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To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission
From: Mary Lim-Lampe, JD
on behalf of the Genesis Leadership Council
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Re: 10/12 MTC PAC Item 3b, Regional Transportation Measure

This comment is in favor of the need to explore multiple solutions to save public transit in the Bay Area. I was grateful that the topic of transit funding on the 10/12/22 agenda of the MTC Programming and Allocation Committee. Genesis believes that public transit provides access to opportunity in our community, especially for youth, elders and people with disabilities who rely fully on public transit. I am a parent of a transit user and I know that my strategy of encouraging my teen to use transit for school, sports and work will help climate change in the long run.

MTC has discussed enabling legislation for over a year now, and it's time for action. It may take an extended period to develop the necessary statewide legislative support to get a bill passed and we need to start with an effort in 2023 to build a broad coalition in Sacramento. Also, we support MTC pushing for state operations funding as a "fiscal bridge" to a future year ballot measure in cooperation with transit agencies throughout the state.

We hope that this Committee and MTC will act with urgency to save transit for our community.