

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**
2 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**
3 **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020, 11:00 AM**

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6 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE JOINT
7 ABAG MTC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE COMMITTEE TO ORDER. I AM PROUD
8 THIS IS OUR FIRST. WE ARE STREAMLINED AND AT THIS POINT WE ARE
9 MERGING ONE COMMITTEE WHICH IS OUR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. WITH
10 THAT WE ARE CALLED TO ORDER. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ROLL THE
11 ANNOUNCEMENT. DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED
12 AS A ZOOM WEBINAR. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
13 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN
14 REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING WILL BE WEBCAST ON
15 THE MTC WEB SITE. I WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS,
16 STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK
17 CLEARLY AND RESTATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR
18 REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM AND WEBCAST WITH THEIR
19 CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO
20 VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING
21 BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE
22 OR DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE
23 TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST
24 FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBERS. AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT
25 PUBLIC SPEAKERS RESTATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS, BUT



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1 PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
2 WISHING TO ADDRESS THIS BODY WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS IN
3 WRITING AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
4 WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE
5 RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE
6 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO
7 DO ON THE REFERENCED AGENDA ITEM OR ANY TOPIC THEY CHOOSE.
8 SPEAKERS SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND, AND I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT
9 THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL
10 ACTION ITEMS. THE CHAT FEATURE IS ACTIVE, HOWEVER, PLEASE BE
11 AWARE THAT ANYTHING TYPED INTO THE CHAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO
12 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO
13 ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE
14 MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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16 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** ALL RIGHT. THERE YOU GO. EVERYBODY HAS BEEN
17 PROPERLY ADMONISHED. I WILL ASK FOR ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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

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21 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER ARREGUIN?

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25 **SPEAKER:** HERE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CONNOLY.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CORTESE?

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8 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER EKLUND?

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12 **PAT EKLUND:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER GIOCAPINI?

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16 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER LICCARDO?

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20 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MACKENZIE?

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24 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MAR?

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3 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MITCHOFF?

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER PEDROZA? THANK YOU. I SEE YOU.

10 MEMBER PIERCE?

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12 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER RABBIT IS ABSENT. MEMBER RAMOS?

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16 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER SLOCUM IS ABSENT. MEMBER SPERING?

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20 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER STRACNER NON-VOTING? STRACNER IS

23 ABSENT. WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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1 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO
2 MOVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. AT THIS POINT
3 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF ABAG JESSE ARREQUIN?

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE
6 AND MAKE A MOTION TO APPOINT MAYOR JULIE PIERCE REPRESENTING
7 AS CHAIR. IS IT COUNCILMEMBER OR VICE MAYOR MACKENZIE
8 REPRESENTING MTC AS THE VICE CHAIR OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE
9 COMMITTEE.

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11 **JAKE MACKENZIE, CHAIR MTC:** I WILL BE VICE MAYOR, MR.
12 PRESIDENT.

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14 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** WE HAVE A NOMINATION. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
15 NOMINATIONS ON THE FLOOR? ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO NOMINATE
16 ANYTHING? I SEE NO HANDS THEREFORE I ASK FOR A MOTION TO CLOSE
17 NOMINATIONS AND MOVE FOR APPROVAL.

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19 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED.

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21 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** SECOND.

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23 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** RAMOS AND MITCHOFF SECOND. ROLL CALL VOTE
24 PLEASE?

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] IT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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3 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** ALL RIGHT JULIE I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.

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5 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. NEXT ITEM ON OUR
6 AGENDA IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS ON
7 OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. THEY ARE ALL IN YOUR PACKET. IT IS THE
8 MINUTES OF BOTH OF OUR LAST MEETINGS. JUST FOR A POINT OF
9 CLARIFICATION, DO WE NEED -- AND I'M ASKING THIS, I GUESS, OF
10 ADRIENNE. BECAUSE WE WERE TECHNICALLY TWO SEPARATE COMMITTEES
11 AT THE LAST MEETING, DO WE NEED SEPARATE VOTES ON THE ABAG
12 LEGISLATION AND MTC LEGISLATION?

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14 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** I WOULD ADVISE THAT FOR THE PURPOSES
15 OF THIS MEETING YES.

16

17 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY IS IN THE FUTURE WE SHOULD BE ABLE
18 TO DO IT AS ONE ACTION?

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20 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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22 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** IN THAT CASE I WOULD TAKE THE PREROGATIVE
23 OF PULLING BOTH OF THOSE OFF OF CONSENT WHICH LEAVES OUR HAND
24 OUT OF THE LEG HISTORY ON CONSENT. WE'LL TAKE SEPARATE VOTES



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1 ON THE OTHER TWO. DO I HAVE A MOTION FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR
2 WHICH CONSISTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY?

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4 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** SO MOVED.

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6 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THAT WAS
7 HALLIDAY AND MACKENZIE, I THINK. I THINK THOSE ARE THE BOXES I
8 SAW LIGHT UP. SO WITH THAT, CAN WE GET A ROLL CALL VOTE
9 PLEASE?

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S GO TO FIRST
14 AND SECOND ON THE ABAG MINUTES.

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16 **SPEAKER:** MOVE.

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18 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JESSE MOVES. AND SECOND. I SAW
19 YOUR HAND WAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT
20 ON ANY OF THESE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON ANYTHING
23 UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR.

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1 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MARTHA A WOULD YOU TAKE A ROLL
2 CALL VOTE OF THE FORMER ABAG LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS?

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] IT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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6 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND MAY WE DO THE
7 SAME FOR THE MTC COMMITTEE?

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9 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** JAKE, CAN YOU CALL FOR A MOTION, PLEASE?

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11 **SPEAKER:** MOVED.

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13 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL MOVE.

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15 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** SPERING MOVES. LICCARDO SECOND. MARTHA
16 IT'S ALL YOURS.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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20 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL. I KNOW THAT WAS A LITTLE
21 DISCOMBOBULATED. BUT THIS'S THE LAST TIME WE HAVE TO DO THAT
22 SEPARATELY AS A SEPARATE VOTE.

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24 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** WE ALREADY ABANDONED.

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1 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT NEXT ITEM REGIONAL LEGISLATION
2 ITEM 4A TO DO WITH MEASURE RR WITH THE CALIFORNIA ONE PERCENT
3 SALES TAX. AGENDA SAYS A PRESENTATION FROM RANDY RENTSCHLER.

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5 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. AND MEMBERS OF THE
6 NEW COMBINED COMMITTEE. THIS IS A COMBINATION OF THINGS WE DO
7 AT THIS TIME LOOKING TO THE ELECTION THIS IS THE FIRST OF
8 THREE ITEMS THAT WE'RE LOOKING TOWARD THE ELECTION. THIS ONE
9 IS ASKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR A ONE 8TH CENT SALES TAX IN THE
10 THREE COUNTIES SAN JOSE, SAN MATEO AND SAN FRANCISCO TO
11 SUPPORT CALTRAIN. I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT AN UNFAMILIAR THING
12 TO YOU, PARTICULARLY SO TO COMMISSIONER LICCARDO WHO WORKED ON
13 THIS VERY INTENSIVELY. I THINK A NUMBER OF YOU ALSO FOLLOWED
14 THIS. I AM AWARE CALTRAIN IS SUPPORTED BY FUNDING FROM THE
15 THREE AGENCIES IN THOSE THREE COUNTIES AND THIS WOULD BE AN
16 ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO ALLOW THEM A LONG SOUGHT GOAL TO HAVE
17 DEDICATED FUNDING TO AMERICA THE -- TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT
18 THEY HAVE AVAILABLE TO INCREASE SUBSIDY BUT IN A POST COVID
19 WORLD IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT KIND OF SUBSIDY THEY NEED
20 BECAUSE THEY ARE ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SYSTEMS WE HAVE
21 GIVEN 70 PERCENT REVENUE FROM FARE BOX THIS IS GOING TO BE ON
22 THE NOVEMBER BALLOT ASK WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM ON
23 CALTRAIN. WITH THAT I'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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25 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS OF RANDY?



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2 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SO MOVED. LICCARDO.

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4 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HANG ON BEFORE YOU DO THAT. I HAD MY HAND UP
5 JULIE. I WANT TO BE CLEAR I HEARD WHAT I HEARD, AND IT MAY
6 HAVE JUST BEEN A SLIP RANDY. BUT YOU SAID SAN JOSE, SAN MATEO
7 COUNTY, AND SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY?

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9 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** I HOPE I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

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11 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I DIDN'T WANT TO APPROVE SOMETHING --

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13 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** I THINK I WAS THINKING OF THE MAYOR AT THAT
14 TIME.

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16 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF ME
17 RANDY.

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19 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** NOT THAT YOUR SENSITIVE.

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21 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS
22 FOR STAFF? SEEING NO ONE ELSE RAISE THEIR HAND, WE HAVE, AS I
23 CAN SEE, TWO HANDS RAISED IN PUBLIC COMMENT. SO MARTHA DO YOU
24 WANT TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE THOSE FOR US.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES HOW MUCH TIME?

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3 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** TWO MINUTES.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROLAND, GO AHEAD. UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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7 **SPEAKER:** VERY BRIEFLY COMMISSIONERS I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MAYOR
8 LICCARDO, COMMISSIONER BRUINS, AND SUPERVISORS AND LAST FORMER
9 ACHIEVE EXECUTIVE STEVE HEMINGER FOR HAVING PULLED THIS OFF.
10 INITIALLY, THIS WAS THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS BEING DRAFTED BY
11 SAN MATEO WE'RE JUST BASICALLY FLUSHING MORE MONEY DOWN THE
12 DRAIN, AND THIS MADE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCES, BASICALLY BY MAKING
13 IT AS A CONDITION EVER PASSING THIS MEASURE TO CHANGE THE
14 CALTRAIN BY LAWS AND ENSURE THAT CALTRAIN WILL TRANSITION TO A
15 DIFFERENT LEADERSHIP IN NO LESS THAN TWO YEARS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS ALETA. GO AHEAD AND
18 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JULIE PIERCE.
21 ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. I'M FEELING A LITTLE TONGUE TIED
22 TODAY. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT
23 THIS SALES TAX MEASURE AT A SERIES OF THESE MEETINGS, AND I AM
24 A USER OF CALTRAIN, AND IT'S A VALUABLE SERVICE THAT SERVES
25 DIVERSE COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR THEY DO INDEED PRACTICE EQUITY.



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1 CLIPPER START, AND REDUCED FARES MAKES IT AFFORDABLE FOR ME.
2 AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THIS RAILROAD THAT SERVES DIVERSE
3 COMMUNITIES HAS A BROAD BASE OF FUNDING, NAMELY A SALES TAX.
4 SO I DID THE MATH AND FIGURED THAT FOR EVERY \$100 I SPENT 12-
5 AND-A-HALF CENTS GOES TO CALTRAIN. THAT'S REALLY NOT A LOT OF
6 MONEY. IT'S NOT GOING TO ROC MY WORLD ANY. I CAN HANDLE IT
7 JUST FINE. SO, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AS A REGIONAL BODY, SO
8 THAT WAY THIS RAILROAD CAN HAVE THE FUNDING THAT NEEDS TO GO
9 FORWARD ASK IN THE HAVE TO ASK THE LOCAL JURISDICTION EVERY
10 YEAR FOR -- THANK YOU.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
13 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

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15 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MARTHA DO WE HAVE A MOTION OR
16 ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER LICCARDO MOVED. WE NEED A
19 SECOND.

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21 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SO MOVED, YEAH.

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23 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU HEARD SOMETHING I DIDN'T HEAR.
24 THAT'S GOOD.

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1 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SO MOVED LICCARDO.

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3 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND WHO WAS THE SECOND MARTHA?

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE DON'T HAVE ONE YET.

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7 **DIR. ERIC MAR:** SECOND.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MAR.

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11 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

12 IF NOT, MARTHA WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] THAT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** NEXT ITEM 4B SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

17 AUTHORITY QUARTER SALES TAX EXTENSION. I'LL SAVE THE MOTION

18 FOR JAKE WHEN WE GET THERE. AND THE PRESENTATION ON THIS ONE

19 IS BY REBECCA LONG.

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21 **REBECCA LONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR PIERCE VICE CHAIR MACKENZIE

22 AND THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED JOINT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. REBECCA

23 LONG THIS IS TO BRING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION QUARTER PERCENT

24 SALES TAX EXTENSION ON AS NOTED IN THE PLAN DEDICATING 30

25 PERCENT TO ROAD REPAIRS 35 PERCENT TO NON-AUTO MODES AND 27



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1 PERCENT TO SAFETY AND TRAFFIC RELIEF. SUPPORTING THESE LOCAL
2 MEASURES IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PLANNED BAY AREA REVENUE
3 FORECAST WHICH DOES ASSUME THAT ALL OF THE LOCAL VOTER
4 APPROVED SALES TAXES ARE EXTENDED AND WE RECOMMEND THE
5 COMMITTEE BOARD A SUPPORT POSITION TO THE COMMISSION FOR
6 APPROVAL.

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8 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF ON THIS
9 ONE? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS EITHER ON THE COMMISSIONERS
10 OR OF THE PUBLIC. DO YOU SEE ANY, MARTHA?

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO. NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR
13 HANDS RAISED AND NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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15 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE THE RESOLUTION.

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17 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT.

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19 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** AND I'LL SECOND IT.

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21 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KAREN. MOTION BY MACKENZIE AND
22 SECOND BY MITCHOFF. ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE ANSWER MARTHA.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] 16 AYES AND ONE
25 ABSTENTION IT PASSES.



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2 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** ITEM FIVE STATE LEGISLATION PROP 16
3 STATEWIDE PROPOSITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BAN.

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5 **REBECCA LONG:** PROP 16 REPEALS A BALLOT MEASURE MANY OF YOU MAY
6 RECALL. BACK IN 1996, PROP 209 BANS THE USE OF RACE OR GENDER
7 AS A FACTOR AMONG OTHERS IN ADMISSIONS INTO PUBLIC
8 INSTITUTIONS HIRING AND CONTRACTING. I WOULD NOTE THAT THE
9 FEDERAL CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS ANY KIND OF STRICT RACIAL OR
10 AGENDA QUOTA. SO PROP 16 DOES NOT CHANGE THAT, BUT WOULD ALLOW
11 FOR THE USE OF GENDER AND RACE CONSCIOUS POLICIES TO PROMOTE
12 DIVERSITY WHEN IT COMES TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS, PUBLIC AGENCY
13 HIRING AND CONTRACTING. OF COURSE WE KNOW HOW CRITICAL ACCESS
14 TO HIGHER EDUCATION IS TO BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND
15 HOUSEHOLD WEALTH AND THE SOCIETAL BENEFITS THAT COME FROM AN
16 DIVERSE COLLEGE EDUCATED POPULATION LIFTING THIS BAN WOULD
17 HELP INCREASE THE PIPELINE OF DIVERSE TALENT FOR PUBLIC
18 AGENCIES SUCH AS MTC AND ABAG, AS WELL AS UNIVERSITY FACULTY
19 POLICE FORCES ACROSS THE BOARD AS WELL AS EXPANDING
20 OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES TO BENEFIT
21 FROM THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT ON THE BAY AREAS
22 TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING SECTORS EACH YEAR. PROP 16 WILL
23 HELP CALIFORNIA TAKE A SIGNIFICANT STEP MOVING FORWARD IN THE
24 GOALS OF ADVANCING JUSTICE, EQUITY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
25 CORE GOALS OF OUR EQUITY PLATFORM AND PLANNED BAY AREA 2050



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1 THAT WERE UNDERSCORED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT BY CHAIR HAGGERTY
2 AND PRESIDENT ARREGUIN IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. FOR THIS REASON
3 WE RECOMMEND THE COMMITTEE FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION AND ABAG
4 EXECUTIVE BOARD A SUPPORT POSITION PROP 16. AND I JUST WOULD
5 NOTE THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AGENCY AND
6 ASSOCIATION POSITIONS ON THIS OVER THE LAST WEEK OR TWO SINCE
7 THE MEMO WAS POSTED INCLUDING LA METRO, DOWN IN SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA, AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES,
9 I BELIEVE JUST VERY RECENTLY. SO I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THAT
10 AS WELL, AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
11 THANK YOU.

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13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OF REBECCA ON
14 THIS LEGISLATION IN ALL RIGHT MARTHA ANY MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
18 RAISED AND NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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20 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** WE'RE BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. WHAT IS THE
21 PLEASURE? JESS.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** JESS I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE SUPPORT POSITION
24 FOR THIS BILL.

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1 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SECOND.

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3 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** JESSE MOVES. LICCARDO SECONDS.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] 16 YESES, ONE NO. IT
6 PASSES.

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8 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MARTHA. THAT MOVES US
9 ON TO ITEM SIX FEDERAL LEGISLATION. FIRST ONE IS A REPORT FROM
10 REBECCA ON AN UPDATE ON COVID RELIEF NEGOTIATIONS.

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12 **REBECCA LONG:** ACTUALLY CHAIR PIERCE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
13 IT, IT'S JUST AN INFORMATION ITEM, BUT WE HAVE A LEGISLATION
14 UPDATE. ITEM 5B ONE CORRECTION TO THAT SB 356 RELATED TO SMART
15 ACTUALLY DID NOT MAKE IT TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. SO THAT WAS
16 SORT OF A LATE BREAKING CHANGE TO THE MEMO. EVERYTHING ELSE IS
17 STILL CURRENT SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BILLS PENDING. IN A
18 NUTSHELL IT WAS A DISAPPOINTING YEAR IN SACRAMENTO ONLY TWO
19 AGENCIES SUPPORTED BILLS BY ABAG OR MTC REACHED THE FINANCE
20 LINE AND THOSE SB146 RELATED TO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR PLANNED
21 BAY AREA, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES STATEWIDE AND SB288
22 THAT'S SENATOR WIENER'S BILL THAT BECAME A TWO YEAR CEQA
23 EXEMPTION FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. NOTABLE,
24 NONE OF THE HOUSING BILLS WE SUPPORTED REACHED THE GOVERNOR'S
25 DESK NOR ANY OF THE BILLS WERE PART OF THE SENATE HOUSING



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1 PACKAGE. THERE WAS ONE SILVER LINING WITH RESPECT TO HOUSING
2 AND THAT WAS A LATE BREAKING DEAL ON EVICTION PROTECTION AS
3 WELL AS PROTECTION OF SMALL LANDLORDS AGAINST FORECLOSURES
4 THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR SO THAT WAS A.B. 3088 BEYOND THAT
5 WE DIDN'T SEE MUCH ACTION ON HOUSING. ONE OTHER BILL THAT WE
6 DON'T HAVE A POSITION ON THAT IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT AND THAT
7 WE'RE REALLY DIG INTO NOW IS SB182 BY SENATOR HANNABETH
8 JACKSON, WHICH RELATES TO HIGH FIRE-RISK ZONES AND COULD HAVE
9 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE RHNA PROCESS I THINK IT WAS INTENDED TO
10 NOT REQUIRE THAT WE REVISIT OUR METHODOLOGY GIVEN HOW LATE WE
11 ARE IN THE PROCESS BUT THE DATES THAT WERE INCLUDED ARE
12 POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC. SO WE ARE GOING TO BE FOLLOWING UP
13 WITH THE SENATOR'S OFFICE ON THAT TO SEE IF PERHAPS SHE COULD
14 WRITE A LETTER INDICATING THAT WAS NOT THE INTENT SO STAY
15 TUNED ON THAT. AND THAT REALLY CONCLUDES MY REPORT. HAPPY TO
16 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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18 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS REBECCA, AND I DID NOT MEAN TO
19 SKIP OVER YOUR REPORT THERE. ANXIOUS AS WE ALL ARE TO FINISH
20 THE MORNING, I UNDERSTAND. QUESTIONS FOR REBECCA ON ANY OF
21 THESE ITEMS?

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** I HAVE A QUESTION MADAM CHAIR. FOLLOWING UP ON
24 THE BILL SB182, I KNOW I TALKED TO OUR REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF
25 ABOUT, THIS IF WE DON'T GET CLARIFICATION THAT IT DOESN'T



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1 APPLY TO OUR CURRENT RHNA PROCESS, YOU KNOW, THE HOUSING
2 METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE IS GOING TO COMPLETE ITS WORK, I THINK,
3 IN A WEEK, WHAT DO WE HAVE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AT THE ABAG
4 EXECUTIVE BOARD?

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6 **REBECCA LONG:** I THINK -- I NOTE I MIGHT DEFER TO ADRIENNE ON
7 THIS BUT THE LANGUAGE IN QUESTION, THAT REALLY, I THINK IS
8 MOST CONCERNING HAS TO DO WITH THE SURVEY THAT WAS DONE AND
9 WHETHER WE WERE SPECIFIC ENOUGH. WE DID HAVE SOME QUESTIONS
10 THAT RELATED TO RESILIENCE, AND YOU KNOW, TO SOME EXTENT IT'S
11 JUST A QUESTION OF LEGAL RISK AND DO WE JUST MOVE FORWARD. SO,
12 I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER YET ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT STEPS WE WOULD
13 WANT TO TAKE BUT WE ARE VERY FAR ALONG. BILL IS NOT EVEN LAW.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** NO IT'S NOT BEEN SIGNED YET.

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17 **REBECCA LONG:** IT DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 31ST SO
18 WE HAVE SOLID GROUND MOVING FORWARD TO WEIGH THE RISK DOWN THE
19 ROAD. DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING?

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** ONE THING I WILL SAY IS THIS ISSUE AROUND
22 LOCATING HOUSING IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS HIGH FIRE RISK HAS
23 BURDEN DISCUSSED AT A NUMBER OF HMC COMMITTEES AND THE GROWTH
24 GEOGRAPHIES WE JUST RECOMMENDED TO OUR RESPECTIVE BOARDS DOES
25 CONSIDER THAT, AND DOES EXCLUDE THOSE AREAS, BUT THERE WAS AN



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1 INTEREST IN HAVING US PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION OUT OF RESPECT TO
2 THE BOARDS ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE AS PART OF PLANNED BAY
3 AREA. SO I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

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5 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. ADRIENNE DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING
6 ELSE TO ADD?

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8 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** I THINK IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF WE LEAVE
9 IT WITH WHAT REBECCA SAID FOR NOW AND USE THAT ADVICE FOR NOW.

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11 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SOUND GOOD. UNTIL WE KNOW SOMETHING
12 ELSE, THAT'S WHERE WE'LL LEAVE T ALL RIGHT, ANY OTHER
13 QUESTIONS FOR STAFF ABOUT ANY OF THESE LEGISLATIVE ITEMS? IF
14 NOT, LET'S GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. MARTHA I BELIEVE WE HAVE AT
15 LEAST ONE HAND RAISED.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. ROLAND, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THROUGH THE CHAIR, WOULD MAYOR LICCARDO LIKE TO SPEAK
20 ON THE SENATE BILL 995 BEFORE I DO? OKAY. HERE WE GO.

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22 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** I WOULD BE HAPPY TO LET YOU
23 SPEAK FIRST ROLAND.

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1 **SPEAKER:** SURE. THAT BILL DOESN'T MAKE IT. AND I CANNOT TELL
2 YOU HOW CRITICAL THAT BILL IS TO THE ENTIRE REGION, NOT JUST
3 TO THE BAY AREA. BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW IS THAT
4 ALL THOSE BOONDOGGLE PROTECTS ARE FALLING BY THE WAYSIDE.
5 FACEBOOK HAS BASICALLY PULLED OUT OF DUMBARTON AND AN HOUR AGO
6 I RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM BART THAT THEY WITHDRAW THE RFQ FOR
7 THE NEW TRANSBAY CROSSING WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN MOVING
8 FORWARD IS THAT STARTING WITH DTX WE'RE GOING TO START HACKING
9 THESE PROJECTS FASTER THAN A FRACTION OF THE COST THAT MEANS
10 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AMPLE FUNDING AVAILABLE EXCESS OF \$5
11 MILLION. AT THAT POINT IN TIME WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO START
12 ADVANCING PROJECTS LIKE THE NEW TRANSBAY CROSSING AND NEW
13 DUMBARTON CONNECTION AND TO GET THAT DONE WE'RE GOING TO NEED
14 ACCELERATED CEQA CLEARANCE AND WHAT I'M ASKING YOU TO DO IS
15 THAT YOU SUPPORT MAYOR LICCARDO IN DEMANDING THAT THE
16 LEGISLATURE COME BACK FROM RECESS, HOLD AN EMERGENCY SESSION
17 AND PASS THIS BILL EXACTLY LIKE WE HAD TO GET THE SUPERVISORS
18 BACK FROM THEIR RECESS TO PAT THE LEGISLATION THAT MADE IT
19 POSSIBLE TO GET MEASURE RR ON THE BALLOT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND. ANY OTHER PUBLIC
22 SPEAKERS THEY DON'T SEE, MARTHA?

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
25 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED AND NO OUTSIDE PUBLIC COMMENT



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1 WAS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM, BUT COMMISSIONER LICCARDO HAS HIS
2 HAND UP.

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4 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** I SAW THAT JUST GO UP. THANKS SAM.

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6 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** I WANT TO THANK ROLAND CERTAINLY
7 FOR HIS ADVOCACY. WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE
8 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND IT APPEARS WE MAY BE TRYING TO FIND
9 ANOTHER PATH IF WE COULDN'T GET THE LEGISLATURE BACK TOGETHER
10 SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET THIS OVER THE GOAL LINE ONE WAY OR
11 ANOTHER. THANK YOU.

12

13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SAM, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF
14 STAFF? IF NOT, THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM, I BELIEVE. SO WE
15 WILL GO ON THEN TO ITEM SIX, FEDERAL LEGISLATION, AND THAT'S
16 UP TO REBECCA AND RANDY. SO, THE COVID UPDATE, REBECCA?

17

18 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU CHAIR PIERCE. I WANT TO INTERSPERSE A
19 LOT OF GOOD NEWS INSTEAD OF BAD NEWS, THE REASON I'M
20 INTRODUCING THIS AND NOT GEORGIA IS BECAUSE SHE HAD A BABY
21 GIRL LAST WEEK AND MOM AND BABY ARE DOING GREAT SO YOU'RE
22 GOING TO BE STUCK WITH RANDY AND MYSELF DELIVERING THE FEDERAL
23 NEWS TO YOU. AND THE FEDERAL NEWS IS NOT GREAT THE SENATE
24 INTRODUCED A SKINNY COVID BILL ON FUNDING COMPARED TO WHAT THE
25 DEMOCRATS PROPOSED. IT FAILED PASSAGE ON A PARTY LINE VOTE AND



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1 DID NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT OR STATE AND
2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SO THEY HAVE A FAR DISTANCE TO GO TO MEET
3 WHAT MANY OF THE DEMOCRATS PRIORITIES IN THE HOUSE. SO THAT IS
4 THE NEWS THERE. IT'S NOT LOOKING ENCOURAGING FOR ACTION BEFORE
5 NOVEMBER ON A COVID RELIEF PACKAGE. WHAT DOES SEEM LIKE MUST
6 PASS LEGISLATION THOUGH IS TO AVERT A GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN, SO
7 WE'RE HEARING THAT IT'S PRETTY LIKELY THERE WILL BE A
8 CONTINUING RESOLUTION THAT WILL RUN THROUGH MID-DECEMBER AND
9 IT DOES APPEAR LIKELY TO INCLUDE AN EXTENSION OF THE FAST ACT
10 AS WELL, THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILL AS WELL AS A BAIL OUT
11 OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND WHICH WILL BE NEEDED. SO SOME
12 POTENTIALLY ENCOURAGING NEWS ON THE HORIZON BUT NOT WHAT WE
13 REALLY WANTED TO SEE WHICH IS ANOTHER COVID RELIEF PACKAGE.
14 THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

15

16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OF REBECCA ON
17 THIS ONE? OKAY. LET'S GO ON TO RANDY FOR TOM BULGER'S REPORT.

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19 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** ONE THING IMPORTANT TO NOTED IS GOOD NEWS
20 OUT OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ASSOCIATION OUT OF PROPOSED
21 PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR BART AND THEIR CORE CAPACITY PROGRAM
22 THIS IS OVER A MILLION DOLLARS -- WE HAVEN'T GOT A WHOLE LOT
23 OF GOOD NEWS OUT OF DC FOR A WHILE BUT ON THIS PROGRAM FULL
24 FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION, NOW ON
25 TRACK TO GET ONE FOR BART WHICH IS SO CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT.



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1 HOPEFULLY WE CAN KEEP THE MOMENT UP GOING AND TAKE CARE OF THE
2 SECOND PHASE OF BART TO SAN JOSE VERY SHORTLY AND TRY TO GET
3 OUR OTHER BIG PROJECTS IN LINE AS WELL. I WANTED TO PUT THAT
4 ONE PIECE OF GOOD NEWS OUT THERE AS WELL.

5

6 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS RANDY. ANY QUESTIONS FOR RANDY? I
7 DON'T SEE ANY HAND GOING UP. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON EITHER OF
8 THESE ITEMS MARTHA.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR EITHER
11 ITEM.

12

13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH WE'LL GO TO ITEM
14 SEVEN WHICH IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER BUSINESS THAT
15 WAS NOT INCLUDED ON TODAY AGENDA. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THERE
16 MARTHA.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS
19 RAISED AND NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.