



**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



SEPTEMBER, 10, 2025

1 **PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

2 **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 10, 2025, 9:40 AM**

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4 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE
5 SEPTEMBER 10TH MEETING OF THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS
6 COMMITTEE MEETING. I'M HERE JOINED BY MY VICE CHAIR MYRNA
7 MELGAR AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING. CAN WE
8 PLEASE TAKE ROLL?

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR FLEMING?

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12 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** PRESENT.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR MELGAR?

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16 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ABE-KOGA?

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

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING AMBUEHL?

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24 **DAVID AMBUEL:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER LEE?

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3 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MANFREE?

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7 **AMBER MANFREE:** HEREMILEY?

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9 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

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

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13 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS? NON-VOTING SCHAFF IS ABSENT. WE

16 HAVE A QUORUM.

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18 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS NOTED

19 PREVIOUSLY THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE

20 COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM

21 WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL

22 STAR NINE AND I'LL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

23 WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM TWO WHICH IS OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. IT

24 INCLUDES ITEMS 2A THROUGH TWO I APART OF APPROVE STAFF HAS

25 ASKED ME TO SHARE A FEW COMMENTS WITH YOU. ITEM 2A INCLUDES



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1 TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. ONE
2 OF WHICH EXPEDITES APPROVAL BY ALL PARTIES REGIONALLY
3 FEDERALLY AND STATE IN ADVANCE OF FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 30TH
4 SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE COMMITTEE
5 MEETING TO IF FACILITATE THE COMMISSION APPROVAL IN A TIMELY
6 MANNER WHICH ALLOWS FOR AMENDMENTS TO SECURE APPROVAL OF
7 APPROXIMATELY 420 MILLION IN COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING THAT
8 WILL LAPSE AND BE LOST TO THE REGION IF NOT OBLIGATED BY
9 SEPTEMBER 30TH THREE PROJECTS INCLUDING FUNDING PLAN OF GOLDEN
10 GATE BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT PHASE 3B PROJECT AND PLAN OF TWO
11 PROJECTS OF FTA5339 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS IMPROVE LIKELIHOOD
12 THAT GRANTS WILL OBTAIN FINAL APPROVAL INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT
13 CALENDAR AGENDA ITEM 2D SEEKING ACTIONS RELATED TO OBAG
14 EXCHANGE FUND STAFF HAS ASKED ME TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF THOSE
15 INCLUDING REPROGRAMMING OF \$5 MILLION PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR
16 BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY FUNDING WILL SERVE AS
17 MATCHING FUNDS TO SECURE BAHFA'S LARGEST FILL THROPPIC GRANT
18 TO DATE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL PROGRAM APPROVALS THIS COULD
19 RESULT IN LAUNCHING A NEW MIXED INCOME FINANCING PROGRAM IN
20 SPRING OF 2026 PERTINENT COMMITTEES WILL CONSIDER AND APPROVE
21 THE PROGRAM DETAILS IN FALL/WINTER WELCOMING GOOD NEWS OF THE
22 BEHAVE BAHFA WORTH CELEBRATING EACH VICTORY I WILL SAY I HAVE
23 READ ABOUT BAHFA I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS IS REALLY EXCITING
24 STUFF. I WOULD LIKE TO CHECK IN WITH FOLKS IT'S SIGNIFICANT
25 THE ONE ABOUT THE REPROGRAMMING OF THE TIP IS PRETTY IMPACTFUL



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1 IN TERMS OF BOTH THE RATIONALE WHY WE'RE DOING IT AS WELL AS
2 IMPACTS OF NOT DOING IT WHATEVER DECISION WE MAKE HERE TODAY I
3 WOULD LIKE TO OPEN UP FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM
4 COMMISSIONERS. THE ALL RIGHT. WELL, SEEING NONE. DO I HAVE A
5 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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7 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** SO MOVED.

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9 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN SECOND.

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11 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MADAM CLERK, DO
12 WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, NO ONE
15 IN THE ZOOM SPACE WISHING TO SPEAK, AND NO ONE IN THE
16 BOARDROOM.

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18 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WILL ALL THOSE IN
19 FAVOR ACKNOWLEDGE BY SAYING AYE. ANY OPPOSED OR ABSTENTIONS?
20 ALL RIGHT. IT LOOKS LIKE THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 3A. THE REGIONAL MTC
22 RESOLUTIONS 4699, 4614 REVISED 4608 REVISED 4725, 4726, 4584
23 REVISED ALLOCATION OF TOTAL \$87 MILLION IN REGIONAL MEASURE
24 THREE RM3 CAPITAL FUNDS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND WATER EMERGENCY
25 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BETTER KNOWN AS WETA SANTA CLARA



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1 VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY VTA SONOMA COUNTY
2 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SCTA, AS WE KNOW IT BAY AREA TOLL
3 AUTHORITY BATA PETALUMA TRANSIT AND MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT
4 DISTRICT MARIN TRANSIT. AND RECOMMEND AL ALLOCATION OF 87
5 MILLION IN RM3 CAPITAL FUNDS TO SEVEN PROJECTS WE WILL NOW
6 HEAR FROM JEWEL ET ORTIZ. WELCOME.

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8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. THIS IS JEWEL ET ORTIZ
9 WITH MTC THIS ITEM PRESENTS RM3 ALLOCATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER. AS
10 MENTIONED, SEVEN NEW ALLOCATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED TOTALING 87
11 MILLION IN RM FUNDS I'LL DESCRIBE THE PROJECT RECOMMENDED FOR
12 ALLOCATION STARTING IN 42 MILLION IN TRANSIT INVESTMENTS. NEXT
13 SLIDE PLEASE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ONE MORE.
14 FIRST AT 35 MILLION RM3 ALLOCATION SAN JOSE TO DIRIDON PROJECT
15 RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION \$42 MILLION FUNDING PLAN FOR
16 ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE ESTIMATED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2029 OUT OF
17 100 MILLION IN RM3 FUNDS THIS PRESENTLY HAS RECEIVED 31
18 MILLION IN PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS FOR RIGHT OF WAY AND OTHER
19 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK. WHILE MTC STAFF RECOMMENDS
20 ALLOCATION WE HAVE SUMMARIZED CONSIDERATIONS THAT THE TEAM
21 LOOKED INTO PUTTING FORWARD THIS RECOMMENDATION. FIRST THE
22 CONSTRUCTION OF THESE MEGA PROJECTS IS NOT NOT FULLY FUNDED
23 AND IS LIKELY TO RELY ON SIGNIFICANT FUTURE FEDERAL AND STATE
24 DISCRETIONARY FUNDINGS FOR COMPLETION. SECOND PROJECT PARTNERS
25 SHOULD CONSIDER GOVERNANCE AND PROJECT DELIVERY STRUCTURES



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1 WITH OPTION TO FOCUS ON BROADER PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS FOR
2 EXAMPLE, GRADE SEPARATIONS IN THIS CORRIDOR. LAST, VTA SHOULD
3 CONSIDER UTILIZING REMAINING RM3 FUND TO BUILD A SEGMENT
4 WITHIN THE INDEPENDENT UTILITY. NEXT SLIDE. WE ALSO HAVE THREE
5 ADDITIONAL TRANSIT PROJECTS THAT ARE LEVERAGING DISCRETIONARY
6 FUNDING A TOTAL OF 7.4 MILLION IN RM3 FUND ARE SERVING AS
7 MATCHING FUND FOR TRANSIT ELECTRIFICATION GRANTS. FIRST WE
8 HAVE ONE PROJECT ON THE FERRY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, THIS WILL
9 BE ONE ELECTRIC 500 PASSENGER VESSEL FOR 5.5 MILLION IN RM3
10 ALLOCATION AND THIS WILL BE THE FIRST ELECTRIC VESICLES TOTAL
11 PROVIDE SERVICE BETWEEN OAK AND SAN FRANCISCO. WE ALSO HAVE A
12 1 MILLION ALLOCATION TO PETALUMA TRANSIT FOR THE FIRST, FOR AT
13 THE PETALUMA TRANSIT ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT AND THEY WILL
14 PURCHASE ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT WITH THIS FUNDING. LASTLY, WE HAVE
15 A 0.9 MILLION TO MARIN TRANSIT FOR DESIGN OF ITS FIRST FIXED
16 ROUTE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY. NEXT
17 SLIDE, PLEASE. WE ALSO HAVE APPROXIMATELY 45 MILLION IN RM3
18 FUNDS FOR WAYFINDING INVESTMENT PROJECTS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
19 THE FIRST ALLOCATION IS APPROXIMATELY 30 MILLION TO THE CITY
20 OF OAKLAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MA-MARTIN LUTHER KING
21 STREET SCAPING PROJECT THIS PROJECT IS ONE OF MANY THAT
22 SUPPORTS EFFICIENT AND SAFE TRANSPORTATION AROUND THE PORT OF
23 OAKLAND WITH DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES IT WILL PROVIDE A
24 SEPARATE FACILITY FOR PEOPLE TO ACCESS DESTINATIONS IN THE
25 AREA USING ALL MODES INCLUDING WALKING, BIKING, CARS, AND



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1 TRUCK TRAFFIC. THE EMPHASIS IS ON SEPARATING MODES THROUGH
2 PHYSICAL BARRIERS AND THE FULL PROJECT COST FOR CONSTRUCTION
3 IS APPROXIMATELY 50 MILLION. THIS PROJECT, THE CONSTRUCTION OF
4 THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2028. NEXT SLIDE
5 PLEASE. STAFF ALSO RECOMMENDS 50 MILLION IN RM3 FUND FOR
6 ADDITIONAL ROADWAY PROJECTS. THERE IS A 10 MILLION ALLOCATION
7 RECOMMENDATION TO THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
8 FOR THE HIGHWAY 37, 121 LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THIS
9 IS RM3 PROJECT 23.3. AND A 5 MILLION ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION
10 TO THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY FOR THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL
11 FORWARD OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND I-580 WESTBOUND HIGH OCCUPANCY
12 LANE EXTENSION PROJECT. FOR THE DETAILS ON THESE PROJECTS AND
13 RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN ATTACHMENT B AND THE
14 RESPECTIVE ALLOCATION RESOLUTIONS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. STAFF
15 RECOMMENDATION IS TO REFER TO MTC RESOLUTION NUMBERS 4699,
16 4614 REVISED, 4609 REVISED, 4725, 4726 AND 4584 REVISED TO THE
17 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. THANK YOU, AND I AND OTHER RM3
18 PROGRAM STAFF ARE HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT
19 HAVE.

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21 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU JULIETTE. DO COMMISSIONERS
22 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRESENTATION WE JUST RECEIVED?
23 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUCH A CLEAR PRESENTATION. WE'LL OPEN IT
24 UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING
25 TO MAKE COMMENTS?



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES FIRST WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
3 RECEIVED BY ROLAND LEBRUN WE HAVE SOMEONE IN THE BOARDROOM WHO
4 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE?

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6 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** TWO MINUTES TODAY.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU ALETA DUPREE PLEASE GO AHEAD AND
9 UNMUTE YOURSELF MIC.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU CHAIR VICTORIA FLEMING, ALETA DUPREE FOR
12 THE RECORD SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS VERY IMPORTANT WHAT WE
13 HAVE HERE WE HAVE SOME MONEY THAT WILL GO TOWARD THE OPEN ROAD
14 TOLLING WORK WHICH WE'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT LATER THAT'S VERY
15 IMPORTANT TO ME FOR MANY REASONS. ELECTRIFICATION IS REALLY
16 WHAT I'M GOING TO HONE IN ON TODAY, AND THIS IS FOR AGENCIES
17 BOTH LARGE AND SMALL SO WE'RE SEEING WORK WITH MARIN TRANSIT,
18 WHICH I THINK I HAVE ONLY USED THE SERVICE ONCE OR TWICE BUT
19 IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT AGENCY THAT REACHES A LOT OF PLACES,
20 MANY PLACES I HAVE NEVER BEEN. AND TO HELP GET THAT SMALLER
21 AGENCY WORK DONE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. AND THE WORK ON
22 GETTING AN ELECTRIC FERRY, 400 SEAT ELECTRIC FERRY, HERE IN
23 OUR BELOVED BAY AREA. I DON'T THINK THIS HAS EVER BEEN DONE IN
24 THE UNITED STATES BEFORE. AND THIS IS A CHANCE TO JUMP-START
25 THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW TYPE OF MARITIME INDUSTRY THAT



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1 WE'RE SEEING HAPPENING IN OTHER PLACES AROUND THE WORLD. I
2 HAVE GONE ON YOUTUBE AND SEE VIDEOS OF ELECTRIC FERRIES. I
3 SURE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT ON THE STATEN ISLAND FERRY IN NEW
4 YORK, WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES THAT I USE UP IN SEATTLE. WE'RE
5 REALLY THE 50 AT THIS. SO, THERE IS THE OLD SAYING, SHOW ME
6 THE MONEY. IF YOU WANT TO JUMP-START THIS, YOU HAVE GOT TO PAY
7 FOR IT. SO, THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING. AND I
8 APPRECIATE YOU ALL DOING SOMETHING. AND HOPEFULLY THERE WILL
9 BE MANY MORE OF THIS WORK TO COME. THANK YOU.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU, AND TO CLARIFY, THE WRITTEN
12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY MR. LEBRUN WAS POSTED TO THE ONLINE
13 AGENDA AND INCLUDED IN PACKETS AND HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE
14 IN THE BOARDROOM WE HAVE MR. LEBRUN IF YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE
15 YOURSELF, YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW. ROLAND?

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YES, I DIDN'T GET THE UNMUTING RIGHT. SO,
18 VERY, VERY BRIEFLY, I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE E-MAIL IN YOUR
19 PACKET AND THE PRESENTATION, I WISH I THINK BE THERE IN-PERSON
20 TO SHOW THIS TO YOU BUT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE. MULTIPLE ISSUES
21 NOW IT'S TOTALLY UNCLEAR WHERE VTA ARE IN CHARGE OF THE PIGGY
22 BANK HERE BECAUSE THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THIS PROJECT IS CALTRAIN
23 NOT VTA. GOING BACK TO THE PRESENTATION, MULTIPLE ISSUES
24 STARTING WITH THE COMPLETE REGRADING OF THE ENTIRE DOWNTOWN
25 WEST AREA TO ACHIEVE THE SO-CALLED GRADE ALTERNATIVE WHICH



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1 BASICALLY PUTS AT THE STATION OF GETTING FLOODS NEXT TIME ONE
2 OF THE TWO EITHER GRADED -- OR THE OTHER ONE OVERFLOW THEIR
3 BANKS. THE SECOND IS THAT THIS STATION IS DESIGNED AS A
4 TERMINAL WHICH IS TOTALLY BIZARRE BECAUSE HERE IS A TRUE
5 STATION IT'S NOT THE CALTRAIN TERMINAL AND THE REASON WHY
6 THAT'S HAPPENING IS THAT SOMEHOW THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS
7 NO NEED TO REDESIGN AROUND THIS PG SUBSTATION IN THE SOUTH,
8 BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY DISAPPEARED TEN YEARS AGO REPLACED BY MUCH
9 SMALLER AND EFFICIENT THE PROBLEM FROM MTC YU NEED TO GET
10 INVOLVED IN THIS THERE IS ZERO INTEGRATION BETWEEN BART AND
11 LIGHT RAIL THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS A MATTER OF URNSY
12 FINALLY THE LIGHT RAIL LE ALIGNMENT GOES RIGHT THROUGH THESE
13 DIRECTLY THOSE HAVE BEEN THE OTHER TUNNEL GOES AROUND TO LOSE
14 SPECIFICALLY TO PROTECT THESE HISTORICAL BUILDING NOT ANYMORE
15 IT'S GOING TO BE COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND RECONSTRUCTED THANK
16 YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO FURTHER COMMENTS IN THE BOARDROOM OR
19 ZOOM SPACE.

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21 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU WE'LL SEE IF WE HAVE A
22 MOTION AND SECOND FOR APPROVED REFERRAL OF MTC RESOLUTIONS
23 4699, 4614 REVISED 4608 REVISED 47254726 REVISED ALLOCATION OF
24 QUENCH MILLION CITY OF OAK, SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION
25 AUTHORITY -- TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.



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2 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED.

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4 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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6 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** MEMBERLY, MELGAR. WITH THAT CAN WE
7 HAVE A VOICE VOTE THROUGH THE COMMISSION? ALL IN FAVOR, SAY
8 AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED? ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY
9 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THANK YOU. MOVING TO ITEM 4A MTC
10 RESOLUTION 4728 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL
11 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND
12 PROCEDURES FOR THE RTIP, KARL ANDERSON, WELCOME.

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16 **KARL ANDERSON:** THANK YOU CHAIR. GOOD MORNING COMMISSION PERS
17 I'M KARL ANDERSON WITH MTC STAFF ITEM 4A PROPOSES ADOPTION OF
18 THE 2026 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICIES
19 AND PROCEDURES. THE STATES TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
20 OR STIP IS CALIFORNIA'S FIVE-YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN FOR A
21 PORTION OF FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION MONEY THAT FUNDS
22 ROADWAY, RAIL, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.
23 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, OR RTIPS ARE
24 REFRESHED AS PART OF THE STIP EVERY TWO YEARS. MTC IS
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE REGION'S FUNDING PRIORITY FOR



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1 THE RTIP AND RESOLUTION 4728 ESTABLISHES MTC'S POLICIES,
2 PROCEDURES, PROJECT CRITERIA, SCHEDULE, AND FUNDING TARGETS
3 FOR THE 2026 RTIP. THE 2026 RTIP PROVIDES ABOUT 95 MILLION IN
4 NEW PROGRAMMING CAPACITY BY FORMULA TO THE MTC REGION AND
5 COVERS STATE FISCAL YEARS 2026, '27, THROUGH 2030/'31 IN
6 ADDITION TO NEW PROGRAMMING CAPACITY SPONSORS CAN UPDATE
7 EXISTING PROJECTS FUNDING PLANS AND SCHEDULES. GENERALLY MTC'S
8 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOLLOW THE STATE'S 2026 STIP
9 GUIDELINES ADOPTED THIS PAST AUGUST, AND LINE WITH OTHER STATE
10 PRIORITIES. ATTACHMENT A LISTS SPECIFIC CHANGES WAS IN THE
11 STIP GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026 RTIP, OR SORRY -- FOR THE 2026
12 STIP, AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
13 AGENCIES EARLIER THIS YEAR, FOR INPUT, STAFF IS RECOMMENDING
14 MINOR CHANGES TO THE 2026 RTIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH A
15 SUMMARY THAT'S INCLUDED IN ATTACHMENT B. ONCE THE MTC
16 COMMISSION ADOPTS THE REGIONAL POLICIES AND PROPERTIEDS, THE -
17 - PROCEDURES CALTRANS LOCAL AGENCIES AND TRANSIT OPERATORS AND
18 MTC STAFF WILL SUBMIT FINAL PROJECT NOMINATIONS -- SUBMIT
19 FINAL PROJECT NOMINATIONS TO MTC BY THE END OF OCTOBER STAFF
20 WILL RETURN TO THIS COMMITTEE WITH PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS
21 ON DECEMBER 10TH OF THIS YEAR VIA AMENDMENT TO THIS
22 RESOLUTION. THE FINAL RTIP IS DUE DO THE CTC BY MID-DECEMBER.
23 NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT TWO KEY ITEMS RELATED TO THE
24 2026 RTIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. FIRST AS MENTIONED BEFORE,
25 THE 2026 STIP PROVIDES ABOUT 95 MILLION IN NEW PROGRAMMING



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1 CAPACITY TO THE REGION AND UNFORTUNATELY THIS AMOUNT IS LOWER
2 THAN OUR EXPECTED PROGRAMMING CAPACITY. THE LIMITED CAPACITY
3 FOR THE 2026 RTIP IS A RESULT OF DECLINING GAS TAX REVENUES
4 PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATIONS TO COVER
5 COST INCREASES FOR EXISTING STIP PROJECTS. AS A RESULT THE
6 NINING AVAILABLE -- NEW FUNDING IS ONLY AVAILABLE IN 2030 AND
7 3131 EXISTING ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE STIP CAN BE MET IN
8 EARLIER YEARS BUT COUNTIES AND SPONSORS SEEKING ADDITIONAL
9 FUNDS FOR THOSE PROJECTS OR ADVANCING EXISTING PROJECTS TO
10 EARLIER YEARS MUST PROPOSE DELAYING ANOTHER PROJECT WITHIN THE
11 SAME FISCAL YEAR AS SHOWN IN THE REGIONAL POLICIES SECTION OF
12 2026 RTIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND HIGHLIGHTED IN
13 ATTACHMENT B TO TODAY'S MISDEMEANOR OWE AROUND THE REGIONAL
14 SET ASIDE UPDATE IN SUMMARY SECTION MTC HAS RTIP FUNDS OWED TO
15 US FROM SAN FRANCISCO SONOMA COUNTIES FOR THE MAY PROJECT
16 REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS IN CLOSING STAFF RECOMMENDS
17 RESOLUTION 4728 TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AND I'M
18 AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

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20 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU KARL, DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY
21 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS? ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT WE'LL MOVE ON TO
22 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ZOOM SPACE,
25 NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM



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1 WISHING TO SPEAK.

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3 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE
4 HAVE ANYTHING ADDITIONAL? DOESN'T SEEM SO. MOVING ON. DO I
5 HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVAL REFERRED OF MTC
6 RESOLUTION 4728 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 2026 REGIONAL
7 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION FOR
8 APPROVAL?

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10 **MYRNA MELGAR:** SO MOVED, MELGAR.

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12 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** SECOND, ABE-KOGA.

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14 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE.
15 [AYES] ANY OPPOSED? OR ABSTENTIONS? ALL RIGHT. WONDERFUL. THAT
16 PASSES WITH FULL COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THOSE WHO ARE PRESENT.
17 MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM 5A FEDERAL RECISSION OF CALIFORNIA
18 CLEAN AIR WAIVERS AND IMPACTS ON BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION
19 PROJECTS. WHILE WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU, WE'RE NOT GLAD WHY. SO,
20 HOW IS IT GOING KENNETH? [LAUGHTER]

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22 **KENNETH KAO:** UNDERSTOOD. I'M JUST THE MESSENGER. [LAUGHTER]
23 AND MAYBE THAT'S WHY MALLORY WHO IS LISTED ON THE AGENDA IS
24 UNABLE TO MAKE IT. SHE'S A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER SO I'M
25 PINCH HITTING FOR HER. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS I'M KENNETH



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1 KAO CAN MTC PROGRAMMING STAFF HERE TO EXPLAIN SOME NOT SO
2 GREAT NEWS RELATED TO FEDERAL FUNDING YOU KNOW IN JUNE THE
3 PRESIDENT RESINDED CALIFORNIA'S FEDERAL WAIVERS TO CLEAN AIR
4 ACT CALIFORNIA SET OUR OWN TAILPIPE EMISSION STANDARDS WITH
5 THE WAIVERS CALIFORNIA'S PLANS PROGRAMS USED CALIFORNIA'S
6 SPECIFIC VEHICLE EMISSIONS MOLD WHICH WAS KNOWN AS MFAC
7 IMMEDIATELY BECAME OUT OF CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL RULES THIS
8 IS A STATEWIDE CONFORMITY LOCKDOWN UNDER THE NEW PROJECT
9 IMPACT AIR QUALITY MAY BE ADD ED OR AMENDED INTO OUR REGIONAL
10 TRANSPORTATION PLAN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 MTC MAY STILL MAKE
11 AMENDMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO OUR
12 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FEDERAL ACTIONS SUCH AS
13 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT APPROVALS AND FEDERAL FUNDING
14 OBLIGATIONS MAY STILL CONTINUE AS USUAL. HOWEVER FOR THE MTC
15 REGION OUR RTP PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 EXPIRES IN EARLY DECEMBER
16 AFTER THAT TIME THE BAY AREA WILL ENTER WHAT OWE KNOWN AS
17 CONFORMITY LAPSE GRACE PERIOD DURING THAT PERIOD MTC MAY NOT
18 MAKE ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE PLAN NOR THE TIP SO THIS MEANS
19 THAT IF A PROJECT IN OUR REGION GETS FUNDING DISCRETIONARY
20 FUNDING WHICH WE'RE HOPING FOR OF COURSE WE CANNOT AMEND THE
21 TIP OR ADD FUNDS TO OUR TIP PROJECTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
22 RECEIVE FEDERAL ACTIONS SUCH AS FUNDING OBLIGATIONS AFTER
23 DECEMBER IF WE GET FEDERAL FUND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS
24 THOSE FUNDS HOWEVER EXISTING PROJECTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE
25 AMENDMENTS MAY PROCEED AS USUAL DURING THE GRACE PERIOD AS FOR



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1 THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ THAT CANNOT BE ADOPTED WITHOUT A
2 NEW VEHICLE EMISSIONS MODEL THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE
3 FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT WHICH I'LL GET INTO LATER AS TO THE
4 RESOLUTION. SO, OF COURSE, THIS IS HUGE IMPACTS FOR BAY AREA
5 POTENTIAL IMPACTS. SO MTC STAFF HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR
6 JURISDICTIONS AND OUR TRANSIT OPERATORS TO COMMUNICATE THIS
7 UPCOMING GRACE PERIOD AND ITS IMPACT TO OUR ABILITY TO REVISE
8 THE TIP. OUR DEADLINE TO PROPOSE TIP AMENDMENTS WERE DUE TO
9 MTC BACK IN MID-AUGUST AND WE RECEIVED I THINK OVER 100
10 POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS THERE, AND THEN THE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSE
11 TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS, SO THOSE ARE MORE MINOR
12 CHANGES TO THE TIP ARE DUE TO MTC ON NOVEMBER 1ST AND THESE
13 DEADLINES ARE MEANT TO ENSURE PROPER REVIEW AND ENOUGH TIME
14 FOR CALTRANS AND OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE
15 THOSE REVISIONS. SO, I MENTIONED NEXT STEPS. THE AIR QUALITY
16 CONFORMITY LOCKDOWN IS A STATEWIDE ISSUE, IT'S NOT JUST MTC,
17 SO RESOLUTION REQUIRES THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO
18 PROPOSE A NEW VEHICLE EMISSIONS MODEL THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH
19 THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT AND THEN THAT NEEDS TO BE SENT TO
20 THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, EPA, TO APPROVE THAT
21 NEW MODEL. STAFF, INFORM WE HAVE NO CONCRETE TIMELINE FOR THAT
22 RESOLUTION HOWEVER THE STATE AND OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS AND
23 OTHER REGIONAL AGENCIES AROUND THE STATE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING
24 TOWARDS THIS RESOLUTION. IF A RESOLUTION CANNOT BE REACHED,
25 MTC'S AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY LOCKDOWN GRACE PERIOD, SO, THAT



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1 GRACE PERIOD THAT STARTS IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR, EXPIRES IN
2 DECEMBER OF 2026, AND AFTER THAT, THE REGION WILL ENTER A FULL
3 CONFORMITY LAPSE, WHICH IS A LITTLE SCARY. THAT MEANS ONLY A
4 LIMITED SELECTION OF PROJECTS THAT REMAIN IN THE TIP MAY
5 PROCEED WHICH KIND OF IS DRASTIC WHICH WE WE WILL GET TO IN
6 THE MEMO ALL OF THIS IS UNCERTAINTY RELATED TO FEDERAL FUNDS
7 FEDERAL DELIVERY AS WE ENTER DECEMBER STAFF IS WORKING CLOSELY
8 WITH OUR PARTNERS PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUND IN OUR
9 REGION AS WELL AS OUR STATEWIDE PARTNERS TO COME UP WITH A
10 RESOLUTION. AND WE HOPE THAT, YOU KNOW, FINGERS CROSSED WITHIN
11 THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO WE CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING BUT
12 AGAIN NO FULL COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE OR EPA TO APPROVE
13 ANYTHING IN OUR FAVOR. SO, WITH THAT, I KNOW THAT'S A LITTLE
14 DENSE, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS IN THE MEMO, BUT I'M HERE, AS
15 WELL AS OUR PLANNING DIRECTOR, DAVE VAUTIN, WHO MIGHT BE PINCH
16 HITTING FOR ME IN CASE THERE ARE MORE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.
17 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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19 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU FOR BRINGING US THIS
20 INFORMATION, UPSETTING AS IT IS. DO ANY COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY
21 QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE HEARD TODAY? OKAY, WELL, I WILL
22 ASK A QUESTION, WHICH I WANT TO FULLY EMPOWER YOU TO SAY THAT
23 THAT'S MAYBE NOT THE BEST USE OF OUR STRATEGIC SUPER POWERS,
24 WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, HOW DO WE PLAN TO WORK WITH OUR REGIONAL
25 PARTNERS TO -- ARE WE IN COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER COGS ABOUT



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1 THIS?

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3 **KENNETH KAO:** YES. SO, WE HAVE HAD A FEW MEETINGS ALREADY WITH
4 OTHER REGIONAL AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE MOST RECENT
5 ONE I THINK WAS LAST WEEK WHERE ALL OF US GOT TOGETHER AND
6 TALKED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND WHAT WE CAN DO ALONG
7 WITH OUR OTHER COG PARTNERS AND CALCOG, AS WELL AS CALTRANS,
8 AND I THINK CARB, AS WELL, CARB STAFF WERE ALSO ON THAT CALL
9 TO KIND OF SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO FACILITATE A RESOLUTION
10 THERE. AGAIN IT HAS TO COME FROM -- EXCUSE ME -- CARB, THEY
11 HAVE TO PROPOSE A NEW VEHICLE EMISSIONS MODEL THAT'S SENT TO
12 EPA, AND, AGAIN, UNFORTUNATELY, THE REGIONS WE DON'T HAVE
13 CONTROL OVER THAT.

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15 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU. WELL, I DO
16 HOPE THAT WE GET UPDATES AS THAT MOVE PRESIDENCY ALONG THROUGH
17 THE PROCESS. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE BOARDROOM.
20 ALETA DUPREE.

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22 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN CHAIR AMBER MAN -- SORRY -- VICTORIA
23 FLEMING AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER
24 WITH TEAM FOLDS. I'M TIRED TODAY. I FOLLOW THESE ISSUES VERY
25 CLOSELY, THEY'RE VERY COMPLEX. AND THIS IS A LOT OF LAYERS TO



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1 THIS, AND IT'S DISTRESSING. AND HOW CAN WE, AS A COMMUNITY AND
2 A STATE MAKE SURE THAT WE GO FORWARD WITH OUR IMPROVEMENTS
3 ANYWAY. SO, THE FEDERAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS ARE NOT RELEVANT
4 TO ME IF I'M GOING TO BUY A VEHICLE. I'M GOING TO BUY AN
5 VEHICLE VEHICLE, OR RENT ONE, NO MATTER WHAT. BUT THEN AGAIN,
6 NOT EVERYBODY IS LIKE ME AND MAYBE NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT AS
7 INTENTIONAL. BUT AS I SEE THIS AND THE WORK THAT WE DO IN
8 HELPING FACILITATE ELECTRIC BUSES AND ELECTRIC RAILROADS AND
9 ALL THESE MORE SUSTAINABLE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION THAT DO
10 HAVE CONCRETE BENEFITS IN REDUCING ALL KINDS OF EMISSIONS, NOT
11 JUST CO2, BUT PARTICULATES, PARTICULATES THAT YOU GET WHEN YOU
12 ARE STANDING IN A BUS STOP OR IN A TRAIN STATION. THESE ARE
13 CONCERNING MATTERS. SO, I THINK WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IS
14 WHAT IS IT WE -- THAT WE CAN DO? HOW CAN WE GO AHEAD AND
15 IMPROVE WORKING TOWARD CLEAN AIR AND REDUCING EMISSIONS,
16 REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHERS MAY SAY. THANK YOU.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC
19 COMMENT ONLINE, IN THE BOARDROOM, AND NO WRITTEN
20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM.

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22 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE
23 COMMISSION FOR FINAL COMMENTS. THIS IS JUST AN INFORMATION
24 ITEM. MEMBER RAMOS?

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1 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND SHARE ON
2 BEHALF OF ABAG, I'LL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING, I
3 BELIEVE IT'S OCTOBER 7TH WITH CALCOG AND DIRECTORS OF
4 ASSOCIATION, SO I'LL BE SURE TO BE PARTICIPATING AND I'LL MAKE
5 SURE WE MEET WITH STAFF AND THAT WE'RE ABLE TO CARRY OUR
6 MESSAGE FORWARD. AGAIN, I AGREE WITH THE CHAIR, NOT THE
7 GREATEST USE OF OUR TIME IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS, BUT,
8 CERTAINLY, IT DOES CHANGE OUR POSITIONS OF, AS WE MOVE FORWARD
9 TOWARDS REGIONAL PLANNING.

10

11 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU. THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL
12 INFORMATION. WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 6A, WHICH WILL
13 BE THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND STATE FUNDING
14 PROGRAMS UPDATE. WE'LL HEAR FROM MR. COO WITNESS AGAIN, ON AN
15 UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA'S TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STATE
16 FUNDING. ON TO YOU.

17

18 **KENNETH KAO:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. KENNETH KAO MTC.
19 I'LL MAKE THIS ONE BRIEF. CTC DID MEET IN SAN DIEGO IN AUGUST,
20 AND I THINK THE ONE THAT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT WAS THEY DID
21 APPROVE THE STIP FUND ESTIMATE AND THE GUIDELINES, WHICH YOU
22 JUST TOOK A REFER ACTION ON EARLIER. THAT DID SET THE AMOUNT
23 OF MONEY AND KIND OF THE REGULATIONS FOR HOW WE PROPOSE
24 PROJECTS FOR THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. THE
25 NEXT MEETING OF THE CTC WILL BE IN OCTOBER. IT WILL BE IN



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1 MADERA ON OCTOBER 16TH AND 17TH AND WE'LL REPORT BACK TO YOU
2 IN NOVEMBER. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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4 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU. DO ANY COMMISSIONERS HAVE
5 ANY QUESTIONS? DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THAT?

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ZOOM SPACE OR THE
8 BOARDROOM AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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10 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. BEING AN
11 INFORMATIONAL ITEM WE'RE DONE THERE. WE'LL MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM
12 SEVEN PUBLIC COMMENT OTHER AND BUSINESS. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
13 COMMENT ON MATTERS WITHIN OUR SCOPE AND NOT AGENDAIZED?

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CERTAINLY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
16 RECEIVED FROM ROLAND LEBRUN IT WAS ATTACHED TO THE ONLINE
17 AGENDA HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BOARDROOM AND PROVIDED
18 IN THE COMMISSION'S REPORT ROLAND LEBRUN IS AVAILABLE IN THE
19 ZOOM SPACE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF YOUR TWO MINUTES WILL BEGIN
20 NOW.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU CHAIR FLEMING THIS IS GOING TO BE BRIEF THE
23 SHORT E-MAIL TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THE WAY AROUND
24 THE \$750 MILLION LOAN, THE BAY AREA TRANSIT AGENCIES WHO ARE
25 FACING THE FISCAL CLIFF, SPECIFICALLY THE YOU KNOW, REASONABLE



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1 CONCERN FROM THE GOVERNOR, HOW THIS IS GOING TO GET REPAYED. MY
2 SUGGESTION IS VERY SIMPLE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FUNDING PLAN FOR
3 THE BART EXTENSION TO SAN JOSE, THERE IS EXACTLY THE AMOUNT
4 SPECIFICALLY \$750 MILLION IN -- [INDISCERNIBLE] GRANT. MY
5 SUGGESTION IS SIMPLE, WE CAN USE A GRANT AS COLLATERAL FOR THE
6 \$750 MILLION LOAN AND THE RATIONALE IS VERY SIMPLE. IF MOVING
7 FORWARD, WE ARE UNABLE TO FINANCE OPERATIONS OF THE EXISTING
8 BART SYSTEMS, IT REALLY DOES NOT MAKE A LOT OF SENSE TO BE
9 SPENDING THE 16 AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS ON FURTHER
10 EXTENSIONS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE NETWORK. AND THAT COMPLETES
11 MY REMARKS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT.

14

15 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT TAKES US
16 TO AGENDA ITEM EIGHT, ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING. OUR NEXT
17 MEETING OF THE MTC IS IN OCTOBER, ON THE 15TH, IS THE SECOND
18 WEDNESDAY OF OCTOBER. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY
19 NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. WITH THAT WE'RE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU
20 VERY

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22 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** DID WE MISS SOMETHING?

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OCTOBER 8TH IS THE NEXT.

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- 1 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** OH I'M SORRY IN MY AGENDA HERE IT
- 2 SAYS SEPTEMBER 10TH, BUT WAS MAKING IT UP AS WE WENT ALONG.
- 3 [LAUGHTER]
- 4
- 5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO