



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2024, 9:35 AM**

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** COMMISSIONERS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME
5 IS ALFREDO, CHAIR OF MTC ALONG WITH OUR VICE, CHAIR, NICK
6 JOSEFOWITZ. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. ITEM
7 ONE ROLL CALL.

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9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAIR PEDROZA.

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11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ? IS ABSENT.
14 COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA?

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16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HE'S IN THE BUILDING.

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18 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HE'S COMING MOMENTARILY.

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22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER AHN?

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24 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ?

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3 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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7 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT. FLEMING IS
8 ABSENT. COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI?

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10 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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14 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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18 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOULTON-PETERS?

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22 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOACK?

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1 **SUE NOACK:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PAPAN?

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5 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBITT?

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9 **DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SCHAFF?

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13 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SHE'S IN THE BUILDING.

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15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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17 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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19 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER THAO IS ABSENT. QUORUM IS
20 PRESENT.

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22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A REMOTE
23 PARTICIPATION REQUEST.

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25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** WE DO.



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** REQUEST UNDER A.B. 2449 FROM
3 COMMISSIONER RONEN. COMMISSIONER RONEN?

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5 **HILLARY RONEN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M REQUESTING -- SORRY. I
6 NEED LOOK AT MY LITTLE SCRIPT HERE. I'M REQUESTING REMOTE
7 PARTICIPATION BASED ON A KNEE RECONSTRUCTION SURGERY, AND
8 THERE IS NO ONE OVER 18 PRESENT IN THE ROOM.

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10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER, RONEN. WE
11 DON'T SEE YOUR CRUTCHES THIS TIME. BUT I KNOW LAST TIME THEY
12 WERE THERE.

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14 **HILLARY RONEN:** THEY'RE IN FRONT OF ME.

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16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** REQUEST IS NOTED. WE'RE ADDING YOU TO
17 THE COMMISSION AS PRESENT.

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19 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PROCEED TO ITEM TWO, I'M GOING TO ASK
20 FORMER COMMISSIONER -- MACKENZIE, PLEASE LEAD US IN THE
21 PLEDGE, IF YOU MAY? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE
22 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO
23 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
24 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** IT'S ALWAYS GREAT WHEN FORMER
2 COMMISSIONERS COME BACK. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. PROCEEDING
3 TO ITEM TWO, COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING
6 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
7 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
8 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A
9 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH
10 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. WE'RE GOING MOVE
13 TO ITEM FOUR: THIS IS CLOSED SESSION. ITEM FOUR, CLOSED
14 SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT.

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16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. I DO SEE A MEMBER OF THE
17 PUBLIC -- A COUPLE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
18 RAISED.

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20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PLEASE CLARIFY IF IT'S FOR CLOSED
21 SESSION.

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23 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I SEE NOTHING IN WRITING FOR THIS ITEM.
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IF YOU ARE WANTING TO SPEAK REGARDING
25 CLOSED SESSION ITEM ONLY PLEASE KEEP YOUR HAND RAISED,



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1 OTHERWISE. ALETA DUPREE, PLEASE GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.
2 YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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4 **SPEAKER:** YOU THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR ALFREDO PEDROZA AND
5 MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. SHE AND HER, WITH TEAM
6 FOLD. AS I SPEAK THIS CLOSED SESSION -- I NEED MY CLOCK HERE -
7 - I SPEAK AS AN ORDINARY USER OF BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION
8 SERVICES AND I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING WITH YOU ALL FOR ABOUT SEVEN
9 YEARS, AND I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO KNOW ANDY PREMIER FOR
10 THOSE SEVEN YEARS. AND SEEING THE RÉSUMÉ OF WORK THAT ANDY
11 DOES AND CONTINUES TO DO FOR COMMUNITY BY SERVING AS EXECUTIVE
12 DIRECTOR OF MTC. BUT WHAT I AM MOST OF ALL IMPRESSED IS THAT
13 ANDY IS MAKING AND SHARING THE IDEA AND PRACTICING THE IDEA OF
14 MTC BEING APPROACHABLE AND WELCOMING. AS I'M AN ORDINARY USER
15 OF THESE SERVICES. I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT, AND I WISH
16 MORE PEOPLE WOULD COME TO MTC. BECAUSE IT IS A VERY WELCOMING
17 SPACE. SO, GIVEN THIS CLOSED SESSION ITEM, ANDY IS SHOWING A
18 TRUE PART OF BEING A PUBLIC SERVANT TO THE PEOPLE. I BELIEVE
19 THAT THIS PAY RAISE IS WELL FOUNDED AND WORTHY OF APPROVAL.
20 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
23 RAISED HANDS.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. ON THAT NOTE WE'RE GOING TO
2 MOVE TO ITEM 4B CLOSED SESSION. THE COMMISSION WILL MEET IN
3 CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 WITH
4 THE RESPECT OF FINALIZE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYEE
5 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
6 COMPENSATION RANGE OF NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. THE EXECUTIVE
7 DIRECTOR SHOULD NOT BE PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. PLEASE
8 JOIN ME IN THE CLAREMONT CONFERENCE ROOM FOR THE CLOSED
9 SESSION. WE'LL RETURN AFTER. THANK YOU, ALL. [CLOSED SESSION]
10 [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES] [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES] [
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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I'LL WAIT A MINUTE WHILE THE REST OF
22 THE COMMISSIONERS FIND THEIR WAY TO THE DAIS. I SEE COFFEE IN
23 HAND AND PEOPLE ENERGIZED TO CONTINUE THE MORNING. SO, WE'RE
24 GOING TO COME BACK TO ITEM FIVE, THIS IS OPEN SESSION. THE
25 COMMISSION IS NOW IN SESSION. WE COMPLETED THE ANNUAL



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1 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR MTC AND
2 ABAG. THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE EXECUTIVE
3 DIRECTOR HAS MET HIGH STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THIS BODY PER
4 GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN THE CONTRACT PER THE AGREEMENT COST OF
5 LIVING ADJUSTMENT IS APPLIED RETROACTIVE TO CURRENT SALARY IN
6 ADDITION TO 2% MERIT ADJUSTMENT THAT WILL ALSO BE APPLIED OVER
7 HIS APPROVED SALARY LEVEL. MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM 5A MTC
8 RESOLUTION 4369 REVISED APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
9 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT. AS
10 PREVIOUSLY STATED THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT EXECUTIVE
11 DIRECTOR HAS MET THE HIGH STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THIS BODY PER
12 GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN THE EMPLOYEES CONTRACT EXECUTIVE
13 DIRECTOR'S ANDY FREMIER'S COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT IS 4.5% AS
14 DETERMINE BY THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MTC AND
15 SPECIFIC EXECUTIVE STAPH AND EXECUTED JULY 1ST, 2023. 2% MERIT
16 INCREASE WAS ALL APPROVED AND BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY BASED
17 ON THIS ASSESSMENT ADJUSTED ANNUAL SALARY WILL BE \$405,042
18 ANNUALLY. COUNSEL I'M GOING TO CONFER THAT I HAVE READ
19 EVERYTHING APPROPRIATELY AS REQUIRED.

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21 **KATHLEEN KANE:** YOU HAVE, THANK YOU.

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. SO, AT THIS POINT, I WILL
24 LOOK FOR A MOTION.

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1 **JAMES P. SPERING:** MOTION.

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3 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** SECOND.

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5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECOND BY GLOVER. AND I WILL SAY TO
6 OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THANK YOU FOR BEING WILLING TO LEAD
7 THIS ORGANIZATION THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE TIME FOR THE
8 ORGANIZATION WE HAVE REGIONAL AND LOCAL ISSUES BUT THE WAY TO
9 ADDRESS BOTH IS BY ACTING REGIONALLY AND WE NEED A REGIONAL
10 LEADER AT THE HELM. SO, TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THANK YOU
11 FOR BEING UP TO THE CHALLENGE AND FOR YOUR PAST
12 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE I KNOW
13 YOU'RE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
14 THIS ORGANIZATION AND OUR RESIDENTS. WE HAD A FIRST BY SPERING
15 SECOND BY GLOVER. PUBLIC COMMENT?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING FOR THIS
18 ITEM, AND THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
19 RAISED

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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** REMIND ME, BECAUSE WE HAVE REMOTE
22 PARTICIPATION LET'S PROCEED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PEDROZA.

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1 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** JOSEFOWITZ.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAVEZ?

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5 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** AYE.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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9 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLEMMING IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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13 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** AYE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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17 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOULTON-PETERS? NOACK? PAPAN?

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21 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT?

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25 **DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RONEN? SPERING?

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4 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
7 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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9 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. MOVING TO
10 ITEM 5B I'M GOING TO GET THIS RIGHT BECAUSE THIS IS FOR
11 GENERAL COUNSEL. MTC RESOLUTION 4369 REVISED APPROVAL OF
12 GENERAL COUNSEL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COST OF LIVING
13 ADJUSTMENT THE COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT GENERAL COUNSEL
14 KATHLEEN HAS MET HIGH STANDARD SET FORTH BY THIS BODY HER
15 EMPLOYEE CONTRACT COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT 4.5% STIPULATED IN
16 THE MOU BASED ON HER SALARY \$363,798.50. COMMISSIONERS DO WE
17 HAVE A MOTION?

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19 **GINA PAPAN:** MOVE APPROVAL.

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21 **DAVID RABBITT:** SECOND.

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I HEARD THE VOICE. SECOND BY RABBITT.
24 ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I
2 SEE NO ONE WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAIR PEDROZA.

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10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

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14 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** AYE.

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16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AHN? ABE-KOGA?

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18 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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20 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

21

22 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.

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24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. GLOVER?

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1 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** AYE.

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3 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MILEY?

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5 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

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7 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOULTON PETERS? NOACK? PAPAN?

8

9 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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11 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBIT?

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13 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RONEN?

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17 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.

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19 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SPERING? THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES
20 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO OUR
23 GENERAL COUNSEL. IT'S BEEN INTERESTING NAVIGATING ALL THE
24 LEGAL ISSUES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS
25 ORGANIZATION AND THE RESIDENTS, OF THE BAY AREA, AS WELL.



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1 WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO ITEM SIX, CHAIR'S REPORT. WHILE WE
2 JUST CELEBRATED SOME GREAT THINGS, WE'RE GOING TO,
3 UNFORTUNATELY, HAVE TO REPORT SOME SAD NEWS. FOR THOSE WHO MAY
4 HAVE MISSED THE ANNOUNCEMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH FORMER MTC
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNE FLEMING DIED IN HER HOME IN THE EAST
6 BAY. I'M SURE SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD MEMORIES OF
7 ANNE AND HER REMARKABLE CAREER, HER IMPACT ON THIS
8 ORGANIZATION. WHEN YOU SEE THE IMPACT OF SOMEONE, AND YOU GET
9 CALLS FROM CURRENT STAFF, IT DOESN'T SERVE JUSTICE. I HAD THE
10 CHANCE TO WORK WITH ANNE AND IT SPOKE SO MUCH ABOUT HER
11 IMPACT. ANNE BEGAN HER MTC CAREER AS AN INTERN IN 1982, AND
12 JOINED STAFF AS A PLANNER IN 1983. OVER THE NEXT 30 PLUS YEARS
13 ANNE ROSE THROUGH A SERIES OF POSITIONS TO BECOME MTC'S FIRST
14 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IN 2001 AND EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR OF POLICY IN 2009, MAKING HER THE ONLY PERSON TO HOLD
16 EACH OF THOSE LEADERSHIP ROLES. ONE OF HER EARLY LEADERSHIP
17 ROLES WAS THE COORDINATION TO THE BAY AREA'S RESPONSE OF THE
18 LANDMARK 1990 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES EFFORT, ADVOCATING
19 AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW LAW. SHE WAS PART OF
20 CLIPPER AND THE 501 TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTER AND LATER DREW
21 ON HER BREADTH OF EXPERIENCE THAT LED TO JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF
22 MTC AND ABAG OF THE ORIGINAL PLANNED BAY AREA. BUT ANNE WAS A
23 LEADER IN THE FIELDS OTHER THAN TRANSPORTATION. SHE CAPTAINED
24 THE 2010 EFFORT TO RALLY SUPPORT AND RAISE FUNDS TO PRESERVE
25 BASEBALL AS A VARSITY SPORT AT UC BERKELEY, WITH THE FINAL OF



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1 THE PAC 12 BASEBALL SEASON NOW UNDERWAY AT EVANS DIAMOND, THE
2 GOLDEN BEARS PITCHING STAFF IS NOW RECEIVED BY ANNE'S SON,
3 MATT. WHAT A GREAT TOUCH. ANNE'S WAS A HOME RUN CAREER, AND I
4 ASK THAT YOU ALL TIP THE PROVERBIAL HAT TO ANNE. SADLY, I
5 MISSED MENTIONING OF THE PASSING OF FORMER COMMISSIONER IRMA
6 ANDERSEN WHO DIED JANUARY 28TH AT THE RIPE AGE OF 93. WHAT A
7 GREAT LIFE. FROM 2003 TO 2007, IRMA REPRESENTED CITIES OF
8 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ON THE COMMISSION. SHE WAS VICE CHAIR OF
9 PLANNING AND ALLOCATION COMMITTEE AND ALSO SERVED ON
10 ADMINISTRATION BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES. IRMA WAS A RICHMOND
11 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM 1990 TO 2001 AND MAYOR OF RICHMOND
12 FROM 2002 TO 2006. WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING IN
13 MEMORY OF ANNE AND IRMA. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS FOR THAT.
14 AND, AGAIN, ONE OF THE THINGS I ALWAYS APPRECIATE ABOUT THIS
15 AGENCY IS HOW YOU ACKNOWLEDGE PEOPLE THAT COME IN, THE NEW
16 FACES, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK
17 ON THIS ORGANIZATION, LIKE BOTH ANNE AND IRMA. WE'RE GOING TO
18 PROCEED TO ITEM 7, POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT. BUT BEFORE
19 WE DO THAT, COMMISSIONERS DO WE HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR
20 QUESTIONS? WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT ITEM, POLICY
21 ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT --

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23 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I'M SORRY. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CHAIR'S
24 REPORT. THERE WERE NO ITEMS RECEIVED AND NO ONE HAS RAISED
25 THEIR HAND.



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** WE WERE COMMUNICATING, SO, THANK YOU,
3 KIMBERLY FOR THAT. MOVING TO ITEM SEVEN POLICY ADVISORY
4 COUNCIL. PAMELA, WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR REPORT, PLEASE?

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6 **PAMELA CAMPOS:** YES. HI. GOOD MORNING. I HOPE EVERYONE IS DOING
7 WELL. I HAVE A REPORT ON OUR POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
8 FROM FEBRUARY WHERE WE REVIEWED OUR ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND THAT
9 WILL BE COMING BACK TO OUR COUNCIL THIS SPRING. WE HOPE TO SEE
10 THIS ITEM PROVIDE A RECAP OF LAST YEAR'S GOALS AND PROGRESS WE
11 MADE TOWARDS ACHIEVING THEM AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO ALSO INCLUDE
12 A SUMMER TIME CONVENING FOR OUR COUNCIL TO FOSTER
13 COLLABORATION AND DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMISSIONERS
14 WHETHER A WORKSHOP, OR RETREAT I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU CONSIDER
15 THIS REQUEST IN PROVIDING RESOURCE AND STAFF SUPPORT TO
16 CONDUCT A SUCCESSFUL CONVENING FOR US. IN FEBRUARY, THE
17 REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET
18 AND REQUESTED THEIR WORK PLAN IN COORDINATION INITIATIVES,
19 IDENTIFICATION OF BARRIERS AND NEXT STEPS TO CREATING A MORE
20 RIDER FRIENDLY, EFFICIENT WORLD CLASS PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM.
21 IN FEBRUARY, I ALSO ATTENDED AN AARP STUDY ON TWO
22 INTERSECTIONS OF MONTEREY HIGHWAY IN SAN JOSE IT HAS A HISTORY
23 OF BEING KNOWN AS BLOODY ALLEY DUE TO HIGH RATES OF PEDESTRIAN
24 FATALITY AND THIS PROGRAM IS WORKING TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY
25 VOICES TO BE PART OF REDESIGNING WHAT THOSE INTERSECTIONS ARE



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1 GOING TO LOOK LIKE TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. SO, I'M VERY
2 GLAD TO SEE LOCAL COMMUNITIES LOOKING INTO INVESTMENTS AT
3 DANGEROUS TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS THAT IMPROVE SAFETY IN
4 LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S NOT ONLY FELT IN
5 THE SOUTH BAY, BUT REGIONALLY, MAKING SURE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
6 WALKABLE, BIKEABLE AND PUBLIC TRANSIT FRIENDLY TO ENSURE
7 ACCESSIBILITY IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
8 WORK DO YOU. AND THAT IS MY REPORT.

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10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, CHAIR CAMPOS. COMMISSIONERS
11 ANY QUESTIONS FOR CHAIR CAMPOS? COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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13 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU, MISS CAMPOS. I LIKE THE IDEA IF WE CAN
14 AID THEM IN HAVING A GATHERING, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, SO
15 THAT THEY CAN REALLY COME TOGETHER AND, AS A UNIT, BECAUSE I
16 KNOW THEY HAVE SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
17 TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL OVERALL BECAUSE
18 THEY DO A LOT OF GREAT WORK, SO IF WE CAN, I HOPE THE CHAIR
19 AND THIS COMMITTEE WILL SUPPORT THAT.

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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER PAPAN. AND I
22 BELIEVE WE HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FACILITATING THIS. THANK
23 YOU FOR THAT. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS DO WE HAVE
24 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I
2 SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH CHAIR CAMPOS FOR YOUR REPORT. MOVING TO ITEM EIGHT, OUR
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT. DIRECTOR PREMIER?

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8 **ANDREW PREMIER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR PEDROZA AND MEMBERS OF THE
9 COMMISSION. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING
10 THE TRADITION OF THE FOLKS THAT WORK HERE AND ALLOWING ALIX
11 AND I TO GO TO THE SERVICE. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF US.
12 AND THERE ARE FAMILY FRIENDS THAT PUT A LOT OF ENERGY AND WHO
13 WORKED WITH ANNE DIRECTLY, AND HER FAMILY IS JUST TOP NOTCH.
14 SO, THAT WAS A WONDERFUL CLOSING EXPERIENCE. WE'RE GOING TO DO
15 SOMETHING FOR THE FAMILY IN MAY AND WE'LL CERTAINLY OFFER
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT AS WELL AS FOR STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN
17 SOMETHING MTC ARRANGED. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
18 COMMITMENT IN ME, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. THANKS TO ALETA FOR
19 HER COMMENTS TOO, PROBABLY HELPED OUT. BUT I WANT TO SAY I
20 REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE CHALLENGING. THIS IS A DIFFICULT JOB.
21 BUT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AN INCREDIBLE TEAM TO PERFORM, AND I
22 THINK THEY SHOW YOU THE RESULTS OF THAT EFFORT. SO, I DID WANT
23 TO JUST THANK YOU, ALL, DIRECTLY, FOR THAT, AND THANK MY TEAM
24 FOR ALL THE WORK THAT THEY ACTUALLY PRODUCE FOR ALL OF US IN
25 THE REGION. JUST HIT ON A COUPLE OF ITEMS, ONE A RECAP OF OUR



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1 TRIP TO SACRAMENTO. MANY OF YOU WENT WITH US MARCH 12th AND
2 11th, UP TO SACRAMENTO. WE HAD THREE SIMPLE THINGS, PROTECTING
3 THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM FUNDS, ALSO
4 SUPPORTING THE MTC ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR TRANSPORTATION
5 REVENUE MEASURE, KNOWN AS SB1031. AND, ALSO, A SMALL UPDATE ON
6 THIS BAY AREA AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND, WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT
7 TO US ALL. I THINK IT WAS A VERY WELL DONE TRIP. AND I THINK
8 WE GOT SOME GOOD INPUT AND FEEDBACK FROM MANY OF OUR
9 LEGISLATORS. AND THEN, FINALLY, I WANT TO MENTION THAT AT THE
10 REQUEST OF CHAIR PEDROZA, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A COMMISSION
11 WORKSHOP IN SAN JOSE, THE HOME -- THE HOME OF MY BIRTH,
12 ACTUALLY. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING DOWN TO SAN JOSE AND
13 REPRESENT US ALL AT A COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON APRIL 24TH AND
14 25th. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING, BUT MAYBE YOU COULD PUT
15 A HOLD YOUR CALENDARS FOR THAT TIME. WE'LL FOLLOW THE NORMAL
16 TRADITION OF HAVING A COMMISSION MEETING HERE THEN TREK DOWN
17 THERE FOR A BIT OF WORK IN THE AFTERNOON AND THEN HAVE A GOOD
18 DAY THE NEXT DAY. SO, THAT IS MY REPORT. AND I'M HAPPY TO
19 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

20

21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE -- THE
22 ADVOCACY VISITS TO SACRAMENTO, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO THE
23 TEAM FOR PUTTING THOSE TOGETHER. SHOULD THE COMMISSIONERS THAT
24 JOINED, SOME OF THE NEWER COMMISSIONERS TO SEE IN ACTION IS
25 ALWAYS REWARDING. I WOULD LIKE A DEBRIEF AT THE RIGHT TIME ON



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1 TAKE-AWAY'S. WE HEARD GREAT FEEDBACK. THERE IS A LOT ON THE
2 PLATE RIGHT NOW AND I THINK WE LIKE TO BE FOCUSED ON WHAT WE
3 WOULD LIKE TO DO AND BE SPECIFIC ON AND IN TERMS OF YOU, WE
4 INVEST IN PEOPLE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE
5 OUTCOME WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE FOR THE REGION YOU'RE UP TO
6 THE CHALLENGE. VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ.

7

8 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** CHAIR PEDROZA AND I HAD THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO GO DOWN TO SAN JOSE TO LOOK AT THE DIRIDON
10 STATION AREA AND THAT, SORT OF, VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT, AND TO
11 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STATUS OF SAN JOSE, AND I WAS WONDERING
12 IF IT MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY, WHEN WE ARE ALL DOWN THERE, TO
13 MAYBE KIND OF, FOR OTHER COMMISSIONERS, TO ALSO BE ABLE TO
14 BENEFIT KIND OF GOING ON-SITE AND SEEING -- AND, SORT OF,
15 HEARING DIRECTLY FROM THE GOOD FOLKS OF VTA AND THE CITY OF
16 SAN JOSE AND THE COUNTY WHO ARE DELIVERING THE PROJECT.
17 BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE LEARN A LOT FROM THAT.

18

19 **ANDREW FREMIER:** COMMISSIONER, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH
20 VTA STAFF AND ORGANIZE MAYBE AFTER THE AFTERNOON ON THE SECOND
21 DAY, IF A HAND FULL OF FOLKS WANT TO STICK AROUND WE CAN DO
22 THAT.

23

24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** GREAT. WE BIKED THE LAST MILE WHEN WE
25 WERE DOWN THERE. I WON'T LET YOU KNOW WHO WON BETWEEN ME AND



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1 THE VICE CHAIR. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONERS?

2 COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

3

4 **GINA PAPAN:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ANDY AND STAFF FOR COMING

5 OUT TO THE PORT OF REDWOOD CITY AND TAKING A TOUR WITH US AND

6 SEEING ALL THE GREAT THINGS THAT GO ON THERE. WE LOOK FORWARD

7 TO ACTUALLY BRINGING THOSE PEOPLE HERE SO THE REST OF THE

8 STAFF CAN SEE THE BENEFITS TO THAT. BUT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9 GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.

10

11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER COMMISSIONER

12 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUR

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

14

15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. NOTHING IN WRITING, NO MEMBER

16 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

17

18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PROCEED TO ITEM NINE, COMMISSIONER

19 COMMENTS. I DON'T SEE ANY. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO OUR

20 CONSENT CALENDAR. COMMISSIONERS WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS ON

21 CONSENT. 10A THROUGH 10H ANY QUESTIONS ON OUR CONSENT

22 CALENDAR? DON'T SEE ANY. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

23

24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING NO

25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** BACK FOR A MOTION.

3

4 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** SO MOVED.

5

6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** MOTION AND SECOND. ROLL CALL.

7

8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA.

9

10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** VICE CHAIR, JOSEFOWITZ?

13

14 **V. CHAIR, V. CHAIR, V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

15

16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ? DUTRA-VERNACI? FLEMING IS

17 ABSENT. GLOVER?

18

19 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY?

22

23 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

24

25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOULTON PETERS? NOACK? PAPAN?



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2 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

3

4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBIT? RONEN?

5

6 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.

7

8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SPERING?

9

10 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

11

12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES

13 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

14

15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PROCEEDING TO ITEM 11, JOINT MTC AND
16 ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER CANEPA IS NOT HERE SO
17 I'LL BE FILLING IN FOR HIM. UNDER AGENDA ITEM 11 JOINT MTC
18 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AND ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MET MARCH
19 8TH ON 2024 AND REFERRED ONE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION 11A SENATE
20 BILL 960 WIENER TRANSIT PRIORITY COMPLETE STREETS REQUIRES
21 CALTRANS TO INCORPORATE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR ALL ROAD
22 USERS INCLUDING BICYCLES, PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT RIDERS IN THE
23 STATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED PRIORITY POLICY AND MAKE
24 CHANGES TO STREAMLINE TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECTS. STAFF IS



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1 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. I MOVE SUPPORT FOR SENATE
2 BILL 960 IN CONCEPT. I'LL LOOK FOR A SECOND.

3

4 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI WILL SECOND.

5

6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECOND DUTRA-VERNACI. COMMISSIONERS
7 ANY QUESTIONS? I DON'T SEE ANY. PUBLIC COMMENT?

8

9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOTHING IN WRITING NO MEMBER OF THE
10 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

11

12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** LET'S PROCEED ROLL CALL VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAIR PEDROZA.

15

16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ.

19

20 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** AYE.

21

22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AHN?

23

24 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

25



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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ?

2

3 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

4

5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

6

7 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. GLOVER?

10

11 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY?

14

15 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOULTON PETERS? NOACK? PAPAN? RABBIT?

18

19 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SPERING?

22

23 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

24



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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES

2 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PROCEEDING TO NEXT ITEM 12. THIS IS AN

5 INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY. SENATE BILL 1031 WIENER REGIONAL

6 TRANSPORTATION REVENUE MEASURE. STAFF CAN PROVIDE A CONNECTED

7 BAY AREA HANDOUT FOR OUR ADVOCACY TRIP. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO

8 GEORGIA WHO WILL SAY A FEW WORDS. ACTUALLY, BEFORE I DO THAT,

9 LET ME GO BACK. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO EXECUTIVE

10 DIRECTOR WHO WILL THEN TURN IT OVER TO GEORGIA.

11

12 **ANDREW FREMIER:** GEORGIA IS GOING TO DO THE HEAVY LIFTING. I

13 WAS HERE TO REMIND YOU THIS WAS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY.

14 THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF ACTION ON THE WIENER BILL. WE DID HAVE

15 QUITE A BIT OF DISCUSSION IN SACRAMENTO ON IT YOU HAVE WORK

16 COMING FORWARD TO YOU ON THE LEDGE COMMITTEE MEETING IN A

17 COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THAT'S WHERE OF THE HEAVY LIFTING WILL BE.

18 GEORGIA WILL GIVE OVERVIEW AND NEXT STEPS GIVING YOUR

19 DIRECTION ON HOW TO PROCEED ON A LOT OF MAJOR OUTSTANDING

20 POLICY ISSUES THEN SHE'LL WALK THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE

21 SCHEDULE SO WE'LL HAVE ALL OF THAT IN FRONT OF US IN

22 PREPARATION.

23

24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU PICTURE START

25 WITH THE SCHEDULE SO WE GET THE RIGHT MINDSET AND I'LL JUST



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1 SAY THIS IS CHANGING DAILY, BY THE MINUTE IN SOME CASES. THERE
2 IS A LOT OF STAKEHOLDERS. THERE IS A LOT OF PARTNERS, THERE IS
3 A LOT OF OUTCOMES WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO SEE. SO I ASK THAT WE
4 REMAIN PATIENT AS WE CONTINUE TO SEE THIS MOVE ALONG IN WAYS
5 THAT ACCOMPLISH GOALS WE WANT TO SEE IN THE REGION. WE'RE NOT
6 THERE YET BUT ALL MAKING PROGRESS. GEORGIA:

7

8 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING. I WILL START WITH THE
9 SCHEDULE THE LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE IN TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
10 APRIL 3RD, AND APRIL 25TH THEN THE NEXT IMPORTANT DEADLINE FOR
11 THE BILL POLICY DIRECTION MOVEMENT IS GOING TO BE IN MID-MAY
12 WHEN IT'S GOING -- WHICH IS THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
13 DEADLINE. SENATE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS HAVE SHARED THEIR INTENT
14 IS TO ADDRESS AS MANY KEY POLICY ISSUES AS THEY CAN, BEFORE
15 THOSE LATE APRIL AND MID-MAY MILESTONES. AND, SO, THAT MEANS
16 THAT THE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSION DIRECTION IN APRIL IS
17 GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT TO, AGAIN, INFORM ANYTHING WE CAN
18 ON THE BILL BEFORE THOSE KEY MILESTONES. I'LL HOP QUICKLY TO
19 WHAT WE ANTICIPATE BRINGING TO YOU IN APRIL FOR FEEDBACK AND
20 DIRECTION. SO, STAFF IS GOING TO SEEK DIRECTIONS ON THE NEXT
21 SET OF SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE
22 KEY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND POLICY ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT YET
23 BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE BILL AND WHAT'S IN
24 PRINT. RETURN TO SOURCE, SHARES OF FUNDING FOR DIFFERENT
25 EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES, HIGHWAY PROJECT AVAILABILITY, THEN WE



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1 ALSO ANTICIPATE -- NOT ANTICIPATE, WE'LL BE BRINGING TO YOU
2 FOR FEEDBACK AND DIRECTION ON THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN -- THAT
3 ARE IN PRINT NOW, IN THE BILL, THAT THE COMMISSION DID NOT
4 PROVIDE DIRECTION ON IN JANUARY. AND, SO, THERE IS GOING TO BE
5 A LOT IN APRIL SO THAT'S KIND OF A HEADS UP. THE STATUS UPDATE
6 ON WHERE THE BILL IS AT TODAY IS THAT ON MARCH 18th, THE FIRST
7 ROUND OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO MTC'S SPONSORED MEASURE WERE
8 AMENDED INTO SENATE BILL 1031 WHICH IS NOW A SENATOR WIENER
9 AND SENATOR WAHAB JOINT AUTHORED BILL. THE BULK OF THOSE
10 AMENDMENTS REFLECTED THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTION THAT YOU ALL
11 GAVE US IN JANUARY. SO IN JANUARY YOU SAID HERE IS A STAFF
12 HOLDING OF A MEASURE THAT WE WANT TO YOU DRAFT UP, GET IN
13 PRINT, BUT THERE WERE SOME MAJOR POLICY ITEMS THAT YOU SAID
14 COME BACK TO US. YOU KNOW, DON'T SOLVE ALL THE ISSUES NOW,
15 COME BACK TO US. SO WHAT THE SCAFFOLDING WAS INCLUDING
16 AUTHORIZING MTC TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT EITHER DIRECTLY OR
17 THROUGH VOTER INITIATIVE A MENU OF SPECIAL TAXES TO FUND
18 SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION, THE BILL IDENTIFIES EXPENDITURES
19 CONSISTENT WITH THE EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES SET BY THE
20 COMMISSION, TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION, SAFE STREETS, CONNECTIVITY
21 AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE. AND THEN THOUGH THE COMMISSION DID
22 DEFER IN JANUARY DETAILS ON AN EXPENDITURE PLAN, SENATOR
23 WIENER ONE OF THE JOINT AUTHORS FOUND IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE
24 A FLOOR FOR TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION IN THE BILL THAT IS IN
25 PRINT SO WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING BACK TO YOU IN APRIL TO GET



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1 FEEDBACK ON MORE HOLISTICALLY LOOKING AT EXPENDITURE
2 CATEGORIES AND HOW REVENUE SHOULD BE DIVVIED UP WITHIN THE
3 LEGISLATION AND WILL INTEGRATE THAT COMPONENT OF GETTING
4 FEEDBACK ON THIS IDEA OF A TRANSIT FLOOR. THERE ARE KEY
5 PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE BILL, COMMISSION
6 IN JANUARY WAS RECOMMENDING THE AUTHORIZATION SHOULD
7 STRENGTHEN MTC' ROLE AS A NETWORK MANAGER TO ENSURE THAT YOU
8 ALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TRANSIT OPERATORS DELIVER CUSTOMER-
9 FACING IMPROVEMENTS FOR RIDERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SO, THE
10 BILL DOES THIS BY ESTABLISHING MTC AS RESPONSIBLE FOR
11 IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED TRANSIT RIDER EXPERIENCE ACROSS THE
12 REGION, AND IT REVISES EXISTING STATUTE REQUIRING MTC TO ADOPT
13 RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE RELATED TO TRANSIT
14 COORDINATION, AND THEY'RE REALLY RELATED TO MAKING SURE THAT
15 MTC ADOPTS -- SORT OF, SETS POLICIES THAT WILL HELP IMPLEMENT
16 THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN. THE OTHER KEY PIECE TO
17 THIS IS THAT IT CONDITIONS FUNDS ON TRANSIT OPERATORS
18 COMPLYING WITH THOSE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN
19 POLICIES. ALSO RELATED TO ACCOUNTABILITY, THE BILL WOULD
20 REQUIRE CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY, CALSTA TO
21 CONTRACT WITH A TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE TO ASSESS THE
22 ADVANTAGE AND DISADVANTAGES OF CONSOLIDATION OF BAY AREA
23 TRANSIT AGENCIES IN CONSULTATION WITH IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS
24 AND IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE CALSTA TO PREPARE A CONSOLIDATION
25 PLAN TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ASSESSMENT. SO OF



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1 COURSE THIS IS NOT AN ITEM THE COMMISSION ENDORSED IN JANUARY.
2 THOSE ARE CONDITIONS THE SENATE PRO TEMPORES, LEADERSHIP, AND
3 SENATOR WAHAB WHO IS NOW A JOINT AUTHOR OF THE BILL FELT IT
4 VERY IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE IN THE LEGISLATION. THAT IS ANOTHER
5 ITEM THAT WE'LL BE SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK ON IN APRIL LEG
6 COMMITTEE MEETING AND COMMISSION MEETING. SO, WITH THAT I WILL
7 TURN IT OVER

8

9 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** GREAT. ALL RIGHT COMMISSIONERS, AGAIN,
10 INFORMATION ITEM ONLY BUT I DO APPRECIATE GEORGIA GANN
11 DOHRMANN'S REPORT. IN TALKING TO OUR LEGISLATORS THIS, IS A
12 DYNAMIC PROCESS. I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR RESPONDING. THIS
13 HAPPENS SO QUICKLY BUT EVERY STEP WAY WE WANT TO CHECK IN WITH
14 LEADERSHIP, I THIS IS HAPPENING SO QUICKLY THINGS HAPPENING
15 BEYOND OUR CONTROL BUT MAKING SURE AS COMMISSIONERS MAKING
16 SURE YOU ALL KNOW THAT ONCE WE'RE MADE AWARE WE WANT TO
17 RESPOND WHERE THERE IS CONSENSUS ON THE COMMISSION BUT THERE
18 ARE NEW ITEMS TO DIGEST AND TALK ABOUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THOSE AS A COMMISSION BODY. I'LL
20 LOOK FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ AND THEN
21 COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

22

23 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** SO, I MEAN, I THINK THAT ONE CONCERN THEY HAVE
24 IS JUST, WHEN YOU JUST SAID WE HAVE TO BE A LITTLE PATIENT, I
25 THINK WE'RE KIND OF -- THE CAR HAS LEFT AND WE'RE, SORT OF,



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1 HOLDING ON TO THE BUMPER. SO, I DON'T WANT TO BE SUPER
2 PATIENT, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S -- THAT CREATES OTHER --
3 FRANKLY, WHAT I WORRY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IS US NOT BEING CLEAR
4 IS THAT WE LOOK LIKE WE'RE SURPRISING THE LEG -- OUR SENATOR.

5

6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FAIR POINT.

7

8 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT US NOT DOING THAT
9 TO THEM EITHER. I WONDER GEORGIA IF YOU COULD SPEND A MINUTE
10 TALKING ABOUT HOW -- JUST SO THAT WE'RE ALL AWARE, HOW
11 CONVERSATIONS ARE OCCURRING WITH SENATORS NOW. AND YOU RAISED
12 A FEW ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED BY MY COLLEAGUES, BUT WHAT'S THE
13 PROCESS BY WHICH THAT'S BEING DIGESTED AND SAUSAGE MAKE E HOW
14 ARE THOSE STRATEGIES WE'RE IMPLYING TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHERE WE
15 THINK THERE MAY BE CHARGES WITH THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE
16 BILL?

17

18 **ANDREW FREMIER:** COMMISSIONER, IF YOU DON'T MIND, MAYBE I'LL
19 GIVE A FIRST CRACK AT IT THEN GEORGIA AND/OR ALIX CAN JUMP IN.
20 THERE IS REALLY FOUR ITEMS IN THERE THAT NEED A LOT OF
21 ATTENTION AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE. SO THAT'S, SORT OF, THE
22 SCENARIO BUILDING THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO FOR YOU ALL NOW. IT
23 IS THE CHALLENGES FOR OPERATIONS AND TRANSFORMATION ACTION
24 WORK COST THAT TAKES A BIG CHUNK OUT OF THE INVESTMENTS SO WE
25 NEED TO REALLY TRY TO UNDERSTAND THAT AND HOW IT AFFECTS



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1 VARIOUS DIFFERENT OPERATORS. WE HAVE HEARD VERY LOUD AND CLEAR
2 THAT RETURN TO SOURCE AND MAKING SURE THAT THE VALUE OF THE
3 INVESTMENT OF THE TAXPAYER IS REFLECTED IN WHAT WE DO. SO,
4 WE'RE TRYING TO KIND OF BREAK OUT DIFFERENT OPTIONS IN THAT
5 ARENA AS WELL TO, AGAIN, BRING BACK FOR DISCUSSION TO SEE IF
6 THAT STARTS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS. AND YOU KNOW, OF
7 COURSE, WHETHER YOU TALK ABOUT CONSOLIDATION OR COORDINATION
8 OR ACCOUNTABILITY, THOSE ARE REALLY CHALLENGING ITEMS THAT
9 NEED SOME DEFINITION AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO -- IN THAT CASE,
10 WORK WITH THE OPERATORS A LITTLE BIT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
11 BRING TANGIBLE ITEMS FORWARD TO THE REGIONAL NETWORK
12 MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND THEN BACK TO YOU ALL AND THEN, CLEARLY,
13 THAT THE EFFORTS ASSOCIATED WITH DOING A STUDY THAT IS USEFUL,
14 I THINK IS GOING TO BE KEY, AND SO TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT
15 LANGUAGE AND, AGAIN, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE OPERATORS TO TRY
16 TO GETS A SENSE OF WHAT WOULD WORK FOR THEM SO THEY CAN STAY
17 FOCUSED ON THE JOB AT HAND WITHOUT BEING WORRIED ABOUT THAT SO
18 MUCH AND OF COURSE COORDINATING WITH FOLKS UP IN SACRAMENTO
19 THAT THE AUTHOR CURRENTLY HAS REPRESENTING THAT STUDY IS
20 ANOTHER PLACE OF ACTION FOR US.

21
22 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** SO, LET ME START WITH A FEW BASIC CONCERNS THAT
23 I HAVE, ONE IS THAT I WILL REQUEST, AGAIN, A BETTER
24 UNDERSTANDING OF, A VISUAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE WE'RE
25 SPENDING MONEY TODAY, WHAT MONEYS ARE COMING INTO THE



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1 ORGANIZATION AND HOW THE MONEYS COMING INTO THE ORGANIZATION
2 MAY OR MAY NOT ALIGN WITH NEW MONEYS. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT.
3 IT'S NOT -- IT'S THE INVESTMENTS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE
4 OUT OF WHAT I THINK IS A RELATIVELY SMALL POT OF MONEY ARE OF
5 CONCERN TO ME AND IF THE ORGANIZATION, OVERALL, IS SPENDING X
6 AMOUNT IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND Y AMOUNT IN OPERATIONS, I
7 THINK WE NEED TO ALL UNDERSTAND THAT SO IT MAKES MORE SENSE
8 THAT WE WOULD OR WOULDN'T SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE.
9 IT'S HARD FOR ME TO MEASURE THE OVERALL IMPACT RELATIVE TO,
10 YOU KNOW, THE REGION, BUT, ALSO, EVEN RELATIVE TO THE AREA I
11 REPRESENT ABSENT KNOWING THAT. AND FRANKLY, I CAN'T HAVE A
12 CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW MUCH WE'RE ALREADY INVESTING IN
13 CONSTRUCTION UNLESS THAT'S REALLY CLEAR. TODAY, WHAT WAS ON
14 CONSENT, WE'RE MOVING A LOT OF RESOURCES TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF
15 THE REGION. I'M GOING TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN HOW IMPORTANT I THINK
16 THAT ANALYSIS IS AND HOW IMPORTANT I THINK THAT VISUAL IS. THE
17 SECOND ISSUE THAT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT IS HOW MUCH IS IT
18 POSSIBLE TO RAISE? BECAUSE I RECOGNIZE -- AND I THINK ALL OF
19 US DO, THAT FILLING THE BUCKET THAT IS A DEFICIT IN MUNI AND
20 IN BART AND, PRETTY SOON IN CALTRAIN, IS A REALLY PERSONALITY
21 ISSUE. AND -- IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND WHAT IT MEANS IS IMPACT ON
22 ABLE WE HAVE IN OUR DIFFERENT REGIONS TO RAISE MONEY AND SPEND
23 MONEY IF WE'RE NOT GONNA HAVE ACCESS TO THIS MONEY, WHICH,
24 FRANKLY, IT'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN MY MIND, FOR US TO HAVE
25 ACCESS TO IT REGIONALLY. AND, SO, I -- YOU KNOW, I'M MINDFUL



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1 THAT IF WE PUT THE TAXING AUTHORITY IN THIS ENTITY THAT ONE OF
2 THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE IS HOW WE -- FRANKLY, FINISHED OUR
3 CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION WITH BART. SO AS AN EXAMPLE, WE HAVE A
4 MEASURE THAT'S JUST DEDICATED FOR THE OPERATIONS OF BART FROM
5 SANTA CLARA COUNTY THAT RAISES ABOUT 70 MILLION A YEAR, AS
6 PART OF OUR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. IF BART IS
7 RECEIVING X MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, TO DATE, YOU KNOW, DOES THAT
8 MONEY THEN COME TO SAN JOSE SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT --
9 WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE 70 MILLION WE DON'T KNOW
10 THAT'S AN ISSUE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT. AND THE OTHER IS ABOUT
11 WE, IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE, I THINK, FOUR TAXES, ONE THAT IS IN
12 PERPETUITY, ONE FOCUSED ON BART AND TWO FOCUSED ON CAPITAL.
13 AND -- OR ONE FOCUSED ON CAPITAL ONE FOCUSED ON OPERATING. IF
14 THE LEGISLATION SAYS AT ANY TIME TAXES CAN BE RAISED BY THIS -
15 - FRANKLY, BY STATE LEGISLATION WHICH MEANS THAT IF NOBODY
16 APPROVES IT INCLUDING LOCALLY, IT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
17 US TO RAISE MONEY LOCALLY TO BE ABLE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THOSE
18 BUCKETS. AND THEY HAVE DIFFERENTIATE TIMELINES SOME MID-2030S,
19 SOME MID-2040, BUT NONETHELESS THOSE ARE ISSUES THAT I WANT TO
20 MAKE SURE THAT I CAN GO BACK AND SAY, OKAY, THIS IS HOW IT
21 WILL OR WON'T WORK FOR THE REGION. SO, HOW DO WE GET THOSE
22 QUESTIONS MORE ROBUSTLY ANALYZED SO THAT I -- NOT JUST ME, BUT
23 I THINK ALL OF US ARE PROBABLY IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN OUR
24 DISTRICT?

25



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1 **ANDREW FREMIER:** LET ME GIVE A CRACK. FIRST OF ALL, I DO THINK
2 THE QUESTION AROUND FINANCE AND WHAT MONEY COMES INTO THE
3 AGENCY, INCLUDING BRIDGE PROGRAMS WHICH WE'LL TALK ABOUT A
4 LITTLE BIT LATER THIS MORNING, IS EMPHASIS IN THE WORKSHOP.
5 WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT APRIL TIME FRAME, THAT'S A LOT OF THAT
6 INTAKE TO REALLY MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT. AND
7 IT REALLY IS A REFLECTION OF THE QUESTION YOU ASKED US SO
8 WE'RE GETTING READY FOR THAT. AND I DO THINK THAT PATIENCE THE
9 CHAIR MEANT WAS REALLY JUST IN THE MONTH OF APRIL TO TRY TO
10 GET SOME OF THIS IRONED OUT TO THE POINT THAT WE CAN TAKE
11 CONTROL BACK, MAYBE CLIMB INTO THAT CAR AND GET TO --

12

13 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** NOT SO MUCH ON THE BUMPER. SEEING YOU ANDY RIGHT
14 UP THERE. [LAUGHTER]

15

16 **ANDREW FREMIER:** HOPEFULLY FEELS AND GETS THE COMMISSION MORE
17 IN FRONT OF THE WORK THAT IS GOING ON, BECAUSE THESE CHANGES
18 DID HAPPEN VERY QUICKLY AND HAPPENED, YOU KNOW, IN BETWEEN
19 COMMISSION MEETINGS. AND THEN I DO THINK, AS THE MONTH
20 PROGRESSES, AND EVEN BEFORE THE WORKSHOP, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
21 SOME IDEAS OF HOW WE SEE THE STRUCTURE WORKING THAT COVERS THE
22 VARIOUS DIFFERENT CATEGORIES THAT WE -- YOU ALL HAVE DESIGNED
23 FOR US TO TAKE A LOOK AT AND HOW THEY CAN ROLL OUT, BACK INTO
24 THE COMMUNITIES. INCLUDING A RECOGNITION OF HOW CHALLENGING
25 YOUR PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS ARE. AND WHILE SANTA CLARA HAS A



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1 SET, SONOMA AND MARIN HAVE A SET OF CHALLENGES THAT ARE A BIT
2 DIFFERENT WITH THE RAIL FACILITY THERE. SO WE'RE GOING TO TRY
3 TO DO OUR BEST AT MAKING SURE WE'RE UNDERSTANDING HOW THE
4 DIFFERENTLY PARTS OF THE REGION HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS AND WHAT
5 CHALLENGES THEY HAVE GOING FORWARD AND SEE IF THAT WILL BE
6 HELPFUL IN ALLOWING YOU TO, THEN, HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO
7 GIVE US THE DIRECTION THAT WE NEED. I'M CONFIDENT THE MONTH OF
8 APRIL WILL PUT SOME STUFF IN FRONT OF YOU THAT WILL TRY TO
9 ADDRESS THOSE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

10

11 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** AND THEN, ANDY, WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
12 AVAILABLE, THAT'S WHERE I'M MOST STUCK. BECAUSE FRANKLY IF
13 THERE WAS A LOT OF MONEY COMING THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF
14 FLEXIBILITY BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO THE BUCKET WE'RE TRYING TO
15 FILL. YOU CAN ONLY TAX PEOPLE SO MUCH BEFORE YOU WOULDN'T WIN
16 AN ELECTION ANYWAY. I RECOGNIZE THAT BALANCE. THE REASON I'M
17 PRESSING ON THIS IS THAT I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE AN
18 OBLIGATION, AND I'LL SAY THIS TO MY COLLEAGUES, WE TOLD THE
19 LEGISLATURE WE'RE GOING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO MORE SELF-
20 HELP. I THINK THE CHALLENGE IS I'M REPRESENTING A DISTRICT
21 THAT'S BEEN SELF-HELPING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME THAT WHAT WE PAY
22 FOR TAXES IS HIGHER THAN ANY OTHER AREA. ONE OF THE OTHER
23 QUESTIONS I HAVE IS, IS IT -- WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPLICATIONS
24 OF A SUBSET OF REGIONS GOING BOTH IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH MONEY
25 COULD BE GENERATED AND HOW IT COULD BE SPENT. AND I'M THINKING



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1 A BIT ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE WE HAD WITH MEASURE RR AND THAT'S A
2 THREE COUNTY TAX THAT WE HAVE TO SUPPORT CALTRAIN, SAN MATEO,
3 SAN CLAIR AND SAN FRANCISCO, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE'RE
4 GENERATING MAYBE 60 MILLION A YEAR FROM THOSE -- THAT TAX,
5 WHICH, YOU KNOW, FRANKLY, WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO BE SET
6 THAT WE WERE NEVER GOING TO NEED TO ASK ANYTHING FROM ANYBODY
7 EVER AGAIN AND ALREADY THAT'S -- THEY'RE GOING TO IN LINE IN A
8 YEAR OR TWO FOR THIS TO DEFICIT PROBLEM THAT WE'RE HAVING. I
9 MENTION THAT ONLY BECAUSE THAT WAS -- IT WAS A ONE -- IT WAS A
10 TAX THAT HAD ALL OF US AGREE TO PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT, ALL
11 OF US AGREE TO WHEN IT WOULD GO AND ALL OF US AGREE TO THE
12 AMOUNT. THIS FEELS LESS COMFORTABLE TO ME BECAUSE OF THAT. SO,
13 I DO WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE -- ONE, WHY WE WOULDN'T BE
14 DOING THAT, WHICH REALLY FORCED US, FRANKLY, TO DO THE
15 CAMPAIGN WORK IT WOULD TAKE TO WIN ANYWAY, BUT THE OTHER IS
16 WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO CREATE THE FLEXIBILITY
17 FOR THE REGION IF WE NEED TO DO THAT WHICH WOULD BE REGION'S
18 REASON TO OPT OUT IF NECESSARY. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, BY
19 THE WAY, I THINK BOTH POLLING AND RESOURCES.

20

21 **ANDREW FREMIER:** WELL, I'M HOPEFUL THAT SOME OF THE WORK THAT
22 WE'RE GOING TO DO IN APRIL WILL MAYBE FEED SOME OF THE OPTIONS
23 YOU HAVE IN THAT SPACE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. RIGHT NOW, ONE
24 THING TO RECOGNIZE IS THE FLOOR THAT WIENER HAS PUT INTO THE
25 LEGISLATION, SO FAR, IS IN, THEORY, THE NUMBER WE ALL THINK IS



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1 THE OPERATIONS WHOLE, AND THEN THERE'S, IN ORDER TO BE
2 SUCCESSFUL, A LOT OF OTHER INVESTMENTS NEED TO TAKE PLACE THAT
3 MEANS THE BAY AREA RESIDENTS ARE SOLVING THE PROBLEM, AND
4 MAYBE THERE IS DIFFERENT WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN THE LONG
5 RUN, TOO, HOPEFUL THEY COMES OUT OF SOME OF THE DISCUSSION
6 THAT WE HAVE. BUT I DON'T THINK UNTIL YOU ACTUALLY SEE HOW IT
7 MIGHT SHAKE OUT BASED ON THE CONSTRUCT THAT'S IN THE LANGUAGE
8 TODAY, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION YET TO HELP GUIDE US
9 ON HOW TO CHANGE IT OR HOW TO RECOMMEND CHANGES. SO, I THINK
10 WE'LL BE DOING A GOOD JOB OF ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS THIS
11 MONTH.

12

13 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. AND I DO WANT TO SAY I THINK SENATOR
14 WIENER, IN PARTICULAR, WHAT I APPRECIATE IS THAT THIS IS,
15 LIKE, A THANKLESS JOB FOR HIM TO TRY TO CARRY THIS. AND I
16 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, AND I ALSO APPRECIATE THAT YOU HAVE TO
17 START SOMEWHERE, YOU HAVE TO PUT PEN TO PAPER AND PUT
18 SOMETHING OUT OR PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO RESPOND TO OR
19 REACT TO. AND, COLLEAGUES, THANKS FOR INDULGING ME. I WANTED
20 TO PUT ALL THIS ON THE RECORD, AGAIN, NOT TO SURPRISE PEOPLE,
21 BUT ALSO HOPEFUL TO GET A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION GOING
22 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

25



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1 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD BUMPERS IS A GOOD THING HERE.
2 [LAUGHTER] I THINK WE CLEARLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL THE
3 OPERATORS HAVE NOT WEIGHED IN YET. THIS IS ON THE AGENDA FOR
4 CALTRAIN TOMORROW. WHAT I NEED TO BE ASSURED OF HERE IS THAT
5 THEY ALL HAVE A SAY. I GOT A SIX PAGE LETTER FROM THEM HERE.
6 AND I NEED TO KNOW THAT OUR STAFF, NOT ONLY READS THIS, BUT,
7 ALSO, IS IMPLEMENTING IT. IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE EQUITABLE.
8 WHAT'S FRIGHTENING IS THE LAST THING WE JUST APPROVED, ALL THE
9 SPONSORS FOR SAN FRANCISCO -- SAN FRANCISCO IS SAN FRANCISCO -
10 - SO, IT'S DEEPLY CONCERNING TO ME, THAT WE ARE NOT
11 REPRESENTING THE REGION AND THE OPERATORS THROUGHOUT HERE. AND
12 I NEED TO KNOW THAT STAFF HAS NOT ONLY MET WITH THESE
13 OPERATORS, BUT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS IMPLEMENTED HERE OR
14 THEIR CONCERNS ARE COMMUNICATED. BECAUSE WE HAVE LEGISLATORS
15 THAT ARE NOT ON BOARD YET. AND, YES, WE APPRECIATE SENATOR
16 WIENER'S EFFORTS HERE. BUT UNDERSTAND, WHEN WE SAY RETURN TO
17 SOURCE, IF OUR COUNTIES ARE PUTTING IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
18 MONEY, THEN THEY NEED TO KNOW, OUR VOTERS NEED TO KNOW, THAT'S
19 GOING TO COME BACK. SO, IF BART GETS A HUGE CHUNK OF MONEY
20 WHATEVER REVENUE COMES FROM OUR JURISDICTION THAT ARE NOT ON
21 THAT BOARD, WE NEED TO KNOW THAT MONEY IS GOING TO BE SPENT IN
22 OUR REGIONS. IT'S NOT JUST ONE LUMP SUM AND HERE YOU GO AND
23 IT'S ONLY GOING TO GO TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE AT BART BOARD
24 REPRESENTATION. SO WE HAVE TO BE VERY CLEAR ON THAT. BECAUSE
25 WE NEED OTHER LEGISLATORS ON BOARD WITH THIS SO THAT RETURN TO



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1 SOURCE IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT HERE. AND, AGAIN, HOW CAN YOU
2 HELP ME? AND I THINK SOME OF MY COMMISSIONERS KNOW THAT THE
3 OPERATORS IN OUR JURISDICTION NOT ONLY HAVE MET WITH YOU, BUT
4 YOU HAVE ADDRESSED THEIR CONCERNS. BECAUSE THAT WOULD MAKE US
5 ALL FEEL A LOT BETTER AND WE COULD TELL THAT TO OUR VOTERS AND
6 WE CAN TELL IT TO OUR LEGISLATORS, HEY, THIS IS IT. INSTEAD OF
7 BACK TRACKING, THAT THIS IS -- THE SNOWBALL IS SO FAR DOWN THE
8 HILL, YOU HAVE GOT TO GET ON BOARD, AND GUESS WHAT? MTC
9 SUPPORTED IT. IT'S SO VAGUE RIGHT NOW THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY,
10 VERY CAREFUL. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS, BUT IT'S JUST
11 THE MESSAGE THAT'S BEING SENT THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AND I
12 HOPE WE CAN WORK THROUGH THAT TO BUILD IT UP, PLEASE. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I WANT STAFF TO RESPOND. COMMISSIONER
16 PAPAN, WE'RE TALKING TO THE OPERATORS, I BELIEVE WE HAVE A
17 MEETING WITH THEM TOMORROW, I BELIEVE. BUT I'LL ASSAULTS SAY
18 THIS, WE HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE ALLIES UP IN SACRAMENTO
19 LEGISLATORS ESPECIALLY FOR THE BAY AREA THAT ARE ADVOCATING
20 AND WORKING WITH SENATOR WIENER. IT'S A MULTI-PRONG APPROACH
21 WE'RE WORKING WITH STAFF AND ARE GOING TO CONTINUE PROVIDING
22 OPPORTUNITIES BUT IT'S OUR ROLE AND LEGISLATORS AND PROVIDING
23 CONSENSUS AND I THINK WE HAVE TO RESPECT EVERYONE'S LANE.
24 SENATOR WIENER IS HAVING CONVERSATIONS HE NEEDS TO HAVE WITH
25 TRANSIT. I UNDERSTAND THE ANALOGY FEELING LIKE WE'RE HANGING



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1 ON THE BUMPER. I FEEL LIKE I'M IN THE CAR AND WE HAVE BEEN HIT
2 FROM MULTIPLE DIRECTIONS AND WE'RE TRYING, AND I'M MINDFUL OF
3 EVERYONE ON THE BUS, COMMISSIONERS. IT'S NOT AN EASY JOB, BUT
4 I UNDERSTAND THE PATIENCE IS BEING PART OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.
5 IT'S A PART OF TIME, I'M GOING TO BORROW COMMISSIONER RONEN'S
6 CRUTCHES PRETTY SOON. I KNOW YOUR POINT, AND I KNOW STAFF IS -
7 - THAT'S NOT FALLING ON DEAF EARS AND I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR
8 THEY EXPECT WE'RE TALKING TO THE OPERATORS, AND NOT ALWAYS
9 FINDING CONSENSUS, AND THAT THEY'RE FEELING HURT AND
10 UNVALIDATED --

11

12 **ANDREW FREMIER:** I ASSURE YOU COMMISSIONER PAPAN WE'RE TALKING
13 TO NOT ONLY OPERATORS BUT CTAS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE ITEMS
14 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT WE NEED TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL MEASURE.
15 WE ALWAYS RUN THE CHALLENGE THOUGH WE DON'T WANT TO GO FASTER
16 THAN THE COMMISSION SO MAKING SURE YOU ALL KNOW WHERE WE ARE
17 AND GIVE US OUR FEEDBACK IS ALSO PART OF THE CHALLENGING WORK
18 THAT WE'RE DOING. BUT I ASSURE YOU, WE'RE WORKING VERY
19 DIRECTLY WITH THEM AND GIVING THEM OUR INPUT AND GETTING INPUT
20 BACK FROM THEM. GEORGIA, DO YOU WANT TO --

21

22 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** YEAH, SURE. SO, FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A
23 HALF, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING, AND MAYBE EVEN CLOSE TO TWO YEARS
24 NOW WITH TRANSIT OPERATORS, AROUND THE REGION, WITH COUNTY
25 TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATIONS, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, LABOR



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1 ADVOCATES, YOU KNOW, A WHOLE RANGE OF FOLKS TO HELP INFORM THE
2 DRAFT SCAFFOLDING THAT WAS BROUGHT TO YOU ALL IN JANUARY. AND
3 WE HAD QUITE A FEW OPERATORS COMING IN AND ENDORSING THAT
4 SCAFFOLDING THAT YOU APPROVED IN JANUARY. AND THEN SINCE THEN,
5 SO, FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING AT A STAFF
6 LEVEL WITH LARGE OPERATORS EVERY OTHER WEEK. AND SOMETIMES
7 MORE THAN THAT, AND WE HAVE SET UP, IN ADDITION TO THAT, A
8 WEEKLY TO BIWEEKLY, KIND OF DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH IS GOING ON,
9 CONNECT BAY AREA WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS A REALLY LARGE GROUP
10 OF OPERATORS AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATIONS,
11 ADVOCATES, PARTNERS, TO REALLY MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT ONLY
12 PROVIDING THEM UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT THAT WE HAVE A
13 LARGE GROUP THAT CAN PROVIDE, SORT OF, FEEDBACK AND DIRECT
14 ACTION TO HELP SHAPE THE WORK THAT WE'RE PUTTING, AND, LIKE
15 THE PROPOSAL THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE BRINGING YOU ALL IN APRIL.
16 AND THEN, YOU KNOW, IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE REALLY WANT TO
17 MAKE SURE WE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOT JUST LARGE GROUPS
18 INPUT, BUT SMALLER GROUP INPUT. SO, I ALONG WITH SENATOR
19 WIENER'S STAFF HAVE MET WITH EVERY TRANSIT OPERATOR, YOU KNOW,
20 AND AT LEAST ONE OF US HAS COVERED THAT, AND COUNTY
21 TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INDIVIDUALLY. AND THEN, YOU KNOW,
22 WE ALSO JOINED THE GENERAL MANAGERS MEETINGS AND SMALL
23 OPERATOR MEETINGS. SO THERE IS A LOT OF TOUCH POINTS GOING ON.
24 AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, IN ADDITION -- SO, I THINK THERE IS A
25 STRONG COMMITMENT FOR THOSE ONGOING TOUCH POINT AND WE HOPE



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1 THERE IS AVENUE FOR FOLKS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH STAFF
2 ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS BUT WE ALSO KNOW AND IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT
3 EVERYBODY IS MEETING WITH COMMISSIONERS SO THERE IS CONCERN,
4 SUPPORT, PRIORITIES FROM THAT DIRECTION TOO.

5

6 **GINA PAPAN:** AND I APPRECIATE ALL THOSE MEETINGS AND EVERYTHING
7 LIKE THAT, BUT WE HEAR FREQUENTLY, MEETINGS GO ON -- WE --
8 THREE OF US GOT KIND OF CRUCIFIED MEETING WITH ONE MEMBER
9 SAYING THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU MET WITH ME AND I HAVE
10 ASKED YOU FOR CERTAIN THINGS AND NEVER RECEIVED A RESPONSE. SO
11 THAT'S WHAT'S CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY THROW UP,
12 ASSEMBLYMEMBER PAPAN YOU AGREED WITH ME. I'M LIKE, GREAT, I
13 HAVE TO TALK TO MY ASSEMBLYMEMBER MORE OFTEN. THAT IS WHAT I'M
14 CONCERNED ABOUT HERE, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO COMMUNICATE.
15 WE KNOW THESE MEETINGS GO ON AND YOU GUYS WORK VERY HARD FOR
16 THAT. I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW IS WHATEVER COMMUNICATED IN
17 THE MEETING AND WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO WORK OUT. BECAUSE THAT
18 WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD
19 WORK AND EFFORT, I GET IT. BUT, WE HAVE TO BE ASSURED THAT OUR
20 AREAS ARE COVERED TOO. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER PAPAN. AND I'LL
23 JUST SAY I WAS NOT PART OF THE MEETING, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
24 REFERENCING. I WAS PART OF THE MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATOR AND
25 I FOLLOWED UP THAT WAS NOT A FAIR ASSESSMENT. WE FOLLOWED UP.



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1 WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT. SOMETIMES THINGS GET LOST IN
2 COMMUNICATION. COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

3

4 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** THANK YOU. I NOTED THIS IS A PROCESS THAT'S
5 BEEN ONGOING AND A LOT OF DISCUSSION. I LIKE WHAT I'M HEARING
6 FROM COMMISSIONERS. ALSO RESPOND FROM STAFF. I THINK IT'S
7 GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT IN TERMS OF REALLY REMINDING
8 LEGISLATURE THAT IF THESE THINGS ARE MET, THIS IS DEAD-ON
9 ARRIVAL SO THEY NEED TO TAKE SERIOUS WHAT'S ONGOING. ANDY YOU
10 HAVE A TOUGH JOB GOING ON AT THAT TABLE BUT THIS BOTTOM LINE
11 IS THIS MEASURE IS NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNLESS WE'RE ABLE TO
12 ADDRESS THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM
13 OPERATORS AND THAT'S BEING DISPLAYED BY THIS COMMISSION. I
14 DON'T WANT US TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME FIGHTING A BATTLE THAT WE
15 CAN'T WIN, IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT WE'RE
16 SAYING FROM A REGION PERSPECTIVE.

17

18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. GREAT COMMENTS COMMISSIONER
19 GLOVER. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI THEN COMMISSIONER NOACK.

20

21 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** YES. THANK YOU. I WOULD JUST ADD THAT THE
22 MEETINGS UP IN SACRAMENTO I DID HAVE BOTH SENATORS WIENER AND
23 WHAT HAD BEEN ON MY SCHEDULE TO TALK TO. WITH SENATOR WIENER
24 AND 1031 WHEN I BROUGHT THAT UP HE STARTED OFF BY SAYING HE
25 DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT BUT THEN ENDED UP TALKING ABOUT



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1 IT MY MESSAGE IS WHAT I'M HEARING, THE SENATOR NEEDS TO
2 REMEMBER THAT THE COMMISSION WILL BE MEETING IN APRIL AND
3 WEIGHING IN ON THAT PARTICULAR TOPIC SO KNOW THAT HE DOES KNOW
4 THAT. THEN WITH SENATOR WAHAB, I WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED,
5 BECAUSE SHE MISSED THE MEETING. AS A MATTER OF FACT HER STAFF
6 WAS SO BUSY, THEY HAD NOWHERE IN THE OFFICE FOR US TO MEET SO
7 WE STOOD IN THE HALLWAY AND TALKED. SO, AND I DID SAY TO THE
8 STAFF PERSON, I'M DISAPPOINTED SHE'S NOT HERE, HARDLY EVEN
9 AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON AND I WAS ASSURED BY THE STAFF MEMBER
10 SHE WAS AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. SO, IN ANY CASE THAT'S THE
11 SHORT VERSION OF THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE TWO AUTHORS OF THE
12 BILL. SO, THANK YOU, CHAIR.

13

14 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER
15 NOACK AND COMMISSIONER RABBIT

16

17 **SUE NOACK:** I WANT TO COMMENT ON AS GEORGIA POINTED OUT THE
18 SCAFFOLDING WAS DISCUSSED AD NAUSEAM HERE BUT THE PIECE ON THE
19 BILL REGARDING STUDY AND CONSOLIDATION THAT WE DIDN'T WEIGH
20 IN, THAT WE REALLY SPEND SOME TIME WITH, MY CONCERN IS THE
21 STUDY. CONSOLIDATION, I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S FOCUSED ON THE
22 RIDER AND NOT JUST ON REDUCING COST OR EFFICIENCY, SOLELY. AND
23 THEN TAKING AWAY FROM THE RIDER. I WANT TO MAKE SURE, AS WE'RE
24 ADDRESSING THIS, BECAUSE WE REALLY HAVEN'T ADDRESS THAT PART,
25 EXCEPT FOR WAY BACK WHEN, IN OUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ON



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1 CONSOLIDATION AND COORDINATION THAT WE LOOK AT THE LANGUAGE IN
2 THERE AND MAKE SURE IT'S ADDRESSING WHAT WE WANT TO ADDRESS
3 WITH RESPECT TO A WORLD CLASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND NOT
4 JUST AN EFFICIENCY PIECE.

5

6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** OKAY. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.
7 COMMISSIONER RABBIT THEN COMMISSIONER SPERING.

8

9 **DAVID RABBIT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR
10 YOUR COMMENTS. I DO SECOND. WHEN I JOINED THIS BODY, I THINK
11 MY BIGGEST TASK WAS TO UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES
12 BECAUSE I LIKE TO FOLLOW THE NUMBERS AND SEE WHERE
13 OPPORTUNITIES LIE. BECAUSE EVERYONE WILL COME TO YOU AND SAY
14 THERE'S A GRANT FOR THAT, YOU'RE JUST NOT ASKING FOR IT. BUT I
15 DO THINK TO COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ'S POINT IT WOULD BE GREAT TO
16 HAVE A RUNNING TALLY OF THE OPPORTUNITIES OR CHALLENGES
17 WHATEVER WE WANT TO CALL THEM THAT ARE OUT THERE IN TERMS OF
18 FUNDING CATEGORIES AND BEING LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE. IN MY
19 OLDER AGE AND MY TENURE ON OUR BOARD, ANY PROBLEM THAT COMES
20 UP THE FIRST THING WE DO IS, OH, WE HAVE GOT TO TAX OURSELVES
21 MORE FOR THAT INSTEAD OF LOOKING IN THE POT OF MONEY THAT WE
22 CONTROL AND HAVE, AND SEEING HOW WE CAN REDISTRIBUTE IT I'M
23 NOT SAYING THAT'S HERE WITH THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE BECAUSE I
24 THINK IT SUPERSEDES THAT IN TERMS OF SCALE. TO STATE THE
25 OBVIOUS THIS IS NOT, TO ME -- THIS DOES NOT SEEM LIKE A



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1 TYPICAL NINE-COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MEASURE WHERE WE
2 ALL GET TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE NEED IN OUR DISTRICTS
3 AND COMPILE IT AND MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS REALLY THE INHERENT
4 INTENTION THAT WE KNEW WOULD HAPPEN, WHEN THE PANDEMIC, WITH
5 THE FISCAL CLIFF, AND DISPROPORTIONATELY ENTITY RELYING ON
6 FARE BOX RECOVERY OR TOLLS OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE AS OPPOSED TO
7 THOSE TRANSIT OPERATORS THAT WERE DOING FINE BEING FUNDED
8 THROUGH SALES TAX, WHICH ACTUALLY DID NOT DROP, AT ALL,
9 REALLY, AND ACTUALLY ROSE DURING THE PANDEMIC. SO, TO ME, IT'S
10 THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE THAT FLOOR AND
11 WHERE IS THAT FLOOR GOING TO. I THINK WE ALL KNOW IT'S GOING
12 TO THE MAJOR TRANSIT FISCAL CLIFF OPERATORS. AND WE HAD AN AD-
13 HOC MEETING IN OUR COUNTY TALKING TO CITY REPRESENTATIVES ON
14 OUR TRANSPORTATION BODY AND THEY ASKED THAT QUESTION AND AS
15 MOST PEOPLE ASK WHAT'S IN IT FOR US. WHY SHOULD WE SUPPORT
16 THIS MEASURE GOING FORWARD AND WHAT'S RETURN TO SOURCE ALL THE
17 QUESTIONS THAT WE KNOW ARE TRUE. THIS BODY, I RESPECT THE
18 OPPORTUNITY, FOR ME HAVING BART GO TO SANTA CLARA AND SAN JOSE
19 IS IMPORTANT, REPRESENTING IT WON'T AFFECT MY CONSTITUENTS BUT
20 IN THE REGION IT'S A GOOD THING. REALLY COMING UP WITH THAT
21 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THAT AMOUNT, THAT YOU COULD ASK A REMOTE
22 COUNTY, OR COUNTY THAT'S NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTED TO PROP UP THE
23 ENTIRE SYSTEM WITHIN THE NINE COUNTY BAY AREA, AND THAT'S A
24 TOUGH CHALLENGE. BECAUSE IT VARIES COUNTY BY COUNTY. I DO
25 APPRECIATE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRINGING UP MARIN AND



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1 SONOMA'S ISSUES. YOU KNOW. IF THERE IS ANY ENTITY THAT HAS A
2 TRANSIT FISCAL CLIFF, TO BE HONEST THERE'S ONLY ONE IN THE BAY
3 AREA AND THAT'S SMART. SMART'S FUNDING WILL EVAPORATE, GO
4 AWAY, BE ZERO, AS OF 2029 WHEN THE SALES TAX MEASURE EXPIRES.
5 AND THE IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WE TRIED TO RENEW IT ONCE AND
6 HAD OPPOSITION FROM A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE WHO SPENT 1 MILLION TO
7 TANK IT. SO HOW DOES THIS MEASURE ACTUALLY -- AND I APPRECIATE
8 YOU STATING THAT, HOW DOES THIS MEASURE ACTUALLY FALL INTO
9 PROPPING UP THE 600, \$700 MILLION INVESTMENT THAT WOULD BE
10 MOTH BALLED OTHERWISE GOING FORWARD. PERHAPS WE CAN PROP IT UP
11 FOR A YEAR OR TWO SHORT-TERM BUT NOT CERTAINLY LONG-TERM. SO,
12 TO, AGAIN, GOING BACK TO COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, TRYING TO GET --
13 COME UP WITH THAT LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES AND
14 OPPORTUNITIES TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS WE
15 HAVE WITHIN ALL THE DISTRICTS IN ALL THE REGIONS WITHIN THE
16 BAY AREA AND MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE FALLS BY THE WAY SIDE.

17

18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER
19 SPERING THEN VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ.

20

21 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I WANT TO ASK STAFF TO THINK ABOUT THE
22 MEETING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE WITH THIS COMMISSION, WHAT
23 THE FORMAT OF THAT MEETING IS SO WE DON'T COME OUT OF THE
24 MEETING WITH GENERAL DISCUSSION AND STAFF SAYING THIS IS WHAT
25 WE THINK WE HEARD. IT NEEDS TO BE FORMATTED IN A WAY THAT WE



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1 CAN MOVE FORWARD THAT YOU CLEARLY KNOW WHAT'S IN THE INTEREST
2 OF COMMISSIONERS OR WHAT THEY WANT TO BRING FORWARD. JUST MAKE
3 SURE IT'S JUST NOT AN ACADEMIC DISCUSSION ABOUT EVERYBODY'S
4 CONCERNS AND YOU GO AWAY WITH WHAT YOU THINK YOU HEARD. IT'S
5 IMPORTANT TO CHALLENGE THE COMMISSION ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF
6 THIS BILL.

7

8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

9

10 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** A LOT OF THESE COMMENTS RESONATE
11 ESPECIALLY CHAVEZ'S COMMENTS, ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
12 EVERYBODY IS MAKING REALLY GOOD POINTS, I THINK IT WOULD BEING
13 UNCONSCIOUSABLE OF US TO GO OUT AND RAISE \$50 BILLION A YEAR
14 FOR TRANSPORTATION THEN COME BACK THE NEXT YEAR AND STILL BE
15 LEFT WITH A FISCAL CLIFF WITH SOME OF OUR LARGEST OPERATORS OR
16 SMALL OPERATORS AT SMART OR BART OR MUNI. SO, I THINK THAT,
17 YOU KNOW, MAKING SURE THAT THIS MEASURE, SORT OF, GETS US OUT
18 OF THE FISCAL CLIFF, HAS TO BE A SUPER HIGH PRIORITY. AND I
19 THINK COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ'S POINT ABOUT, OKAY, WELL, HOW MUCH
20 MONEY WE ACTUALLY ARE RAISING THEN THAT ALLOWS US TO KIND OF
21 UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN KIND OF SATISFY THE REGIONAL
22 DISTRIBUTION ISSUES IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THAT
23 DISCUSSION. BUT I THINK THAT IS A SUPER IMPORTANT TO GET TO
24 THE BOTTOM OF BECAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE US GOING OUT AND TELLING
25 -- SORT OF, SELLING SUCH A LARGE MEASURE THEN COMING BACK AND



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1 HAVE TO CUT SERVICE IN 2019 FOR SMART OR WHATEVER IT IS FOR
2 BART AND MUNI. AND I WILL SPARE THE AIR EVERYBODY ANOTHER,
3 MORE THOUGHTS ABOUT HIGHWAYS. BUT I STILL --

4

5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I'M SURE WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT IT.

6

7 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** BUT WE'LL REVIEW IT AND I THINK THE
8 MORE WE CAN FOCUS ON THE BIG PROBLEMS THE MORE WE CAN ADDRESS
9 SOME OF THESE DISTRIBUTION ISSUES.

10

11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER
12 ABE-KOGA?

13

14 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU, CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF
15 THE COMMENTS. I ACTUALLY AM LEARNING A LOT JUST LISTENING TO
16 MY COLLEAGUES. AND ONE, I AGREE, I THINK IT'S REALLY
17 IMPERATIVE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE BIG PICTURE AND, FRANKLY,
18 COMMISSIONER RABBIT, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I LEARNED ABOUT
19 YOUR FISCAL CLIFF THAT YOU ARE FACING. SO, I THINK -- I
20 PERSONALLY FEEL LIKE I NEED TO UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT THE
21 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK IS, WHERE ALL OF OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES. BUT I
22 FEEL THAT THE LEGISLATORS AND THEIR STAFF PROBABLY COULD USE A
23 TUTORIAL AS WELL, AND IF THERE IS SOME WAY OF INVITING THEM OR
24 ENCOURAGING THEM TO COME, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S AT A RETREAT OR
25 SOME PLACE, BECAUSE THERE IS CLEARLY NOT A VERY GOOD



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1 UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED.
2 AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL FOR THEM TO, AT LEAST FOR
3 US TO TRY TO HELP EDUCATE ALL OF US, FRANKLY, INCLUDING THE
4 LEGISLATORS THAT ARE SPONSORING THESE BILLS. SO, THAT'S WHAT I
5 WOULD ASK. THANKS.

6

7 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER
8 MOULTON PETERS IS GOING TO CLOSE US OUT.

9

10 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** ROUNDING IT OUT. THANK YOU FELLOW
11 COMMISSIONERS, I'M LEARNING TOO. THE POINT I WILL MAKE IS WHAT
12 IS IT WE HAVE TO AGREE ON BY APRIL FOR THE LEGISLATION? AND
13 THEN WHAT IS IT THAT WE NEED TO AGREE ON BY THE TIME THE
14 MEASURE ACTUALLY GOES TO THE BALLOT. I THINK THOSE ARE TWO
15 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT ALL AT
16 ONCE.

17

18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I THINK THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO END THE
19 COORDINATION AND DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER MOULTON PETERS. I
20 THINK WHAT COMMISSIONER SPERING SAID, IT'S THE STRUCTURED
21 MEETING THAT WE HAVE, BASED OFF THE CURRENT INFORMATION.
22 BECAUSE WHAT WE KNOW TODAY MIGHT CHANGE TOMORROW. THAT'S THE
23 DIRECTION I WANT TO MAKE SURE STAFF IS HEARING TODAY THAT WHEN
24 WE COME BACK IN APRIL, WHAT ARE THE ACTION ITEMS, WHAT'S
25 PENDING, SO WE KNOW WHAT YOU NEED DIRECTION ON. SO THAT WAY



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1 THERE IS CLARITY AMONGST US. SO, ON THAT, YOU KNOW, SEEING
2 NONE, AND I'LL JUST SAY THIS, I APPRECIATE ALL THE
3 COMMISSIONERS BEING ENGAGED. IT REALLY MAKES IT BETTER FOR ALL
4 OF US TO GET ENGAGED EARLY ON AND FEEL LIKE WE'RE ON THE
5 BUMPER. I'LL SAY THIS, THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM A REGIONAL
6 MEASURE. BUT WHAT I WILL SAY IS WHEN I CAME ON, YOU KNOW,
7 SOMETIMES WE LOOK AT WANTING TO ESCAPE SCORE AT ONE POINT IN
8 TIME, IT'S BEING ABLE TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT THE
9 TOTALITY OF WHAT THIS REGION HAS DONE. AND SOMETIMES THOSE
10 INVESTMENTS SEEM INEQUITABLE IN THIS MOMENT IN TIME, BUT
11 OVERALL IT TENDS TO EVEN OUT. BUT WE NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBERS.
12 WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT OUR CURRENT STATE IS, LEVEL SET, BEFORE
13 WE TAKE ON NEW. BUT WE HAVE TO SOMETIMES USE THIS MENTALITY OF
14 I'M SPENDING A DOLLAR AND AM GOING TO GET A THERE BACK. IT'S
15 THE TOTALITY OF THE REGION THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED WHEN I JOINED
16 THIS COMMISSION. STAFF NEEDS TO PROVIDE US WITH THAT
17 INFORMATION SO WE CAN GO BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAY WHY
18 THIS IS AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME WITHOUT LOSING SITE OF THE
19 HISTORICAL INVESTMENTS THIS REGION HAS MADE INTO COMMUNITY.
20 PUBLIC COMMENT.

21

22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I DID RECEIVE ONE LETTER OF
23 CORRESPONDENCE FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT'S BEEN POSTED
24 TO THE ONLINE AGENDA. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO MEMBERS OF THE



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1 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE
2 TO GIVE.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ONE MINUTE. WE HAVE MULTIPLE MEETINGS
5 AND SOMETIMES WE GET MORE AS FOLKS JOIN AND IT WON'T BE THE
6 LAST TIME WE TALK ABOUT THIS MEASURE.

7

8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS VINAY
9 PIMPLE. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF, MR. PIMPLE, YOU HAVE ONE
10 MINUTE. ARE YOU THERE?

11

12 **VINAY PIMPLE:** VINAY PIMPLE FROM THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. I
13 WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED IN THE ENABLING LEGISLATION, AND GIVING
14 A LOT OF SPECIFICS, LEGISLATORS THINK THAT IT WOULD BE VERY
15 EASY TO PASS THIS ONE BECAUSE NORMALLY WE JUST WAIT UNTIL THE
16 LAST MINUTE TO DO OUR POLLING AND FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT
17 SPECIFICS YOU WANT THAT WILL GET IT OVER THE LINE, AND I DON'T
18 KNOW WHY THAT IS NOT BEING FOLLOWED HERE. SO I HOPE YOU FOLKS
19 TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT BEING PINNED DOWN TO SPECIFICS
20 THAT COULD THEN BE USED AGAINST US, FOR EXAMPLE, THE \$750
21 MILLION, THE 30 YEAR LOAN, PUBLIC BAIL OUT PLEASE BE CAREFUL
22 WITH THESE AMOUNTS. THANK YOU.

23

24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS SAM SERGEANT. GO
25 AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.



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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. CALTRAIN SUPPORTS THE
3 EFFORT BY THE COMMISSION AND LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE PATHWAY
4 FOR CRITICAL OPERATIONS FUNDING. CALTRAIN HAS CONCERNS WITH SB
5 IN ITS CURRENT FORM LANGUAGE IN THE BILL IS PROBLEMATIC
6 REGARDLESS OF ASSESSMENT THERE IS A FREQUENCY OF CONCLUSION TO
7 CONSOLIDATE MANY AGENCIES. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT COSTLY
8 ELEMENTS TO BUILD THAT MIGHT BE INCURRED WHETHER OR NOT VOTERS
9 APPROVE A MEASURE THAT HAS NOT IDENTIFIED FUNDING SOURCE FOR
10 THE WORK. WE'RE RECOMMENDING SB21 BE THE PIVOT ON PASSAGE OF A
11 REGIONAL MEASURE. WE'RE CONCERNED THE LANGUAGE IS REVISITED.
12 CALTRAIN AND OPERATORS ARE REAL AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHT
13 ON THIS, AND THE WORK OF STAFF.

14

15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
16 RAISED HANDS, MR. CHAIR.

17

18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO BRING IT BACK.
19 I SEE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. I THINK STAFF HAS PROVIDED SOME -
20 - HAS BEEN PROVIDED SOME GENERAL DIRECTION. SO, AT THIS POINT
21 WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO ITEM 12. THIS IS THE PROGRAMMING AND
22 ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ.

23

24 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS MET
25 ON MARCH 13th AND REFERRED NINE ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION FOR



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1 APPROVAL OF WHICH SIX WERE ON CONSENT CALENDAR. AGENDA 5A
2 RESOLUTIONS 4586 REVISED 92 REVISED AND 14 AND 15 AND 4635.
3 THIS ITEM ALLOCATES REGIONAL MEASURE THREE CAPITAL FUNDS
4 INCLUDING HALF A MILLION TO CCTA FOR THE I80SR FOUR
5 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS TRAIL CONNECTION FEASIBILITY STUDY
6 16.7 MILLION TO BAIFA UNDER THE BAY AREA CORRIDOR EXPRESS LANE
7 PROGRAM FOR THE I80 EXPRESS TOLL LANES. THERE IS MONEY FOR
8 WETA UNDER THE FERRY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SHORELINE
9 ELECTRICAL PROGRAM AND 12.6 TO SFMTA UNDER MUNI FLEET
10 EXPANSION AND FACILITIES PROJECTS FOR THE PRESIDIO YARD
11 MODERNIZATION PROJECT AND 19.3 MILLION TO SMCTA FOR HIGHWAY
12 101 STATE ROUTE 92 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS. I MOVE APPROVAL
13 OF ALL OF THESE RESOLUTIONS REVISED AND OTHERWISE. THERE IS MY
14 MOTION.

15

16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE A SECOND?

17

18 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** GLOVER SECONDS.

19

20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECOND BY GLOVER. PUBLIC COMMENT.

21

22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOTHING IN WRITING AND NO MEMBER OF THE
23 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

24

25 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.



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2 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:**

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6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** JOSEFOWITZ.

9

10 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AHN?

13

14 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ?

17

18 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

21

22 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE FLEMING IS ABSENT. GLOVER?

23

24 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** YES.

25



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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY?

2

3 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

4

5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOACK? PAPAN?

6

7 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RONEN?

10

11 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

14

15 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

16

17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** UPON THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES

18 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

19

20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

25



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1 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** ABSOLUTELY.

2

3 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** I WOULD LOVE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
4 THE WETA PLANS IT'S SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON
5 RELATIVELY UNPROVEN TECHNOLOGY AND I WOULD APPRECIATE AN
6 UPDATE ON WHAT WETA'S ELECTRIFICATION PLANS ARE WE ALREADY
7 HAVE THAT IN THE BAY CALLED BART PLENTY OF SPACE ON THAT AND
8 I'M INTERESTED IN IF SPENDING HUNDREDS OF MILLION OF DOLLARS
9 ON ELECTRIC BOATS IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING AS A REGION.

10

11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** MAY I ASK IF THAT IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION?

14

15 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

16

17 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** OKAY. AND ONE THING THAT I -- I DON'T KNOW
18 ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE JUST SAYING I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S
19 PROVEN OR UNPROVEN, I HAVE NO IDEA. WHAT I WOULD JUST SAY IS
20 THAT AS PART OF THE PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, I HAVE
21 REQUESTED FROM STAFF THAT WE DO SOME UPDATES THAT ARE FOCUSED
22 ON PARTICULAR SUBJECTS AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE
23 TO WORK THAT INTO THAT PROGRAM IF THAT'S OKAY? THANKS. AGENDA
24 ITEM 12B MTC RESOLUTIONS 4625 REVISED AND 4626 REVISED THIS
25 ITEM APPROVES REVISIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2023, 2024 RM3



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1 OPERATING AND PROGRAM ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023, 2024,
2 OPERATING PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT EXPRESS BUS OPERATIONS.
3 BASED ON THE COMMITTEE DIRECTION, STAFF IS CLARIFYING INTENT
4 TO REEXAMINE ELIGIBILITY AND USES FOR FUTURE CYCLES OF RM3
5 OPERATING EXPRESS BUS FUNDING IN THE COMMISSION MEMO ATTACHED
6 TO THIS ITEM. FURTHER STAFF RECOMMENDS A CONDITION TO BE
7 PLACED WANT ALLOCATION OF THESE EXPRESS BUS FUNDS TO SOLTRANS
8 -- I LOVE THAT NAME -- THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE SOLTRANS BOARD
9 TO REVERSE OPERATIONS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF
10 A SECONDARY FARE PAYMENT SYSTEM. SO, ANY QUESTIONS? JUST
11 WANTED TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC? OOH,
12 SORRY CHAIR.

13

14 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. AND
15 I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

16

17 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** WITH THAT COLLEAGUES I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
18 APPROVAL.

19

20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ.

21

22 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SECOND.

23

24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECOND SPERING. WE HAVE ALREADY DONE
25 PUBLIC COMMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.



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2 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

5

6 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** JOSEFOWITZ.

7

8 **V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** ABE-KOGA?

11

12 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AHN?

15

16 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER CANEPA IS ABSENT. PARDON

19 ME. I'M SORRY. I LOST TRACK. COMMISSIONER CANEPA IS ABSENT.

20 COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

21

22 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

25



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1 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. GLOVER?

4

5 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY?

8

9 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOULTON PETERS? NOACK?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PAPAN?

16

17 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBIT?

20

21 **DAVID RABBIT:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RONEN?

24

25 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SPERING?

3

4 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AND THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES
7 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

8

9 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 12C MTC
10 RESOLUTION NUMBERS 4444, REVISED, AND 45110, REVISED, TRANSIT
11 CAPITAL POLICY PROGRAM REVISIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021, 2022,
12 2023/24 CAPITAL PRIORITY PROCESS FOR PROGRAMS -- AND PROGRAMS
13 76 -- 77.6 MILLION IN FTE REVENUE FUND STATE OF GOOD REPAIR
14 CONSISTENT WITH THE TCP PROCESS AND CRITERIA. AND I MOVE
15 APPROVAL.

16

17 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT FIRST BY COMMISSIONER
18 CHAVEZ. DO WE HAVE A SECOND.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

21

22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECOND BY NO ACT. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC
23 COMMENT.

24



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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOTHING IN WRITING AND MEMBER OF THE
2 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FIRST CHAVEZ NOACK SECOND. ROLL CALL
5 VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA.

8

9 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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11

12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES

13 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

14

15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS, MOVING TO

16 ITEM 13, PUBLIC COMMENT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

17

18 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. I

19 SEE TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, FIRST IS

20 TODD NELSON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** ONE MINUTE OR TWO MINUTES.

23

24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** ONE MINUTE.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** TODD NELSON SPEAKING IN REFERENCE TO AN E-MAIL MARCH
2 21th, APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF PLEASANTON. I CURRENTLY
3 SERVE ON THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE'S VPAC
4 AND IN THAT ROLE WE REVIEW ARTICLE THREE FUNDING REQUESTS FROM
5 OTHER CITIES. I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO SHARE THAT THE PROJECT
6 MTC ELIGIBILITY, AS WELL AS EVERY APPLICATION BEING TREATED
7 FAIRLY AND AM STRUGGLING TO RECONCILE THOSE TWO OBLIGATIONS.
8 MY READING OF THE PLEASANTON APPLICATION WOULD FIND IT
9 INELIGIBLE ON SEVERAL ACCOUNTS I HAVE ELEVATED THIS, GARCIA OF
10 YOUR STAFF FIND IT ACCEPTABLE UNDER TDA FUNDING, BUT I NEED
11 SOMEONE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THIS BE REEVALUATE AND I COULD
12 IF THE LOCAL MASTER PLAN IS CONFIRMED FOR OTHER CITIES. THANK
13 YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. ADRIAN COLVERT, YOU HAVE ONE
16 MINUTE.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** ADRIAN COVERT, LOCAL LEAD, FRIENDS OF SMART FRIENDS
19 OF CORNERSTONE BAY AREA COUNCIL I WANT TO BRING A LETTER OF
20 AWARENESS I SENT TO DIRECTOR FRIEMER, ED CUMINS ABOUT THE
21 LARKSPUR SMART GOLDEN GATE FERRY REQUIRES WALKING 1/3 OF A
22 MILE REQUIRES TRANSFER TIMES UP TO 45 MINUTES ONE WAY AND HOUR
23 AND A HALF FOR ROUND TRIPS THUS REQUIRES RIDERS TO SPEND MORE
24 TIME WAITING THAN A ONE WAY CAR TRIP FOR THE SAME TRIP.
25 CURRENT CONFIGURATION IS INSUFFICIENT, WE ASK THAT MTC



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1 RECOGNIZE LARKSPUR IS A CONNECTION OF REGIONAL IMPORTANCE AND
2 PRIORITIZE REGIONAL FUNDING WE'RE EXTENDING THE LARKSPUR SMART
3 STATION TO GOLDEN GATE FERRY FOR CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
4 COUNTIES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
7 RAISED HANDS.

8

9 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY WE'RE MOVING TO
10 ITEM 14 ADJOURNMENT. ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF ANNE AND IRMA
11 NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE WEDNESDAY APRIL 2024.
12 ANY CHANGES TO THE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC.

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