TRANSIT OPERATORS IN PROVIDING SOME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DURING COVID. WE HAVE HEARD, TIME AND AGAIN, FROM OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN A PLACE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATING ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. SO ONE OF OUR FOCUS IN DC IS REALLY GOING TO BE TO PROPOSE TO REALLY BE LOOKING AND ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO SUPPORT BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ON THE CAPITAL SIDE. THAT'S WHERE A LOT OF THE NEW INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY IS. AND THAT SUPPORT CAN REALLY HELP FREE UP THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO INVEST IN OPERATING AT THE LOCAL SIDE AND OUR STATE EFFORTS IN ADVOCATING FOR TRANSIT OPERATING. YOUR TEAM HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH TRANSIT OPERATORS, LARGE TRANSIT OPERATORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE ALSO FACING SOME SIMILAR NEEDS RELATED TO FISCAL CLIFFS AND REALLY LOOKING@LEAST PROVIDING SOME JOINT INFORMATION TO FOLKS IN DC ACROSS THE BOARD THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS NEED FOR OPERATING IS NOT SOMETHING THIS ONLY BART IS FACING OR NEW YORK IS FACING OR ONLY CHICAGO IS FACING. SO WE'RE BEGINNING TO HAVE

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CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FEDS AROUND AGAIN HOW ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT ON THE CAPITAL SIDE WILL HELP RELIEVE ALL OF OUR NEEDS AT THE LOCAL SIDE. I THINK THE OTHER PIECE I WANT TO SHARE ON THE HOUSING SIDE IS THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND WE HAVE BEEN REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY AND INNOVATIVE APPROACH THAT MTC AND ABAG HAVE LED FOR DECADES ON INTEGRATING TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND CONTINUING TO SET UP MEETINGS TO PROVIDE UPDATES TO HUD THAT WORK WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH THEM TO SORT OUT REQUESTS FOR GRANT FUNDING WE'RE ABLE TO SECURE LAST YEAR THROUGH NEW GRANT PROGRAM FOR WHICH BOTH IS ELIGIBLE. AROUND FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT THERE ARE SOME CHANGES NEEDED TO PROVIDE CALIFORNIA RELIEF GREATER CAPACITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT THAT IS KEY IN BUILDING SO MANY AFFORDABLE DEVELOPMENTS AND SO THAT IS PLANNED TO BE ONE OF THE TOP HOUSING PRIORITIES THAT WE'LL PRESENT TO YOUR DELEGATION. SO, WITH THAT I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NO ONE FROM THE BOARDROOM. ANYONE ON ZOOM WHO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. WE'LL PROCEED TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE

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PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON ITEM 4A? IF SO RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THIS WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MY COLLEAGUES JOINING US IN DC ON THE TRIP. WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, ITEM FIVE. RELEASE OF MTC'S 2023 DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF MTC'S 2023 DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AN UPDATE APPROACH AND ON FEBRUARY 24TH THE DRAFT PLAN WAS RELEASED FOR 45 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD. AND THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND LESLIE E WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM GOOD MORNING.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. LESLIE ENRIQUEZ WITH LEGISLATION PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND STAFF. I'LL ASK COLLEAGUES TO PULL UP THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. I'M HERE TO PRESENT ON THE MTC STAFF 2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN. IF WE COULD GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN. IT IS A REQUIREMENT. IT'S REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND IT REQUIRES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE MTC, TO PREPARE A

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN THAT INFORMS THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED ON THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. AND THEN, FURTHER, STATE LAW REQUIRES MTC TO ALSO PRODUCE A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN THAT DESCRIBES HOW THE PUBLIC CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY. BECAUSE OF THESE SOMETIMES VERY PRESCRIPTIVE REQUIREMENTS, OUR PREVIOUS PLANS HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON THESE MAJOR PLANNING EFFORTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, FOR THE APPROACH FOR THIS UPDATE, FOR THE 2023 PLAN, WE TOOK A MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH, WHILE AT THE SAME TIMEKEEPING THE REQUIREMENTS IN FEDERAL AND STATE LAW. WE MOVED ALL OF THE REQUIRED TEXT INTO APPENDICES AND COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED THE PLAN REVAMPED IT TO BE MORE OF A USER GUIDE OR INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL FOR HOW THE PUBLIC CAN GET INVOLVED IN MTC'S WORK TO INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PLAN STAFF REVIEWED THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLANS FOR SEVERAL OF OUR KEY PARTNERS LIKE FOR SACOG, SCAG, ET CETERA, AND CONDUCTED RESEARCH ON ENGAGEMENT CURRENT ENGAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES. WE CONDUCTED A MONTH LONG SURVEY LAST YEAR THAT GATHERED PUBLIC INPUT ON HOW THEY PREFER TO BE INFORMED AND INVOLVED, WE INTERVIEWED MEMBERS OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL WHO OFFERED VALUABLE FEEDBACK THAT HELPS SHAPE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. A SUMMARY OF OUR ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND WHAT WE HEARD AS PART OF OUR SURVEY AND OUR

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INTERVIEWS IS INCLUDED IN ATTACHMENT B OF YOUR ITEM. BUT THE KEY TAKEAWAY I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT HERE IS THAT THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT REALLY CEMENTED THE EXPECTATION FOR VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES. BOTH TO PROVIDE INPUT AND FOR THE PUBLIC TO STAY INVOLVED AND JUST KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP TO. SECONDLY, WE KNEW THIS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC BUT I THINK IT'S NOW VERY, VERY CLEAR THAT THE EXPECTATION THAT WHEN WE ENGAGE FOLKS IN-PERSON, IS THAT WE MUST COME TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE. I THINK THE TIME HAS PASSED WHEN WE ASK FOLKS TO COME TO MEETINGS, HERE IN THE METRO CENTER, OR, YOU KNOW, OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE REGION, WE HAVE TO GO WHERE THEY ARE. IN THE SURVEY, WE ALSO ASKED FOLKS WHAT THE EASIEST WAY WAS FOR THEM TO GET INVOLVED, AND RESOUNDINGLY, THE TOP RESPONSE WAS PROVIDING ONLINE OR CALL-IN OPTIONS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. AND THEN A COUPLE OF OTHER KEY TAKEAWAYS THAT WE HEARD THE PUBLIC SEA THEY WANT SIMPLE AND PLAIN LANGUAGE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM AND THEY ALSO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR MORE EDUCATION IN THE FORM OF INFORMATION ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND FOLKS COMMENTED THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO PARTICIPATE OR WANT US TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE FOR THEM BUT THEY WANT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT OUR WORK AND WHAT WE DO. NEXT SLIDE. WE COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED THE PLAN TO FUNCTION MORE LIKE THE USER GUIDE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC HOW THEY CAN GET INVOLVED IN MTC'S WORK AND WE USED THIS UPDATE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE OUR EQUITY PLATFORM AS WELL AS UPDATE OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT

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ARE UP ON THE SCREEN AND OUR ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES, AND INCORPORATED CURRENT BEST PRACTICES FOR ENGAGEMENT. SO THE SUMMARY OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES ARE HERE AND I WANT TO NOTE THAT BOTH OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES ARE ROOTED IN OUR EQUITY PLATFORM AND WE DID THIS AS A WAY TO OPERATIONALIZE OUR EQUITY PLATFORM IN OUR ENGAGEMENT WORK MOVING FORWARD. AND THE GUIDELINES, STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPLES ALSO FUNCTION AS A GUIDANCE FOR ALL STAFF WHEN THEY'RE CONDUCTING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IN TERMS OF NEXT STEPS, THE DRAFT PPP, AS CHAIR ARREGUIN MENTIONED EARLIER WAS RELEASED FOR 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON FEBRUARY 24TH -- THERE IS A TYPO ON THE SCREEN HERE -- WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK TODAY ON THE DRAFT PLAN, AND THEN THE COMMENT PERIOD WILL CLOSE ON APRIL 10TH. WE'LL REVIEW THE COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED AND INCORPORATE ANY REVISIONS INTO THE PLAN BASED ON THIS FEEDBACK, AS NEEDED, IF THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES, WE WILL BRING BACK A REVISED DRAFT PLAN IN JUNE, WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. IF THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES, THOUGH, BASED ON PUBLIC INPUT, WE WILL RERELEASE THE PLAN FOR A SECOND 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD, AND BRING BACK THE -- THIS WILL BE IN MAY -- AND WE'LL BRING BACK THE REVISED DRAFT IN JULY FOR APPROVAL. AND, THROUGH THE CHAIR -- NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE -- I CAN TAKE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM

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JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? YES, COMMISSIONER?

SPEAKER: NOT REALLY A QUESTION, JUST EMPHASIS TO THE POINTS ON USING PLAIN LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION. YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FOCUS ON THAT AT CCTA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, AS WELL, JUST SO THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS WHAT CCTA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN, BECAUSE IT'S REALLY HARD TO GO OUT FOR MEASURES WHEN PEOPLE DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW WELL THE MONEY HAS BEEN USED, AND WHERE, AND HOW THE GRANT PROCESS WORKS. IT'S VERY CONFUSING FOR, YOU KNOW, THOSE OF US IN ELECTED POSITIONS, NEVERTHELESS THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND ANY WAY TO IMPROVE ON THAT GIVES US GREATER OPPORTUNITY AND CHANCE FOR SUCCESS IN THE LONG RUN. THANKS.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: I THINK THIS IS GREAT WE'RE DOING THIS, FIRST OF ALL. BUT I COULDN'T HELP THINK ABOUT PROJECTS THAT TAKE, AS MANY DO, YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. SO THAT INITIALLY, YOU HAVE ALL THIS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CONVERSATION BUT THEN THE YEARS GO BY. PEOPLE COME AND GO AND

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THEN YOU HAVE FOLKS THERE NOW SAYING WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE DON'T LIKE THIS. SO I'M JUST MAKING THE POINT THAT IT'S A CHALLENGE TO CONTINUE WITH EDUCATION EVEN THOUGH FOLKS THAT ARE COMING IN ARE TOLD HERE'S THE PROJECT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN THEY DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL IT'S READY TO HAPPEN THEN WE HAVE GOT THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO DO DAMAGE CONTROL TO KEEP THAT PROJECT MOVING FORWARD.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS IN THE BOARDROOM? SEEING NONE. I FULLY AGREE WITH ALL OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT WERE OUTLINED I'M EXCITED THAT WE'RE INTEGRATING THE EQUITY PLATFORM THAT OUR PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAD CHAMPIONED INTO THIS SO THAT AS WE'RE CONDUCTING OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT THAT WE'RE REALLY DOING IT IN A THOUGHTFUL WAY THAT'S FOCUSED ON ADDRESSING OUR BROADER EQUITY GOALS. I WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE EXCELLENT OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT WE DID AROUND PLANNED BAY AREA WHICH WAS NOT ONLY USING INTERACTIVE PLATFORMS BUT ALSO POP-UP, SORT OF, OUTREACH AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA, REALLY EXTENSIVE OUTREACH TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA, YOU KNOW, FOCUS GROUPS WITH PEOPLE REPRESENTING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES. I THINK THAT'S A MODEL OF THE TYPE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT THAT REALLY -- I THINK, FOR THE MODEL FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA --. I WANT TO COMMEND STAFF FOR ALL WORK THERE,

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I BELIEVE PLAN 2050 PLUS IS NOT GOING TO REQUIRE EXTENSIVE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT BUT I THINK THAT'S THE GOLD STANDARD.

SPEAKER: OUR ENGAGEMENT PLAN ARE THE SAME REGARDLESS OF WEATHER FOCUSING ON UPDATE OR MAJOR UPDATE WE'LL BE GOING INTO THE SAME WAY WE DID FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: I AGREE WITH THE PRIORITIES. SEEING NO COMMENT IN THE BOARDROOM. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT WITH A RAISED HAND ON ZOOM. ADINA LEVIN, TWO MINUTES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ADINA GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

ADINA LEVIN: GOOD MORNING. ADINA LEVIN, I SERVE ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF HERE, BUT WITH A BACKGROUND OF SERVING ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ALSO A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY ROLES AROUND THINGS THAT MTC AND ABAG DOES, WITH REGARD TO TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING. AND, SO, FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO EXPRESS THANKS AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN. CONSIDERING DOING ROBUST OUTREACH AND CONSIDERING EQUITY. THERE IS, ALSO, AN ISSUE I WANTED TO RAISE, AND I DON'T HAVE A REALLY CRISP SOLUTION FOR IT, BUT I WANT TO RAISE AN ISSUE. BECAUSE WHAT MTC'S CHARTER IS, IN A LOT OF WAYS, IS ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. SO, THE THING

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THAT MTC IS DOING IS TO TRY TO GET FEEDBACK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE OBAG, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, EXTREMELY OPAQUE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AT THE SAME TIME, COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN THINGS LIKE SAFE WALKING AND BICYCLING, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, THERE IS A MISMATCH BETWEEN THE SHAPE, THE INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE OF WHAT MTC IS WORKING ON, AND THE ISSUES AND OUTCOMES THAT PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. AND I'M WONDERING WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES, BOTH IN THE WEB SITE AND MATERIALS, AND THEN, ALSO IN TERMS OF WHAT STAFF DOES TO CONTINUALLY ASSESS WHAT TOPICS THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN, AND THEN MATCHING THEM TO THE YOU KNOW, LEGALLY REQUIRED THINGS THAT MTC IS DOING ABOUT HOW TO DISTRIBUTE A PARTICULAR FUNDING SOURCE, FOR EXAMPLE. THANKS.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. SEEING NONE. AND SEEING NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK. WERE THERE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: UNLESS THERE IS FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE PLAN AND IF I HAVE ANY COMMENTS I CAN SEND THEM TO STAFF. WE CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM. WHICH IS OUR LAST INFORMATION ITEM. 5B UPDATE ON THE 2023 YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR MTC AND ABAG. JOHN KANNEGEISER AND KY-NAM MILLER WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM.

KY-NAM MILLER: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE I'M KY-NAM MILLER AND I'M STAFF AT MTC AND ABAG AND I'M JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUE JOHN KANNEGEISER. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL WITH AN UPDATE ON MTC AND ABAG'S YOUTH ORIENTED PROGRAMS AND ARE BRINGING AN UPDATE THIS JOINT COMMITTEE OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION ARE TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE RANGE OF YOUTH PROGRAMS IN OUR AGENCIES CONDUCTING IN LINE WITH THE EQUITY PLATFORM AND AIMING TO OPEN PATHWAYS FOR UNDERREPRESENTED BAY AREA YOUTH TO GAIN EXPOSURE TO PUBLIC SECTOR CAREERS. NEXT SLIDE. SUMMARIZING THE NORM MINETA ACADEMY PATHWAY TO GOVERNMENT COLLEGE MENTORSHIP SPARE THE AIR YOUTH PROGRAM AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO CONDUCT WITH THE AIR DISTRICT BAYREN'S WORKFORCE EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE NEWEST EFFORT LOCAL YOUTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE. WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS AT THE CONCLUSION. AND I INVITE YOU TO RAISE YOUR HAND IF THERE IS A PARTICULAR ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO FLAG AN ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THAT JOHN OR I CAN ADDRESS FOR YOU IN REALTIME. NEXT SLIDE. SO, THE BAY AREA SUMMER ACADEMY WHICH

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WAS RENAMED LAST SUMMER TO HONOR THE DECEASED LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE ICON, NORMAN MINETA. THE GOALS FOR THE SECOND SUMMER ACADEMY WERE TO INCREASE THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF PARTICIPATION PARTICULARLY FROM THE EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES. MTC STAFF CONDUCTED OUTREACH TO ALL COUNTIES TO ENSURE REPRESENTATION TARGETING PUBLIC AND ACROSS THE BAY AREA AS WELL AS PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS SERVING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS. WE WERE ABLE TO GET YOUTH FROM COUNTIES RECRUITING HEAVILY FROM SCHOOLS SERVING EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES WITH ETHNIC AND AGENDA IDENTITIES THAT REFLECT THE BAY AREA POPULATION. SOME STUDENTS SHARED THEY HAD DISABILITIES AND ENSURING THERE'S A WIDER PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES KEY GOAL FOR UPCOMING AND FUTURE SUMMER SESSIONS. STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN REACHING UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, INCLUDING YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, FOSTER YOUTH, AND OTHER CRITICAL POPULATIONS. THERE IS A BAR CHART ON THE SIDE HERE DEPICTING THE DEMOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION AMONGST APPLICANT, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 112 APPLICANTS, 58 IDENTIFIED AS ASIAN, 22 AS WHITE, 17 AS LATINX OR HISPANIC, 10 AND AS BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN, SEVEN AS OTHER, TWO NATIVE HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AND TWO PREFERRED NOT TO SHARE. FOR GENDER 57 APPLICANTS IDENTIFIED AS MALE, 46 AS FEMALE 1 NON-BINARY, AND ONE OTHER. GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN, A THIRD FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY, LESS THAN QUARTER FROM SANTA CLARA. CONTRA COSTA, SAN MATEO, SAN FRANCISCO EACH HAD ONE 8TH OF THE

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SHARE OF STUDENTS WHILE SOLANO, MARIN, SONOMA, NAPA WERE IN THE SINGLE DIGITS ROUGHLY IN LINE WITH THE SHARE OF THE BAY'S POPULATION. NEXT SLIDE. WE PERIODICALLY POLLED THE STUDENTS TO MEASURE SUCCESS. THE FIRST GRAPHIC ON THE LEFT SHOWS STUDENTS RESPONSES TO THE PROMPTS: OVERALL SUMMER ACADEMY 30% RATED THE ACADEMY EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT, NEARLY 50% RATED AS VERY GOOD, 18% RATED AS GOOD, 1% RATED AS FAIR OR FAIR ENOUGH, AND ZERO RATED AS POOR. SECOND GRAPH ON THE RIGHT SHOWS RESULTS FROM WHAT'S CALLED THE NET PROMOTER SCORE WHICH MEASURES NEGATIVE 100 POSITIVE 100 SCALE HOW MUCH THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THE SUMMER ACADEMY TO THEIR PEERS; ZERO SCORE IS NEUTRAL AND NEGATIVE SCORE WOULD MEAN THEY WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THE COURSE TO THEIR PEERS. YOU SEE AT THE CONCLUSION THE PROGRAM NET SCORE STARTED AT 39 WHICH IS CONSIDERED SOLID ACROSS INDUSTRY STANDARDS. FINALLY THE THIRD GRAPHIC ON THE BOTTOM SHOWS CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS HAD TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM. TOP SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED: MAKE EVENTS MORE INTERACTIVE TAKE MORE BREAKS DURING THE EVENTS, ADDRESS TOPICS MORE RELEVANT TO MY LIFE, HAVE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE SPEAKERS, USE A DIFFERENT PLATFORM TO HOST THE EVENT, IT WAS HOSTED OVER ZOOM, IN-PERSON EVENTS AND YOUNGER SPEAKERS. STAFF WILL BE DIRECTLY APPLYING THEIR FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE STUDENT EXPERIENCE FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER. NEXT SLIDE. THE AIM FOR THE SUMMER ACADEMY WAS TO ENGAGE CURRICULUM WHERE STUDENTS LEARN SOMETHING NEW UNDERSTANDING CONNECTION SAYS BETWEEN REGIONAL

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THEIR LIVES AND NEIGHBORHOOD PERCENT AND SEE A CAREER PATHWAY FOR THEMSELVES FROM THE DOZENS OF GUEST SPEAKERS. EVERY SPEAKER STARTED OFF BY DESCRIBING THEIR PATH TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. SPEAKERS INCLUDED COMMISSIONER EDDIE AHN WHO SHARED FORMATIVE STORIES OF GROWING UP HELPING HIS FAMILY RUN A SMALL BUSINESS. CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA, SPOKE WITH STUDENTS ABOUT HIS FRIEND AND MENTOR NORMAN MINETA, AND MINETA'S BIOGRAPHER PROVIDED AN INTRODUCTORY LECTURE FOR STUDENTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN BEING BEHIND THE ICONIC PUBLIC SERVANT. STUDENTS HEARD FROM AN AIR DISTRICT STAFFER WHO WAS BORN IN A REFUGEE CAMP BEFORE SETTLING IN RICHMOND WHO NOW INSPECTS CHEVRON PLANTS IN RICHMOND. ANOTHER SPEAKER GREW UP IN THE SOUTH, WITHOUT MANY METEOROLOGISTS OF COLOR TO FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS AND MADE HIS WAY TO METEOROLOGY BY FOLLOWING HIS LATE MOTHER'S ADVICE TO DO WORK THAT MADE HIS HEART SING. STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN IN-DEPTH SESSIONS ON KEY ISSUES PRESENTED BY MTC ABAG STAFF AT THE AIR DISTRICT. AT THE CONCLUSION STUDENTS SUBMITTED CAP STONE PROJECTS. 58 STUDENTS COMPLETED THE ENTIRE ACADEMY OUT OF ORIGINAL 112 APPLICANTS, ROUGHLY DOUBLE FROM THE PREVIOUS AND FIRST PILOT YEAR. STUDENTS COMPENSATED WITH STIPEND EQUIVALENT TO A LIVING WAGE OF $25 AN HOUR. AND WITH THAT I'M GOING TO PASS IT TO MY COLLEAGUE JOHN WHO WILL DISCUSS THE PATHWAY TO GOVERNMENT COLLEGE MENTORSHIP. JOHN?

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JOHN KANNEGIESER: THANKS KY-NAM. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. GOOD MORNING I'M JOHN KANNEGIESER, RECRUITING MANAGER MTC AND ABAG HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE PATHWAY TO GOVERNMENT COLLEGE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM. WE'RE FOCUSING ON MENTORSHIP VERSUS TRADITIONAL INTERNSHIPS. STUDENTS STILL HAVE A JOB OF COURSE BUT THE GOAL IS TO HAVE A STRONG LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE MENTEE. NOT ONLY EXPOSE TO THE DEPARTMENT BUT TO THE AGENCY AS A WHOLE AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL. STUDENTS WORKED WITH THEIR MENTORS OR MANAGERS TO CREATE A WORK PLAN AND TO HAVE A DIFFERENT EXPOSURE AND TOUCH POINTS WITH VARIOUS LEADERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE AGENCY AND MANY OUTSIDE THE AGENCY AS POSSIBLE. LAST SUMMER WE HAD SIX STUDENTS ALL FROM EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES REPRESENTING FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS SONOMA STATE, SAN FRANCISCO STATE, UC BERKELEY AND STANFORD. FIVE OF THE SIX STUDENTS WE HAD WERE STUDENTS OF COLOR, FOUR FEMALE AND TWO MALE STUDENTS. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ABOUT SEVEN MENTEES THIS SUMMER AS WELL. IN 2023. WE ARE GOING TO TRY EXPAND OUR SEARCH TO INCLUDE MORE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND AS MANY COUNTIES AS POSSIBLE. LAST SUMMER STUDENTS WERE PLACED IN FINANCE AND OUR CONTRACTS AREA, REGIONAL PLANNING AND FPP GROUP. WHAT'S NICE ABOUT 2023 OR THIS SUMMER IT WILL BE MORE OF A HYBRID ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE'LL HAVE MORE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS WHICH IS ONE OF THE AREAS OF FEEDBACK WE GOT FROM STUDENTS LAST SUMMER FROM STUDENTS WHO WANTED TO HAVE MORE INTERACTION FROM THEIR PEERS. STUDENTS WERE EXPOSED TO AS MANY

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LEADERS AS POSSIBLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENTS BUT WE FOCUSED ON CAREER COUNSELING AND WORKSHOPS. STUDENTS WERE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE BAY AREA SUMMER ACADEMY THAT KY-NAM MENTIONED GIVING MORE EXPOSURE TO REGION FALL GOVERNMENT. OUR GOAL OF COURSE IS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR MENTORS MENTEES AND ALUMNI GROUP TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE IN THEIR CAREERS AND ALSO INFORM WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AT MTC. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO JUST A COUPLE OF AREAS I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT FROM THE SURVEY THAT WE DEFENSE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE OVERALL HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH MTC. WE HAD BOTH EXCELLENT AND VERY GOOD, AND THEN, HOW LIKELY WOULD YOU RECOMMEND OUR PATHWAY TO GOVERNMENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM TO A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE. EVERYONE SAID VERY LIKELY, WHICH WAS PLEASING TO HEAR. I WILL TURN IT BACK TO KY-NAM. THANK YOU.

KY-NAM MILLER: THANKS JOHN. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THE SPARE THE AIR YOUTH PROGRAM HAS BEEN RUN FOR OVER A DECADE STARTED AS PART OF MTC'S CLIMATE INITIATIVE PROGRAM AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AIR DISTRICT THE PROGRAM AIMS TO REACH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF TRAVEL BEHAVIOR AND REDUCE TRANSPORTATION RELATED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGH THIS PROGRAM MTC FUNDS BAY BIKE, BIKE REPAIR EDUCATION STUDENTS EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES. VERY POPULAR YOUTH FOR THE ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY OR YES CONFERENCE FUNDED AND RUN IN PARTNERSHIP

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WITH AIR DISTRICT. IT'S BEEN ON HIATUS AND NOW RESTARTED AS HEALTH GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN LIFTED. MTC CONVENES A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE EACH QUARTER ALONG WITH RELATED WORKING GROUPS THAT BRING TOGETHER ALL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM STAFF TOGETHER AS WELL AS FOR THE REGION, AS WELL AS THIS IS A PROGRAM AREA TO GROW INTEREST IN ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL MODES NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SINCE 2019 BAYREN HAS PARTNERS WITH THE RISING SUN CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER GREENHOUSE CALLS PROGRAM SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL TRAINING AND HANDS ON EXPERIENCE INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES IN-HOUSE HOLD NEGLIGENCE THE REGION PROGRAM PRIORITIZES OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME YOUTH AND THOSE THAT ARE DISCONNECTED FROM SCHOOL AND EMPLOYMENT AS PART OF THE BAYREN BUSINESS PLAN PART OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MARCH 2022 A NEW EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM PROPOSED INCLUDES CALLS CAREER PATHWAYS OFFERINGS COMPONENTS JOB PLACEMENT INCLUDES TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES PROVIDING ON EXPERIENCE IN TARGETED SECTORS PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PARTICULARLY -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER REVIEWING AND ADOPTING THE BUSINESS PLAN LATER IN YEAR WITH IMPLEMENTATION SET TO BEGIN IN 2024. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. NO FEBRUARY 2022 LAST MONTHS MTC AND ITS PARTNERS INCLUDING AC TRANSIT BART CALTRAIN GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SAMTRANS SFMTA AND VTA RECRUITED SIX

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YOUTH PARTICIPANTS TO FORM A REGION FALL TEAM FOR THE BAY AREA LOCAL YOUTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE HAD TO PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL NON-PROFIT INTRODUCING YOUTH TO AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND AIMS TO INCREASE YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS IN POTENTIAL CAREERS WITHIN THE TRANSPORTATION FIELD AND IDENTIFY WAYS TO MODERNIZE THE WORKFORCE AND WORKPLACE FOR THE 21st CENTURY. CHALLENGE FOCUSED ON ENGAGING WITH YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN UNDERREPRESENTED IN THESE PROGRAMS IN CAREER FIELDS SUCH AS YOUNG WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR PROJECT AIMS TO ELEVATE YOUTH VOICES AND ADDRESSING THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR WORKFORCE CHALLENGES OF ATTRACTING HIRING AND RETAINING EMPLOYEES. NEXT SLIDE. TERMS OF NEXT STEPS AIM IS TO GROW PARTICIPATION IN THE BAY AREA SUMMER ACADEMY AND APPLICATIONS OPEN NEXT WEEK AND RUN THROUGH MID-APRIL YOU WILL ALL BE RECEIVING ELECTRONIC MATERIALS TO SHARE WITH YOUR NETWORKS AND WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN REACHING YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITIES WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS SUMMER PAID PROGRAM. ULTIMATELY ONE PATH FORWARD COULD BE TO RETURN TO PARTNERS WITH TRANSIT OPERATORS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES TO PLACE IN TERMS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES WITH THE SUMMER ACADEMY SERVING AS BOOK ENDS OF THAT EXPERIENCE. AS FOR THE PLAN FOR THE COLLEGE LEVEL PROGRAM I'LL HAND IT BACK TO MY COLLEAGUE JOHN TO WALK THROUGH THOSE CONSIDERATIONS.

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JOHN KANNEGIESER: THANKS KY-NAM ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAME BACK FOR FEEDBACK ABOUT THE COLLEGE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM WAS TO HAVE MORE IN-PERSON EVENTS AND TIME FOR THE MENTEES TO MEET AND WORK TOGETHER. SO NOW THAT THE COVID RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED WE WILL HAVE MORE HYBRID EVENTS AND HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THAT LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE IMMEDIATE BAY AREA TO HAVE AN INTERNSHIP OR MENTORSHIP WITH MTC. WE ARE LOOKING AT POTENTIALLY HAVING A YEAR ROUND COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM NOT JUST SUMMER, WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE BAY AREA SUMMER ACADEMY THIS COMING SUMMER AS WELL. KY-NAM?

KY-NAM MILLER: YEAH WITH THAT WE WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU, REALLY, FOR ALL EXCELLENT WORK IN ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE. I WISH WE HAD THESE PROGRAMS WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. I DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE PARTICIPATED BUT I GUESS I'M A POLITICAL NERD. [LAUGHTER] SO, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? YES, COMMISSIONER AHN?

EDDIE AHN: JUST, I WAS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE, LAST SUMMER, OF COURSE AND I'M EXCITED THAT YOU'RE COMING IN-PERSON TO THE BAY

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AREA METRO CENTER. THAT'S VALUABLE JUST TO SEE THE BUILDING AND ITS ARCHITECTURE AND IT ADDS A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE THAN ZOOM. LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS AS WELL.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ AND I, WE SPOKE TO THE -- I THINK, THE HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS BEFORE, AND I THINK IT WAS JUST REALLY GREAT, A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO MEET, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN MAKING THESE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM AND THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS AND FELLOW BAY AREA RESIDENTS. AND I THINK THE MORE ENGAGEMENT THAT WE COULD HAVE WITH THE PARTICIPANTS, I THINK IS GOOD. COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THEY ASK FOR YOUNGER SPEAKERS. [LAUGHTER]

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: YEAH. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? ANY MEMBERS ON ZOOM WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? YES, COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. I SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY ALL THESE YOUTH PROGRAMS TRYING TO GET THEM MORE ENGAGED WITH GOVERNMENT. AND HAVE PROMOTED AND ACTUALLY

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HELPED MANY OF THEM IN NOVATO. TO WHAT EXTENT TO THE YOUTH FOLKS THAT ARE WORKING, ANY MTC OR ANY OF THOSE OTHER PROGRAMS, GET TO INTERACT WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS? AND IF IT IS A WELL ROUNDED PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES YOUTH FROM THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA, MAYBE THERE IS A CONNECTION THAT YOU COULD HELP MAKE WITH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHERE THEY LIVE. AND MAYBE DO SOME PART OF THAT TIME WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT THEY GET A GRANT FROM MTC OR ABAG ON, AND THEN WORK IN THE CITY THAT'S THE RECIPIENT OF IT OR THE COUNTY. I KNOW MY CITY MANAGER DOESN'T LIKE THIS BECAUSE IT DOES TAKE TIME. BUT I REALLY THINK THAT HAVING A CONNECTION WITH WHERE YOU LIVE, IT MAKES IT A LITTLE BIT MORE REAL. SOMETIMES A REGIONAL AGENCY IS SO FAR OUT THERE THAT IF THEY DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REGIONAL AGENCY, LIKE A CITY OR A COUNTY. ANYWAY, JUST, COMMENTS FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY. I'M ALWAYS AMAZED AT HOW MUCH, OR EVEN HOW LITTLE, ADULTS HAVE LITTLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR OWN CITY OR COUNTY, LET ALONE REGIONAL ENTITIES. ANYWAYS, JUST A THOUGHT, AND I DON'T KNOW, JOHN IF THERE IS ANY CONNECTION. BUT I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST ASK THAT.

JOHN KANNESIGER: I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, GREAT QUESTION. I WOULD WELCOME ANYONE FROM THE COMMITTEES TO COME TO SPEAK TO THE COLLEGE STUDENTS AS A WAY TO ENTICE THEM AND GIVE THEM MORE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOVERNMENT WORK THAT'S OUT THERE. NOT TO RECRUIT ANYBODY BUT IF THAT'S

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SOMETHING OF INTEREST, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO REACH OUT. EVEN IF IT IS OVER ZOOM BECAUSE I KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE SAN FRANCISCO, VIA ZOOM SPEAK EVENT WOULD BE GREAT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

PAT EKLUND: YEAH THIS IS SOMETHING I WOULD PROBABLY COME IN TO SEE. I WORK FOR THE FEDS, GOVERNMENT FOR 43 YEARS SEVEN MONTHS AND 11 DAYS AND HAVE BEEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR 27 YEARS. SO I GUESS I HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN DOING IF FOR SO LONG. I REALLY THINK GOVERNMENT IS NEEDED, BUT IT ALSO NEEDS TO SOMETIMES BE RETREATED A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE WE HAVE TOO MUCH. I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE. I WOULD LOVE TO HELP ANY WAY I CAN.

JOHN KANNEGIESER: THAT'S WONDERFUL. I WOULD LOVE TO REACH OUT TO YOU.

PAT EKLUND: JOHN, I WOULD REALLY RECEIVE THAT WARMLY. SO, THANK YOU.

JOHN KANNEGIESER: APPRECIATE IT.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON ZOOM? SEEING NONE. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM RAISE YOUR HAND OR DIAL STAR NINE. SEEING

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NONE. ANY MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM? SEEING NONE. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU KY-NAM AND JOHN FOR ALL YOUR WORK. THESE ARE ALL REALLY GREAT PROGRAMS. AND AS SOMEBODY WHO PARTICIPATED IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP, DEFINITELY CHANGED MY LIFE AND REALLY INSTILLED THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF SERVING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND I HOPE THIS THESE PROGRAMS WILL INSPIRE OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE, TO WORK WITH MTC IN THE FUTURE, AND JUST REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE INVESTMENT THAT OUR AGENCIES ARE MAKING IN SUPPORTING THE GROWING LEADERSHIP HERE IN THE BAY AREA. SO, THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: OKAY. SO THAT COMPLETES THIS ITEM. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO LIST THE ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM THAT WERE SUBMITTED BY 5:00 YESTERDAY INTO THE RECORD. AND I'LL ALSO ASK IF THERE IS ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE OR IN-PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT

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ON THE AGENDA IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN CORRESPOND RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. IN THE BOARDROOM? THAT COMPLETES ITEM SIX. ITEM SEVEN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY APRIL 14TH, 2023 AT 9:45 HERE AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED. THIS MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE IS NOW ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. [ADJOURNED]

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