

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



NOVEMBER 8, 2024

1 **REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024, 11:30 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. I WOULD
6 LIKE TO CALL TO THE REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
7 NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024. THIS MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB
8 SITE. AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING
9 TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE AND I WILL CALL
10 UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES
11 WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE
12 NUMBER ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS TODAY
13 DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION. ROLL CONFIRM QUORUM.

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

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17 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR NOACK? IS ABSENT S CANEPA?

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21 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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

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25 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EDISON? NON-VOTING?

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4 **CHAD EDISON:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING IS NOT HERE. MEMBER
7 LEE NON-VOTING. MAHAN IS ABSENT. MOULTON-PETERS? THANK YOU.
8 MEMBER SHAW NON-VOTING.

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10 **DIANE SHAW:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SPERING?

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14 **JAMES P. SPERING:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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18 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO CONSENT
19 CALENDAR. ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2E. I'LL LOOK TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR
20 COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? CAN I
21 HAVE A MOTION?

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23 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** SECONDS.

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1 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** MOTION AND SECOND. IS THERE PUBLIC
2 COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR TODAY?

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS
5 ITEM AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM OR BART WISHING TO
6 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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8 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT BECAUSE WE'RE HYBRID WE'LL HAVE
9 ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR RABBITT?

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13 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NOACK IS ABSENT. AHN?

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17 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

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

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21 **DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.

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

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1 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE MAHAN IS ABSENT. MOULTON-PETERS?
2 SPERING?

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

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

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9 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING ON TO
10 ITEM THREE MOVING ON, COMBINED PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ITEMS 3A
11 AND 3B. 3A IS APPROVAL TO REFER MTC RESOLUTION 4647 REVISED,
12 BUS ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM WITH SAN MATEO
13 COUNTY DISTRICT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION TO THE
14 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. AGENDA ITEM 3B PROJECT FUNDING
15 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE DEPLOYMENTS TO ENHANCE
16 ARTERIALS WITH TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
17 PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,950,000 ALSO TO THE
18 COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL. MELANIE, I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO
19 YOU.

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21 **MELANIE CHOY:** GREAT. THANK YOU CHAIR RABBITT. GOOD AFTERNOON
22 ARE COMMISSIONERS. I'M MELANIE CHOY WITH MTC. AND BRRIT
23 TANNER, UNFORTUNATELY, COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY. BUT MIKA
24 MIASATO WILL BE PRESENTING ITEMS 3A AND 3B. NEXT ITEM AS WELL.
25 NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR RIDERS IS



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1 HAVING FAST RELIABLE SERVICE AND TRANSIT PRIORITY INVESTMENT
2 IS AIMED AT DOING JUST THAT GETTING BUSES OUT OF TRAFFIC AND
3 MOVING MORE PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT AND THE REGION
4 HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INVESTING IN THIS. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE
5 RANGE OF INVESTMENTS ACROSS ALL BUSINESS UNITS AT MTC. FIRST
6 WE HAVE TWO ESTABLISHED INITIATIVES WHICH IS THE TRANSIT
7 PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE WHICH WAS CREATED IN 2012 TO PROVIDE
8 FUNDING TO TRANSIT PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGH RIDERSHIP
9 TRANSIT ROUTES. THESE AWARDS HAPPENING THROUGH THE PROGRAMMING
10 AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE THAT CONVENES ON WEDNESDAY. I WANTED
11 TO CALL THAT OUT. THE SECOND CATEGORY IS THE FORWARD
12 INITIATIVES. AND COMBINED TRANSIT PRIORITY INITIATIVE
13 INVESTMENT AND THE FORWARD INITIATIVES COMBINED HAVE HAD MORE
14 THAN 265 MILLION PROGRAMS OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. THE FORWARD
15 INITIATIVES WHICH ARE PARTNERSHIPS WITH CALTRANS AND OTHER
16 AGENCY PARTNERS DELIVER TRANSIT PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
17 IN THE BRIDGE CORRIDORS. AND 4B ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY GOES INTO
18 THAT IN DEPTH. A FEW OTHER UPDATED EFFORTS THAT WE'RE
19 PROCEEDING WITH IS THE REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY AND
20 THIS IS ITEM 4A ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY. WE ALSO HAVE THE BUS
21 ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM, AND THAT IS A
22 FUNDING PROGRAM FOCUSED ON HOTSPOTS AND QUICK BUILD PROJECTS.
23 EARLIER THIS YEAR YOU APPROVED FUNDING ABOUT -- OF ABOUT 18
24 MILLION TO PROJECTS FOR THIS PROGRAM. LAST PROGRAM WE HAVE IS
25 TECHNICAL PROGRAM CALLED INNOVATIVE DEPLOYMENTS TO ENHANCE



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1 ARTERIALS, IDEA, WHICH IS OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
2 I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MIKA MIASATO TO PRESENT. SHE'S WITH AC
3 TRANSIT REPRESENTING OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES. SO, WITH MUCH OF
4 THE WORK AND RNM ACTION PLAN IT'S COLLABORATION WITH TRANSIT
5 AGENCIES AND WE'RE WORKING WITH AC TRANSIT ON COLLABORATING
6 WITH OPERATORS ON TRANSIT PRIORITY.

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8 **MIKA MIASATO:** THANK YOU. MIKA MIASATO WITH AC TRANSIT TO
9 PRESENT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUNDING AWARDS FOR BusAID
10 ACCELERATE ADD INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY AND TSP INNOVATIVE
11 DEPLOYMENT TO ENHANCE ARTERIAL UPON FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING FOR
12 THE BusAID PROGRAM PRESENTED TO YOU IN MAY. TO SELECT PROJECTS
13 WE WORKED WITH 21 TRANSIT AGENCIES AND THEY IDENTIFIED 87
14 TRANSIT AGENCIES IDENTIFIED QUENCH POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND WE
15 SCORED BASED ON THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT. THEN WE INVITED THE
16 TOP HIGHEST PERFORMING PROJECTS INTO THE FEASIBILITY AND
17 READINESS ANALYSIS. FROM THAT POOL WE SELECTED PROJECTS 16
18 PROJECTS WERE DEFERRED AT THAT POINT DUE TO PRESENTLY
19 READINESS OR BECAUSE SOME AGENCY HAD EXCEEDED THE PROGRAM
20 GUIDELINES OF \$55 MILLION PER AGENCY CAP. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
21 WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO AUGMENT RUN ONE WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING
22 AND INVITED HIGH PERFORMING PROJECT THAT HAD DEFERRED OR
23 HADN'T REACHED THE \$5 MILLION FUNDING CAP. WE RECEIVED
24 ADDITION APP FUNDING FOR THIS ROUND, STAFF IS RECOMMENDING
25 AWARDING THIS PROJECT AT \$2 MILLION. NEXT SLIDE. IDEA TSP



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1 PROJECT PROVIDING GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT
2 PLANNING AND DESIGN PHASE OF TSP PROJECT LIKE IMPLEMENTING IT.
3 SP OPTIMIZED SIGNALS FOR TRANSIT AND SIGNAL RELATED TRANSIT
4 PRIORITY PROJECTS THESE PROJECTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY
5 CONSULTANTS THROUGH MTC AND EXISTING CONSULTANT BENCHES WE
6 ANTICIPATE KICKOFF IN MID-2025 AND PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE
7 COMPLETE WITHIN 18 TO TWENTIETH MONTHS FROM KICKOFF. GRANTS
8 WERE PUBLICIZED THROUGH A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING
9 GROUPS TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. NEXT
10 SLIDE. STAFF RECOMMENDING FUNDING FIVE PROJECTS TOTALING \$1.9
11 MILLION. THE PROJECT INCLUDES TWO TSP DESIGN PROJECTS IN
12 CONTRACT OF THE COUNTY SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION PROJECT IN SAN JOSE
13 AND COUNTY-WIDE PLANNING PROJECT IN SAN MATEO AND MARIN
14 COUNTY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO THIS IS A SLIDE SHOWING COMBINED
15 STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR BOTH IDEA TSP AND BusAID FUNDING
16 PROGRAM WITH TOTAL OF 3.95 MILLION OF OBAG FUNDING WITH THAT
17 I'LL TURN IT BACK TO MELANIE CHOY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.

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19 **MELANIE CHOY:** STAFF ARE HIGHLIGHTING THAT TODAY'S ITEM IS A
20 RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE UPON PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
21 THE PROJECTS AND THEN SCHEDULE WE WILL BE TAKING THE ITEM TO
22 OUR PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS FOR THE FUNDING COMPONENT
23 ALLOCATION OF THE ITEMS. AND WITH MTC COMMISSION TAKING ACTION
24 LATER THIS MONTHS. WITH THIS, WE RECOMMEND STAFF RECOMMENDS



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1 APPROVING THE PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOTH IDEA
2 TSP AND BusAID. AND THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATION.

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4 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO BOTH OF
5 YOU FOR THAT. I'LL LOOK TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR QUESTIONS,
6 COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS. DIRECTOR SHAW?

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8 **DIANE SHAW:** THESE ARE REALLY GREAT PROJECTS. I'M GLAD TO SEE
9 THEM MOVE FORWARD. MY ONLY QUESTION IS, TSP IS A TECHNOLOGY
10 THAT IS CHANGING. AND SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE HAD IN
11 THE PAST IS THEY'RE NOT VERY WELL INTEGRATED TOGETHER. THEN
12 ONE GOES OUT OF SPEC, AND YOU HAVE GOT TO TOTALLY REPLACE THE
13 SYSTEM WITH SOMETHING NEW. SO MY QUESTION IS, ARE WE LOOKING
14 AT THIS AT A BAY AREA PERSPECTIVE FROM WHAT PERSPECTIVE
15 STANDPOINT OF TECHNOLOGY IS GOING TO BE USED IN ORDER TO
16 ENSURE THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER WHEN THEY GO FROM CITY TO CITY?

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18 **MELANIE CHOY:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. ONE OF THE THINGS
19 WITH THE NEXT ITEM THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO TACKLE IS SOME
20 CONSISTENCY. SO, OUR INTENT IN PURSUING A REGIONAL TRANSIT
21 PRIORITY POLICY IS TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION IN TERMS OF WHERE
22 THE OPPORTUNITY ARE FOR THAT INTERCONNECTEDNESS IS A BIT
23 COMPLEX BECAUSE OF THE OVERLAY OF THE SIGNAL SYSTEMS AT THE
24 TRANSIT AGENCIES WITH THE CITY AND ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE
25 BETWEEN THE ROADWAY OWNERS WITH THE TRANSIT AGENCIES



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1 THEMSELVES. SO THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS WE NEED TO HAVE THROUGH
2 THE POLICY DISCUSSIONS.

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4 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. BETTER THAN ELSE HAVE ANY
5 QUESTIONS? WE'RE GOING TO TAKE TWO VOTES ON THIS. SPLIT IT TO
6 3A, 3B. AND DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO REFER MTC
7 RESOLUTION 4647 REVISED, FOR THE BUS ACCELERATED DELIVERY
8 PROGRAM WITH SAN MATEO?

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10 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** I'LL SECOND IT.

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12 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECONDS. IS THERE
13 ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
16 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE -- ALETA DUPREE WANTED TO
17 SPEAK ON THIS ONE.

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19 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** AND I HAD THAT CARD, AND I APOLOGIZE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [LAUGHTER]

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23 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** PLEASE.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR DAVID RABBITT AND MEMBERS. ALETA
2 DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. A LITTLE
3 TIRED TODAY. THIS IS -- THIS IS IMPORTANT. I SEE THIS AS OUR
4 FIRST AID KIT FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION. CAN'T SAY I HAVE EVER
5 EXPERIENCED BUS TRANSIT PRIORITY. NOT THAT I WOULD KNOW IF
6 IT'S BEEN IMPLEMENTED. BUT, I DO BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT. THE
7 BUSES, BY THEIR NATURE, TAKE LONGER, BECAUSE THEY MAKE MORE
8 STOPS. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN TRAFFIC N A BUS WHERE
9 WE'RE ALL MOVING LESS THAN WALKING PACE, AND THE BUS IS MAKING
10 MORE STOPS. JUST GO TO MANHATTAN NEAR 34th AND SECOND, AND
11 EVERYTHING IS JUST STOPPED UP THERE ALL DAY. SO, WE NEED THIS.
12 I ASK THAT YOU PASS OUR FIRST AID KIT FOR BUSES. THANK YOU.

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14 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU ALETA. MARTHA, NO OTHERS,
15 RIGHT?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CORRECT.

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19 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE DO HAVE A
20 MOTION AND A SECOND. IF WE COULD HAVE ROLL CALL PLEASE ON ITEM
21 3A?

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

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25 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR NOACK IS ABSENT. MEMBER AHN?

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4 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

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

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8 **DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.

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

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

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MEMBER MOULTON-PETERS?

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16 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER SPERING? MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

19 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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21 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW FOR

22 AGENDA ITEM 3B. DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE

23 PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE DEPLOYMENT TO

24 ENHANCE ARTERIALS WITH TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY TECHNICAL

25 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,950,000.



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2 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI MAKES THE MOTION.

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4 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND BY
5 COMMISSIONER SPERING. I BELIEVE. BEFORE WE TAKE THAT VOTE, I
6 DO HAVE ONE CARD. ALETA DUPREE. OKAY. YOU'RE GOOD? ALL RIGHT.
7 MARTHA, ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM?

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
10 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR
11 ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK.

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13 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THEN I WOULD ASK FOR ROLL CALL
14 VOTE ON ITEM 3B.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR RABBITT?

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18 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** AYE VICE CHAIR NOACK IS ABSENT. MEMBER
19 AHN?

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21 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

22

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

24

25 **DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.



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

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

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MAHAN IS ABSENT. MEMBER MOULTON-
7 PETERS?

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9 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AND MEMBER SPERING?

12

13 **JAMES P. SPERING:** YES.

14

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

17

18 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING ON TO
19 ITEM 4A, REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY INITIATIVES UPDATE. BACK TO
20 YOU, MIKA. NO. MELANIE.

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22 **MELANIE CHOY:** I'LL KICK OFF THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU CHAIR
23 RABBITT.

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25 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** YOU PROBABLY TOLD ME THAT.



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2 **MELANIE CHOY:** [LAUGHTER] NEXT SLIDE IN THE DECK. THANK YOU.

3 JUST TO ACCOMPANY AND GIVE A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE FOCUS

4 THIS PART OF THE PRESENTATION TO ACCOMPANY THE FUNDING AWARD

5 THAT YOU JUST APPROVED WE WANT TO PROVIDE YOU WITH BROADER

6 CONTEXT OF HOW ALL THE TRANSIT PRIORITY WORK IS FITTING

7 TOGETHER AT THE AGENCIES. ALL WORKING IN CONCERT TO MAXIMIZE

8 SYNERGY BETWEEN ALL PROGRAMS WE'RE WORKING ON AS AN AGENCY.

9 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TWO SPECIFIC UPDATES ON THE PRESENTATION,

10 FOCUS ON TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY THEN HIGHLIGHT SOME ACROSS

11 OUTSIDE EXTERNAL AGENCY COORDINATION WORK THAT IS CALTRANS BAY

12 AREA TRANSIT PLAN. MIKA WILL PRESENT THOSE. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT

13 SLIDE, I'M GOING TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW THINGS THREE CATEGORIES OF

14 THINGS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON AT THE AGENCY WE HAVE FUNDING

15 PROGRAMS THAT WAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE LAST ITEM AND AWARD

16 FUNDING TO PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS SECOND THING WORK ON PROJECT

17 DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY SO THAT IS THE FORWARD INITIATIVE

18 PRESENTATION THEN YOU'RE GETTING SUPPORTIVE POLICIES WHICH IS

19 THE TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY THAT IS BEING DISCUSSED POLICIES

20 AND PLANNING WORK FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL OF THIS. COORDINATION

21 WITH EXTERNAL AGENCIES CALTRANS CITIES TRANSIT AGENCIES CTA,

22 COUNTY CONNECTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY SUCCESS OF ALL THIS WORK

23 THAT IS ON THIS SLIDE THAT IS DEPENDENT ON ALL OF US WORKING

24 TOGETHER. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IN TERMS OF FOCUS AND REANCHORING

25 IN TERMS OF TRANSIT PRIORITY AND WHY WE'RE PURSUING ALL OF



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1 THIS IS THAT WE DO THINK POLICIES COUPLED WITH THE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BOTH OF THOSE TOGETHER CAN HELP
3 TRANSIT RIDERS GET TO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO MORE QUICKLY. AND
4 IN TERMS OF WHERE WE HELP TRANSIT VEHICLES AVOID TRAFFIC
5 CONGESTION THERE IS A LOT LESS TIME SPENT AT TRAFFIC SIGNALS,
6 AND REDUCING TRAVEL TIMES FOR THE CUSTOMER. TRANSIT ALSO MOVES
7 MORE PREDICTABLY WHICH THEN IMPROVES RELIABILITY AS WELL AS
8 OPERATING COSTS. SO, THAT'S ANCHORING ALL THIS WORK THAT WE'RE
9 FOCUSED ON UNDER TRANSIT PRIORITY. WITH THAT I'M GOING TO TURN
10 IT OVER TO MIC MIKA.

11

12 **MIKA MIASATO:** THANK YOU. IMPORTANCE OF TRANSIT PRIORITY WORK
13 HERE IS A HYPOTHETICAL BUS ROUTE LET'S SAY 60 MINUTES TO RUN A
14 ROUTE END TO END THE AGENCY WANTS TO PROVIDE 50 MINUTE SERVICE
15 FOR 14 HOURS A DAY SEVEN ARE DAYS A WEEK IT WOULD COST \$8
16 MILLION TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE. TRAFFIC CONGESTION GETS WORSE
17 TRAVEL TIME INCREASE BUYER SIX MINUTES COST RUN THE SAME 50-
18 MINUTE SERVICE INCREASED BY 1 MILLION PER YEAR SO TRANSIT
19 RIDERS ON BUS LONGER AND AGENCIES SPEND MORE MONEY CONVERSELY
20 YOU SPEND MONEY INVESTING IN TRANSIT PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE
21 OR POLICY THAT REDUCE DELAYS THE TIME WILL GET SHORTER REDUCE
22 ANNUAL COST TO RUN 15 MINUTE SERVICE. NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE
23 KEY REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY INITIATIVES IS TO DEVELOP
24 REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY FOCUS ON ROAD WAYS GOAL OF
25 THIS POLICY SEW TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE FASTER MORE RELIABLE



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1 TRANSIT THAT MOVE MORE PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA. WHY DO WE NEED
2 THIS POLICY? EXISTING POLICIES SUCH AS COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
3 DO NOT FULLY ADDRESS TRANSIT PRIORITY OR EXCLUSIVELY PROMOTE
4 TRANSIT PRIORITY. SO AN INDEPENDENT TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY
5 WILL ENSURE THAT TRANSIT NEEDS ARE FRONT AND CENTER. THE
6 POLICY WILL GUIDE TRANSIT AGENCY, FUNDING AGENCIES, CALTRANS,
7 AND RIGHT OF WAY AGENCY TOWARD ALIGNED TRANSIT OF PRIORITY
8 VISION. WE'RE TAKING A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO DEVELOP THIS
9 POLICY. THE EFFORT WAS KICKED OFF AT LAST DECEMBER'S WORKSHOP.
10 SINCE THEN WE HAVE RECEIVED INPUT FROM TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
11 LISTED HERE WITH TRANSIT AGENCY COUNTIES TRANSPORTATION
12 AGENCIES CITIES CALTRANS AND OTHER ADVOCACY GROUPS. AND WE
13 CONSIDER THEIR INPUT IN DEVELOPING A POLICY FRAMEWORK AND WE
14 HAVE CONTINUED TO USE THIS COLLABORATIVE APPROACH. NEXT SLIDE
15 PLEASE. THE REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY CURRENTLY
16 UNDERWAY CONSIDERING SEVERAL KEY ELEMENTS POLICY COULD
17 ESTABLISH COMMON VISION GOALS OUTCOME SUPERVISOR MATRIX THE
18 POLICY OUTLINE FOR TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECT COULD BE
19 IMPLEMENTED FOR POLICY CRITERIA DEVELOPING PRIORITY NETWORK
20 REPRESENT HIGH PRIORITY LOCATIONS POLICY COULD INCLUDE
21 APPROACHES FOR FACILITATING IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING AND
22 PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS. POLICY WILL BE COUPLED WITH
23 REGIONAL TRANSIT ASSESSMENT THAT WILL ALLOW DATA-DRIVEN ARE
24 APPROACH IN IMPLEMENTING POLICY. THE ASSESSMENT WILL FOCUS ON
25 EVALUATING TRANSIT SERVICE SPECIFICALLY IN TERMS OF SPEED



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1 RELIABILITY AND ESTABLISHING BASELINE IN ADDITION THE
2 ASSESSMENT CAN INFORM THE DEVELOPMENTAL TRANSIT PRIORITY
3 NETWORK WHERE THE TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY APPLIES. NEXT SLIDE.
4 TRANSIT PRIORITY AND COMPLETE STREETS POLICIES ARE CLOSELY
5 LINKED IN PROMOTING ROADWAYS THAT SERVE ALL USERS. BOTH
6 POLICIES ENCOURAGE A NETWORK APPROACH THAT EFFECTIVELY USE
7 PARALLEL STREETS TO ACHIEVE THE REGIONAL GOAL PROMOTING
8 TRANSIT AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION. IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE
9 THAT NOT EVERY STREET CAN ACCOMMODATE AND PRIORITIZE ALL MODES
10 OF TRANSPORTATION DUE TO LIMITED RIGHT OF WAY WIDTH, AND
11 PRIORITIZING ALL MODES ON A SINGLE STREET CAN SOMETIMES
12 COMPROMISE QUALITY FACILITIES. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
13 AND TRANSIT PRIORITY NETWORK MAY OVERLAP SOME BUT REMAIN
14 DISTINCT FROM OTHERS BY PROMOTING COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE
15 REGIONAL NETWORK POLICIES WILL EMPHASIZE POWERFUL PLANNING AND
16 IMPLEMENTATION BY CONSIDERING ROADWAY CONTEXT. POLICIES ARE
17 NOT PRESCRIBED BY DESIGN, DECISIONS REMAIN UNDER LOCAL CONTROL
18 WHILE POLICY WOULD PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHING HOLISTIC
19 REGIONAL PRIORITIES. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. HERE IS THE PROPOSED
20 SCHEDULE FOR PRIORITY POLICY SUPPORTING REGIONAL TRANSIT
21 PRIORITY, POLICY FRAMEWORK TODAY WE ARE PROPOSING TO DEVELOP A
22 DRAFT POLICY IN THE WINTER AND HAVE IT FINALIZED TO SUBMIT IN
23 2025 WORKINGS ON THE REGIONAL TRANSIT ASSESSMENT THIS WINTER
24 STARTING WITH PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY. EXPECTING TO KICKOFF THE
25 REGIONAL TRANSIT ASSESSMENT IN MID-2025. AND WE'LL BE ALSO



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1 CLOSELY COORDINATING WITH MTC'S REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM
2 SECTION, AS THEY ARE PLANNING TO UPDATE THE COMPLETE STREETS
3 POLICY AND CHECKLIST IN 2025. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO, WE'RE
4 SHIFTING GEARS TO THE CALTRANS PLANNING ACTIVITIES. CALTRANS
5 DISTRICT FOUR STAFF AND MTC REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT STAFF
6 HAVE BEEN MEETING REGULARLY TO COORDINATE ON THE REGIONAL
7 TRANSIT PRIORITY EFFORTS. WHILE CALTRANS FOCUSES ON THE STATE
8 OF NETWORK AND MTC OVERSEES THE WHOLE BAY AREA, THERE ARE
9 SIGNIFICANT OVERLAPS IN BOTH POLICY AND PLANNING EFFORTS. IN
10 COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CALTRANS DISTRICT FOUR AND MTC
11 ALIGNMENT OF TRANSIT PRIORITIES ACROSS THE BAY AREA AND THE
12 BAY AREA TRANSIT PLAN SEEKS TO BETTER INTEGRATE TRANSIT INTO
13 CALTRANS PLANNING AND PROJECT DELIVERY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO,
14 CALTRANS BAY AREA TRANSIT PLAN BUILDS ON THE SUCCESSFUL
15 FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHED BY THE DISTRICT FOUR BICYCLE PLAN THAT'S
16 THE FIRST OF THE MODAL PLAN. THESE MODAL PLANS IDENTIFY NEEDS
17 OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK AND INFORMS FUTURE
18 INVESTMENT. THOSE MODAL PLANS ARE NOT CONSTRAINED BY FUNDING
19 AVAILABILITY, BUT RATHER IT IDENTIFIES NEEDS OF A SPECIFIC
20 MODE AND HELPS PRIORITIZING IDENTIFIED NEEDS. THE MODAL PLANS
21 ARE FOR MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS ALLOWING CALTRANS TO DEVELOP
22 PROJECT SCOPE. THE ROLL OF CALTRANS IN THE TRANSIT PLAN --
23 SENTENCE [INDISCERNIBLE] SINCE CALTRANS DOES NOT OPERATE
24 TRANSIT SERVICES SO THAT MAKES COORDINATION WITH MTC AND OTHER
25 AGENCIES ESSENTIAL IN DEVELOPING THIS TRANSIT PLAN. NEXT SLIDE



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1 PLEASE. THE TRANSIT PLAN COMPLETED EXISTING CONDITIONS
2 ASSESSMENT, THE PLAN'S MAIN GOAL INCLUDE IDENTIFICATION AND
3 PRIORITIZATION OF LOCATION BASED NEEDS AND TOOLKIT. THE
4 TOOLKIT WILL BE TAILORED TO DISTRICT FOUR AND WILL INCLUDE
5 TRANSIT SPECIFIC SUPPORTIVE DESIGN THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN
6 FUNDED PROJECTS. INCLUDING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND FEEDBACK
7 FROM TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND MTC'S TRANSIT PRIORITY
8 WORKING GROUP. CALTRANS HAS DONE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PLANS
9 TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL OUTREACH IN WINTER. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
10 SO, THIS SLIDE OUTLINES PROJECT TIMELINE, TRANSIT PLAN WAS
11 KICKED OFF IN LATE 2023 AND EXPECTED TO COMPLETE IN SPRING OF
12 2025. CALTRANS PLANS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL ROUND OF STAKEHOLDER
13 ENGAGEMENT THIS WINTER AND PLANS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL OUTREACH
14 IN 2025. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. AND THIS CONCLUDES OUR
15 PRESENTATION. WITH THAT, WE CAN TAKE ANY QUESTIONS OR
16 COMMENTS.

17

18 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL LOOK TO
19 MY COLLEAGUES IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF ON THIS ONE.
20 DIRECTOR SHAW?

21

22 **DIANE SHAW:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR THE
23 PRESENTATION. I THINK YOU, MELANIE, TALKED ABOUT TRYING TO PUT
24 THIS IN BETTER CONTEXT SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW IT ALL
25 FITS TOGETHER, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU FOR



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1 DOING THAT. COLLABORATION IS DEFINITELY KEY THERE ARE MANY OF
2 US THAT HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. IF THE
3 PRIORITIES ARE NOT THE SAME WE END UP CLASHING AND NOTHING
4 GETS DONE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE I SAW THE COMMENTS
5 FROM ADVOCATES, SPUR AND THE REST, I THINK THEY MAKE GOOD
6 COMMENTS. IT'S KEY THAT WE MAKE SURE ALL PARTNERS FIGURE OUT
7 HOW TO DO THIS BETTER TOGETHER. BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO HELP
8 US GO FORWARD. THE -- AND I TALK ABOUT, IN THE CALTRANS
9 TRANSIT PLAN, IS A GOOD STEP, BECAUSE THAT'S THE FIRST TIME
10 YOU HAVE DONE THAT, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY POSITIVE. AND
11 THEY, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US, NEED TO WORK MORE ON
12 STREAMLINING, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY PROCESSES, AS
13 WELL AS ENSURING, JUST LIKE ALL OF US NEED TO, ENSURING THAT
14 TRANSIT PRIORITY IS SHOWN IN OUR BUDGET. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
15 YOU NEED TO LOOK AT YOUR BUDGETS TO SEE WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO
16 SOMEBODY. AND IF IT'S HIDDEN IN THERE, IT DOESN'T REALLY COME
17 AND SHOW THAT IT'S IMPORTANT. AND, SO, I THINK THAT'S REALLY
18 KEY AS WE GO FORWARD. THE NEXT COMMENT I'M GOING TO MAKE IS
19 KIND OF A COMBINATION OF THIS ITEM AND THE LAST ITEM AND THE
20 NEXT ITEM. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE BusAID, AND THE FORWARD
21 INITIATIVES ARE REALLY THINGS WE NEED TO DO TO DECREASE TRAVEL
22 TIME. AND YOU HAD A GOOD DEPICTION OF HOW COSTS GO UP WHEN WE
23 DON'T DO THAT AND HOW PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE COST
24 BEHIND IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT A STRAIGHT COST. YOU CAN SEE THAT
25 IN THE GRAPHIC THAT YOU SHOWED ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT



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1 HAPPEN. AND DOING THE 18 TO 24 MONTHS IS REALLY GOOD TOO,
2 BECAUSE THAT SHOWS PEOPLE PROGRESS. WE CAN'T HAVE THESE REALLY
3 LONG PROJECTS THAT TAKE FOREVER AND THINGS CHANGE BY THE TIME
4 WE IMPLEMENT THEM. BUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT -- BUT WE NEED
5 TO ENSURE THESE PROJECTS GET THE ATTENTION AND THE
6 COLLABORATION THEY NEED IN ORDER TO FINISH. AND I'M GOING TO
7 BRING AN EXAMPLE UP. BECAUSE IT KIND OF SHOWS. IT'S A PROJECT
8 THAT -- I'M SORRY CAROLE HAS ALREADY LEFT -- BUT IT WAS
9 ANOTHER FORWARD PRESENTLY, DUMBARTON FORWARD. WHEN I GOT ON AC
10 TRANSIT, IT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PROJECTS I ASKED ABOUT
11 BECAUSE THAT WAS MY COMMUTE BEFORE THIS, AND THIS DUMBARTON
12 FORWARD PROJECT WAS STARTED IN 2018 AND THEY WERE PLANNING TO
13 HAVE THE PROJECT INITIATION COMPLETED IN FALL OF 2019. SO THIS
14 WAS ANOTHER ONE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KIND OF A SHORT
15 PROJECT. WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IS -- SO, THE PROJECT INITIATION
16 GOT COMPLETED IN FALL OF 20 UNHAPPY, ENVIRONMENTAL DIDN'T GET
17 COMPLETED UNTIL SEPTEMBER OF 2023. THAT'S FOUR YEARS. I AGREE,
18 TWO OF THOSE YEARS WERE COVID. SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND SOME OF
19 THAT, BUT IT TOOK FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE THAT NEXT PART. AND
20 THEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETING THE PLANS -- THE
21 DESIGN PLANS IN THE SUMMER OF 2024. I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE
22 BEEN COMPLETED YET, WITH CONSTRUCTION STARTING IN EARLY '25.
23 THEREFORE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN PUT OFF NOW. SO IT'S BEEN
24 THREE YEARS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS A CHALLENGE THAT'S
25 HAPPENED IS WE ARE UNABLE TO GET, MY UNDERSTANDING, IS AN



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1 OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS. AND THAT'S
2 -- IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT O&M
3 AGREEMENT. AND, SO, IF THOSE TYPES OF THINGS CONTINUE TO
4 HAPPEN, AND IT TAKES THREE OR FOUR YEARS, AND I'M HOPING WE
5 CAN GET SOME HELP THERE, TO GET THIS PROJECT MOVED FORWARD.
6 THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD WAITING TO GET COMPLETED. IF
7 OUR PARTIES AREN'T ALIGNED TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD THIS IS
8 GOING TO END UP WITH PROJECTS THAT TAKE LONGER TO GO BECAUSE
9 WE'RE NOT WORKING TOGETHER BOTH ON LOOKING AT IT HOLISTICALLY,
10 AND ENSURING PRIORITIES ARE TOGETHER SO WE DO THIS
11 COLLABORATION IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS GO FORWARD. SO, MY
12 QUESTION TO YOU IS WHAT CAN WE -- WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ENSURE,
13 WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THESE PROJECTS THAT WE'RE
14 HOPING TO DO IN 18 TO 24 MONTHS, THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT
15 COLLABORATION WITH, IT'S NOT JUST CALTRANS, COULD BE A CITY,
16 OTHER GROUPS, COULD BE A TRANSIT AGENCY, I'M NOT SAYING WHERE
17 THE DIFFERENCE IS BUT WE NEED THEM ALL TO WORK TOGETHER TO BE
18 SUCCESSFUL IN THAT 18 TO 24 MONTH TIME FRAME. SO, WHAT ARE THE
19 THINGS WE'RE GOING TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT CAN HAPPEN?

20

21 **MIKA MIASATO:** THANKS FOR THE COMMENT. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS
22 WE'RE DOING, AS PART OF TRANSIT PRIORITY WORKING GROUP, THIS
23 IS THAT THE GROUP WAS TRANSIT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE IS
24 COLLECTING, YOU KNOW, WHERE -- WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES,
25 LESSONS LEARNED, AND WHAT COULD BE POSSIBLY DONE. SO WE'RE



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1 COLLECTING STORIES. BECAUSE ONE AGENCY MAY HAVE CHALLENGES,
2 BUT WE HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO ACCESS COMMONALITY, COMMON
3 CHALLENGES. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING IS, YOU KNOW,
4 DOCUMENTING, KIND OF LESSONS LEARNED, COMMONALITY, AND YOU
5 WILL SEE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES, AND THE ADDRESS IN ONE OF THE
6 PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE BusAID, SAMTRANS IS TRYING TO
7 CHALLENGE CALTRANS, THROUGH PROGRAMMATIC PID, THAT'S
8 INNOVATIVE APPROACH. SO WE'RE CLOSELY WORKING WITH TRANSIT
9 AGENCIES IN IDENTIFYING THE WAYS TO IMPROVE THROUGH SOME OF
10 THE PROGRAMS.

11

12 **MELANIE CHOY:** I'LL ADD ONE MORE THING AS PART OF THE SCREENING
13 CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS, COMPONENTS WE DID FACTOR IN SOME OF
14 THOSE COMMENTS.

15

16 **DIANE SHAW:** THANK YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO THESE BEING DONE.

17

18 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU. I HAVE TWO RAISED HANDS UP
19 HERE. MOULTON-PETERS.

20

21 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** THANK YOU GREAT TO SEE THIS
22 PRESENTATION. I LOVE THE IDEA OF A CONSISTENT POLICY ON THIS.
23 DO WE HAVE AS PART OF THE TAC OR WORKING GROUP OR PUBLIC
24 REPRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS WHO CONTROL
25 THE STREETS AND ARE OFTEN PART OF THE IMPEDIMENT?



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2 **MIKA MIASATO:** YES WE HAVE INVITED SOME OF THE CITIES INTO --
3 WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP HAS
4 REPRESENTATION OF VIEWPOINTS FOR THE BAY AREA THAT WE HAVE
5 TRANSIT AGENCIES, CITIES, AND ALSO THE CITIES OF THE DIFFERENT
6 SIZES SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU KNOW, LARGER CITIES LIKE SAN
7 FRANCISCO MAY AUTOMATICALLY INCORPORATE TRANSIT PRIORITY
8 ALREADY IN THEIR PRACTICE, HOWEVER THE SMALL, MEDIUM SIZED
9 CITY TO SMALLER CITIES MAY HAVE CHALLENGES SO WE HAVE CITIES
10 WITH DIFFERENT SIZES INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
11 AS WELL.

12

13 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** COMMITTEE MEMBER EDISON?

14

15 **CHAD EDISON:** THANK YOU. A COUPLE OF POINTS HERE I WANT TO
16 EMPHASIZE FROM THE STATE'S PERSPECTIVE, FIRST IN CAB RAISING
17 WITH CALTRANS AND CAL FTA IS WELCOME IN THESE MATTERS WHO ARE
18 INTERESTED IN TRANSIT PRIORITY ACCELERATION AND ARE
19 COOPERATING. ALSO THIS IS RELEVANT TO A STATEWIDE CONVERSATION
20 WE'RE HAVING ON THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE, THIS IS
21 RELEVANT TO THE STATEWIDE CONVERSATION THAT APPLIES TO METRO
22 AREAS AROUND THE STATE. THIRD, THE TRANSIT INNER CITY RAIL
23 CAPITAL PROGRAM PROJECTS OF THIS SORT DO WELL IN IT BECAUSE
24 YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE SOME CAPITAL INVESTMENT, BUT TURN IT INTO
25 IMPROVED RIDERSHIP AND ACTUALLY DECREASE OPERATOR HOURS WHICH



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1 CAN THEN BE REDEPLOYED INTO ADDITIONAL SERVICES THESE ARE
2 PROJECTS THAT DO WELL IN THE TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM STATEWIDE
3 BASIS AND THIS IS ANOTHER WOUND COMING UP NEXT FALL WHEN
4 APPLICATIONS WILL BE DUE. THERE WILL BE MORE MONEY OUT THERE
5 THAT YOU CAN PARTNER WITH WHAT YOU'RE ALREADY DOING IN REGIONS
6 LIKE THIS AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT DIALOGUE TO HAPPEN OVER
7 THE NEXT YEAR SO IF YOU HAVE ON STRONG PROJECTS TO PUT IN THAT
8 THEY'RE READY FOR THAT APPLICATION CYCLE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COMMISSIONER
11 SPERING?

12

13 **JAMES P. SPERING:** YOU KNOW, I THINK THE BUS PRIORITY IS REALLY
14 CRITICAL IF WE'RE GOING TO GET PEOPLE BACK INTO TRANSIT. YOU
15 KNOW, THAT TIE AS WE MODERNIZE THE SYSTEM AND IMPROVE T THE
16 TIME IS A BIG PIECE OF THAT. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR
17 COMMUTERS. WHAT -- IF STAFF COULD, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, YOU
18 KNOW, ANY APPROACHES TO THE BAY BRIDGE, OR THE BIGGER REGIONAL
19 PROJECTS, SHOW US A LIST WHO HAS TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THAT?
20 WHO APPROVES IT? I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT'S THE CITY OF
21 OAKLAND, CALTRAIN, MTC. TAKE A COUPLE OF PROJECTS. BECAUSE WE
22 ALWAYS LOSE SIGHT OF WHERE THIS THING IS GETTING HUNG UP. I
23 CAN HONESTLY SAY WE HAVE BEEN BLAMING CALTRANS FOR A LONG TIME
24 ON SOME OF THESE THINGS AND MAYBE THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT PLACE.
25 BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO GIVE US



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1 THAT INFORMATION. AND I THINK THAT IF WE NEED HELP FROM THE
2 LEGISLATURE, YOU HAVE A LOT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, YOU PUT THE
3 PRESSURE THERE, IF YOU HAVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES THERE. IF YOU
4 GET THAT APPROVED IN TEN YEARS, YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL. OKAY?
5 IN CALIFORNIA. AND BUT COULD STAFF GIVE US A COUPLE OF
6 EXAMPLES AND SHOW US WHO THE DECISION MAKERS ARE TO THE
7 PROJECT ITSELF TO WHEN YOU CAN PUT THE SHOVEL IN THE GROUND?

8

9 **MELANIE CHOY:** WE CAN CERTAINLY COME BACK AND PRODUCE --
10 DEVELOP THAT LIST. APPROXIMATE.

11

12 **ANDREW FREMIER:** I ACTUALLY THINK MR. CHEN COULD TELL YOU TOO
13 WHO WERE SOME OF THE IMPEDIMENTS FOR SOME OF THESE PROJECTS.

14

15 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT.
16 SHARE THAT, I THINK ANYONE WHO HAS PUT IN A PERMIT IT GOES OFF
17 INTO THE ABYSS AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE IT IS AND WHO IS
18 HOLDING IT UP WHAT YOU CAN DO, OTHER THINGS. SO THERE IS A
19 LARGER SCALE. ANYONE ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THIS IS
20 AN UPDATE ITEM. I'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS. ADINA
21 LEVIN.

22

23 **ADINA LEVIN:** HELLO. ADINA LEVIN WITH SEAMLESS BAY AREA, AND
24 I'M SPEAKING TO THE LETTER THAT IS BEFORE YOU, AND FROM A
25 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT TRANSIT SUPPORTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHERE WE



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1 ARE, OVERALL, VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS DIRECTION TO HAVE A
2 TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY FOR MTC. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HELPS
3 PUBLIC TRANSIT BE FASTER AND MORE RELIABLE, MOVES MORE
4 PASSENGERS FOR A GIVEN AMOUNT OF FUNDING, AND OUR COST
5 EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO INCREASE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP. THERE WERE
6 A NUMBER OF THINGS MENTIONED IN THE STAFF PRESENTATION THAT
7 WERE MENTIONED AS A MAYBE, AND WE WANT THEM TO BE
8 AFFIRMATIVELY AND STRONGLY YES. SO, ONE OF THEM IS HAVING THE
9 LINKS TO ONE BAY AREA FUNDING. AND WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF DOING
10 THAT. THE -- THERE IS A SUGGESTION THAT MAYBE THERE SHOULD BE
11 A REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY NETWORK TO USE TO PRIORITIZE
12 INVESTMENTS. THE ANSWER TO THAT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE YES. AND THE
13 -- THERE IS A SUGGESTION TO MAYBE HAVE STANDARDS. WE SUPPORT
14 THE STANDARDS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION, ALSO, ABOUT WHOSE
15 INCLUDED IN THE PROCESS. AND WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE A PROCESS
16 NOT JUST THAT HAS SAMPLES OF PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT SIZES OF
17 JURISDICTIONS, BUT ALL THE JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE ON THE
18 TRANSIT PRIORITY NETWORK. BECAUSE IF THEY FIND OUT LATE,
19 THINGS WILL NOT GO WELL. SO, THERE ARE A COUPLE MORE POINTS IN
20 THE LETTER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION. BUT, THANK YOU
21 FOR MOVING THIS.

22

23 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT,
24 MARTHA?

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NONE IN ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK AND
2 WE DID RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE, AS ADINA MENTIONED, IT WAS A
3 COMBINED LETTER FROM SEAMLESS BAY AREA, SPUR, SF TRANSIT
4 RIDERS, AND URBAN HABITAT.

5

6 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. WE SAW THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
7 FOR THAT. THAT WAS AN UPDATE. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 4B,
8 FORWARD INITIATIVES PROJECT. KEVIN CHEN.

9

10 **KEVIN CHEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS KEVIN
11 CHEN, MTC ABAG STAFF. AND I RECOGNIZE I'M THE LAST PRESENTER
12 OF THE DAY AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL STICKING AROUND.
13 I'M HERE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON OUR FORWARD PROJECT
14 INITIATIVE WHICH IS AIMED AT DELIVERING TRANSIT PRIORITY
15 PROJECTS. THESE ARE LOW-COST NEAR-TERM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
16 THAT WILL REDUCE TRANSIT DELAY, AS WELL AS FOR A COUPLE OF
17 VEHICLES. ALSO WILL IMPROVE TRAVEL TIME RELIABLE WHICH WILL
18 LEAD TO MODE SHIFT AWAY FROM SINGLE OCCUPANCY VEHICLES, TO
19 SHARED TRANSIT AND OTHER SHAREABLE USE. GETTING MORE PERSON
20 THROUGHPUT ON THESE CORRIDORS MORE EFFICIENTLY SO WITH LESS
21 VEHICLES ON THE ROAD, ALSO REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS. ALL
22 CONSISTENT WITH OUR REGIONAL AND STATE GOALS ON
23 SUSTAINABILITY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO, YOU HAVE SEEN THIS
24 SLIDE FOR THE THIRD TIME TODAY. SO, I'M NOT GOING TO TALK
25 ABOUT IT. FOCUS TODAY IS ON THE SECOND BOX OF PROJECT



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1 DELIVERY. NEXT SLIDE. I'LL BE SHARING STATUTES ON FIVE
2 PROJECTS ON OUR FORWARD INITIATIVE. THESE PROJECTS ARE IN THE
3 FINAL STAGES OF DESIGN, AND THE CURRENT SCHEDULE IS TO GET
4 THEM OUT TO CONSTRUCTION IN 2025. SO, THAT'S THE FOCUS TODAY.
5 AS YOU CAN SEE THREE OF THOSE PROJECTS ARE ON THE BAY BRIDGE
6 CORRIDOR. THE FIRST ONE ON THE LIST IS THE WEST GRAND BUS HOV
7 PROJECT, SECOND ONE IS ON THE I-580 APPROACH THROUGH THE BAY
8 PROJECT. THIRD ONE IS THE I80 POWELL INTERCHANGE PROJECT. SO
9 ALL OF THESE THREE PROJECTS ON THE BAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR. THE
10 NEXT TWO PROJECTS ON THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE CORRIDOR.
11 THE FIRST ONE IS THE I-580 WESTBOUND, HOV LANE EXTENSION
12 PROJECT ALONG WITH THE OPEN ROAD TOLLING IMPLEMENTATION. LAST
13 BUT NOT LEAST IS THE CUTTING BOULEVARD TRANSIT PRIORITY
14 PROJECT. WORTH NOTING BOTH ON THE RICHMOND SIDE OF THE
15 CORRIDOR AND THE BAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR BOTH ON I-580 AND BOTH
16 WESTBOUND DIRECTION WHERE WE'RE CONVERTING HOV LANE. SO I WANT
17 TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET COOP FUSED WITH THE TWO MOVING
18 FORWARD. ONCE IT GOES OUT TO BID NEXT YEAR, THE CURRENTLY
19 SCHEDULE IS TO OPEN THESE PROJECTS IN 2026. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
20 SO, THE WEST GRAND BUS LANE, HOV LANE EXTENSION PROJECT IS
21 LOCATED IN WEST OAKLAND. SO, THIS IS ACTUALLY WHAT WE CONSIDER
22 THE FOURTH APPROACH TO THE BAY BRIDGE. THE OTHER THREE BEING
23 THE MAJOR FREEWAY CONNECTORS FROM 80, 580, AND 880. WEST GRAND
24 CORRIDOR PRETTY MUCH SERVES THE COMMUTERS FROM DOWNTOWN AND
25 WEST OAKLAND THAT ARE GOING THROUGH TO THE BRIDGE INTO SAN



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1 FRANCISCO. AND AC TRANSIT IS THE MAIN ROUTE ON THE CORRIDOR.
2 WE COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS PROJECT IN 2019 WHICH
3 PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS, STILL SIGNIFICANT CONGESTION
4 WEST GRAND WESTBOUND APPROACHING THE CONNECTOR EVEN AFTER THE
5 PANDEMIC TRAFFIC ROUTINELY BACKS UP ON WEST GRAND BETWEEN
6 MARITIME FRONTAGE ROAD INTERSECTION INTO WEST OAKLAND. SO THE
7 NEXT PHASE OF THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO EXTEND WESTBOUND BUS
8 LANE FURTHER EAST TOWARDS FRONTAGE ROAD INTERSECTION AND THEN
9 CONDUCTING IT TO EXISTING PHASE ONE. SO THAT WOULD BASICALLY
10 PROVIDE CONGESTION FREE ROUTE TO THE BUSES FOR THE MOST PART
11 IN THE MORNING TO REALLY AVOID DELAY THERE. THIS IS FOR THE
12 WESTBOUND DIRECTION WHERE WE ARE GOING TO BE EXTENDING THE BUS
13 LANE. WE'RE GOING TO BE CONSTRUCTING PROVIDING A MULTI-USE
14 PATH ALONG THE EASTBOUND DIRECTION OF WEST GRAND THAT'S SHOWN
15 IN THE DOTTED ORANGE LINE BETWEEN MARITIME STREET ALL THE WAY
16 TO MANDELA PARKWAY. THIS PROVIDES GOOD CONNECTION TO
17 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLISTS. NOW THEY CAN -- ACTUALLY OAKLAND
18 COMPLETED A COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT EAST OF MANDELA PARKWAY
19 NOW WITH THIS PROJECT FOLKS FROM DOWNTOWN OAKLAND CAN BIKE ALL
20 THE WAY FROM MARITIME STREET WHICH WILL CONNECT THEM TO
21 EXISTING TRAILS WEST OF MARITIME STREET ON TO THROUGH THE BAY
22 BRIDGE. HOV OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT WILL BE HOV THREE PLUS
23 CONSIST WITH BAY BRIDGE TOLL PLAZA TODAY. NEXT SLIDE. NEXT
24 PROJECT ALSO ON BAY BRIDGE FORWARD, IS THE I80 WESTBOUND HOV
25 LANE EXTENSION CURRENTLY THERE IS HOV LANE APPROACHING THE



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1 TOLL PLAZA FROM THE TOLL PLAZA BACK TO ABOUT THE
2 [INDISCERNIBLE] -- WESTBOUND HOV LANE ALL THE WAY ABOUT
3 ACTUALLY EAST OF 980, 24 INTERCHANGE THAT'S ABOUT TWO MILES
4 THIS IS THROUGH THE CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING LANE. SO WE'LL
5 BE CONVERTING THE NUMBER ONE LANE ON THE LEFT MOST LANE THIS
6 PROJECT WILL BE PROVIDING ADVANCED SIGNAGE TO ALERT MOTORISTS
7 BASICALLY LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS LANE IS GOING TO BE
8 CONVERTED COMING UP SO THAT THE NON-ELIGIBLE HOV USERS CAN
9 BASK LEAVE EXIT THAT LANE BEFORE THE LANE STARTS. THERE ARE A
10 NUMBER OF BUSES THAT USE THAT PART OF THE CORRIDOR, THAT ALLOW
11 THE ROUTES DOES TRAVEL ON THAT SO WE KNOW THAT IN THE MORNING
12 CONGESTION REGULARLY BACKS UM SO AGAIN WITH THIS PROJECT WE
13 WOULD BE LOOKING AT PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL TIME SAVINGS FOR
14 EASY TRANSIT AS WELL AS FOR THE CARPOOLERS. THIRD PROJECT BAY
15 BRIDGE CORRIDOR POWELL INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE
16 CHALLENGE THERE TODAY IS THAT AC TRANSIT BUSES COMING OUT OF
17 EMERY INVOLVE IN THE MORNING, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO,
18 KIND OF ON THE GRAPHICS HERE, MAKE A RIGHT TURN AT FRONTAGE
19 ROAD THEN HOOK AROUND ON THE ON RAMP TO GET ON TO I80 THAT'S
20 OFTEN BACKED UP BECAUSE OF THE MORNING CONGESTION AS WELL AS
21 RAMP METERING LIGHT TO CONTROL TRAFFIC THIS PROJECT WILL BE
22 PROVIDING WESTBOUND ONLY BUS LANE TO POWELL STREET BETWEEN THE
23 TWO INTERSECTIONS THERE AS WELL AS PROVIDING LEFT BUS ONLY
24 EXCLUSIVE LEFT TURN AT TRAFFIC SIGNAL, THIS WILL DIRECT ACCESS
25 FOR BUSES COMING OUT FROM EMERYVILLE SO THEY CAN GET ON TO I80



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1 A LOT MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY. THIS PART OF THE PROJECT PROVIDING
2 NEW BUS STOP ONE ON THE WESTBOUND ON RAMP ALSO WORKING WITH
3 CALTRANS AND AC TRANSIT TO SEE IF WE CAN SQUEEZE IN A BUS STOP
4 ALONG THE EASTBOUND OFF LANE. REAL ESTATE IS PRETTY TIGHT.
5 LOOKING THROUGH SOME OF THE LOGISTICS WITH THE PROJECT TEAM
6 THERE. NEXT SLIDE. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT PROJECT RICHMOND
7 BRIDGE CORRIDOR 580 WESTBOUND HOV LANE EXTENSION ALONG OPEN
8 ROAD TOLLING. WITH THE WESTBOUND HOV LANE PROJECT EXTENDING
9 THE HOV LANE FROM TOLL PLAZA GOING ALL THE WAY TO REGALIA
10 INTERCHANGE THIS IS THE DISTANCE ABOUT FOUR MILES OR SO IN THE
11 MORNING CONGESTION HAPPENS. SO WITH THIS CONVERSION, WE WOULD
12 BE PROVIDING AGAIN A LOT OF TIME SAVINGS FOR BUSES AND
13 CARPOOLERS THAT WILL BE USING THIS CORRIDOR. HOV VEHICLE
14 OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT WILL BE SET AT TWO PLUS. THIS IS MAINLY
15 BECAUSE THERE IS LIMITED HOV, THREE PLUS USERS ON THIS
16 CORRIDOR AND WE WANT TO -- REALLY WANTED TO ENCOURAGE THE USE
17 OF CARPOOLING ON THIS CORRIDOR, EXTEND TO HOV TWO AND AS PETER
18 PRESENTED AT THE COMMITTEE LAST WEEK, THERE IS GOING TO BE
19 PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES AT THE TOLL PLAZA FOR HOV TWO TO BE
20 ABLE TO ACCESS IT TO PAY A FULL TOLL RATE. THAT IS -- THE
21 PROPOSAL. THERE WOULD BE OPEN ROAD TOLLING PROJECT THAT WILL
22 DEFINITELY REDUCE NUMBER OF LANES FEEDING INTO THE TOLL PLAZA
23 ON TO THE BRIDGE WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY REDUCE AMOUNT OF
24 WEAVING AND MERGING ACTIVITIES THAT WILL SMOOTH OUT TRAFFIC
25 FLOW AS TRAFFIC APPROACH THE BRIDGE. NEXT SLIDE. LAST BUT NOT



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1 LEAST IS CUTTING BOULEVARD TRANSIT PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT
2 PROJECT. CUTTING BOULEVARD CORRIDOR RUNS IN PARALLEL TO THE I-
3 580 FREEWAY AS PART OF THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL CORRIDOR TO
4 SERVE THE GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT ROUTE ALONG THE CORRIDOR THIS
5 PROJECT WILL BE IMPLEMENTING TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY AT ABOUT
6 13 TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATIONS AS WELL AS IMPROVING EXISTING
7 INTERSECTIONS AT I80 THE TWO TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITH THE EXISTING
8 IT. SP SYSTEM THERE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES OUT
9 THERE, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE PROVIDE MAXIMUM BENEFITS FOR
10 THE VARIOUS TRANSIT USERS ALONG THIS CORRIDOR. ALSO
11 TRANSITIONAL PRIORITY WE STILL PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS
12 STOPS ALONG THIS CORRIDOR. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. AGAIN THOSE FIVE
13 PROJECTS ARE SCHEDULED TO START CONSTRUCTION NEXT YEAR. I WANT
14 TO GIVE YOU A PREVIEW THAT IN ADDITION TO THOSE FIVE PROJECTS
15 WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER PROJECTS ONGOING. MOST OF THESE
16 ARE IN EARLY PLANNING STAGES. BAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR, WE HAVE
17 FIRST SIX PROJECTS ON THE LIST IS ALONG THE BAY BRIDGE
18 CORRIDOR, ON I80 LOOKING AT HOV HOURS OF OPERATION ALONG I80,
19 AS WELL AS THE BRIDGE APPROACHES AT BOTH THE BAY BRIDGE AS
20 WELL AS CARQUINEZ BRIDGE APPROACHES. ALSO LOOKING AT POTENTIAL
21 HOV LANE ACCESS RESTRICTS ON 80 CORRIDOR IN ALAMEDA AND CONTRA
22 COSTA COUNTY TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS OF THE HOV LANE. ALSO
23 LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCALIZED TRANSIT PRIORITY
24 IMPROVEMENTS THIS IS FOR THE INTERCHANGES ALONG THE I80
25 CORRIDOR FOR BUSES TO GET ON AND OFF THE FREEWAY MORE



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1 EFFICIENTLY. WE'RE CURRENTLY EVALUATING FEASIBILITY OF
2 IMPLEMENTING BUS ON SHOULDER, AT LEAST FOR PARTS OF THE
3 CORRIDOR. SO THAT'S EARLY FEASIBILITY PROCESS. WE'RE ALSO
4 LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE I80 WESTBOUND HOV LANE.
5 THIS IS AROUND THE EMERYVILLE CRESCENT AREA. THIS IS THE SMALL
6 INSERT IN PURPLE TO SEE IF THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE
7 HOV LANE THAT IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FREEWAY. KIND OF TO
8 LINK UP WITH THE EARLIER PROJECT ON POWELL. SO, BUSES COMING
9 OUT FROM THE POWELL INTERCHANGE, THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO ALL THE
10 WAY TO THE LEFT HOV LANE. SO THAT'S IN THE FEASIBILITY STAGE.
11 PROJECT NUMBER SIX SMART TRANSLATE TO LOOK AT PROVIDING
12 IMPROVEMENTS IN TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR TRANSBAY USERS. THOSE
13 ARE THE SIX PROJECTS PLANNING PROCESS ON BAY BRIDGE FORWARD.
14 LAST BUT NOT LEAST ON THE BOTTOM, PART-TIME BUS ONLY LANE AS
15 MENTIONED THERE HAS BEEN SOME DELAYS ON THE PROJECT STILL IN
16 THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE OVERALL PROJECT DELIVERY IT'S IN
17 DESIGN PHASE. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WITH THIS PROPOSAL
18 THERE ARE OTHER STRATEGIES BEING EVALUATED AS PART OF THE
19 BROADER TRANSIT 2050 PLUS ANALYSIS TO LOOK AT OTHER LONG-TERM
20 STRATEGIES ON THE CORRIDOR. STAFF WILL COME BACK AT A LATER
21 DATE TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON BOTH THE BOTTOM CORRIDORS AS WELL AS
22 OTHER PROJECTS. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. HAPPY
23 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.
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1 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT KEVIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
2 APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH. LOOKING AT MY COLLEAGUES. DIRECTOR
3 SHAW?

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5 **DIANE SHAW:** I WANT TO SAY WE DO STRONGLY SUPPORT THESE
6 PROJECTS. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THEM FOR A LONG TIME
7 I'M REALLY GLAD THEY'RE MOVING FORWARD. THEY'RE REALLY GOING
8 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TRAVEL TIME AND HOPEFULLY THAT WILL
9 SHOW UP IN RIDERSHIP AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION. THANK YOU.

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11 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. APPRECIATE THAT. PUBLIC COMMENT
12 WE HAVE TWO SPEAKER CARDS FIRST UP IS ALETA DUPREE.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN CHAIR DAVID RABBITT. ALETA DUPREE FOR
15 THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. TWO OF THESE ARE
16 ESPECIALLY OF INTEREST TO ME. THE BUILDING OF THE OPEN ROAD
17 TOLLING AT THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE, IT'S LONG OVERDUE.
18 AND IT'S GOING TO BRING SOME VERY IMPORTANT SAFETY
19 IMPROVEMENTS. MORE SO, GIVEN THAT I SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN
20 EMERYVILLE, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT THIS NEW
21 CONFIGURATION OF POWELL STREET WILL LOOK LIKE. I USE THAT F-
22 BUS TO CROSS THE BAY BRIDGE TO COME HERE TO SAN FRANCISCO. AND
23 IT WILL SEVERAL HELP WITH GETTING TO THE BRIDGE. I WOULD LIKE
24 TO SEE WHAT TRAFFIC TIME -- LIGHT TIMING WILL LOOK LIKE, GIVEN



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1 THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE A LEFT TURN. BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO
2 GET SOME BENEFITS OUT OF BOTH OF THESE. THANKS.

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4 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT UP,
5 ADINA LEVIN.

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7 **ADINA LEVIN:** YES. BUILDING ON THE PREVIOUS COMMENT AND
8 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS DIRECTION, AND, ALSO, THESE PROJECTS, THE
9 BRIDGE PROJECTS DIDN'T APPEAR ON THE TRANSIT 2050+ MAP. AND I
10 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY. AND IT SEEMS HIKE THEY SHOULD IN TERMS
11 OF WHAT IS THE LONG-TERM PLAN. SEEMS LIKE THESE ARE PROJECTS
12 THAT SHOULD BE ON THAT MAP. SECONDLY, THE SUPPORTING OF HAVING
13 GOALS AND METRICS AS PART OF A TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY, AND
14 THE GOALS AND THE METRICS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS
15 MENTIONED AT THE REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WAS
16 INCLUDING RELIABILITY, AS WELL AS SPEED, BECAUSE THOSE ARE NOT
17 IDENTICAL NEEDS. YOU CAN HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S FAST AT TIMES
18 THEN BACKS UP AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY. SO HAVING A
19 RELIABILITY METRIC IS HELPFUL. SO, FOR SOME OF THESE PROJECTS,
20 THE ISSUES OF LOCAL SPACE AND PARKING DID NOT APPEAR IN THE
21 POLICY AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT
22 FOR SOME OF THESE PROJECTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND ACCEPTED. AND,
23 LASTLY, IN THE PROCESS, PLEASE INCLUDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
24 ORGANIZATION TO COME UP WITH POLICIES AND STRATEGIES THAT WORK
25 FOR ALL MODES. THANK YOU.



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2 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU. WITH THAT WE'LL MOVE
3 ON TO --

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHING TO
6 SPEAK IN ZOOM. BRIAN CULBERTSON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. UNMUTE
7 YOURSELF.

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9 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GRIT.

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11 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS BRIAN CULBERTSON. I LIVE IN WEST OAKLAND.
12 I'M GOING TO MAKE A COMMENT ON USING METRICS TO EVALUATE THESE
13 PROJECTS THEY'RE EXCITING BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I NOTICED IS
14 THAT THE BUS IS SHARING THE HOV LANE. AND AS ONE OF THE
15 PRIORITIES THAT IS MAKING THE BUS MORE RELIABLE AND SPEEDING
16 UP THE TRAVEL TIME OF THE BUS. SO IF WE COULD ADD THOSE AS
17 METRICS FOR EVALUATING THE SUCCESS OF THE HOV LANES, AND IF
18 THE BUS RELIABILITY METRICS ARE NOT HIGH ENOUGH, THEY CONSIDER
19 DOING THINGS LIKE INCREASING THE COST OF THE OPEN TOLLING, OR
20 INCREASING THE HOV LANE TO BE A PLUS THREE OR PLUS FOUR,
21 DEPENDING. THANK YOU.

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23 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE, MARTHA.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 IN ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WAS GOING
5 TO ROLL INTO PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH WE WILL, ON AGENDA ITEM
6 FIVE, DO I HAVE ONE CARD. ADINA.

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8 **SPEAKER:** YES. SO, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, HERE, IS
9 ABOUT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN WHAT THIS BODY IS DOING AND THE
10 STATE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE. AND IN ADDITION TO
11 THE TRANSIT PRIORITY ITEMS, THAT TASK FORCE, AT ITS LAST
12 MEETING, TALKED ABOUT A NUMBER OF POLICIES AND THINGS LIKE
13 FARE INTEGRATION AND SCHEDULE COORDINATION, THAT ARE THINGS
14 THAT REALLY COULD POTENTIALLY REINFORCE AND BENEFIT THE THINGS
15 THAT OUR REGION IS DOING. UNFORTUNATELY, AT THAT MEETING,
16 THERE WAS SOME PUSHBACK FROM THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT
17 ASSOCIATION AND SOME OF THE MORE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
18 ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION. ALIX BOCKELMAN WAS THERE REPRESENTING
19 MTC, BUT THERE WAS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THAT AND THE REGIONAL
20 NETWORK MANAGEMENT COUNCIL. THAT WAS A VERY UNFORTUNATE
21 CONFLICT. SO I URGE NOT HAVING THOSE THINGS CONFLICT IN THE
22 FUTURE. SO, ALSO THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS, WE DO HAVE A
23 LETTER MAKING SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THE
24 OBJECTIONS THAT WERE MADE THERE AND HOPEFULLY THOSE CAN BE



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1 ADDRESSED BECAUSE WHAT'S GOING ON THE STATE LEVEL AND
2 POTENTIAL TO REINFORCE WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE. THANK YOU.

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4 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE
5 TO SPEAK TO US UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT?

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR
8 THIS ITEM, AND NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM WITH PUBLIC COMMENT
9 AND NO MEMBERS IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE.

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11 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** GREAT. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
12 EVERYONE FOR ALL THE WORK TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
13 WE WENT A LITTLE LONGER THAN USUAL. WE WILL ADJOURN OUR
14 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEXT
15 MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH RIGHT HERE IN THIS ROOM
16 AT NOON. FRIDAY THE 13th. THANK YOU, ALL. [ADJOURNED]

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