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**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
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### **Municipal Transportation Commissioners -**

Bay Area transit agencies will need to be rescued sooner rather than later. The measure that will fund them needs to be on the 2023 ballot. Our climate depends on people getting out of their cars and back onto public transportation.

Respectfully,

-Dave Rhody  
Climate Reality Leader  
San Francisco

**From:** [Jack Kurzweil](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
**Subject:** 9/9 MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Item 3b, Regional Transportation Measure Update  
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Dear MTC and ABAG Commisioners and Staff,

The article in the Sept 8 SF Chronicle:

[https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/bart-50th-anniversary-17423532.php?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=briefing&utm\\_campaign=sfc\\_baybriefing\\_am&sid=56554a4018ff4377418d217a](https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/bart-50th-anniversary-17423532.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=briefing&utm_campaign=sfc_baybriefing_am&sid=56554a4018ff4377418d217a)

outlining the current financial crisis of BART could easily be broadened to include the financial crisis of all Greater Bay Area Public Transit.

This financial crisis has been accumulating for decades. But the sudden and major loss in transit ridership in the past few years as a consequence of the COVID epidemic has placed how public transit in the Bay Area is to be financed to the top of the agenda.

When addressing this issue, I urge you to place the future of Bay Area Public Transit in the context of California's efforts to address climate change in the next decades. Even with a transition to electric vehicles, there is structural need to dramatically increase the availability and use of public transit. More than that, the current efforts to restrict automobile parking in dense housing near transit sharply illustrates that public transit cannot be considered in isolation from the constellation of issues surrounding urban development in the Greater Bay Area.

As well, planning for public transportation needs to include addressing the extraordinary congestion on the Highway 101 and Highway 580 and 680 corridors as well as making room for express buses on the Bay Area Bridges.

As the leadership bodies on Bay Area Public Transit, you have the responsibility to address these issues directly:

1. Advocate for State government to provide a fiscal bridge for public transit until 2024.
2. Support and encourage legislation in 2023 that would enable a ballot measure in 2024 having the purpose of restructuring the funding sources for Bay Area Public Transit.

We are in a crisis moment. Please have the courage and conviction to address that crisis boldly.

Thank You,

Jack Kurzweil  
Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club ([www.wellstoneclub.org](http://www.wellstoneclub.org))



**From:** [Elliot Helman](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
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We need to save public transportation in the Bay Area with enabling legislation in 2023 to avoid the fiscal cliff that our transit agencies face in order to move fast to expand transit service that will help people drive less. Individual car trips are one of our biggest Green House Gas emitters and contributes significantly declining quality of life and health throughout the area. Our public transportation agencies need to make changes to accommodate the increasing numbers of people who aren't necessarily commuting to work anymore, but are traveling at less predictable times.

Thank you.

Elliot Helman



**From:** [Betty Kissilove](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
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Dear MTC,

It's urgent that transit is saved with additional operations funding and with support for advancing enabling legislation in 2023.

Thank you.

Betty Kissilove



**From:** [Jean Tepperman](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
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It's so important that we speed up additional funding for transit. We are burning up! And better public transit is an essential economic and racial justice measure.

Please do this!

Jean Tepperman

**From:** [Michael Gliksohn](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
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Hi, my name is Michael Gliksohn. I represent the Richmond Progressive Alliance as a member of the Voices for Public Transportation coalition. I live in Richmond, and I use BART and AC Transit to run errands, go to doctor's appointments, go to the gym, and for recreation, because I like to leave my car in the driveway as much as possible.

I strongly support MTC advocating for state operations funding as a “fiscal bridge” to a future year ballot measure, in cooperation with transit agencies across the state. Thank you for this commitment.

Further, MTC must make it a priority to introduce enabling state legislation in 2023 for a subsequent regional funding measure, regardless of whether it's on the ballot in 2024 or 2026. It is imperative that as transit agencies approach financial collapse when their federal pandemic funding has been consumed, we have multiple options to keep service on the streets. Abandonment of necessary transit services is not an option. MTC has discussed enabling legislation for over a year now, and it's time for action.

Thank you for the work you do to keep the Bay Area moving with many options.

Michael Gliksohn

**From:** [Kevin Ma](#)  
**To:** [MTC-ABAG Info](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on 3b (Regional Transportation Measure) on 9/9 Joint Legislative Committee  
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Dear Committee Members,

As a member of Mountain View YIMBY, a member of Voices for Public Transportation, I ask the Committee to recommend starting work on enabling legislation for the transportation measure early.

We are coming to the end of the hottest week in recent history, with concern that this may be merely the start of a new future. A major factor of climate change is carbon emissions, of which transportation emissions make up a good chunk. While there is great focus on vehicle electrification, we also must ensure that people are driving less and using alternative means more. And for transit, that means having the funding necessary to, at minimum, maintain current service and, hopefully, increase frequency, coverage, and convenience. But transit is currently on a lifeline of federal funds that will not last for long, facing steep deficits in general long-term projections.

It perhaps is true that we are all in the dark over electoral prospects in 2024, given the many other items potentially on the ballot. But it is better to ensure the basic legal groundwork is there in order to better make a go/no-go decision next year, as well as show how serious governmental institutions are at addressing the future of transit.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Ma