

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 9:30AM**

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4 ALL RIGHT. ALL SIGNALS GO. ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

5 I'LL R I'M GOING TO CALL TO ORDER THE METROPOLITAN

6 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR

7 ALONG WITH NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR. THIS MEETING IS

8 WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE, AS IT ALWAYS IS. PROCEED TO ITEM

9 ONE ON OUR AGENDA, ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GOOD MORNING. CHAIR PEDROZA.

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

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. ABE-KOGA?

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

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AHN?

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21 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA? COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

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25 **CINDY CHAVEZ?** HERE.



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2 >>CLERK OF THE BOARD: COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI? IS ABSENT.

3 EL-TAWANSY?

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5 DINA EL-TAWANSY: HERE.

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7 CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING?

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9 VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE.

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11 CLERK OF THE BOARD: GIACOPINI?

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13 DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

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15 CLERK OF THE BOARD: GLOVER?

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17 FEDERAL D. GLOVER: HERE.

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19 CLERK OF THE BOARD: MAHAN?

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21 MATT MAHAN: HERE.

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23 CLERK OF THE BOARD: MILEY?

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25 NATHAN MILEY: HERE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOULTON-PETERS?

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

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NOACK?

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8 **SUE NOACK:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PAPAN?

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12 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. RONEN?

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16 **HILLARY RONEN:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCHAFF IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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20 **JAMES P. SPERING:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY, PROCEEDING TO

25 ITEM TWO, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF COMMISSIONER MOULTON-PETERS



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1 COULD LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, PLEASE? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
2 "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
3 AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION
4 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. WE'RE GOING
7 TO PROCEED TO ITEM THREE, COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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

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16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. WE'RE GOING TO
17 PROCEED TO ITEM FOUR, CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. I DON'T HAVE
18 ANYTHING TO REPORT UNDER THIS ITEM. PROCEED TO ITEM FIVE,
19 COMMISSIONER INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS. DO WE HAVE ANY
20 COMMISSIONERS WITH ANY ITEMS? ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO
21 PROCEED TO 5A NEXT SUSTAINABILITY CONSENSUS FOR 2026
22 TRANSPORTATION REVENUE MEASURE. I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING MY
23 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY
24 SCHEDULES. IT'S BUSY, GRADUATION, BUDGET FOR SOME OF US THE
25 FULL HOUSE JUST KNOW IT'S APPRECIATE. AND STAFF, I WANT TO



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1 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR EFFORTS THE TOPIC TODAY MERITS EVERYONE'S
2 PARTICIPATION, PRESENCE IS NOTED. WE'RE WAITING FOR SENATOR
3 WIENER, I KNOW HE IS PRESENTING A BILL, HE MIGHT BE LATE. WE
4 WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO SPEAK TO THE
5 COMMISSION. I'LL PROVIDE MY COMMENTS. WHEN SENATOR WIENER
6 JOINS WE'LL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE
7 COMMUNICATION WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER WIENER, TREMENDOUS
8 LEADERSHIP AROUND THIS BILL. I'LL GO OFF SCRIPT. AROUND
9 103131, I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS YOU CHALLENGED ME IN
10 A HEALTHY WAY TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DRIVING THIS TRAIN THIS, CAR,
11 WHAT YOU CALL IT, FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE REGION AND WHAT WE
12 HAVE LEARNED ALONG THE WAY IS THAT THE PROBLEM IS REAL. THE
13 PROBLEM IS NOT GOING AWAY. BUT I DO KNOW THIS, THAT THIS
14 REGION IS BETTER WHEN WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE, WHEN WE'RE
15 ALL TALKING ABOUT THE PROBLEM WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE, WHEN
16 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE PROCESS OF HOW WE SOLVE IT. SO, ON
17 THAT NOTE, I AM GOING TO BE CONVENING A SELECT COMMITTEE
18 COMPRISED OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO REALLY EMBRACE
19 THIS OPPORTUNITY THAT I THINK IS BEFORE US. SENATOR WIENER DID
20 ASK US TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK ON A POTENTIAL SOLUTION FOR
21 THIS PROBLEM THAT WE'RE FACING IN OUR REGION. AND LOOK, THE
22 FISCAL CLIFF IS DIFFERENT IN SONOMA COUNTY, DIFFERENT IN SANTA
23 CLARA COUNTY, DIFFERENT IN NAPA COUNTY. BUT I DO BELIEVE, AND
24 I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, THIS IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL PROBLEM TO
25 SOLVE. THAT THIS IS A REGIONAL PROBLEM WITH A REGIONAL



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1 SOLUTION, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS BACK
2 IN COMMUNITIES FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS, FROM THE RIDERS. SO,
3 AGAIN, I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT IT IS OUR
4 RESPONSIBILITY, AS THE NPO FOR THE REGION TO HAVE THAT
5 DISCUSSION. AND WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS SELECT
6 COMMITTEE IS THAT IT'S THE PLATFORM TO TALK ABOUT OUR
7 INTERESTS, HOW WE FORESEE BEING ABLE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM
8 TOGETHER AND FINDING A PATH FORWARD. IT IS SOMETHING I HOPE WE
9 ACCOMPLISH IN SHORT ORDER. AND THAT LEADS ME TO BELIEVE, THERE
10 IS ONE PERSON CAPABLE OF DOING THAT, AND THAT'S COMMISSIONER
11 SPERING. I DO WANT TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER SPERING, NOMINATE,
12 ASK, REQUEST, DEMAND, ALL OF THE ABOVE. I DID HAVE A
13 CONVERSATION WITH HIM, SO I WOULDN'T SAY THAT WITHOUT HAVING
14 HAD THAT CONVERSATION. BUT WE DO NEED SOMEONE LIKE
15 COMMISSIONER SPERING THAT HAS EXPERIENCE IN THESE MATTERS,
16 THAT UNDERSTANDS HOW TO PULL PEOPLE TOGETHER AND KNOWS THE
17 PROBLEM WE'RE FACING. THAT'S MY RECOMMENDATION.

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19 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED.

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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** [LAUGHTER] THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
22 DON'T NEED A MOTION FOR, BUT I DID ANTICIPATE IT WOULD BE
23 UNANIMOUS, MAYOR MAHAN. [LAUGHTER] BUT IN THAT SPIRIT, I DO
24 WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SPERING. HE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS
25 DEDICATED A LOT OF TIME, WHETHER IT'S THE BLUE RIBBON TASK



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1 FORCE, NOW THIS. HE IS THE RIGHT PERSON AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR
2 THIS DAUNTING CHALLENGE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US THAT IS
3 SOLVABLE. I CAN KEEP SPEAKING, BUT PAUSE TO SEE IF SENATOR
4 WIENER HAS JOINT US? NOT YET. I'LL HAVE MORE TO SAY ABOUT HIS
5 LEADERSHIP AND HIS CHARGE AT THIS POINT AGAIN, AS CHAIR OF THE
6 COMMISSION. THANK YOU ALL. I KNOW THIS PROBLEM IS REAL. WE ALL
7 GET E-MAILS, CALLS BACK HOME. BUT IT'S A PROBLEM WORTH
8 INVESTING A LOT OF TIME IN AND FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS
9 SOME OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE TASKED WITH ROLLING UP YOUR
10 SLEEVES TO GET A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT IT'S A PROBLEM THAT
11 RIDERS ARE ASKING US TO SOLVE. SO, AT THIS POINT, I'LL TURN IT
12 OVER TO COMMISSIONER SPERING WHO HAS SOME WISE WORDS TO SHARE.

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14 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I DON'T
15 REMEMBER BEING ASKED. [LAUGHTER] I THINK I WAS TOLD.
16 [LAUGHTER]. THIS 1031 HAS BEEN A HECK OF A JOURNEY FOR THIS
17 COMMISSION. IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT I THINK IT WAS DRIVING A
18 WEDGE INTO THIS COMMISSION. AND IN ALL OF THE YEARS I HAVE
19 SERVED ON THIS COMMISSION ONE WAS THE REASONS MTC WAS REALLY
20 ESTABLISHED AND SENATOR FORAN, I REMEMBER TALKING TO HIM YEARS
21 AGO. HE FELT THIS AGENCY NEEDS TO DEAL WITH REGIONAL ISSUES,
22 THAT REALLY AFFECT THE BAY AREA, AND HE FELT THAT THE
23 LEGISLATURE DIDN'T HAVE THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
24 CONSTITUENTS WHERE MTC COULD DO THOSE PUBLIC OUTREACH. THE
25 CHAIR AND I HAVE MET WITH SENATOR WIENER, WE HAVE MET WITH



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1 SENATOR CORTESE, AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER WILSON, AND THE LIST GOES
2 ON AND ON. AND THE MORE WE GOT INTO THIS, THE MORE CONCERNED
3 WE BECAME WITH WHAT WAS HAPPENING HERE AT THE COMMISSION, THAT
4 POSSIBLY SOME OF THE CONCERNS AND INTERESTS THAT WERE RAISED
5 THAT WERE BEING OVERLOOKED. MY COMMENTS ARE, SORT OF, A
6 COLLECTION OF WHAT STAFF HAS SEEN SOME OF THIS AND WHERE I
7 THINK WE NEED TO GO AND HOW DO WE REGROUP ON THIS ISSUE. AND,
8 YOU KNOW, TO REFLECT BACK, I LOOK AT DURING THE PANDEMIC, THE
9 COMMISSION JOINED TOGETHER IN OUR ADVOCACY AND SECURED ABOUT
10 \$6 BILLION IN FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS TO DIVERT TRANSIT CUTS
11 WE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE BLUE RIBBON RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
12 WERE BOLD AND LONG OVERDUE WE ESTABLISHED A COLLECTION, A
13 COLLECTIVE VISION OF PRIORITIES BASED ON CUSTOMER'S NEEDS
14 FIRST RECOGNIZING HOW ESSENTIAL IMPROVING THE CUSTOMER
15 EXPERIENCE IS TO BRINGING THE RIDERS BACK ALSO EXPERIENCED HOW
16 TRANSIT DEPOSIT RIDERS NEED PUBLIC TRANSIT THEY USED IT THE
17 WHOLE TIME DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND TODAY WE FACE A SIMILAR
18 CHALLENGE AND I'M CONFIDENT WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A
19 REGIONAL CONSENSUS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE DID WITH THE BLUE RIBBON
20 RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ESTABLISHED A COLLECTIVE VISION OF
21 PRIORITIES BASED ON PUTTING THE CUSTOMER'S NEEDS FIRSTS
22 RECOGNIZING CENTRAL WORK IMPROVING THEIR CUSTOMER EXPERIENCES
23 BRINGING RIDERS BACK. THIS COMMON VISION IS BEARING FRUIT. WE
24 HAVE ESTABLISHED THE CLIPPER START DISCOUNT. WE HAVE LAUNCHED
25 THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CLIPPER BAY PASS, THE UNIVERSAL



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1 TRANSIT PASS NOW BEING TESTED BY A NUMBER OF LARGE EMPLOYERS
2 AND PROVING INCREDIBLY POPULAR, AND WE POSE TO OFFER FREE
3 TRANSFERS WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE NEXTGEN CLIPPER. A LOT HAS
4 CHANGED OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. ONE THING THAT HASN'T
5 CHANGED IS THAT THE BAY AREA TRANSIT STILL FACES A CHALLENGING
6 FUTURE THAT IN SOME CORRIDORS WILL BUILD ON TO A CRISIS IF
7 SOMETHING ISN'T DONE. IT'S A CRISIS THAT WON'T GO AWAY ON ITS
8 OWN. THE COMMISSION HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS REGIONAL
9 PROBLEMS AND BUILD A REGIONAL CONSENSUS THAT WE ALL CAN
10 SUPPORT. LASTLY, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT OUR POST COVID
11 EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS ARE HERE TO STAY AND CREATE A MUCH MORE
12 DIFFICULT CHALLENGE FOR SOME AGENCIES AS OPPOSED TO OTHERS.
13 THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. AND, OF COURSE, OUR FOCUS IS ON
14 BART. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SITUATION THAT BART IS FACING. I
15 THINK WE ALL CAN AGREE BART'S FISCAL CLIFF NEEDS TO BE
16 ADDRESSED. BART'S PRIOR BUSINESS MODEL WAS ACUTELY DISRUPTED
17 BY COVID AND IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THIS DISRUPTION IS AS
18 PERMANENT AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE. AS A RESULT, THIS
19 COMMITTEE IS GOING TO DELVE DEEPLY INTO BART ISSUES. AND THE
20 DOMINOS WILL START FALLING IF WE CAN'T FORGE THE CONSENSUS
21 NEEDED TO NOT ONLY PASS LEGISLATION BUT EVEN HARDER TASK OF
22 CONVINCING VOTERS TO PASS THE MEASURE. AN EFFECTIVE AND
23 IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR THE BAY AREA IS IMPORTANT
24 TO ALL OF US. ALL NINE COUNTIES DEPEND ON A PUBLIC TRANSIT
25 SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE BAY AREA. REGARDLESS OF



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1 WHERE WE LIVE AND WORK, TRANSIT MATTERS TO ALL OF US. OUR
2 POLLS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE BAY AREA
3 VOTERS GET THIS, REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY TRAVEL. I'M ASKING MY
4 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO SET ASIDE THE ARGUMENTS OF THE RECENT
5 PAST SO WE CAN ALL EMERGE AS PART OF THE SOLUTION. I FEEL VERY
6 STRONGLY THAT ANY SOLUTION CANNOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF ANY
7 COUNTY IN THIS REGION. THIS RESET IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT MOMENT
8 TO HEAL THE DIVISIONS THAT EMERGED AND TO REASSURE MY
9 COLLEAGUES THAT THEIR CONCERNS WERE HEARD AND ACTED UPON.
10 THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE DID HEAR FROM OUR
11 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO CORRECT AND
12 ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES. THIS IS, IN PART, WHY WE REALLY ARE HERE
13 TODAY. A BETTER TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IS GOING TO TAKE MORE
14 MONEY FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS TO BE SURE, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP
15 OUR MINDS OPEN FOR OTHER PRIORITIES THE VOTERS VALUE IN ORDER
16 TO CREATE A MEASURE THAT IS WIDELY SUPPORTED. AND AS YOU KNOW,
17 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONTROVERSY, TRANSIT ONLY, DO WE
18 INCLUDE INFRASTRUCTURE, SO FORTH. BUT WE, THIS COMMISSION HAVE
19 TO SORT THAT OUT, FIND THE SWEET SPOT AND FIND THE BALANCE AND
20 SUPPORT SOMETHING WE CAN ALL SUPPORT. OUR JOB IS TO COME UP
21 WITH A SOLUTION THAT WORKS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SELECT
22 COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSION, BUT ALSO ATTRACT SUPPORT BY THE
23 MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND, ULTIMATELY, THE BAY AREA
24 VOTERS. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE AND NOT A LOT OF
25 TIME TO DO IT, AND I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH THAT THIS COMMISSION



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1 NEEDS TO WORK TOGETHER AND FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.
2 BECAUSE THIS IS THE AGENCY THAT REALLY HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY
3 TO DO THAT. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M HONORED THAT YOU
4 ASSIGNED ME TO THIS [LAUGHTER] I WILL -- YOU KNOW, I'M GOING
5 TO WORK VERY HARD, THAT ALL THE COUNTIES, YOU KNOW, ARE
6 INVOLVED IN THIS DISCUSSION, AND THAT WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES
7 THAT ARE BEING RAISED. AND THE CHALLENGES THAT EACH ONE OF THE
8 COUNTIES HAVE, THEY'RE ALL UNIQUELY DIFFERENT. AND WHEN YOU
9 LOOK AT THE BAY AREA, ONE OF THE REASONS THE BAY AREA IS VERY
10 SPECIAL IN THIS COUNTRY IS THAT YOU HAVE GOT NINE COUNTIES
11 WITH VERY UNIQUE ASPECTS OF WHAT THEY DO. YOU KNOW? WE GO FROM
12 AG, TO OPEN SPACE, TO SILICON VALLEY. IT'S A WHOLE SPECTRUM.
13 EACH COUNTY IS VERY UNIQUE AND WE WANT TO PRESERVE THAT AS WE
14 MOVE FORWARD FINDING THIS TRANSIT SOLUTION. SO, MISS SHARON,
15 THANK YOU. AND I THINK THIS COMMISSION WILL MEET THAT
16 CHALLENGE THAT YOU HAVE LAID OUT FOR US.

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18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER,
19 SPERING. JUST TO PROVIDE A BIT MORE CONTEXT TO THE SELECT
20 COMMITTEE, I WILL BE REACHING OUT TO COMMISSIONERS THIS WEEK.
21 AND THIS WILL BE A BROWN ACT COMMITTEE. SO, ANYONE, WHETHER
22 YOU'RE ON THE COMMITTEE OR NOT, I HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND. WE WANT
23 TO BE AS TRANSPARENT AND AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE. I WILL
24 SHARE THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A SHORT TASK. SO, THIS IS A
25 LIMITED DURATION COMMITTEE, WHERE WE HOPE THAT IT IS WORKING



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1 WITHIN SOME TIME FRAMES, AND WE HOPE THAT THERE'S A CONCLUSION
2 IN THE FALL TIME PERIOD AROUND THIS SO THAT WAY WE CAN REPORT
3 BACK. I ALSO ANTICIPATE MULTIPLE UPDATES AT THE COMMISSION, AS
4 A WHOLE, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE. I ALSO ANTICIPATE
5 US WORKING AND UPDATING OUR LEGISLATORS CLOSELY, AS WELL. SO,
6 AGAIN, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE PROCESS BEFORE. THE GOAL
7 HASN'T CHANGED. IT'S JUST A DIFFERENT VEHICLE TO ACCOMPLISH
8 THAT GOAL. SO, AT THIS POINT, I KNOW SENATOR WIENER HASN'T
9 JOINED US YET. I DO WANT TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY COMMISSIONERS
10 THAT HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME? I DID NOT ANTICIPATING
11 THAT. [LAUGHTER] MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING AND EVERYONE IS
12 JUST SAVING YOURSELF. IF SENATOR WIENER CANNOT JOIN US, I DO
13 WANT TO PROCEED WITH THE MEETING. I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
14 TIME THAT HE HAS GIVEN THIS ORGANIZATION TO BE COLLABORATIVE,
15 ALONG WITH THE MEETING LEGISLATORS, AND BOTH JIM AND I WERE
16 DEPUTIZED REQUESTED TO GO UP TO SACRAMENTO BUT WE STILL HAVE
17 THOSE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS. SO, I THINK ALL THE PIECES
18 ARE THERE. I KNOW THAT THIS COMMISSION HAS A STRONG OPINIONS.
19 AND THAT'S WE HAVE CREATED THIS COMMITTEE TO DO THAT. SO,
20 THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE ASKED, I ASK THAT YOU KEEP AN OPEN
21 MIND, CONTINUE TO PROBLEM SOLVE. LET'S HAVE THOSE
22 CONVERSATIONS. TO THOSE NOT SELECTED, I URGE YOU TO BE
23 ENGAGED. JUST KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO SOMEWHAT LIMIT THE GROUP TO
24 BE SURGICAL JUST SO THAT WE CAN MOVE QUICKLY, BUT EVERYONE'S
25 OPINIONS AND THOUGHTS ARE GOING TO BE CONSIDERED THROUGHOUT



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1 THE PROCESS. SO, AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO CONFER BACK TO
2 STAFF ONE MORE TIME TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY MORE UPDATE ON
3 SENATOR WIENER?

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5 **ALIX BOCKELMAN:** I BELIEVE THE COMMITTEE HE IS IN IS WRAPPING
6 UP COMMENTS. HE HOPES TO BE ON SOON, BUT WE'RE STILL WAITING.

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8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SINCE WE'RE CLOSE, WE'RE AHEAD OF
9 SCHEDULE, MAYBE. IF COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, NOW IS
10 THE TIME. IF NOT, WE'LL TAKE A THREE MINUTE RECESS, AND THEN
11 WE'LL COME BACK. BECAUSE I KNOW SENATOR WIENER DID TAKE TIME
12 TO TRY TO ATTEND TODAY, AND I WANT COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE
13 OPPORTUNITY TO ASK HIM ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, AS WELL. DO
14 WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THIS TIME? ALL RIGHT. LET'S
15 TAKE A SHORT RECESS. WE'LL BE BACK AROUND 9:55 WE'LL GIVE IT
16 THREE MINUTES, PLUS OR MINUS. IF NOT, WE'LL MAKE SOME
17 COMMENTS. TO THE PUBLIC, THANK YOU FOR BEARING WITH US AS WE
18 TRY TO NAVIGATE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU. [RECESS] ALL RIGHT.
19 WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED. COMMISSIONERS IF WE CAN FIND OUR
20 WAY BACK TO OUR SEATS. WE'RE GOING TO RECONVENE. THANK YOU FOR
21 THE SHORT RECESS. ALL RIGHT. WE ARE LIVE. SO. SENATOR WIENER,
22 THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. I KNOW YOU WERE IN A COMMITTEE
23 MEETING. SO, YOU KNOW, BOTH COMMISSIONER SPERING AND MYSELF
24 ALREADY MADE SOME COMMENTS, AND I'LL SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING
25 THE TIME TO COME WITH THE COMMISSION HERE AND SPEAK WITH THE



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1 COMMISSION. AND JUST KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY.
2 YOU KNOW, WE APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP IN ADDRESSING A REAL
3 ISSUE FOR OUR REGION. AN ISSUE THAT HASN'T GONE AWAY. AND THE
4 FACT WE HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER TO BRING THE
5 REGION TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT IT.
6 COMMISSIONER SPERING WAS ASKED TO LEAD THE SELECT COMMITTEE
7 HE'S THE RIGHT PERSON AT THE RIGHT TIME WE ALSO KNOW THIS IS A
8 SHORT DURATION COMMITTEE TO MAKE SURE WE CAN BE SURGICAL IN
9 THE PROBLEM BUT THAT WE BRING FOLKS TOGETHER TO FIND A
10 SOLUTION. AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU
11 SENATOR WIENER TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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13 **SENATOR SCOTT WIENER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST,
14 I WANT TO START BY THANKING THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER SPERING
15 -- SORRY ABOUT THAT -- AND COMMISSIONER SPERING, AS WELL AS
16 MTC STAFF FOR WORKING SO CLOSELY -- SORRY -- LET ME PUT MY
17 PHONE ON DO NOT DISTURB. MY APOLOGIES. OKAY -- FOR WORKING SO
18 CLOSELY AND DILIGENTLY WITH US FOR A LONG TIME NOW TO ADDRESS
19 THIS TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CRISIS THAT WE ARE FACING IN THE
20 REGION. WE WORKED HAND IN GLOVE LAST YEAR TO OBTAIN THE
21 EMERGENCY FUNDS OF \$4 MILLION THAT WE GOT IN THE STATE BUDGET
22 FOR THE BAY AREA TO AVOID THE FISCAL CLIFF. I WANT TO BE CLEAR
23 THAT HAD WE NOT OBTAINED THAT \$400 MILLION LAST YEAR AND HAD
24 MTC NOT REPROGRAMMED 300 MILLION ADDITIONAL FUNDS, AS WE SIT
25 HERE TODAY, WE WOULD BE SEEING SIGNIFICANT SERVICE CUTS



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1 SLASHING SERVICE BY BART. MUNI WOULD BE ELIMINATING ENTIRE BUS
2 LINES. CALTRAIN WOULD SEE A NUMBER OF AGENCIES CUTTING
3 SERVICE. SO, THIS IS VERY, VERY REAL. AND I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW
4 THIS, AS MTC COMMISSIONERS, AND I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR
5 ALL STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE TRANSIT OPERATORS AND THE COUNTIES,
6 AND THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE POTENTIALLY PLAYING
7 WITH FIRE AS WE GO THROUGH THIS. AND IF WE START SEEING BIG
8 SERVICE CUTS FROM SOME OF OUR MAJOR TRANSIT OPERATORS IN THE
9 REGION, THAT WILL BE TERRIBLE FOR THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE
10 BAY AREA. IT WILL BE TERRIBLE FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION
11 THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA. SO, THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING WITH
12 MTC, IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. THAT'S WHY I'M SO DEEPLY
13 APPRECIATIVE FOR YOUR COLLABORATION. AND, SO, THANK YOU. WE,
14 YOU KNOW, I HAVE LEARNED OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS IN HAVING
15 SERVED ON THE COMMISSION FOR SIX YEARS, THAT REGIONAL
16 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING POLITICS IS SOME OF THE TOUGHEST
17 POLITICS IN EXISTENCE. AND YOU KNOW, AND THIS BILL, SORT OF,
18 FLUSHED OUT SO MANY OF THE UNDERLYING TENSIONS WITHIN THE
19 REGION. AND I ACTUALLY THINK THAT WAS HEALTHY. AND EVEN THOUGH
20 WE PARKED THE BILL THIS YEAR, IT'S NOT MOVING FORWARD. THERE
21 WERE JUST TOO MANY ISSUES TO WORK THROUGH TOO MUCH TENSION
22 WITHIN THE REGION, I WANT US TO MOVE TO DEESCALATE AND MOVE
23 TOWARDS THE FUTURE AND NOT HAVE TO CONTINUE TENSION, BUT THAT
24 TENSION WAS HEALTHY TO AIR IT BECAUSE IT SHOWS WE HAVE A LOT
25 TO WORK ON IN THE COMING MONTHS SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN MOVE A



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1 BILL IN THE NEXT YEAR TO AUTHORIZE THE REGION TO ENGAGE IN
2 SELF-HELP. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT, SELF-HELP, AS
3 MUCH AS I WOULD LOVE FOR THE STATE TO BE ABLE TO STEP UP IN A
4 PROFOUND WAY TO FUND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, I DON'T
5 SEE THAT HAPPENING. AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO SOLVE OUR OWN
6 PROBLEMS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. I WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR MUNI,
7 BART, AMP C, CALTRAIN, GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT, ALL THE OPERATORS
8 THAT ARE FACING THE FISCAL CLIFF IN THE COMING YEARS I WANT TO
9 MAKE SURE WE DON'T SEE SLASHING OF SERVICE. I ALSO WANT TO
10 MAKE SURE THAT IN THE LONG RUN THAT WE'RE STABILIZING THESE
11 SYSTEMS SO WE DON'T JUST VEER FROM CRISIS TO CRISIS. WE KNOW
12 THIS IS NOT JUST A POST-PANDEMIC ISSUE. EVEN THOUGH BEFORE THE
13 PANDEMIC SO MANY OF OUR TRANSIT SYSTEMS WERE FACING PERSISTENT
14 OPERATING FINANCING CHALLENGES. AND SO, IT'S A WAY FOR US TO
15 SHORE UP LONG-TERM. IT'S A WAY FOR US TO INVEST IN MODERNIZING
16 AND INTEGRATING THE SYSTEM. BECAUSE WE DON'T JUST WANT TO GO
17 TO THE VOTERS AND SAY PLEASE GIVE US THE MONEY, WE WANT VOTERS
18 TO HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT SERVICE WILL BE RELIABLE, CLEAN, AND
19 SAFE, BUT ALSO THAT WE'RE MODERNIZING AND MAKING IT SEAMLESS
20 SO PEOPLE CAN GET FROM ONE SYSTEM TO THE OTHER EASILY. AND I
21 THINK WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN REALLY EXCITING CHANGE.
22 BECAUSE AS WE LOOK AT WHETHER IT'S VALLEY LINK, OR WHETHER
23 IT'S BART TO SAN JOSE, OR WHETHER IT'S HIGH SPEED RAIL, OR
24 WHETHER IT'S A BIG EXPANSION OF SMART. WE HAVE -- THERE IS A
25 LOT OF GREAT STUFF IN THE WORKS. AND IF WE DO IT IN A WAY THAT



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1 THE SYSTEMS ARE WELL FUNDED, THAT WE'RE INTEGRATING THEM AS WE
2 EXPAND OUR RAIL NETWORKS, AND JUST REALLY THINKING BIG PICTURE
3 ABOUT AN INTEGRATED REGION. THAT'S REALLY EXCITING. THE IDEA
4 THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO EASILY GET AROUND THE BAY AREA ON
5 TRANSIT, HOPPING FROM SYSTEM TO SYSTEM. SO, WE HAVE A BIG
6 OPPORTUNITY IN BOTH THE OPERATING SIDE AND CAPITAL SIDE. AND
7 I'M DEEPLY COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH MTC, BUT I WANT TO BE
8 CLEAR, THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT ME AND MTC. THIS IS ABOUT THE
9 COUNTIES. I KNOW WE HAVE HAD SOME TENSIONS WITH SEVERAL OF THE
10 COUNTIES. YESTERDAY I HAD A CALL WITH SOME FOLKS FROM SANTA
11 CLARA COUNTY. WE WANT TO GET THE COUNTIES -- MAKE SURE THE
12 PEOPLE WITH THE COUNTIES REALLY BELIEVE AND UNDERSTAND THAT
13 THEY WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS, IT'S NOT JUST PUTTING MONEY IN,
14 BUT THAT EVERYONE IS GOING TO BENEFIT. WE'LL WORK WITH
15 OPERATORS, WITH LABOR, WITH MY COLLEAGUES AT THE BAY AREA
16 DELEGATION. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF WORK. BUT I HIT THE
17 PAUSE BUTTON ON THIS SO WE COULD TAKE THE SUMMER, THE FALL TO
18 REALLY DEEPLY WORK THROUGH THIS. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU SO, SO,
19 MUCH TO MTC FOR BEING A PART OF THIS.

20

21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SENATOR WIENER. I
22 KNOW YOU ARE AROUND TO SEE IF WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
23 COMMISSIONERS, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR SENATOR WIENER? NO?
24 ALL RIGHT. LOOK, THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME EITHER
25 SENATOR, YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY. YOU MENTIONED THE POLITICS,



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1 AND THE PROBLEM. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE PROBLEM BEFORE
2 POLITICS RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK THIS COMMITTEE IS GOING TO
3 ALLOW US TO DO. AGAIN, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO
4 SOLVING THE PROBLEM AND ADJUSTING AND PIVOTING, AND THAT'S
5 WHAT MAKES THE REGION DIFFERENT. SOMETIMES THE POLITICS ARE
6 WHAT THEY ARE, BUT WE FIND A WAY TO COME BACK AND STILL TACKLE
7 THE PROBLEM. THAT'S WHAT'S RESILIENT ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. YOU
8 MENTIONED FIRE, AND IT DREW ME BACK TO THE DAYS OF NAPA WHEN
9 WE HAD SO MANY FIRES, AND ONE THING I LEARNED DURING EMERGENCY
10 AND CRISIS, PEOPLE FIND A WAY TO COME TOGETHER. THAT'S WHAT
11 THE FISCAL CLIFF IS GOING TO DO FORCE US TO COLLABORATE AND
12 FIND WAYS TO PARTNER. SO, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. SO, AT
13 THIS POINT, I DON'T SEE ANY COMMISSIONERS WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
14 SENATOR WIENER, YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY. I'M GOING TO TURN TO
15 THE PUBLIC TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR
16 THE COMMISSION?

17

18 **SENATOR SCOTT WEINER:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING HOP OFF.

19

20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ANY FINAL WORDS?

21

22 **SENATOR SCOTT WEINER:** I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HOP OFF. I HAVE TO
23 GO CHAIR OUR BUDGET COMMITTEE. WE HAVE OUR BUDGET THIS WEEK.
24 SO, WISH US LUCK.

25



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1 **GINA PAPAN:** REMEMBER US NICELY, PLEASE. [LAUGHTER].

2

3 **SENATOR SCOTT WIENER:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

4

5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, SENATOR. ALL RIGHT. SO, AT
6 THIS POINT, I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, I HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKER CARDS, AND
9 WE HAVE A NUMBER PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE. HOW MANY TIME WOULD
10 YOU LIKE TO GIVE.

11

12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** TWO MINUTES.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD
15 THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE THAT WE RECEIVED FROM MICHAEL HURSH
16 OF AC TRANSIT, MAYOR SHENG THAO, CITY OF OAKLAND, AND STEVE
17 MERRITT. EACH OF THOSE HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA
18 AND WERE DISTRIBUTED TO YOU BY E-MAIL LAST NIGHT. FIRST WE'LL
19 GO TO OUR IN-HOUSE SPEAKERS. WE HAVE FIRST UP MICHAEL GLICKSON
20 FOLLOWED BY ABBY RAHMAN DAVES. PLEASE APPROACH THE PODIUM. YOU
21 WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES. THIS IS THE PODIUM. IF YOU TAP THAT
22 BUTTON THERE, THAT WILL BE YOUR TIMER.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL GLICKSON. I'M FROM
25 THE RICHMOND PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE AND I REPRESENT THE RPA ON



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1 VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO FIRST
2 THANK THE STAFF AND THE MTC FOR WORKING ON THIS ISSUE SO
3 ASSIDUOUSLY, AND REALIZING THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED AND
4 THE BILL GETTING PULLED, YOU HAVE TO JUMP INTO ACTION. SO,
5 THANK YOU FOR CREATING THE SELECT COMMITTEE. I WANT TO TALK
6 ABOUT MY OWN EXPERIENCES. I HAVE BEEN A LIFE-LONG TRANSIT USER
7 FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AT EIGHT YEARS OLD, I WAS HOPPING
8 THE BUS IN SANTA ANA TO GO DOWNTOWN TO WATCH A MOVIE. TO MOVED
9 FROM THE BAY AREA TO LA BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE SOMEWHERE
10 WHERE I DIDN'T HAVE TO OWN A CAR. I THINK IT'S REALLY
11 IMPORTANT THE GRASSROOTS INPUT IS CONSIDERED AS YOU MOVE
12 FORWARD. IT'S THE NEXT ITERATION OF THIS BILL REALLY NEEDS TO
13 INCLUDE VOICES LIKE VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
14 PRIORITIES ARE THAT THIS MEASURE RAISES \$1.5 BILLION A YEAR.
15 THAT IT FUNDS TRANSIT OPERATIONS, WHICH, OBVIOUSLY, YOU ARE
16 AWARE OF, YOU KNOW THAT. IT FUNDS IT VERY STRONGLY, PERHAPS
17 50% OF THE MONEY THAT'S RAISED. ALSO, I SUPPORT SAFE STREETS
18 AND COMPLETE STREETS. THAT WORK, AND VERY IMPORTANT IS THAT
19 THERE IS A PROGRESSIVE REVENUE SOURCE. SO THAT IT'S NOT JUST
20 MORE SALES TAX. PAYROLL TAX, PARCEL TAX, THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN
21 CONSIDERED, PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THOSE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS ABBY RAHMAN DAVIS
24 FOLLOWED BY LAUREL PAGE.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** HI MY NAME IS ABBY, I'M THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY
2 ADVOCATE AND WE'RE TRANSFORM AND MEMBERS OF VOICES FOR PUBLIC
3 TRANSPORTATION I WANT TO THANK STAFF AND THE COMMISSION FOR
4 WORK ON THIS BILL AND WORK GOING FORWARD. I HOPE WE CAN AGREE
5 THAT WE NEED A REGIONAL VISION TO INVEST SIGNIFICANT MONEY
6 FROM PROGRESSIVE REVENUE SOURCES TO CREATE TRANSFORMATIVE
7 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SO THAT PEOPLE CAN MOVE AROUND THE BAY
8 AFFORDABLY, ACCESSIBLY, AND WITH ABUNDANT TRANSIT. AND I WANT
9 TO SAY THERE IS STILL NO PLAN B. SO, IT'S IMPORTANT WE GET
10 THIS DONE. WE COME TOGETHER TO SAVE OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
11 AND ADVOCATE TO SELECT MEMBERS OF THE VOICES FOR PUBLIC
12 TRANSPORTATION COALITION TO BE AT THE TABLE TO REPRESENT THE
13 VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY AND TRANSIT RIDERS WHO DEPEND ON OUR
14 TRANSIT SYSTEM, NOT JUST GET AROUND BUT FOR THE ECONOMIC
15 MOBILITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS LAUREL PAGE DEACON.
18 IT'S ALREADY ON.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. LAUREN DEACON, PUBLIC
21 ADVOCATES, ALSO VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. ECHOING THE
22 THANKS FOR ALL THE WORK AND THE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THIS
23 CRITICAL MEASURE FOR TRANSIT IN THE BAY AREA. WE DO BELIEVE
24 THERE IS A VISION FOR TRANSPORTATION THAT CAN BRING US ALL
25 TOGETHER, ADDRESSING LOCAL AND REGIONAL NEEDS AND ADVANCING



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1 OUR EQUITY AND CLIMATE GOALS. I JUST WANT TO ECHO THAT WE
2 REALLY NEED TO HEAR ALL THE VOICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF
3 TRANSIT RIDERS WHO HAVE MOST AT STAKE IN THIS. AND GIVEN THE
4 GOVERNANCE OF MTC AND TRANSIT IN THE REGION IT'S IMPORTANT THE
5 ELECTED TRANSIT BOARDS ARE ALSO REPRESENTED. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. EMILY WHEELER, FOLLOWED BY
8 SARAH GREENWALD.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS EMILY. I AM WITH PUBLIC ADVOCATES AS
11 WELL AND WE'RE A MEMBER OF THE VOICES FOR PUBLIC
12 TRANSPORTATION, A COALITION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, TRANSIT
13 ADVOCACIES AND UNIONS AND I MYSELF AM A LIFE-LONG BAY AREA
14 TRANSIT RIDE I'M ASKING MTC TO NOT LET THIS GET BOGGED DOWN IN
15 PROCESS, TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS WILL BE MOST HARMED BY THE
16 TRANSIT FISCAL CLIFF WE NEED A REGIONAL VISION PROGRESSIVELY
17 FUNDED TRANSFORMATIVE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE AND I HOPE YOU
18 KEEP THAT AS YOUR GUIDING STAR MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU SO
19 MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SARAH GREENWALD FOLLOWED BY
22 CLAUDIA BURGOS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR COMING. AND THANK YOU FOR
25 LETTING ME SPEAK. AS USUAL I'LL BE QUICK. YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST



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1 THINKING ABOUT -- I'M SORRY. I HAVE A HEAD COLD. THE YEARS
2 OVER WHICH I HAVE BEEN COMING TO SEE YOU, AND A COUPLE OF
3 THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. ONE IS THAT I AND THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE
4 HERE AT THE, EVERYBODY, WE HAVE GROPE OLDER. AND I HAVE
5 ENTIRELY STOPPED DRIVING ON ACCOUNT OF A FEW CHANGES, YOU
6 KNOW, AND, SO, DAILY, I BLESS PUBLIC TRANSIT IN MY HEART,
7 BECAUSE IT LET'S ME BE INDEPENDENT AND DO WHAT NEEDS TO GET
8 DONE. AND I JUST WONDER -- I WOULD BET ALL OF YOU KNOW
9 SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS TO MAKE THAT DECISION AND WHOSE FAMILY IS
10 PRAYING THAT THEY WILL MAKE THAT DECISION AND WHO WILL NOT DO
11 IT. THEY KEEP ON DRIVING, BECAUSE TRANSIT IS NOT THERE FOR
12 THEM. EITHER IT'S NOT THERE FOR THEM NOW, OR IT WAS ABSENT
13 FROM THEIR LIVES FOR SO MANY YEARS THAT THEY HAVE KIND OF GOT
14 USED TO NOT TRUSTING IT, REALLY. AND I -- I BET THIS IS TRUE
15 IN EVERY COUNTY. SO, I HOPE EVERYONE IN ALL THE COUNTIES WILL
16 THINK OF THAT EVERY TIME THEY FEEL STUBBORN ABOUT TRANSIT. AND
17 ANOTHER THING THAT'S HAPPENED, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE
18 CHECKED THE WEATHER NEWS TODAY, THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS NOT
19 GOING AWAY IT'S GOTTEN BIGGER, WORSE, YOU HEARD ABOUT THE HEAT
20 DOME THAT'S STILL BUILDING AND WE REMEMBER THE LAST ONE. I
21 WON'T DRAG YOU THROUGH THE STATISTICS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT
22 YOU'RE VERY AWARE OF THIS AND YOU'RE REALLY WISHING THAT 20-30
23 YEARS AGO, WHEN WE KNEW WHATEVER GOING TO HAPPEN, WE HAD ALL
24 STOPPED AND THOUGHT AND DONE WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AS PAINFUL
25 AS WE WILL FIND IT TO STOP USING OIL, COAL, AND GAS. AND I



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1 THINK FOR MANY OF YOU, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY YOU'RE
2 INVOLVED WITH THE MTC AND YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH
3 THIS.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT IS YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** -- ANYWAY, I AGREE WITH THESE PEOPLE'S SUGGESTIONS
8 THAT YOU JUST HEARD.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CLAUDIA BURGOS FOLLOWED BY MOAN
11 EQUILIBRIUM WEBSTER.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AC TRANSIT APPRECIATES THE
14 COMMITMENT FROM STAFF TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS FOR THE REGIONAL
15 REVENUE MEASURE, THERE WAS A LETTER FROM MICHAEL HURSH I WONT
16 READ THE WHOLE THING, THE MEASURE INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF
17 THE -- AC TRANSIT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS A SEAT ON THE
18 COMMITTEE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EITHER A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD OF
19 DIRECTORS OR TO OUR GENERAL MANAGER WE DO SUPPORT THE
20 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION AND BELIEVE THE CREATION OF
21 THE FORMAL BODY WILL HELP US BUILD CONSENSUS.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MOAN EQUILIBRIUM WEBSTER.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MOAN EQUILIBRIUM WEBSTER
2 WITH SFMTA, WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS YOU'RE UNDERGOING TO FIND
3 CONSENSUS IN THE REGION AROUND A SOLUTION THERE IS NO PLAN B,
4 WE HAVE CUT COSTS IMPROVED SERVICE IMPROVED RELIABLE AND SPEED
5 WE WANT TO SEE THIS SUCCEED. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. IRVIN DILEAD FOLLOWED BY ALETA
8 DUPREE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS IRVIN,
11 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF IN THE MID-TO LATE 1990S I WAS 1
12 OF 3 SIERRA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GROUP CALLED BAY AREA
13 CONGESTION PRICING TASK FORCE. WE WERE -- OUR MAIN ASSIGNMENT
14 WAS TO WE GOT A MAJOR GRANT IT WAS THE FTA TO DO SOMETHING
15 SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY WERE ABOUT TO DO IN NEW YORK, UNTIL THE
16 GOVERNOR STEPPED IN. BUT ANOTHER THING WE DID -- I HAVE A
17 FEELING COMMISSIONER SPERING IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS; IT SEEMS
18 TO BE FORGOTTEN THOUGH. MTC SPONSORED A BILL. ACTUALLY, I'M
19 GOING TO READ FROM THE -- IT'S HARD TO FIND ONLINE, SO, I'M
20 READING FROM APRIL 29TH, 2002. THIS IS A HEARING ON AB 2181
21 DUTRA, AND SKIPPING DOWN, UNDER COMMENTS, AND I'M GONNA READ
22 FROM LEDGER INFO. IN 1997, THE LEGISLATURE ENACTED AB 595,
23 VALERIE BROWN, CHAPTER 878, THE LEGISLATURE -- THE LEGISLATION
24 AUTHORIZES VOTERS IN THE NINE COUNTY SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
25 REGION TO APPROVE A \$0.10 PER GALLON EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR



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1 VEHICLE FUEL THAT IS SOLD IN THE REGION. REVENUES WOULD BE
2 USED TO FUND A SERIES OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
3 PROJECTS -- TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE
4 REGION. I'LL STOP THERE. THAT'S LEGISLATION ON THE BOOKS. YOU
5 CAN USE IT NOW. ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS PUT THE TAX BEFORE
6 VOTERS. IT'S ALREADY DONE. THE ONLY SUGGESTION IS BECAUSE NOW
7 WE HAVE SO MANY ELECTRIC VEHICLES, I WOULD SUGGEST DOING A
8 ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE, WHICH WOULD, WHICH WHEN THE ROAD
9 USAGE CHARGE COMES INTO PLAY, YOU COULD REPLACE THAT WITH A
10 PORTION OF THE ROAD USAGE CHARGE. THIS IS LEGISLATION THAT'S
11 PASSED --

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THAT IS YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** -- AND IT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. ALETA DUPREE, AND THEN WE'LL
18 MOVE TO OUR ONLINE SPEAKERS.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR ALFREDO PEDROZA AND
21 MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM
22 FOLDS. I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE FOR SENATOR WIENER AND WAHAB IN
23 THIS WORK. AND I GUESS I'M GOING TO BRING YOU MORE OF A
24 NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO THIS. I DON'T HAVE LONG-STANDING TIME
25 IN CALIFORNIA. BUT IN 1970, I BEGAN MY JOURNEY OF PUBLIC



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1 TRANSPORTATION IN THE 34th STREET 8TH AVENUE STATION IN THE
2 NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY, THAT'S 54 YEARS. AND I AM VERY MINDFUL
3 OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NEW YORK, THE DIVISION, AND WITH
4 CONGESTION PRICING. SADLY, IT'S KIND OF IMPODED. USERS WITH
5 DISABILITIES AND OTHER MOBILITY CHALLENGES ARE NOT GOING TO BE
6 GETTING THEIR ACCESSIBLE STATIONS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE DOING
7 VARIOUS REPAIRS, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SIGN CONTRACTS IF WE DON'T
8 HAVE MONEY. THAT AFFECTS ME. AND, SO, IS THERE A CLIMATE IN
9 OUR COUNTRY WHERE TRANSIT FUNDING IS AT RISK ACROSS THE BOARD?
10 BECAUSE I DON'T JUST USE THE SYSTEMS HERE. I USE SYSTEMS ALL
11 OVER THE COUNTRY. BECAUSE I WANT THESE SYSTEMS TO BE HERE FOR
12 ME WHEREVER I GO. AND I DID USE BART TODAY. AND I DID USE THE
13 EMERY GO ROUND. WE DON'T WANT TO FORGET ABOUT THAT. IT'S A
14 FREE SERVICE, BUT THEY GET FUNDING. I THINK SOME OF -- I HAVE
15 BEEN TOLD SOME OF IT COMES FROM ACTC. AND, SO, I DO NOT HAVE A
16 CAR. YES, I COULD RENT ONE. I HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE. I WANT
17 TO RENT AN ELECTRIC CAR AND TAKE IT OUT ON THE HIGHWAY, MAYBE
18 IN GERMANY, DO IT ON THE AUTOBAHN. INNOVATION SOLUTIONS ARE
19 NECESSARY IN THIS TIME I ASK THAT WE AS PUBLIC BE WILLING TO
20 PAY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ADINA LEVIN.

23

24 **ADINA LEVIN:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. ADINA LEVIN, I SERVE
25 ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND, ALSO,



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1 WITH SEAMLESS BAY AREA. AND WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE HERE ON
2 THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE BRAVERY TO STEP BACK AND SAY THAT THE
3 AMOUNT OF CONTENTION WAS NOT GOING TO GET TO A GOOD SOLUTION,
4 AND TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND WORK OUT
5 THOSE SOLUTIONS. SENATOR WIENER FOR CALLING OUT THIS
6 DISCUSSION HAS REALLY SURFACED REAL ISSUES THAT DO NEED TO BE
7 ADDRESSED IN ORDER TO HAVE A SOLUTION THAT IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS
8 FAIR AROUND THE REGION FOR THE VOTERS THAT WILL NEED TO
9 SUPPORT IT AND THE POLITICAL LEADERS THAT WILL NEED TO SUPPORT
10 IT, AND TO COMMISSIONERS, CHAIR PEDROZA, AND COMMISSIONER
11 SPERING, FOR BRINGING UP THE EXAMPLES OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK
12 FORCE WHICH TOOK A REAL CRISIS OF COVID AND LOOKED AT IT AS AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE AND TRANSFORM THE BAY AREA PUBLIC
14 TRANSPORTATION AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IT WOULD REALLY URGE
15 THIS PROCESS TO KEEP IN VIEW THE POLLING SHOWS THAT VOTERS
16 WANT NOT JUST A -- GOT JUST, YOU KNOW, FIXING A PROBLEM, BUT
17 WANT TRANSFORMATION. SO, LOOKING AT WHAT ARE THE CREATED
18 SOLUTIONS THAT WILL SHOW A VISION TO VOTERS, SHOW VOTERS THAT
19 THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BETTER, AND THEREFORE BE ABLE TO HAVE
20 THAT BROAD SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC IN A WAY THAT BOTH SOLVE THE
21 PROBLEM AND PEOPLE HAVE AN OPTIMISM THAT IT WILL LEAD TO
22 IMPROVEMENT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I CAN COME UP REAL QUICK?

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. KEEP STRAIGHT. STRAIGHT. YOU ARE
2 THERE. GO AHEAD AND SPEAK.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS WARREN CUSHMAN, AND I AM THE
5 SYSTEM'S CHANGE ADVOCATE AT COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR
6 INDEPENDENT LIVING AND ALSO THE VICE CHAIR OF YOUR TRANSIT
7 TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE ENDEAVOR
8 THAT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT TODAY THE CREATION OF US TO GET TO A
9 PLACE OF YES WITH REGARD TO FUNDING TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION
10 THROUGHOUT THE REGION I THINK THIS IS UTTERLY NECESSARY THAT'S
11 ALREADY BEEN SAID. I WOULD ASK THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
12 BE A PART OF THE TASK FORCE WE HAVE SOME UNIQUENESS THAT WE
13 CAN CONTRIBUTE OBVIOUSLY MANY OF US ARE TRANSIT DEPENDENT.
14 THERE ARE NEEDS THAT WE CAN PROVIDE WITH REGARD TO THAT. ALSO,
15 I THINK THAT SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN TERMS OF
16 WAYFINDING CAN BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE. I AM, AS A
17 COMMISSIONER, CHAIR PEDROZA SAID, BULLISH ABOUT THIS PROCESS.
18 I THINK WE CAN ACTUALLY GET TO YES. WE ALL NEED TO PUT OUR
19 BEST FOOT FORWARD THOUGH AND WE ALL NEED TO CONSIDER ONE
20 ANOTHER'S NEEDS. THAT'S WHERE I WILL LEAVE IT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS MARJORIE ALVORD ON
23 ZOOM. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.
24 MARJORIE ALVORD, IF YOU ARE THERE, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
25 YOURSELF.



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2 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I THINK I'M ON NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M
3 MARJORIE ALVORD, I'M ACTIVE WITH GENESIS AND 350 BAY AREA.
4 BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE MEMBERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA
5 AND ARE PART OF VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. WE
6 APPRECIATE MTC STAFF'S WORK ON THIS AND THE COMMITMENT TO
7 TRANSPORTATION TRANSIT OPERATIONS FUNDING. SO FAR. WE
8 APPRECIATE THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE. WE NEED MORE
9 RELIABLE, FREQUENT, AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSIT TO SERVE THE
10 30% OF RESIDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE DRIVER'S LICENSES. THOSE WHO
11 MAY HAVE LICENSES, BUT CAN'T AFFORD TO DRIVE, THOSE WHO WANT
12 TO AND SHOULD TAKE TRANSIT TO REDUCE VMTS, AND MITIGATE THE
13 CLIMATE CRISIS. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, I HAVE FAMILY RESIDING IN
14 VARIOUS -- I AM AN ALAMEDA COUNTY RESIDENT, I HAVE FAMILY
15 RESIDING IN SANTA CLARA, SAN MATEO, AND SAN FRANCISCO
16 COUNTIES. AND IT'S HARD -- WELL, GETTING BETWEEN ALAMEDA AND
17 SAN FRANCISCO IS PRETTY GOOD ON TRANSIT. THE OTHER DOESN'T
18 WORK WHEN MY DAUGHTER STARTED -- WAS LIVING IN SAN MATEO
19 COUNTY AND HAD HEALTH CARE WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO, WE BOUGHT
20 HER ALL SORTS OF TRANSIT PASSES. IT DIDN'T WORK FOR HER. I CAN
21 TALK ABOUT THAT MORE IN DETAIL. BUT SHE BOUGHT A CAR DESPITE
22 WE FUNDING HER TRANSIT. IT NEEDS TO BE BETTER [LAUGHTER]
23 THANKS FOR PURSUING THIS. I APPRECIATE YOUR WORK.

24



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS CHRIS FITZGERALD. GO
2 AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.

3

4 **CHRISTINE FITZGERALD:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

7

8 **CHRISTINE FITZGERALD:** FANTASTIC. SO, CHRISTINE FITZGERALD,
9 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE WITH SILICON VALLEY INDEPENDENT LIVING
10 CENTER, A PART OF THE DPT INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER MEMBER OF
11 ORGANIZATION ET CETERA, POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL ACCESS EQUITY
12 COMMITTEE, VERY GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE TABLE. FANTASTIC.
13 THIS MEASURE NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON IMPROVED, BROUGHT BACK
14 BECAUSE SO MANY OF US RELY ON TRANSPORTATION IN SO MANY
15 DIFFERENT WAYS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS WHY I MYSELF AM NOT
16 THERE AT THE TABLE SO TO SPEAK IN-PERSON IS PRECISELY BECAUSE
17 OF THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSPORTATION, AS WELL AS PERSONAL CARE
18 GIVING NEEDS. SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS. WE NEED TO
19 WORK TOGETHER. AND I AGREE WITH WARREN. FELLOW ADVOCATES,
20 THOSE OF US WITH DISABILITIES DO NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE ON
21 EVERY LEVEL. THANKS SO MUCH.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS PETER STRAUSS.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. PETER STRAUSS,
2 I'M ON THE BOARD OF SAN FRANCISCO TRANSIT RIDERS AND PART OF
3 VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. I THINK, AS YOU, I
4 UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE BUT STILL SHARE THE FRUSTRATION OVER
5 THE IMPLOSION OF SB 1031. CLEARLY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE
6 CAN'T AFFORD TO FAIL AT. AND I DO REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS
7 IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN PULL OFF. YOU HEARD MANY TIMES, YOU
8 KNOW, THAT AT VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WE HAVE
9 STRESSED THE NEED FOR OPERATIONS FUNDING, STRESSED THE NEED
10 FOR PROGRESSIVE REVENUE SOURCES AND FEEL THAT WE NEED TO RAISE
11 AT LEAST \$1.5 BILLION ANNUALLY TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. BUT
12 RATHER THAN -- WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS THAT WE ALL, AND THAT
13 YOU, AS COMMISSIONERS, AS ADVOCATES, WE ALL NEED TO DO A
14 BETTER JOB OF COMMUNICATING WITH LISTENING AND UNDERSTANDING
15 CONSTITUENCIES AND OUR LEGISLATORS ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH AND
16 SOUTH BAY MAKING SURE WE CAN COME FORWARD SOMETHING WE CAN ALL
17 COME TOGETHER AND EVENTUALLY SUPPORT IN SACRAMENTO. I'M A
18 LIFE-LONG TRANSIT RIDER, I'M IN SAN FRANCISCO NOW, AND AS SAN
19 FRANCISCO TRANSIT RIDERS AND AS VOICES FOR PUBLIC
20 TRANSPORTATION, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS PROCESS TO MAKE IT
21 WORK AND I DO REQUEST THAT WE BE INCLUDED IN THE SELECT
22 COMMITTEE BEING SET UP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS ANTHONY. GO AHEAD
25 AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. I'M AN EAST BAY TRANSIT RIDER, AND A MEMBER OF
3 THE TRANSBAY COALITION. I'M JOINING VOICES FOR PUBLIC
4 TRANSPORTATION CALLS FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE AND THE
5 COMMISSION TO COME TO A MEASURE THAT CAN SAVE BAY AREA TRANSIT
6 IN 2026. THIS MORNING ALREADY I HAVE TAKEN AC TRANSIT, BART,
7 AND MUNI TO GET BETWEEN MEETINGS, AND IN THE LAST MONTH, I
8 HAVE ALSO RELIED ON VTA, CALTRAIN, GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT, AND
9 WESTCAT TO GET AROUND WHERE I NEED TO GO WITHOUT A CAR. I
10 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT THIS MEASURE
11 FUNDS TRANSIT, THAT IT IS LARGE ENOUGH TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL
12 IMPACT THAT NOT ONLY SAVES BUT ALSO IMPROVES TRANSIT, AND, YOU
13 KNOW, WHAT WE HAVE SEEN WITH SOME LOCAL MEASURES LIKE
14 BERKELEY'S MEASURE-L IS THAT VOTERS DON'T LIKE WHEN A MEASURE
15 IS A SLUSH FUND, WHETHER THAT IS, YOU KNOW, A LOCALLY
16 CONTROLLED SLUSH FUND OR NOT. VOTERS REALLY LIKE WHEN WE HAVE
17 A MEASURE THAT IS SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT IT'S GOING TO DO, AND IN
18 THIS CASE, I THINK THAT MEANS IT SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY
19 EARMARKED TO FUND TRANSIT AND THERE SHOULD BE CLEAR
20 IMPROVEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE TRANSIT EXPERIENCE. I ALSO WOULD
21 LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THE MEASURE RAISES MONEY FROM PROGRESSIVE
22 REVENUE SOURCES AND DISTRIBUTES IT EQUITABLY BASED ON MEASURES
23 SUCH AS POPULATION AND ACCESS TO CARS. WHEN WE DO THAT, WE'RE
24 GOING TO BE ABLE TO USE THE REGIONAL POWERS TO GET ENOUGH --
25 YOU KNOW, ADVERTISING, AND OUTREACH FOR THIS MEASURE THAT, WE



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1 HAVE A REALLY RARE CHANCE TO PASS SOMETHING REGIONALLY, THAT
2 WE COULDN'T PASS ON A COUNTY BY COUNTY BASIS. SO, PLEASED TO
3 SEE THE SELECT COMMITTEE IS GOING TO BE WORKING ON THIS AND
4 PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS IS A GOOD BILL THAT FUNDS TRANSIT.
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. DYLAN FINCH.

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9 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS DYLAN FINCH, I'M ON THE SAN FRANCISCO
10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BUT I'M REPRESENTING MYSELF HERE TODAY I
11 WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN THE PROCESS I URGE
12 THEM TO CONTINUE DOING THIS, AND TO COME TO A COMPROMISE WITH
13 ALL OF THE REGION AND AGENCIES TO FUNDS THIS REGIONAL TRANSIT.
14 I HAVE A CAR BUT I PREFER TO TAKE TRANSIT BECAUSE DRIVING IS
15 STRESSFUL AND UNPLEASANT ESPECIALLY AS TRAFFIC CONTINUES TO
16 GET WORSE BUT IF TRANSIT IS NOT FREQUENT AND RELIABLE I'LL BE
17 FORCED TO GO BACK TO DRIVING FOR ALL MY TRIPS AND THAT WOULD
18 MAKE TRAFFIC EVEN WORSE I STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS AND
19 HOPE WE CAN COME TO A FUNDING BILL THAT EVERYONE IN THE REGION
20 SEES AS FAIR. AND EQUITABLE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SAM SERGEANT, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. SAM SERGEANT. I SERVE AS
2 DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND POLICY FOR CALTRAIN ON THE PENINSULA,
3 LIKE BART CALTRAIN HAS BEEN HIT HARD BY COVID PRIOR TO THE
4 PANDEMIC CALTRAIN WAS AT 70 PERCENT PLUS FAREBOX RECOVERY NOW
5 WE'RE JUST OVER 30% OF PRE-PANDEMIC RIDERSHIP WE'RE GETTING
6 READY TO LAUNCH AN EXCITING NEW ELECTRIC RAIL SERVICE, WE ALSO
7 HAVE OPERATING DEFICIT CAUSED BY LARGE PART BY COVID AND
8 CHANGES IN THE WORK PATTERNS, WE HOPE THE REGION CAN COME
9 TOGETHER TO FIND A PATH FORWARD RECOGNIZING THIS WORK IS HARD
10 AND WE THANK COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF MTC STAFF AND
11 MEMBERS OF OUR STATE DELEGATION FOR PUTTING IN TIME EFFORT AND
12 TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOCUS ON THE
13 SERIOUS CRISIS FOR TRANSIT WHICH IS IN THE NEAR-TERM. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. JORDAN GRIMES, GO AHEAD AND
17 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. JORDAN GRIMES ON BATCH OF
20 GREENBELT ALLIANCE LIFE-LONG TRANSIT RIDER OF BART, SAMTRANS,
21 AND CALTRAIN. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE HARD WORK STAFF AND THE
22 COMMISSION HAVE PUT IN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS BUT WE
23 ALSO HAVE TO BE CLEAR EYED AND COGNIZANT OF THE SIGNIFICANT
24 AMOUNT OF WORK THAT LIES AHEAD IF WE'RE NOT ONLY GOING TO SAVE
25 TRANSIT IN THE BAY AREA BUT CREATE ROBUST COMPREHENSIVE



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1 NETWORK WE NEED TO MEET AFFORDABILITY EQUITY AND CLIMATE
2 GOALS. WE SINK OR SWIM AS A REGION WHICH MTC HAS ALWAYS KNOWN
3 THERE ARE BENEFITS TO BEING AN INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITY AND
4 DOING CERTAIN THINGS ON A POLICY BASIS WALL TO WALL BUT OUR
5 GREATEST CHALLENGES ARE REGIONAL AND DEMAND REGIONAL SOLUTIONS
6 WE CANNOT SOLVE THEM IN OUR SILOS. WHAT'S IMPORTANT AS WE MOVE
7 FORWARD TO DO BETTER AND LESSON TO AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
8 IN OUR COLLECTIVE NEEDS PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT WE'RE DOING
9 THIS FOR, THE END USERS AND RIDERS OF THOSE SYSTEMS. WE SHOULD
10 NOT BE THINKING OF THIS EFFORT TRYING TO COBBLE TOGETHER A
11 MILL TOAST SOLUTION THAT EVERYONE CAN LIVE WITH BUT PUTTING
12 FORWARD A VISIONARY SYSTEM THAT WILL CREATE SUSTAINABLE AND
13 ROBUST RIDERSHIP WE KNOW WE NEED. THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE
14 CANNOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO FAIL IN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
15 WORKING WITH YOU OVER THE NEXT YEAR TO REALLY ESTABLISH THIS.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. CAROL TAYLOR. UNMUTE YOURSELF.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS CAROL TAYLOR I'M WITH THE GENESIS
21 DISABILITIES TRANSIT JUSTICE TASK FORCE AND WE ARE MEMBERS OF
22 VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
23 MEETING. I REALLY APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH
24 YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR REMOTE COMMENTS, WHICH ARE BECOMING
25 LESS AND LESS AN OPTION. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, I WAS PART



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1 OF A GROUP THAT GOT A PILOT PROGRAM OF FREE TRANSIT FOR THE
2 SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND WHEN THAT PROGRAM
3 EXPIRED THE STUDENTS VOTED TO TAX THEMSELVES AND MAKE -- AND
4 THEY SUPPORTED THAT TRANSIT -- THE TRANSIT THEY NEEDED THROUGH
5 THE STUDENT AFFAIRS FUNDING, YOU KNOW, THROUGH THE STUDENT
6 MEMBERSHIPS. I BELIEVE THAT SONOMA STATE IS DOING THE SAME
7 THING. AND I BRING THIS UP JUST TO SAY, I BET THERE ARE THESE
8 SMALLER CONSTITUENCIES THAT WE NEED TO REACH OUT TO WHO ARE
9 WILLING TO TAX THEMSELVES AND ARE WILLING TO TELL OTHER PEOPLE
10 WHY. ALSO, YES, WE DO NEED TO SELL THE VISION, THE VISION OF
11 THE IMPROVEMENT NEEDS TO BE WHAT WE ARE TALKING TO PEOPLE
12 ABOUT AND THAT WILL, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, KEEP OPERATIONS
13 GOING. I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT AN EMPHASIS IN OPERATIONS
14 FUNDING. YOU KNOW, THAT'S BEEN SO UNUSUAL IN YEARS PAST. I
15 HAVE BEEN REALLY STRESSED WITH THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN THE
16 RICH AND THE POOR COUNTIES. I WAS EXPECTING THAT, BECAUSE I
17 LIVE IN SONOMA, AND WE WERE EXPECTING TO BE LEFT OUT, BUT,
18 ALSO, THE URBAN AND RURAL. I PERSONALLY HAD EXPECTED THE
19 LEGISLATURE TO WORK THIS OUT FOR US. [LAUGHTER] AND THAT I'M
20 REALIZING NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS SO DEPENDENT ON THEM TO
21 SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON OUR
22 BEHALF. THANK YOU.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. HILARY BROWN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

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5 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS HILARY BROWN. I'M WITH THE MTC
6 CUSTOMER ADVISORY GROUP. I'M ACTUALLY A NEW MEMBER OF THE SFO
7 WORKING GROUP THAT'S STARTING NEXT MONTH, I BELIEVE. ONE DAY
8 I'LL SAY I'M GLAD THE LEGISLATION IS MOVING FORWARD. BECAUSE
9 AS A DISABLED ACTIVIST FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, I'M ALSO PART
10 OF THE MUNI ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY GROUP, ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
11 SO I'M ADVOCATING FOR SF COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY, BUT ALSO
12 SUPPORTING THE REGION I'M PART OF THE BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK
13 FORCE I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE REGION AND ADVOCATE FOR THE
14 REGION AND THAT'S MY PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU LEANNE CHIANG, GO AHEAD AND
17 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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19 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. THANK YOU. EXCUSE ME. I'M LEE AN CHIANG
20 FROM SAN FRANCISCO. I DON'T HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE. I TRANSIT
21 A LOT, WALK AND BIKE. I'M CALLING TO URGE THREE THINGS IN
22 ADDITION TO THANKING STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK ON THIS,
23 ONE, I WANT TO SEE THE NEW TRANSIT FUNDING MEASURE LARGER AT
24 ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS EVERY YEAR, TWO ALLOCATED
25 MOSTLY TOWARDS TRANSIT OPERATIONS, \$750 MILLION A YEAR, I ALSO



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1 WANT TO SEE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS FOR SAFE AND COMPLETE STREETS.
2 AND, THREE, WANT TO CONTINUE TO SEE PROGRESSIVE REVENUE
3 SOURCES BEING PRIORITIZED FOR AUTHORIZATION, LIKE PAYROLL AND
4 PARCEL TAX. TO DO ALL OF THIS, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE
5 ADVOCACY GROUPS AT THE ABLE TO REPRESENT THESE INTERESTS.
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. OUR FINAL SPEAKER IS PAUL
9 BICKMORE. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS PAUL BICKMORE. I LIVE IN OAKLAND. I
12 DON'T HAVE A CAR. I RELY ON TRANSIT TO GET AROUND. AND, YEAH,
13 I'M JUST CALLING IN FAVOR OF A MEASURE, ESPECIALLY THAT
14 FOCUSES ON THINGS LIKE OPERATIONS, YOU KNOW, THE FRIENDS THAT
15 I HAVE THAT COULD TAKE TRANSIT AND WORK ON-SITE DON'T BECAUSE
16 OF JUST FREQUENCY AND UNRELIABLE, AND HAVING TO WAIT HALF AN
17 HOUR. SO, I WANT -- AND, YOU KNOW, THEY COULD TAKE TRANSIT,
18 BUT INSTEAD THEY DRIVE UP GAS PRICES, AND CLOG OUR STREETS AND
19 POLLUTE. SO, SOMETHING AS BIG AS POSSIBLE. AND JUST GET
20 SOMETHING DONE. SO, THANK YOU.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. I DO HAVE ONE LAST SPEAKER.
23 MICHAEL BALDINI.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HE HAPPENS TO BE FROM NAPA, SO, I'M
2 GOING TO ALLOW. [LAUGHTER]

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GO AHEAD MR. BALDINI.

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6 **MICHAEL BALDINI:** THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
7 SAY, IN ANY NEW MEASURE, AND FROM THE TRANSIT AGENCIES, THE
8 27, AS WE -- I WORK IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY ON HOURLY RATE IN
9 MANUFACTURING, SLASH HOSPITALITY, TRANSPORTATION IS EXTREMELY
10 IMPORTANT TO THIS COUNTY GETTING FOLKS IN AND OUT, WORKFORCE
11 AS WELL AS VISITORS. AS WE HAVE TIGHTENED OUR BUDGETS, MY
12 EMPLOYER AS WELL AS FAMILY AND PERSONAL, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
13 WHAT THE 27 AGENCIES WILL BRING FORWARD AS FAR AS WHERE THEY
14 COULD SAVE OR REDIRECT FUNDS TO PROTECT SERVICE BUT AT THE
15 SAME TIME STREAMLINE OPERATIONS. I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL
16 TO THE VOTER AND AS A VOTER, I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THAT, AS
17 WELL AS THE -- AND A RETURN ON INVESTMENT, IF YOU WILL, NOT
18 ONLY IN GREENHOUSE GASSES, BUT, ALSO, SERVICE, BUILDING THAT
19 AS SENATOR WIENER SAID, INTEGRATED SYSTEM TO SERVE ALL NAPA
20 AND THE EIGHT OTHER COUNTIES THAT MAKE UP THIS GROUP. SO,
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND GOOD LUCK.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL RAISED
24 HANDS.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO BRING IT BACK
2 TO THE COMMISSION AND I'LL SAY THANK YOU. BUCKLE UP, AND LET'S
3 GO. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEEDING TO ITEM SIX, PUBLIC
4 COMMENT. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION.
5 DO WE HAVE ANY?

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. I HAVE ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER. THAT WILL
8 BE ALETA DUPREE, GO AHEAD AND APPROACH THE PODIUM.

9

10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN, CHAIR PEDROZA AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE
15 FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. AS I SPEAK
16 GENERALLY ABOUT MTC. THERE IS A LOT GOING ON. WE HAD A BUDGET
17 PASSED, AND, SO, WE WANT TO BE FOCUSED ON CLIPPER, GIVEN SOME
18 VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE LAST CLIPPER EXECUTIVE BOARD
19 MEETING. AS FAR AS WHEN CLIPPER2 WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. AND AS I
20 USE THESE DIVERSE SYSTEMS, MOSTLY BART AND AC TRANSIT AND
21 MUNI, IS A COMMON FOR ME TO USE TWO OR THREE SYSTEMS IN A DAY.
22 IT'S ABOUT TYING ALL OF THIS TOGETHER. AND I SPEAK A LOT ABOUT
23 REDUCED FARES, AND CLIPPER START IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM
24 THAT I SUPPORT FULLY. AND HOW CAN WE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
25 SENIOR AND DISABLED COMMUNITY THAT ARE RTC USERS, THAT WE MAKE



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1 SURE THAT WE CAN GET THOSE ELIGIBLE INTO THAT PROGRAM. HOW CAN
2 WE MAKE SURE THAT AS MUCH AS I SUPPORT CLIPPER START, THAT IF
3 A CLIPPER START APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE RTC DISCOUNT,
4 WHICH IN SOME CASES IS GREATER, THAT THEY CAN GET ON THE RTC
5 PROGRAM. BECAUSE THAT IS A PERMANENT PROGRAM. I HOPE CLIPPER
6 START WILL GO PERMANENT BUT WE DON'T WANT TO FORGET ABOUT RTC.
7 SO, I'M GOING TO BE GETTING ON SOME TRANSIT LATER. WE HAVE TO
8 MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP THIS ALL GOING TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED.

11

12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. MOVING TO ITEM SEVEN ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING
14 FOR THE COMMISSION IS GOING TO BE WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH. MEETING
15 IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU ALL. [ADJOURNED]

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