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JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022 9:45 AM

V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG: WE'RE STILL IN THE MORNING. I'LL SAY GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, I'LL CALL TO ORDER AT 11:02 WILL THE BROADCASTING TEAM PLEASE PLAY THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS, BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT, PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED



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1 INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF
2 THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE
3 TO DO SO. THEY SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL
4 UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE
5 TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD
6 NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE
7 FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP
8 TO DATE.

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10 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU. WILL THE CLERK PLEASE
11 CALL ROLL AND CONFIRM QUORUM.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LICCARDO IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

14

15 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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

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19 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA? CONNOLY? MEMBER CONNOLY? OKAY.

22 MEMBER DUTRA-VERNACI?

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24 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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

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3 **PAT EKLUND:** PRESENT.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER FLEMING? GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING?

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7 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HALLIDAY?

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11 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HUDSON?

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15 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAR? MITCHOFF?

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19 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PEDROZA?

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23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBIT?



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2 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCHAFF?

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6 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** HERE.

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

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10 **JAMES P. SPERING:** STILL HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE A YOUR AM.

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14 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA
15 CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEM TWO AN ACTION ITEM. IF ANYONE WISHES TO
16 PULL AN ITEM, I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT. IF NOT I'LL ASK FOR A
17 MOTION AND SECOND.

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

20

21 **DAVID RABBIT:** RABBIT WILL SECOND.

22

23 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU. ANY DISCUSSION ON THIS
24 ITEM? WILL THE CLERK INFORM US IF THERE IS ANY WRITTEN



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1 COMMENT. EITHER WRITTEN OR STANDING IN BY? I SEE A HAND
2 RAISED.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RICH, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS
5 PARTICULAR ITEM? RICH, UNMUTE YOURSELF. RICH HEDGES? OKAY.
6 THEN I BELIEVE HE ROSE HIS HAND IN ACCIDENT.

7

8 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** OKAY. EXCELLENT. SEEING NO PUBLIC
9 COMMENT. IF THE CLERK CAN JUST PLEASE CONFIRM WE DID NOT
10 RECEIVE ANY WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM?

11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT IS CORRECT. NO WRITTEN COMMENT
13 RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM.

14

15 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** EXCELLENT PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON
16 THE MOTION.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LICCARDO IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

19

20 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** YES.

21

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

23

24 **V. CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** YES.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA? CONNOLY. EKLUND?

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3 **PAT EKLUND:** AYE.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLEMING? HALLIDAY?

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7 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YES.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HUDSON.

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11 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAR? MITCHOFF?

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15 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PEDROZA?

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19 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBIT?

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23 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

24

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



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2 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCHAFF?

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6 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
9 PRESENT.

10

11 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO OUR
12 AGENDA ITEM THREE STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION. ITEM 3A OUR
13 DRAFT 2023 MTC AND ABAG JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM THIS IS
14 EXPRESSING OUR DUAL AGENCIES STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATE YOU
15 PRIORITIES. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AS GEORGIA GANN
16 DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM.

17

18 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. SO EXCITING.
19 GOOD MORNING. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, MTC/ABAG STAFF. THANK
20 YOU, PRESIDENT RAMOS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. TODAY WE'RE
21 SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE MTC ABAG DRAFT 2023 STATE AND
22 FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM. IT IS INCLUDED IN ATTACHMENT A IN
23 YOUR PACKET TO THIS ITEM. AND I'M GOING TO PLAN ON WALKING
24 THROUGH THAT ATTACHMENT TODAY. SO, I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
25 BRING IT UP. WE'RE GOING TO BE INTEGRATING THE FEEDBACK THAT



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1 WE GET FROM THE COMMITTEE TODAY, ALONG WITH STAKEHOLDER INPUT
2 AND THEN BRING A PROPOSED FINAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM TO YOU FOR
3 YOUR ADOPTION IN DECEMBER. JUST A REMINDER, THIS IS A HIGH-
4 LEVEL DOCUMENT THAT'S INTENDED TO GUIDE STAFF PRIORITIZATION
5 AS WE REVIEW THE HUNDREDS OF BILLS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
6 INTRODUCED IN SACRAMENTO THIS YEAR, AND IN DC, AND SO WE DO
7 BRING BACK TO THIS BODY, INDIVIDUAL BILLS FOR DIRECTION ON ANY
8 FORMAL POSITIONS THAT WE TAKE. SO AGAIN THIS IS REALLY TOP
9 LINE GUIDING DOCUMENTS, SORT OF, OUR NORTH STAR. IN THE
10 PRESENTATION TODAY I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH ATTACHMENT A,
11 ALONG WITH JULIE SNYDER OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE WHO IS
12 HANDLING THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO ON OUR TEAM. THE ATTACHMENT IS
13 QUITE LONG, AGAIN, BUT SOME OF IT SHOULD LOOK QUITE FAMILIAR
14 AS THE PROGRAM ALWAYS BUILDS ON THE PRIOR YEARS. MY PLAN TODAY
15 TO JUST BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR TIME IS IT WILL FOCUS ON THOSE
16 ITEMS THAT ARE NEW OR SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR,
17 AND, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, OPEN FOR QUESTIONS ON ANY AND ALL
18 THE CONTENT OF THE PROGRAM. BEFORE I DIVE IN I WANT TO START
19 WITH PROVIDING SOME CONTEXT FOR WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IN
20 THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. SO, WHAT'S REALLY DIFFERENT, THIS
21 YEAR, GOING INTO 2023, THEN 2022, WAS THAT THIS PAST YEAR,
22 THERE WAS ALMOST A JAW DROPPING WAVE OF ABUNDANCE FROM THE
23 FUNDING SIDE FROM BOTH THE STATE AND THE FEDS, AND GOING INTO
24 NEXT YEAR, ALL SIGNS ARE POINTING TO A WAY STARKER FINANCIAL
25 PICTURE. SO THE TIDES ARE GOING OUT AND THE STATE AND THE FEDS



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1 ARE EXPECTED TO START TIGHTENING THEIR BELTS. THAT'S HAPPENING
2 IN THE CONTEXT OF A REALLY GROWING NEED FOR RESOURCES THAT ARE
3 NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THAT TRANSIT OPERATORS STAY SOLVENT, KEEP
4 TRANSFERRING KIDS TO SCHOOL, AND [INDISCERNIBLE] [AUDIO
5 DIFFICULTIES] AND RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT BAY AREA RESIDENTS
6 CAN GET AND KEEP ROOFS OVER THEIR HEADS. WHAT THAT MEANS IN
7 THE ADVOCACY SPACE IS THAT THE RUNNING THEME THAT YOU WILL SEE
8 COMING UP ARE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ADVOCATING TO SECURE
9 RESOURCES FROM THE STATE AND THE FEDS TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON.
10 WE'RE ALSO PROPOSING TO SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY MECHANISMS
11 THAT WILL PUT IN PLACE THE FOUNDATION FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE
12 AND, SORT OF, SELF-HELP FOR THE FUTURE BAY AREA, AND
13 COMPONENTS OF ADVOCACY PROGRAM THAT ARE REALLY VISIONARY
14 LOOKING TO THE NEXT GENERATION LAYING GROUNDWORK TO HAVE A
15 CONNECTED CLEAN AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY. HOPEFULLY THINGS YOU
16 WILL BE SEEING THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION. WE'RE GOING TO
17 START WITH PAGE ONE, ATTACHMENT A, THE 50 ITEM ON OUR ADVOCACY
18 PROGRAM IS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, AND THE TOP
19 PRIORITY THIS YEAR, OR REALLY WHAT WE EXPECT TO BE THE HIGH
20 PROFILE ADVOCACY THIS YEAR IS RELATED TO TRANSIT OPERATIONS
21 AND RIDERSHIP RECOVERY. STAFF IS PROPOSING THAT MTC HELP LEAD
22 A STATEWIDE BUDGET STRATEGY TO SECURE NEW ONGOING RESOURCES
23 THAT ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS TRANSIT OPERATORS AND
24 PENDING FISCAL CLIFFS AS WELL AS TO FUND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS
25 THAT CAN ATTRACT RIDERS BACK TO TRANSIT. YOU KNOW IN A LESS



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1 THAN ROSY BUDGET ENVIRONMENT THAT I THINK WE'RE ALL HEARING
2 ABOUT, THAT'S GOING TO BE A CONSIDERABLE CHALLENGE SO WE
3 UNDERSTAND AND ARE PROPOSING THAT WE REALLY BUILD A ROCK SOLID
4 COALITION WITH PARTNERS AROUND THE STATE AND THAT WE KEEP ON
5 THE TABLE, SORT OF, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CREATIVE AND EXPLORE
6 A RANGE OF REVENUE SOURCES TO BE ABLE TO DELIVERY ON THIS BIG
7 OPERATING NEED, INCLUDING CAP-AND-TRADE. SO, THE NEXT ITEM,
8 THE NEXT ITEMS, B AND C, THAT GO INTO PAGE TWO ON YOUR
9 PROGRAM, FALL UNDER THAT LOOK TO THE FUTURE CATEGORY OF
10 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES. SO, YOU WILL RECALL THE 2022 BUDGET
11 INCLUDED MULTI- YEAR COMMITMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND
12 CLIMATE, WHICH THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE COMMITTED
13 BILLIONS ON OF DOLLARS FOR A LARGE TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS
14 FOR ZERO-EMISSIONS TRANSITION AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION
15 INVESTMENTS AND THESE PRIORITIES ARE REALLY -- YOU KNOW, WE
16 HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THESE WILL COME TO FRUITION, THERE
17 IS MAJOR COMMITMENT FROM LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO
18 INCLUDE THESE IN THE BUDGET BUT WE DO BELIEVE IT WILL BE
19 IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP ON OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM THAT WE'RE
20 SUPPORTIVE OF THESE GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS COMING TO
21 FRUITION WE ALSO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY THERE TO
22 PURSUE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE BAY AREA PRIORITIES ARE
23 GOING TO COMPETE WELL FOR STATE FUNDS. THIS PIECE SAY REGIONAL
24 TRANSPORTATION REVENUE MEASURE, AND, YOU KNOW, WHILE THE
25 RESOURCES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FROM THE STATE AND THE FEDS



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1 ARE REALLY LARGE IN SCALE, I THINK AS CHIRAG POINTED OUT IN
2 THAT LAST PRESENTATION, THE -- THE RESOURCES ARE REALLY
3 DWARFED BY THE NEED. SO THOSE FUNDING PROVISIONS ARE INTENDED
4 TO SERVE THE BRIDGE WHILE WE AT THE BAY AREA BEGIN EXPLORING A
5 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MEASURE. SO WE'RE AUTHORIZING
6 LEGISLATION IN 2024, BUT THE REASON IT'S SHOWING UP ON YOUR
7 2023 ADVOCACY PROGRAMS IS BECAUSE WE THINK IT WILL BE
8 IMPORTANT TO TAKE THIS YEAR TO SEEK INPUT, BILL A ROBUST
9 COALITION AND START, REALLY, GENERATING LEGISLATIVE CHAMPIONS
10 FOR THIS AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION. THIS IS RELATED TOLLING
11 AUTHORIZATION CLARIFICATION. THIS ITEM RELATED TO ONGOING
12 EXPLORATION OF EQUITY BASED TOLLING AS MEANS BASED TO HELP
13 FUND IMPROVEMENTS ON STATE ROUTE 37. THAT COULD INCLUDE
14 CONVERTING EXISTING LANES TO HOV AND EVENTUALLY TO AN EXPRESS
15 LANE OR TOLL LANE OR IMPLEMENTING TOLLS DIRECTLY. EITHER WAY,
16 WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE A PRICE
17 DIFFERENTLY SO THAT LOW-INCOME MOTORISTS CAN PAY A DISCOUNTED
18 TOLL O THE LAST TWO PIECES OF THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER
19 EXISTING TOLLING LAW, SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CALIFORNIA
20 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IS EXPLORING A BILL THAT WOULD TRY
21 TO GET TO THAT FIRST PIECE TO ALLOW FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF
22 TOLLING, FROM GENERAL PURPOSE TO -- EXCUSE ME -- TO AUTHORIZE
23 DIRECT GENERAL PURPOSE TO TOLL LANE CONVERSION. AND WE WANT TO
24 ALSO PROPOSE THAT THE -- THAT ANY BILL WORKING ON THAT
25 AUTHORIZE TOLL DISCOUNTS FOR LOW-INCOME MOTORISTS. I'M GOING



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1 TO SCROLL DOWN NOW TO THE SECOND ITEM. THE SECOND, SORT OF,
2 TOPIC, WHICH IS RELATED TO PUBLIC TRANSIT POLICY. AND THIS
3 SHOULD LOOK VERY FAMILIAR. IT'S ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN
4 PREVIOUS YEARS, ADVOCACY PROGRAMS, AND THE THEME HERE IS
5 RELATED TO SUPPORTING POLICIES THAT ARE AIMED AT REBUILDING
6 RIDERSHIP, IS ALSO ENGAGING IN ONGOING STATE LEVEL DISCUSSIONS
7 ABOUT LOOKING AT WHAT TRANSIT'S ROLE SHOULD BE WITHIN THE
8 STATE, AND WHAT SHOULD SERVICE SHOULD BE DELIVERING RIDERS.
9 WITH THAT RELATED TO THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, I
10 WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO JULIE SNYDER WHO IS GOING TO COVER
11 THIS TOPIC.

12

13 **JULIE SNYDER:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE
14 AS THE AGENCY'S NEWEST LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE. AS GEORGIA
15 MENTIONED WE'RE PRIMARILY FOCUSING ON NEW ITEMS IN THE AGENDA,
16 AND I THINK, AS EVIDENCED BY BAHFA HAVING A WHOLE SECTION OF
17 ITS OWN IN THE PLATFORM, OUR PROPOSED 2023 HOUSING AGENDA IS
18 HEAVILY FOCUSED ON SPONSORING LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING
19 BALLOT MEASURES THAT WILL ADVANCE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF BAHFA'S
20 MISSION. SO, OUR FIRST PROPOSAL UNDER SECTION THREE, ITEM A,
21 IS TO SPONSOR A BILL THAT WOULD CLEAN UP BAHFA'S AUTHORIZING
22 LEGISLATION. AS WE HAVE STAFFED UP THE BAHFA TEAM, OUR NEW
23 EXPERTS HAVE IDENTIFIED VARIOUS GAPS IN PLACE WHERE IS CLARITY
24 IN THEIR AUTHORITY WOULD BE HELPFUL. SO, OUR BILL WOULD MAKE
25 VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS CONSISTENT WITH BAHFA'S OVERALL



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1 GOALS, IT WOULD INCORPORATE NEW BEST PRACTICES THAT WE HAVE
2 BECOME AWARE OF SINCE 2019, AND IT WOULD POSITION BAHFA TO
3 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ADDITIONAL TOOLS THAT MAYBE COME AVAILABLE
4 IN THE COMING YEARS. SO, I'LL JUST GIVE TWO EXAMPLES. SEVERAL
5 SUFFICIENT YOU ON THE COMMISSIONER DOING THE HARD WORK TO PUT
6 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT THAT WOULD LOWER THE
7 THRESHOLD FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL HOUSING BONDS AND ALLOW THE
8 PROCEEDS TO FUND TENANT PROTECTION PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THERE
9 ARE VERY, VERY FEW IF NO ONGOING FUNDING SOURCES. WE WANT TO
10 CONFORM THE BAHFA STATUTE WITH THE CONSTITUTION, AS IT WILL
11 READ IF THIS MEASURE PASSES SO THAT WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
12 THOSE CHANGES. SECOND PROVISION I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU
13 WOULD MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT BAHFA CAN ISSUE BONDS BACKED
14 BY RENT PAYMENTS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW IT TO BEGIN FINANCING
15 AFFORDABLE HOME DEVELOPMENT EVEN BEFORE THAT 2024 REGIONAL
16 REVENUE MEASURE IS PASSED. SECOND, MOVING TO ITEM B MONITORING
17 LEGISLATION IN THE BUDGET LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE
18 BAHFA'S EXISTING PILOTS ASSEMBLYMEMBER JESSE GABRIEL MAY BE
19 INTRODUCING HIS STATEWIDE RENTAL APPLICATION BILL AND WE WILL
20 BE ENGAGED TO ENSURE THAT IT COMPLEMENTS BAHFA'S DOORWAY PILOT,
21 AND ITEMS C AND D REFLECT CONSIDERABLE ENERGY STAFF WILL BE
22 PUTTING IN TO IMPLEMENT DIRECTIVE TO THE REGIONAL REVENUE
23 MEASURE ON THE WENT 24 BALLOT AND INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT
24 IT WILL PASS WORKING WITH THE PARTNERS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL
25 AMENDMENT THAT WE TALKED ABOUT A COUPLE OF TIMES BOTH OF THESE



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1 WILL BE VERY LARGE COALITION EFFORTS WHICH OUR STAFF WILL
2 CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANT TIME AND ENERGY REFLECTING A HEALTHY
3 VITAL ONGOING SUCCESS. THAT IS SECTION THREE, AND I'LL HAND IT
4 BACK TO GEORGIA FOR SECTION FOUR.

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6 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** CONTINUING ON THE LARGER SUSTAINABLE
7 EQUITY AND MOBILITY LAND USE TEAM FROM EARLIER TODAY THIS,
8 TOPIC IS REALLY ABOUT SENATE BILL 375, WHICH, OF COURSE, IT'S
9 THE LAW THAT MANDATED THAT THE REGION DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE
10 COMMUNITIES WHICH BECOMES PLANNED BAY AREA IN OUR REGION. FOR
11 SEVERAL YEARS TRANSPORTATION LEADERS IN SACRAMENTO HAVE BEEN
12 INTERESTED IN REFRESHING THE LAW AND WE EXPECT THIS YEAR THOSE
13 DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE AS WELL AS A CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS
14 FROM THE ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR TO SUPPORT
15 MORE REAL-WORLD PROGRESS ON THE REALLY AMBITIOUS GHG REDUCTION
16 GOALS IN THOSE PLANS. WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE AT THE
17 TABLE FOR ALL THOSE CONVERSATIONS. I'M GOING TO QUICKLY COVER
18 THE NEXT PIECE ON THE HOUSING SIDE. SO, THIS IS RELATED TO THE
19 HOUSING PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, AND PRODUCTION OF THE THREE
20 POWERS. IT COVERS KEY STATE HOUSING BUDGET ASKS, OTHER AND
21 STRATEGIES TO HELP MEET RHNA GOALS IN BOTH CASES WE REALLY
22 PROPOSE WORKING WITH PARTNERS WHO WE ANTICIPATE WILL LEAD
23 THESE EFFORTS. I DO WANT TO CALL ATTENTION ON THE BUDGET
24 FRONT, THERE WAS ALSO A NUMBER OF MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS FROM
25 THE GOVERNOR IN THE 2022 BUDGET TO SUPPORT MORE ROBUST



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1 INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING, INCLUDING THE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING
2 PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE REALLY KEY TO GETTING
3 HOUSING ON THE GROUND IN THE BAY AREA. AND, SO, WE PROPOSE
4 THAT WE WORK, CONTINUE TO WORK WITH COALITIONS TO SUPPORT
5 THOSE INVESTMENTS COMING TO FRUITION. THE OTHER PIECE THAT I
6 THINK MAY TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF SPACE IS THAT -- IS
7 THIS NEW COMMUNITY ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM
8 THAT'S HIGHLIGHTED IN YOUR ATTACHMENT, AND THIS IS REALLY AN
9 OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A NEW, SORT OF, STATE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON
10 HOUSING PRESERVATION, WHICH, AGAIN, AS YOU ALL KNOW IS VERY
11 CHALLENGING TO GET FUNDED. AN IMPORTANT PIECE THERE IS WE HAVE
12 BEEN WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY
13 PRESERVATION PROGRAM THAT CREATED WOULD ENSURE THAT BAHFA
14 WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE. ITEMS B AND C ON YOUR AGENDA ARE
15 TOPICS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN BEFORE. BUT THE SPECIFICS ARE MORE
16 EXPLORATORY AT THIS POINT. WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS THAT WE COULD
17 REALLY, SORT OF, CREATE NEW TOOLS FOR LOCALITIES TO HELP
18 DELIVER HOUSING QUICKER. THEN, I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO
19 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS. THIS
20 OBJECTIVES AND TOPICS RELATED TO SUPPORTING TRANSPORTATION
21 SYSTEM SAFETY AND THE SYSTEMS THAT OUR OPERATING ARM WORKS ON
22 MAINLY THE TOLL BRIDGES, CLIPPER, AND EXPRESS LANES. SO,
23 AGAIN, THIS IS MORE OF A MONITOR SPACE FOR THOSE OPERATIONS
24 FOCUSED ITEMS. FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT, IT'S
25 REALLY SIMILAR TO THIS LAST TOPIC, THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT



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1 OBJECTIVE HAVE BEEN ON YOUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR A NUMBER OF
2 YEARS NOW, AND THEY AIM, LIKE, WE'RE PROPOSING TO SUPPORT
3 POLICIES AND FUNDING THAT HELP IMPROVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE,
4 ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND ESTIMATE AREA HEALTH, AND ALL OF THESE
5 ARE REALLY TIED TO ABAG'S LARGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
6 PORTFOLIO. AND, AGAIN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ON THE
7 GROUND SUPPORTING THOSE PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES THAT WE CAN
8 PROVIDE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. SO, THIS YEAR, I THINK THE
9 BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING OUT FOR,
10 THAT WE, SORT OF, ENVISION IN THIS SPACE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
11 SEEK MORE RESOURCES THAT COULD SUPPORT REGIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE
12 PLANNING, AND OTHER RESILIENCE PROJECTS THROUGH THE BUDGET.
13 THE TOPIC NUMBER EIGHT IS, AGAIN, ANOTHER PLACE HOLDER FOR
14 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY. THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE HAD
15 ON THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR A LONG TIME, AND IT'S JUST, AGAIN,
16 TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.
17 TOPIC NUMBER NINE RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION AND
18 SHARED MOBILITY, I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING WHERE WE WANT TO
19 MAKE SURE WE ARE MONITORING THIS CLEARLY VERY RELEVANT ITEM.
20 IT REALLY RELATES TO THE ROBUST BIKESHARE DISCUSSION THAT YOU
21 HAD EARLIER THIS MORNING. WE DON'T KNOW YET OR EXPECT THAT
22 THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF STATE LEGISLATION
23 RELATED TO THIS ITEM, BUT AGAIN WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE
24 IT, SORT OF, AS A PLACE HOLDER, SO IF TOPICS COME UP, WE CAN
25 BE ENGAGED AND SUPPORTIVE. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST ON THE STATE



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1 PROGRAM IS BROWN ACT REFORM. SO, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN
2 CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE FLEXIBILITY
3 OF THE BROWN ACT SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR
4 BOARD MEMBERS, OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND THE PUBLIC TO
5 PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS. YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN CERTAINLY
6 CHALLENGING OVER THE PAST COUPLE EVER YEARS, BUT, SORT OF, THE
7 LENS WE'RE PROPOSING TO PUT ON IT THIS YEAR IS THERE MIGHT BE
8 A GOOD CASE TO BE MADE FOR FOCUSING ON GEOGRAPHICALLY LARGE
9 AGENCIES AND MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES WHERE PEOPLE NEED
10 TO TRAVEL A LONG WAY TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS PHYSICAL MEETINGS.
11 AND ON THIS TOPIC WE'RE HOPING TO PARTNER WITH CALCOG AND SOME
12 OF OUR OTHER REGIONAL AGENCY PARTNERS. SO, WITH THAT, THROUGH
13 THE VICE PRESIDENT, I'M GOING TO -- MAYBE WE CAN STOP AND GET
14 FEEDBACK ON THE STATE PORTION BEFORE WE MOVE TO FEDERAL?

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16 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND
17 THANK YOU MS. DOHRMANN FOR THIS VERY THOUGHTFUL LEGISLATIVE --
18 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLAN. AND WHILE IT'S LASTED A NUMBER OF
19 BROWN ACT REFORMS WHEN WE SAW OUR PRIOR MEETING, WITH THE DIP
20 IN GHG EMISSIONS FROM STAY AT HOMEWORK RISING, WE CAN
21 ANECDOTALLY MAKE THE CASE, BUT WORK TO BE DONE IN THAT, YOU
22 KNOW, I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT THE WAY YOU HAVE LAID OUT, WITH
23 MY ABAG HAT O THE WAY YOU HAVE LAID OUT THE ADVOCACY PROPOSALS
24 FOR BAHFA TO REALLY SECURE OUR FUTURE IN THE MOVES THAT ARE
25 HAPPENING THAT, WE ALREADY ON A STATEWIDE LEVEL, I THINK IS A



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1 REALLY SMART PLAN TO DO SO, IN THE INTEGRATION OF ALL OF OUR
2 INITIATIVES OF OUR BOTH AGENCIES I THINK HAS COME TOGETHER
3 QUITE BEAUTIFULLY. I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND I'M GOING TO
4 START WITH COMMISSIONER SPERING.

5

6 **JAMES P. SPERING, MTC CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST REAL
7 QUICKLY, GEORGIA. ON THE OPERATIONS FUNDING, COULD STAFF PUT
8 TOGETHER A SPREADSHEET THAT SHOWS THESE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES
9 AND A POTENTIAL TIMELINE? WE KNOW WHEN THE FISCAL CLIFF IS
10 GOING TO HIT, AND SOME OF THESE STRATEGIES COULD BE DONE IN A
11 SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME, YOU KNOW, LEGISLATION AND SOME OTHER
12 THINGS ARE GOING TO TAKE A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. IT WOULD BE
13 GOOD TO SEE KIND OF WHAT THAT IS, IS HOW THAT WOULD FIT INTO
14 HITTING THAT FISCAL CLIFF. AND THE OTHER QUESTION IS ON, E,
15 THE TOLLING AUTHORIZATION, I'M ASSUMING THIS WOULD ADDRESS THE
16 HIGHWAY 37 TOLL?

17

18 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** YES COMMISSIONER SPERING.

19

20 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ?

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24 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** ECHOING, SORT OF, WHAT COMMISSIONER SPERING
25 SAID. THERE IS A LOT OF PRIORITIES HERE, BUT I REALLY HOPE



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1 THAT WE CAN PUT, SORT OF, AVOIDING, SORT OF, MASSIVE SERVICE
2 CUTS BECAUSE OF, SORT OF, A FISCAL CLIFF, AT THE VERY TOP
3 PRIORITY OF OUR LIST. THERE IS LITTLE THAT WE CAN DO AS A
4 COMMISSION THAT IS MORE SQUARELY WITHIN OUR MANDATE AND THAT
5 IS AS IMPORTANT FOR THE REGION. SO I HOPE THAT'S VERY
6 IMPORTANT. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ON THIS COMMISSION LONG ENOUGH
7 THAT I THINK SOMETIMES I START TO FEEL LIKE THE RECORDED
8 ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETINGS WHEN I SAY THE
9 SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO US RUN
10 LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS US TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH OUR
11 CUSTOMERS, WHETHER THEY'RE CLIPPER CUSTOMERS, OR FASTRAK
12 CUSTOMERS. AND THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A SURPRISE TO ANYBODY
13 THEY FEEL THIS WAY, BUT I THINK IT IS LIKE -- LIKE, A
14 COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS, THAT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO EFFECTIVELY
15 COMMUNICATE WITH OUR FASTRAK CUSTOMERS. SEND THEM A TEXT, IF
16 THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR A LOW-INCOME PILOT PROGRAM, AND STUFF
17 LIKE THAT. AND I KNOW THAT IT'S DIFFICULT, THERE ARE PRIVACY
18 CONCERNS, CONSUMER ATTORNEYS OR WHATEVER, BUT THIS IS SO
19 FUNDAMENTAL TO HOW WE DO BUSINESS, AND I JUST DON'T -- IT'S
20 JUST SO FRUSTRATING THAT EVERY TIME THIS COMES UP, YEAR AFTER
21 YEAR, IT'S KIND OF LIKE, OH, THERE IS STATE LAW THAT DOESN'T
22 ALLOW US TO, LIKE, IN A COMMON SENSE WAY, TO COMMUNICATE WITH
23 THE USERS OF OUR SYSTEMS.

24

25 **REBECCA LONG:** THROUGH THE CHAIR?



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2 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** YES.

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4 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS. VICE CHAIR
5 JOSEFOWITZ, I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THAT, WE DO HAVE THAT
6 LANGUAGE CALLED OUT IN 6B, WE DEFINITELY AGREE. WE HAVE BEEN
7 SIGNIFICANTLY CONSTRAINED DUE TO ONGOING LITIGATION. BUT, THE
8 TIMING OF THAT IS SUCH THAT I THINK THERE IS A WINDOW WHERE WE
9 CAN PURSUE SOME LEGISLATIVE CHANGES NOW, AND ASSEMBLYMEMBER
10 TING, AS YOU MAY RECALL, IS VERY INTERESTED IN THIS, AS WELL.
11 SO, WE HEAR YOU, AND HOPEFULLY 2023 IS WHEN WE CAN SEE SOME
12 PROGRESS ON THAT. JOSEFOWITZ I DON'T HAVE THANK YOU. AND I
13 HOPE IT DOESN'T FALL INTO THE, SORT OF, MONITOR AND, LIKE,
14 KIND OF, JUST, YOU KNOW, SO NOTHING HAPPENS, AND INTO KIND OF
15 LIKE PROACTIVE HELPING US RUN OUR SYSTEMS MORE EFFECTIVELY.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. BOARD MEMBER EKLUND.

19

20 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS. I'M
21 GOING TO FOCUS ON 5A AND 5B, WHICH IS HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS,
22 AND THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PARAGRAPH. I DON'T
23 SEE MUCH IN THERE ABOUT, YOU TALK ABOUT BUYING DOWN THE COST
24 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND TO ACCELERATE HOUSING
25 PRODUCTION, BUT REALLY, YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT CITIES AND



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1 COUNTIES; YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE HAVE GOT TO GET PARTNERS
2 REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE PARTNERS TO EXPLORE LEGISLATION, UP
3 FRONT MONEY, SAVINGS, TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS BUT
4 CITIES NEED TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF GOING INTO A -- CITIES
5 AND COUNTIES -- NEED TO BE ABLE TO GO INTO A FUND WHETHER
6 STATE OR FEDERAL AND IF IT'S A GOOD DEVELOPMENT, THAT IT HAS A
7 HIGH PROBABILITY OF GETTING DEVELOPED, I THINK THE CITY AND
8 COUNTY SHOULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO GO INTO THAT FUND AND
9 THROUGH AN APPLICATION PROCESS OR WHATEVER GET MONEY IN ORDER
10 TO BUY DOWN THE COST OF THAT DEVELOPMENT. IT SHOULD NOT JUST
11 BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS. IT SHOULD INCLUDE, I
12 BELIEVE, OTHER DEVELOPERS, AS WELL, BECAUSE THEN IT GIVES US
13 MORE FLEXIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO EVEN TRY TO MEET THE RHNA. AND
14 THE WHOLE IDEA FOR THAT WAS, IF CITIES AND COUNTIES HAD THE
15 FLEXIBILITY TO SAY THIS IS A GOOD PROJECT, WE'RE DOING THIS,
16 THIS, AND THIS TO LOWER OUR COST OF PUTTING POLICIES TOGETHER
17 OR WHATEVER TO HELP FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY FOR LOW
18 PROPERTY TAX CITIES THAT DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO EVEN PAY
19 THEIR STAFF ADEQUATELY, THEY NEED TO MONEY. AND IT SHOULD NOT
20 JUST BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS. IT SHOULD BE ALL.
21 BECAUSE IT'S REALLY ALL HANDS ON DECK IN ORDER FOR ALL THE
22 CITIES AND COUNTIES TO MEET THEIR RHNA. AND, SO, WE NEED TO
23 EXPAND THAT A LITTLE BIT. AND RELATIVE TO THE HOMELESS, I'M
24 SORRY, BUT HOMELESS -- THERE ISN'T A CITY IN THE STATE THAT
25 ISN'T AFFECTED BY THE HOMELESSNESS SITUATION. AND WE NEED --



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1 SOME COUNTIES HAVE MADE THE DECISION THAT THEY'RE DOING
2 HOUSING FIRST. BUT THAT DOESN'T REALLY HELP IN THE INTERIM TO
3 GET PEOPLE FROM A TENT, OR UNDERNEATH THE STARS, OR UNDERNEATH
4 A TREE, TO A BUILDING OR WHATEVER, THAT HAS A ROOF OVER THEIR
5 HEAD, AND CITIES DON'T GET ANY FUNDS DIRECTLY ON AN ONGOING
6 BASIS FOR HOMELESSNESS. AND SO, THE CITIES HAVE TREMENDOUS
7 EXPENSES WITH THE CALLS FOR SERVICE THAT WE GET FROM EVERYBODY
8 IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT HOMELESSNESS ENCAMPMENTS, AND ACTUALLY
9 BEHAVIOR AND THE FACT THAT THESE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY PLACE
10 TO GO. AND, SO, I REALLY THINK THAT THAT NEEDS TO BE
11 EMBELLISHED AT ALL, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BAHFA AND OTHER
12 PARTNERS, BUT THERE IS NO MENTION OF CITIES IN THERE. OR
13 COUNTIES. AND MAYBE COUNTIES IS IN THERE THROUGH THE
14 DIFFERENT, LIKE THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM. I
15 DON'T KNOW. OR THE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS. I DON'T KNOW
16 IF COUNTY HAS ACCESS TO SOME OF THOSE MONEYS. BUT THE CITIES
17 DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THAT ABILITY AT A LEVEL THAT'S REALLY
18 GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND SO, THE STATE HAS AN INTEREST.
19 AND THEY HAVE GOT TO FUND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE CITIES AND
20 THE COUNTIES, TO HELP WITH THAT ISSUE. HOUSING, I THINK, IS
21 ONE OF THE BIGGEST NEEDS IN THIS STATE, AND WE'RE JUST NOT
22 GETTING THE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A MARGINAL DIFFERENCE AT
23 ALL. AND THE WAY -- THIS IS PRESENTED ON THIS, IT'S NOT GOING
24 TO BE READILY HELPFUL FOR US. WE NEED TO DO DIRECT MONEY TO
25 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SO THAT WE CAN HELP REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



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1 SO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A
2 VERY SOLID DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT, IN MY OPINION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR HALLIDAY?

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6 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** THANK YOU. YEAH, THIS IS A GOOD REPORT, AND
7 I WAS, OF COURSE, VERY HAPPY TO SEE CONTINUING FOCUS ON THE
8 VISION ZERO AND AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT. AND, YOU KNOW, TO
9 THAT END, WE'RE PROPOSING A LOT OF MONEY INVESTMENT INTO
10 TRANSPORTATION, WHICH WE KNOW WE REALLY NEED. BOTH HIGHWAY,
11 TRANSPORTATION, AND TRANSIT, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE IT'S
12 SAFE. AND, YOU KNOW, AND, SO I HAVE BEEN REALLY ADVOCATING FOR
13 THAT AUTOMATIC SPEED CONTROL, FOR TWO YEARS IT'S BEEN SHELVED
14 AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE REAL CONSIDERATION FOR HOW MUCH
15 THAT REALLY AFFECTS OUR ABILITY TO MAKE OUR STREETS SAFE LOCAL
16 STREETS SAFE. AND ON TRANSIT, LAST WEEK I ATTENDED A BART
17 MEETING THAT WAS HELD IN HAYWARD AT OUR -- WHAT DO WE CALL
18 THAT? NICK? YOU KNOW?

19

20 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** MAINTENANCE SHOP.

21

22 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YEAH, MAINTENANCE SHOP. [LAUGHTER] IT WAS A
23 REALLY AMAZING MEETING, AND I COMMEND BART FOR HOLDING THAT
24 MEETING, A COUPLE HUNDRED PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO WALK THROUGH
25 THIS FACILITY, AND THERE WAS A COUPLE THAT SHOWED UP, A YOUNG



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1 MAN WHO TALKED ABOUT HOW HE AND ALL OF HIS FRIENDS IN HIS AGE
2 GROUP ARE AFRAID TO RIDE BART BECAUSE OF THE STUFF THAT
3 HAPPENS ON IT. AND I WAS STANDING THERE THINKING, YOU KNOW,
4 I'M -- WELL, I WON'T SAY HOW OLD, BUT I AM MUCH OLDER THAN
5 THAT AGE GROUP, AND I'M NOT AFRAID TO RIDE BART, I AM OFTEN A
6 NOTICED BY THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE CARS, AND I DO
7 THINK BART HAS MADE SOME EFFORTS TO CHANGE THAT, BUT I THINK
8 WE REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT SAFETY. AND YOU KNOW, THE -- AND
9 THEN FINALLY, JUST HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT. BECAUSE WE'RE
10 ASKING FOR MORE AND MORE INVESTMENTS. WE KNOW THAT, RIGHT NOW
11 THE ECONOMY IS IN SOME KIND OF SHAKY STATE THAT WE DON'T
12 REALLY KNOW HOW THAT'S ALL GOING TO PAN OUT. BUT IT'S REALLY
13 INCUMBENT UPON US TO MAKE SURE WE'RE SPENDING MONEY ON THE
14 RIGHT THINGS AND WE'RE SPENDING IT EFFICIENTLY. AND I THINK
15 WITH BART, AND WITH TRANSIT, FARE RECOVERY, I SEE PEOPLE
16 JUMPING, EVERYBODY SEES THEM, AND YOU KNOW, JUST LITTLE THINGS
17 LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW, KIND OF THE BROKEN WINDOW SYNDROME, YOU
18 HAVE GOT TO FOCUS ON THE DETAILS BEFORE YOU JUST GO ASKING FOR
19 MORE AND MORE MONEY FOR EVERYTHING. AND, SO, AND THEN ON
20 HOUSING, I DO AGREE WITH PAT'S COMMENTS ON THE NEED FOR THAT.
21 FOR SOMETHING THAT -- YOU KNOW, I TALKED TO, ACTUALLY, A
22 DEVELOPER RECENTLY, THAT'S DEVELOPING A MIXED PROJECT WITH
23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE'RE TRYING MORE AND MORE TO GET
24 DEVELOPERS TO PUT THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING INTO THE PROJECTS,
25 BUT YOU KNOW, WITH THE ECONOMY DOING WHAT IT IS AND PRICES



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1 GOING UP, AND IT'S JUST YOU GET TO A CERTAIN PLACE, AND THEN,
2 UH, WE'RE SHORT OF FUNDS. AND THEY HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN SOME
3 STATE FUNDS AND THEY CAN'T APPLY FOR OTHERS, [LAUGHTER] AND
4 IT'S LIKE, IS THERE A FUND WHERE YOU CAN HELP DEVELOPERS CLOSE
5 THAT GAP AND GET IT GOING BECAUSE THINGS GET DELAYED SO MUCH
6 BECAUSE OF THAT FUNDING ISSUE. AND THEN, I ALSO JUST WANTED TO
7 ASK IF ANY -- I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS EXACTLY ON TOPIC, BUT WE
8 ARE TALKING ABOUT A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND THE GOVERNOR IS --
9 WELL -- WELL, YOU KNOW -- I DON'T KNOW IF THE GOVERNOR IS
10 INVOLVED IN THAT -- [LAUGHTER] -- BUT I JUST WONDERED IF
11 ANYBODY HAD ANY COMMENTS ON THE LATEST ACTION BY THE GOVERNOR
12 TO WITHHOLD FUNDING. YOU KNOW? FUNDING FROM COUNTIES BECAUSE
13 HE'S NOT HAPPY WITH HOW THE HOUSING PLANS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED,
14 IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT. AND FINALLY, WITH THE BROWN
15 ACT I AGREE WITH THE APPROACH TO FOCUS ON THE REGIONAL
16 AGENCIES. I THINK AT THE LOCAL LEVEL IT IS IMPORTANT. WELL,
17 THE BILL THAT ACTUALLY PASSED AND WAS SIGNED WAS A GOOD BILL,
18 I THINK, FOR LOCAL AGENCIES, LIKE CITY COUNCILS, BECAUSE
19 PEOPLE SHOULD COME IN. AND, YEAH, THERE SHOULD BE SOME
20 EXCEPTION FOR WHEN SOMEBODY IS SICK, OR, YOU KNOW, FEELING
21 WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND BY ZOOM, BUT NOT, YOU KNOW, NOT WANTING
22 TO BE OUT IN PERSON OR JUST OTHER THINGS THAT COME UP, TRAVEL,
23 FOR EVERYBODY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT OPTION OCCASIONALLY,
24 HOWEVER, I CAN SEE THAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THE
25 LAST THREE YEARS HAS MADE US MEETING -- I DON'T THINK IT'S



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1 HINDERED US, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO GO
2 IN PUSHING MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR RENAL NAM AGENCIES. SO THOSE
3 ARE MY COMMENTS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF STAFF HAS ANY
4 COMMENTS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

5

6 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER
7 PANELISTS NOW, WITH QUESTIONS, I'LL ASK IF STAFF DOES HAVE
8 SOME RESPONSES TO SOME OF THOSE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS THAT
9 WERE ASKED.

10

11 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** SURE. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, MTC ABAG
12 STAFF. I THINK I'LL TRY TO SYNTHESIZE SOME OF THE COMMENTS AND
13 PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT MORE CONTEXT ON SOME OF THE TRANSIT
14 OPERATORS, SORT OF, STRATEGY. AND, CERTAINLY, WE EXPECT THAT
15 THIS IS GOING TO BE THE NUMBER ONE -- NOT JUST HIGH PROFILE,
16 BUT THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY THAT WE NEED TO SPEND A HUGE
17 AMOUNT OF ENERGY ON THIS YEAR. PART OF THE APPROACH ON
18 BUILDING ON STATEWIDE COALITION IS GOING TO BE AROUND, SORT
19 OF, A DUAL ASK FIRST RELATED TO SUPPORTING RESOURCES THAT CAN
20 HELP TRANSIT OPERATORS THAT ARE FACING REAL DIRE STRAITS. YOU
21 KNOW, KEEP THE LIGHTS ON, SO ADDRESSING THOSE FISCAL CLIFFS,
22 THAT'S LARGELY AN ISSUE THAT IS FACING SOME OF THE REALLY FARE
23 DEPENDENT AND OTHER OPERATORS IN THE BAY AREA. AND, SO, IT
24 CERTAINLY PERSONALITY FOR OUR COALITION BUILDING, AND THE
25 ADVOCACY IN THERE AROUND RESOURCES TO HELP BUILD RIDERSHIP AND



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1 THAT'S INTENDED TO BE ENVISIONED, AND FLEXIBLE RESOURCES THAT
2 BE USED BASED ON OPERATORS UNIQUE NEEDS BUT ONE COULD BE USED
3 TO SUPPORT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN IN THE BAY AREA IT COULD
4 BE SUPPORTING AMBASSADORS ON THE GROUND CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
5 HOMELESSNESS AND SOCIAL SERVICES. SO, SORT OF, A WIDE RANGE OF
6 -- OR ENVISIONING A PRETTY FLEXIBLE BUCKET, TWO-PRONGED
7 APPROACH TO ADDRESS NEAR-TERM PRESSING ISSUES THAT MANY OF US
8 ARE FACING THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO RUN OUT OF RESOURCES AND THE
9 OTHER PIECE IS HELP GET RESOURCES TO SET UP ON A MORE
10 SUSTAINABLE TRACK. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. THE OTHER PIECE I WANT
11 TO TOUCH ON IS SOME OF THE THINKING BEHIND THE HOUSING PORTION
12 OF THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM. A LOT OF THE PIECES IN THERE GOING
13 AFTER RESOURCES FOR THE STATE BUDGET FOR HOUSING IS AROUND
14 TRYING TO PROVIDE FOR OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CITIES AND
15 COUNTIES ACCESS TO MORE GRANT RESOURCES FROM THE STATE AND
16 THAT'S REALLY A NEAR-TERM PLAY. ONE OF THE THINGS WE REALLY
17 WANTED TO FOCUS ON WAS INVESTMENTS IN THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR
18 PROGRAM AND THE MULTI-HOUSING FAMILY PROGRAM WHICH WILL ENABLE
19 PLUG IN THE GAPS. RIGHT? THERE'S A REALLY IMPORTANT PROJECT
20 THE CITY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT ALREADY HAS SOME STATE RESOURCES
21 THAT NEED \$2 MILLION MORE AND YOU GOT TO JUMP TO THE FRONT OF
22 THE LINE WITH THE HOUSING ACCELERATOR PROGRAM. SO THAT'S A
23 REALLY IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM. THAT'S THE
24 NEAR-TERM STRATEGY FOR THIS YEAR AND ALL THE FOCUS ON BAHFA
25 AND FOR TEEING UP A SUCCESSFUL MEASURE IN 2024 IS INTENDED TO



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1 PROVIDE CITIES AND COUNTIES WITH THE 10 TO 20 BILLED REGIONAL
2 BOND REGIONAL RESOURCES, RIGHT, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A
3 DIFFERENCE ON THE GROUND. SO THAT'S THE NEAR-TERM AND LONGER
4 TERM STRATEGY BEHIND THAT, AND I JUST, YOU KNOW, WITH THAT
5 WILL CLOSE AND GO BACK TO THE CHAIR.

6

7 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SEEING NO
8 OTHER PANELISTS COMMENT. I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ONLY PUBLIC
9 COMMENT FOR THE STATE ADVOCACY PLAN PLATFORM THEN GO ON TO THE
10 FEDERAL PLATFORM. I SEE ONE ATTENDEE WITH A HAND RAISED FOR
11 COMMENT. PLEASE SET THE TIMER FOR TWO MINUTES.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO O VINAY, WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO 15
14 SECONDS, I'LL SAY 15. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF, VINAY.

15

16 **VINAY PIMPLE:** HI VINAY PIMPLE, I SERVE ON THE POLICY ADVISORY
17 COUNCIL. AND I WANT TO REITERATE THAT WE DO NEED A REALLY
18 STRONG HOUSING PRODUCTION PLATFORM AND ALL TYPES OF HOUSING,
19 NOT JUST AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK WE CAN
20 REALLY DO -- AND I COME FROM A LOW-INCOME AREA, WHERE THE
21 HOUSING [INDISCERNIBLE] CANNOT BE OWNED BY SOMEBODY WITH A
22 [INDISCERNIBLE] MEDIAN INCOME, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS BECAUSE OF
23 NEIGHBORHOOD PRESSURES THEY DON'T WANT PARKING, THEY DO NOT
24 WANT TRAFFIC, THE ONLY CONDOS THAT GET BUILT ARE 800,000 OR
25 UP, 1500 SQUARE FOOT AND UP CONDOS. AND I THINK WE REALLY HAVE



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1 TO TRY AND SEE IF WE CAN TRY AND APPLY THOSE AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING ZONING RIGHTS TO HOUSING THAT, TO OWNERSHIP HOUSING,
3 THAT IS AFFORDABLE. BECAUSE THAT KIND OF OWNERSHIP HOUSING CAN
4 ACTUALLY PENCIL OUT COMMERCIALY. SO, WE DON'T EACH HAVE TO
5 SPEND ANY MONEY. IT'S AN EASY WAY TO PRODUCE A LOT OF HOUSING,
6 A LOT OF HOUSING GEARED TOWARDS AVERAGE PEOPLE THAT ARE
7 BUILDING EQUITY. AND I SOMETIMES GET CONCERNED ABOUT THE
8 AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WE ARE TRYING TO PUT IN AS RENTERS, BECAUSE
9 WHEN THEY GET OLD AND THEY GO ON SOCIAL SECURITY, THE
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANTS ARE NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO
11 THEM. THIS IS A WAY TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, JUST
12 TRYING TO GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING REDEFINED TO INCLUDE OWNED
13 HOUSING AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RICH HEDGES. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU MARTHA I WANT TO COME IN HERE AGREEING WITH
18 A FEW COMMENTS, ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, AND I
19 AGREE WITH, ESPECIALLY WITH BART, WHICH IS THE -- IS ONE OF
20 THE SYSTEMS THAT IS FED BY SEVERAL OTHER SYSTEMS. PEOPLE I
21 HAVE TRAINED TO TRAVEL, AND PEOPLE THAT I LIVE AROUND HAVE
22 USED PUBLIC TRANSIT IN THE PAST WON'T USE IT NOW AND WHEN I
23 ASK THEM WHY, THEY FEEL UNSAFE ON BART. I HAVE TRAVELED ON
24 BART, WHERE TWO DIFFERENT TIMES THERE ARE UNLEASHED PIT BULLS
25 ON BART ON THE CAR THAT I WAS ON. BART DOESN'T ENFORCE THE



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1 RULES. THE RULES FOR DOGS, FOR EXAMPLE, JUST ONE RULE THAT
2 THEY DON'T ENFORCE IS THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE ANY DOG OF ANY
3 SIZE, IN A CARRIER. SO, UNTIL BART REALLY GETS SERIOUS ABOUT
4 ENFORCING THEIR RULES, THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON
5 IT, EXCEPT FOR ME, AND OTHER TRANSIT ADVOCATES ARE PEOPLE THAT
6 HAVE NO OTHER OPTION. I ALSO AGREE WITH THE LAST SPEAKER ON
7 HOUSING. ONE OF THE LAST FEW GROUPS THAT ACTUALLY HAVE
8 PENSIONS ARE OUR MEMBERS AND THE UFCD, AND PUBLIC EMPLOY
9 MEMBERS. AND THE IF WE DON'T BUILD SOME EQUITY FOR PEOPLE AS
10 THEY GROW OLD, I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO. IN
11 FACT, I HAVE NO IDEA HOW THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SURVIVE. SO, I
12 AGREE, QUITE FRANKLY WITH, WE NEED TO BUILD MORE HOUSING THAT
13 BRINGS DOWN THE OVERALL COST OF HOUSING. SO, THANK YOU FOR
14 LETTING ME SPEAK. I REALLY APPRECIATE MTC AND THEIR
15 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS WITH THEIR
18 HANDS RAISED FOR THIS ITEM AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPOND WAS
19 RECEIVED.

20

21 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL CLOSE
22 PUBLIC COMMENT AND IF STAFF COULD MOVE US ON TO THE FEDERAL
23 ADVOCACY PLATFORM.

24



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1 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** SURE. STILL GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, MTC
2 ABAG STAFF. THE FEDERAL PORTION OF THE PROGRAM, I'M NOT GOING
3 TO WALK THROUGH THE WHOLE THING, REALLY SIMILAR THEMES OF LAST
4 YEAR, WE'RE PROPOSING WORKING WITH OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS AND
5 THE FEDERAL DELEGATION TO MAXIMIZE FEDERAL RESOURCES COMING TO
6 THE BAY AREA, SO, JUST IN THE TRANSPORTATION SPACE, WE'RE
7 PROPOSING THAT THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW GRANTS
8 STRATEGY THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPTED LAST SPRING WILL CONTINUE
9 TO GUIDE OUR GRANT ADVOCACY, AND ON THE POLICY SIDE, YOU KNOW,
10 IT'S A PRETTY SLOW TIME IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BECAUSE IT'S THE
11 EARLY, ON THE EARLY END OF A FIVE-YEAR AUTHORIZATION CYCLE.
12 HOWEVER WE DO WANT TO KEEP OUR EYES OUT FOR UNIQUE
13 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT MTC AND ABAG PRIORITIES, INCLUDING
14 THINGS LIKE, ARE THERE WAYS WE CAN BUILD SUPPORT WITHIN THE
15 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL DOT FOR THE TRANSIT
16 TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN, AND AGAIN LONG-STANDING PRIORITIES
17 OF AGENCIES. IN THE HOUSING SPACE, ALSO CONSISTENT FROM LAST
18 YEAR'S PRIORITIES, INCLUDING A BIG ONE IS GOING TO BE OPENING
19 THE DOOR FOR BAHFA TO COMPETE FOR FEDERAL HOUSING FUNDING.
20 ONCE AGAIN, A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY THAT'S RELATED TO WORKING ON
21 GETTING FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAM FOR WHICH BAHFA COULD BE
22 ELIGIBLE. AND THEN THE OTHER PIECE IS ACTUALLY RELATED TO TAX
23 POLICY. AND SO THIS IS A LONG-STANDING, SORT OF, TOP PRIORITY
24 FROM ALL OF, SORT OF, HOUSING UP-AND-DOWN CALIFORNIA THAT IS A
25 CHANGE IN THE FEDERAL TAX LAW THAT COULD INCREASE CALIFORNIA'S



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1 HOUSING PRODUCTION CAPACITY OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION
2 CAPACITY BY 75% ALMOST OVERNIGHT. PREVIOUS YEARS IT'S BEEN A
3 REALLY BIG CHALLENGE TO GET THROUGH, BECAUSE THERE IS SUCH A
4 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT FOR CALIFORNIA, AGAIN, CALIFORNIA IS A
5 HUGE BENEFICIARY, BUT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK DONE TO
6 BUILD A COALITION WITH OTHER STATES, RED AND BLUE, AND THERE
7 MIGHT BE A LEGISLATIVE VEHICLE THIS WINTER THAT WE CAN BE
8 SUPPORTIVE OF, SORT OF, TO LOCK THIS IN. SO, AGAIN, THOSE ARE
9 THE HIGH POINTS, AND I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER.

10

11 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IS THERE ANY
12 COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON THE FEDERAL PORTION? SEEING NONE.
13 I'LL ASK IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY
14 PLATFORM PROPOSAL?

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
17 THEIR HANDS RAISED, AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED
18 ON THIS ITEM.

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20 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** EXCELLENT. SO, NOW WE -- I THINK
21 STAFF HAS GOTTEN OUR INPUT, AND CONCERNS, AND NOW WE WILL MOVE
22 ON TO OUR LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. 3B.

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1 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE HAPPENINGS IN
2 WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM THE LAST MONTH FROM YOUR FEDERAL
3 ADVOCATES AND IT'S IN YOUR PACKET FOR REVIEW.

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5 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IS THERE ANY
6 DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. I
7 WILL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, EITHER WRITTEN? I SEE
8 NO HAND RAISED. IF THE CLERK CAN CONFIRM THAT THERE IS NO
9 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT IS CORRECT. THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC
13 COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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15 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE WILL MOVE ON TO
16 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. I'LL ASK THE
17 CLERK TO LIST ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED
18 WITH THIS ITEM AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. INTO THE
19 RECORD. ALSO IF THERE IS ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES
20 TO MAKE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR
21 PRESS *9.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
24 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
25 ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **V. PRES, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL NOW
3 CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OUR NEXT ITEM IS ADJOURNMENT. THE
4 NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL
5 BE FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH AT 9:45 A.M. ANY CHANGES TO THE
6 SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTED TO THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING OF THE
7 JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU
8 VERY MUCH TO STAFF AND EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING. AND THANK YOU
9 TO JESS FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TODAY. [ADJOURNED]

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