

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026, 9:50 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO
6 ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
7 THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC ABAG WEB SITES REMOTE
8 PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND
9 FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE AND YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK
10 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR
11 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR
12 ACTION ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATION
13 TODAY'S. ROLL CALL, PLEASE?

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

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17 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOHN-BAPTISTE IS ABSENT. AHN
20 STEPPED WAY FOR THE MOMENT. ANDERSEN?

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22 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BURT?

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1 **PAT BURT:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CAMPOS?

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5 **PAMELA CAMPOS:** PRESENT FROM SAN JOSE.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CORZO?

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9 **NOELIA CORZO:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER DUONG?

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13 **BETTY DUONG:** HERE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AT YOUR REMOTE NOTICED LOCATION?

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17 **BETTY DUONG:** YES.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. ECKLUND?

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21 **PAT EKLUND:** PRESENT.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ASHCRAFT? STEPPED AWAY FOR THE MOMENT.

24 GIACOPINI NON-VOTING? WE'LL LOOP BACK. MEMBER MAHAN IS ABSENT.

25 MASHBURN? STEPPED AWAY FOR THE MOMENT. RABBITT?



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2 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AT YOUR NOTICED REMOTE LOCATION? THANK
5 YOU. MEMBER RAMOS?

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7 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** HERE.

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

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11 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

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

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15 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE QUORUM. AND MEMBER EZZY ASHCRAFT
18 HAS RETURNED.

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20 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** MEMBER AHN HAS --

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AND SO HAS MEMBER AHN.

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24 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** WONDERFUL. WE HAVE ONE REQUEST FOR REMOTE
25 PARTICIPATION. COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI?



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2 **DOREEN M. GIACOPINI:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I'M REQUESTING
3 TO PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCING AND REMOTE PARTICIPATION
4 UNDER JUST CAUSE PER GOVERNMENT CODE 54953C THERE IS NO ONE IN
5 THE ROOM OVER 18 PRESENT.

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7 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU MEMBER GIACOPINI YOUR REQUEST
8 HAS BEEN NOTED MARKING YOU AS PRESENT BEFORE WE BEGIN TODAY I
9 JUST WANT TO SHARE MY GRATITUDE TO PRESIDENT RAMOS,
10 COMMISSIONER NOACK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THIS COMMITTEE
11 WITH ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE AS MY VICE CHAIR. I'LL MOVE TO ITEM
12 TWO WHICH IS OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
13 COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
16 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM
17 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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19 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** ANY MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON
20 ANY ITEM? SEEING NONE. I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

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22 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** ANDERSEN MOVING THE ITEM.

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24 **CARLOS ROMERO:** SECOND, ROMERO.

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1 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** MOTION BY ANDERSON; SECOND ROMERO. ROLL

2 CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON?

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6 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** YES.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOHN-BAPTISTE? IS ABSENT.

9 MEMBER AHN?

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11 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

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

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15 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** YES.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BURT? CAMPOS?

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19 **PAMELA CAMPOS:** YES.

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

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23 **NOELIA CORZO:** YES.

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



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2 **BETTY DUONG:** YES.

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

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6 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EZZY ASHCRAFT?

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10 **MARILYN EZZY:** AYE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MASHBURN? STEPPED AWAY
13 FOR THE MOMENT. RABBITT?

14

15 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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

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19 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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

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23 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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



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2 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** AYE.

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4 **BOARD CLERK:** THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
5 PRESENT.

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7 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 3A WHICH IS OVERVIEW OF
8 THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 26/'27 BUDGET. THIS IS AN
9 INFORMATION AM ITEM AND WE HAVE GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WITH US.

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11 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, KEN CARLSON AND
12 COMMITTEE MEMBERS. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN MTC STAFF AGAIN THIS
13 IS AN INFORMATION ITEM WE TYPICALLY DON'T COME TO YOU WITH A
14 JANUARY BUDGET UPDATE IN FEBRUARY BUT IF YOU RECALL THE BUDGET
15 CAME OUT ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE WE PRESENTED TO YOU LAST MONTH
16 SO WE HAD A CHANCE TO GIVE YOU DOCUMENTATION AND, SORT OF, A
17 FULL DEBRIEF. I'LL JUST BE QUICK, THREE MAIN ITEMS THAT ARE IN
18 THE BUDGET FIRST YOUR PACKET HAS QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION ON
19 THE BAY AREA TRANSIT LOAN. JUST A REMINDER OF WHERE THAT IS AT
20 IS THAT THERE IS A TRAILER BILL OUT RIGHT NOW FOR, WITH ALL OF
21 THAT LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, THROUGH
22 THE ADMINISTRATION, IS, SORT OF, SPONSORING OR LEADING THAT
23 TRAILER BILL. IT'S NOT FULLY IN THE LEGISLATOR --
24 LEGISLATURE'S COURT. SO, WE NEED TO AWAIT LEGISLATIVE ACTION
25 ON THAT. THE NEXT ITEM I WANTED TO REALLY HIGHLIGHT IS, YOU



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1 KNOW, WE KEEP GETTING SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT REVENUES COMING IN
2 AT THE STATE LEVEL, AT SOME PRETTY GENEROUS INCOME TAX AND
3 OTHER AND REVENUES COMING IN AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND ONE OF
4 THE -- I'M SORRY TO KIND OF BRING IT DOWN NOW -- BUT ONE OF
5 THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO HERE IS
6 THE CAP AND INVEST PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN A BIG FUND SOURCE FOR
7 A LOT OF REALLY IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING
8 INVESTMENTS, AND THE CAP AND INVEST PROGRAM REVENUES ARE
9 COMING IN AT LOWER THAN ANTICIPATED THAN WHEN THE STATE PASSED
10 THEIR CAP-AND-TRADE REAUTHORIZATION AND THEN RENAMED CAP-AND-
11 TRADE LAST YEAR. SO THAT MEANS THAT THERE'S -- I THINK THE
12 GOOD NEWS IN THAT SPACE IS THAT THERE IS -- THE LEGISLATURE
13 GAVE THEMSELVES A BILLION DOLLARS TO PLAY WITH THEY KIND OF
14 REORIENTED THINGS THEN SAID THAT THERE IS A BILLION DOLLAR IN
15 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING THAT'S GUARANTEED, AND THERE IS A LOT OF
16 PRESSURE ON THAT DISCRETIONARY FUNDING SO ONE OF THE THINGS
17 WE'RE REALLY WORKING CONSISTENT WITH YOUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM IS
18 TARGETING THOSE RESOURCES TO REALLY PUSH AND REQUEST WITH A
19 BIG COALITION THAT THE STATE HONOR PRIOR COMMITMENTS TO
20 TRANSIT. AND THERE IS SPACE AND INTEREST IN THERE AROUND THE
21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND
22 TIRCP. AND TRANSIT CAPITAL RESOURCES TO SEE IF THERE IS A WAY
23 THAT THE LEGISLATURE COULD USE SOME OF THE DISCRETIONARY MONEY
24 TO TRY TO MAKE WHOLE THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE -- WERE HOPING FOR
25 MORE MONEY BASED ON WHAT WE WERE -- BASED ON WHAT WOULD HAVE



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1 HAPPENED IF THERE WERE MORE GENEROUS CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUES. I
2 WANT TO LASTLY SAY THAT THERE IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY IN THE
3 CAP-AND-TRADE SPACE THAT IS REALLY AROUND THE BAY PASS
4 PROGRAM. THAT'S YOUR UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM THAT'S
5 BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL IN GROWING TRANSIT RIDERSHIP
6 AND INCREASING RETENTION RATES, PARTICULARLY AT COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGES. AND ONE OF THE KIND OF INTERESTING POLITICAL THINGS
8 THIS YEAR IS THAT THE INCOMING SENATE LEADER, THE PRO TEMPORE,
9 IS REALLY INTERESTED IN TRANSIT PASSES AND ONE OF HER TOP
10 PRIORITIES IN THE CAP-AND-TRADE REAUTHORIZATION LAST YEAR WAS
11 TO HAVE \$125 MILLION IN STATE MONEY, ONE TIME, TO GO TO
12 TRANSIT PASSES. AND, SO, THERE HAS BEEN INTEREST FROM MANY OF
13 YOU AND MANY OTHER PARTNERS IN SEEING IS THERE INTEREST IN
14 THAT SPACE TO HAVE RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT BAY PASS SO WE'RE
15 EXPLORING THAT AS WELL. AND I HAD A CONVERSATION THE OTHER DAY
16 WITH THE PRO TEMPORE'S OFFICE AND THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE
17 STAFF AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE STAFF, AND ONE
18 THING I KIND OF TOOK AWAY FROM THAT CONVERSATION WAS THAT IT
19 WAS INTERESTING THAT EVEN IN A TIGHT BUDGET YEAR THE APPROACH
20 THEY WERE TAKING WAS, OH, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL VERY
21 LIKELY, AT LEAST STAY IN THE SENATE PROPOSAL. SO TO ME THAT
22 MEANS THAT IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO KEEP WORKING IT AND
23 PROCEEDING AS IF THERE IS THIS MONEY THERE AND ENSURE THAT THE
24 BAY AREA GETS OUR FAIR SHARE AND THAT RESOURCES CAN COME A
25 PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. SO WITH THAT I'LL CLOSE AND



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1 THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION IN YOUR PACKET.

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3 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR
4 DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? GO AHEAD.

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6 **PAT BURT:** THANK YOU. FIRST, ON THE LAST ITEM THAT'S REALLY
7 ENCOURAGING ABOUT THE PRO TEMPORE'S FOCUS ON TRANSIT PASSES.
8 AND I LOVE MY BAY PASS WHICH ALL OF OUR CITY EMPLOYEES IN PALO
9 ALTO HAVE A BAY PASS. AND IT'S FANTASTIC. BUT I WANT TO MAKE
10 SURE WE'RE NOT FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON BAY PASSES SO WHEN WE
11 LOOK AT THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT RESIDENTS. IN SANTA CLARA
12 COUNTY IN VTA WE HAVE OUR SMART PASSES AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE
13 PROGRAMS, WE HAD FOR DISCOUNTED PASSES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING
14 RESIDENTS. AND I WAS ABLE TO PUSH THROUGH, ACTUALLY FOR LOW-
15 INCOME WORKERS, AS WE IMPLEMENTED OUR BIKE LANES ON EL CAMINO,
16 TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICE WORKERS WITH SMART PASSES,
17 BECAUSE IT'S THE BUS ROUTE THAT RUNS THERE. THOSE WORKERS ARE
18 NOT, REALLY, FOR THE MOST PART -- THERE IS A SUBSET, BUT MOST
19 OF THEM ARE NOT NEEDING A BAY PASS. THEY WANT -- THEY VALUE
20 AND ARE SERVED BY THAT VERY LOW-COST SMART PASS. I THINK IT'S
21 ABOUT \$120 PER YEAR. SO, \$30 MILLION WOULD PROVIDE A QUARTER
22 MILLION BUS PASSES IN OUR COUNTY FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS AND
23 WORKERS. JUST TO PUT SOME CONTEXT ON HOW IMPACTFUL THAT COULD
24 BE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WORKERS AND RESIDENTS,
25 REDUCING TRIPS, WHAT'S THE BANG FOR THE BUCK THAT WE GET



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1 SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY, AND EVEN ECONOMICALLY? BECAUSE
2 WE HAVE ALSO HEARD IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT AS WE HAVE HAD THAT -
3 - THESE KINDS OF PASS PROGRAMS, JOB RETENTION HAS GONE UP FOR
4 SERVICE WORKERS. SO, I WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT THERE. I ALSO
5 WANTED TO ASK, IN THE LAST ITEM THAT WE HAD, THERE WAS A NEXUS
6 BETWEEN OUR DISCUSSION ON THE PLANNED BAY AREA, THE RHNA, AND
7 IN ANDY'S REPORT, AN ALLUSION TO STATE LEGISLATION THAT IS
8 DRIVING THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THE HCD WILL BE USING FOR THEIR
9 NEXT RHNA ALLOCATIONS. AND I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND THOSE AND
10 I WOULD GUESS THAT MOST MY COLLEAGUES DON'T EITHER. AND CAN WE
11 HAVE IT AT AN UPCOMING -- THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE -
12 - A MORE THOUGH ROW REVIEW TO SEE WHETHER THAT SHOULD BE PART
13 OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM GOING FORWARD TO RECONCILE WHATEVER
14 IS DRIVING THOSE FACTORS. THEN LASTLY, ON THE LEGISLATIVE
15 PROGRAM, THIS DISCONNECT THAT I MENTIONED LAST ITEM, BETWEEN
16 OUR LEGALLY BINDING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BUSINESS
17 INDUSTRY AND IN OUR OWN EMBRACING OF POLICIES ON CAPPING MEGA
18 COMMUTING VERSUS THE STATE SUPPORT FOR WHAT IS NOW A HIGH
19 SPEED RAIL PROGRAM THAT IS EXPLICITLY FOCUSED ON INDUCING MEGA
20 COMMUTING. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE
21 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. AND I WOULD VENTURE TO GUESS THAT MOST
22 LEGISLATORS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT FUNDAMENTAL CONTRADICTION
23 BETWEEN GOOD PLANNING THAT WE'RE DOING AND WHAT IS NOW THE
24 MODEL THERE. YOU DID MENTION ON THE CAP AND INVEST
25 PREMEDITATE, WHAT'S HAPPENED ON THE DOLLARS. WELL, THE DOLLARS



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1 HAVE BEEN LESS THAN WERE PROJECTED. HIGH SPEED RAIL IS NO
2 LONGER RECEIVING A PERCENTAGE OF THE CAP AND INVEST DOLLARS.
3 IT WAS, I THINK, 25%. THEY GOT A FLAT AMOUNT. AND, SO, THEIR
4 AMOUNT HAS NOT BEEN REDUCED BY THE LOWER CAP AND INVEST. ALL
5 THE OTHER AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED AS A RESULT. SO, ALL THOSE
6 THINGS, I THINK, CONVERGE, AND SHOULD BE PART OF THE
7 LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION. AND IN MY DISCUSSION WITH LEGISLATURES
8 I DON'T THINK THE VAST MAJORITY UNDERSTAND THE INTERPLAY
9 WHAT'S GOING ON THERE AND WHAT OUR ADVOCACY SHOULD BE. THANKS.

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11 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** YES, PLEASE.

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13 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** WE CAN ABSOLUTELY BRING BACK TO YOU
14 LEGISLATION THAT MIGHT COME OUT THAT IS RELATED TO THE
15 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION AND THE ALLOCATION
16 PROCESS. I THINK MAYBE WHAT OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TALKED
17 ABOUT WAS THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY COMPONENT OF
18 THAT, THAT IS A SEPARATE LEGISLATE OF PROCESS THAN THE RHNA
19 PIECE. BUT THE BILL INTRODUCTION DEADLINE IS JUST SEVEN DAYS
20 AWAY. AND, SO, WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL HAVE A MUCH BETTER
21 PICTURE AFTER THAT OF WHAT THE RHNA RELATED BILLS WILL BE,
22 WILL ABSOLUTELY MAKE SURE TO COME BACK TO YOU. AND ONE OF THE
23 THINGS WE MIGHT DO IS THINK ABOUT, SORT OF, A PACKAGE
24 APPROACH, OR, SORT OF, OVERVIEW OF HOW THINGS MIGHT INTERPLAY
25 WITH EACH OTHER.



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2 **MATT MALONEY:** IF I MAY, MATT MALONEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR METRO
3 PLANNING AND POLICY. I'LL AUGMENT WHAT GEORGIA SAID THERE HAVE
4 BEEN SOME CHANGES THAT WE EXPECT THAT WILL MATERIALIZE IN
5 CYCLE SEVEN OF RHNA. SO THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES IN TERMS OF
6 METHODOLOGIES ON CLIMATE RELATED FACTORS AND AN EMPHASIS ON
7 ACUTELY LOW AND EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH THAT
8 PROCESS. SO SOME THINGS ARE CHANGING. WHEN WE COME BACK AND
9 DISCUSS RHNA CYCLE SEVEN AND START TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW,
10 HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE'RE GOING, WE WILL ENSURE THAT
11 YOU KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE STATUTORY
12 LANDSCAPE, AS WELL. BECAUSE SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

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14 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** YEAH, AND I WOULD JUST ASK ON THE CAP AND
15 INVEST, IS THERE A SIGNAL, WHETHER IT'S A POLICY ISSUE, AN
16 ECONOMICS ISSUE, AN INDUSTRY REBELLION? I MEAN, THERE ARE
17 THINGS GOING ON THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IN THE SENSE
18 OF WHY THOSE DOLLARS OR INVESTMENTS ARE LOWER?

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20 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** I AM NOT AN ECONOMIST, AND SO I WILL
21 SAY THAT MY KNOWLEDGE OF HOW ALL THE MARKETS WORK IS NOT
22 NEARLY AS -- I DON'T KNOW AS MUCH AS I KNOW THE POLITICS OF
23 IT, BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THERE WAS AN ASSUMPTION THAT THE
24 STABILITY, WHAT THE HISTORY HAS BEEN IS THAT ONCE THE
25 LEGISLATURE -- ONCE THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CAP AND



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1 INVEST PROGRAM IS LONG-TERM THAT THERE IS MORE STABILITY IN
2 THE MARKET AND THAT REVENUES COME IN HIGHER. IT VERY WELL
3 COULD BE THAT, YOU KNOW, THE AUCTIONS DIDN'T HAPPEN LONG AFTER
4 THAT LAW PASSED SO IT MAY EVEN OUT I DON'T THINK FOLKS ARE
5 LOOKING AT THIS AS A LONG-TERM TREND THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE
6 LOWER. SO, I THINK THAT'S ENCOURAGING. FROM A POLICY
7 PERSPECTIVE, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I WALK THROUGH TWO
8 THINGS ABOUT THE WAY OUR ADVOCACY -- THE DIRECTION THAT YOU
9 ALL GAVE US IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY, IN OUR 2026
10 ADVOCACY PROGRAM WAS PRETTY CLEAR DIRECTION ON WHAT TO
11 PRIORITIZE IN OUR CAP-AND-TRADE ADVOCACY AND THAT INCLUDED
12 THINGS LIKE REALLY SUPPORTING THAT RESOURCES COME IN, AGAIN,
13 FOLLOW-THROUGH WITH COMMITMENTS TO THE BART TO SILICON VALLEY
14 PROJECT, TO BART TRANSIT CORE CAPACITY THOSE TYPES OF THINGS,
15 AS WELL WE DID GET DIRECTION FROM ALL OF YOU TO ADVOCATE FOR
16 THAT TRANSIT PASS MONEY TO COME TO BAY PASS FOR COMMUNITY
17 COLLEGE STUDENTS. AND SO THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE WOULD -- IF
18 THE LEGISLATURE SAID, YOU KNOW WHAT, INSTEAD OF SOMETHING
19 FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS, WE WOULD RATHER IT GO
20 OUT VIA A DIFFERENT FORMULA AND FOCUS ON ANY LOW-INCOME
21 TRANSIT USER, I THINK WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY HAVE SUPPORTED THAT
22 OVER THE YEARS. BUT I DO WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT OUR ADVOCACY
23 PROGRAM SAYS AND DIRECTS US ON PURSUE THAT PATH AROUND
24 PROVIDING RESOURCES TO EXPAND BAY PASS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
25 STUDENTS AND WHAT THAT COULD, IN THE BAY AREA, WHAT THAT COULD



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1 LOOK LIKE. IF WE GET OUR, SORT OF, ATTRACTIVE FORMULA FOR THE
2 BAY AREA, WE COULD GET \$60 MILLION A YEAR -- OR \$60 MILLION IN
3 ONE TIME FUNDING AND THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO PROVIDE BAY PASS
4 TO ALL 413,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE BAY AREA FOR
5 ONE YEAR, OR YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH
6 YOUR HATS ON TO, SAY, YOU KNOW, WE'LL PROVIDE A PATH -- YOU
7 KNOW, SMALLER SUBSIDY FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME, OR FOR A
8 SMALLER GROUP, OR X, Y, OR Z.

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10 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

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12 **GINA PAPAN:** I KNOW OUR PLATE IS FULL HERE WE HAVE A LOT OF
13 IMPORTANT ADVOCACY TO DO. JUST KIND OF A GENERAL QUESTION HERE
14 BECAUSE A LOT OF US LAST MILE TRANSPORTATION MANY
15 JURISDICTIONS ARE DEALING WITH E-BIKE LEGISLATION AND I DON'T
16 KNOW IF THAT FITS INTO MTC'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HERE, BUT
17 JUST AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, I DON'T KNOW HOW MY COLLEAGUES
18 FEEL, BUT THERE IS A LOT GOING ON, AND SINCE WE DO HAVE, LIKE,
19 BAY WHEELS AND ALL OF THAT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE
20 INTERACTION WOULD BE, BUT I JUST BRING THAT UP AS A GENERAL
21 COMMENT, WHETHER WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO JUST FOLLOW THINGS
22 LIKE THAT SO THERE IS SOME CONSISTENCY. THANK YOU.

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24 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER AHN?

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1 **EDDIE AHN:** A NEW DEVELOPMENT I WANT TO BRING UP WASN'T IN OUR
2 LAST DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE ON OUR PLATFORM FOR
3 ADVOCACY IS CALENVIROSCREEN I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS IN PRIOR
4 COMMITTEE MEETINGS I DO THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT MAPPING TOOL
5 IT GETS AT CAP AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND HOW THE MONEY IS
6 CHANNELLED I KNOW STAFF IS FAMILIAR WITH THIS IT'S BEEN THREE
7 ITERATIONS OF ADVOCACY TO TRY TO IMPROVE THAT TOOL FOR THE BAY
8 AREA IN CASE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DON'T KNOW THIS IS THE STATE
9 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MAPPING TOOL CREATED BY OEHA UNDER THE
10 STATES EPAR CALENVIRO PROTECTION AGENCY THAT ESSENTIALLY
11 DESIGNATES HOW MONEYS GO TO CERTAIN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
12 TRACTS IN CALIFORNIA HISTORIC FOR THE BAY AREA CALENVIROSCREEN
13 HAS NOT BEEN GREAT I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THE BAY AREA
14 LIFTING CAUCUS MTC AND AIR DISTRICT HAVE BEEN STRONG IN TRYING
15 TO IMPROVE THE TOOL OVER MULTIPLE ITERATIONS NOW. SO THEY JUST
16 RELEASED CALENVIROSCREEN 5.0 AT THE END OF JANUARY. I WOULD
17 HOPE WE ADD IT TO OUR ADVOCACY UPCOMING. IN MY DAY TO DAY AS A
18 NONPROFIT LAWYER, WE HAVE LOOKED AT HOW IT AFFECTS SAN
19 FRANCISCO. NOT TERRIFIC, I'LL SAY FROM THE OUTSET, WHAT I
20 DON'T KNOW IS HOW IT AFFECTS THE BAY AREA AS A REGION. KNOWING
21 THAT, THEN WORKING IN SACRAMENTO, WOULD BE REALLY IMPORTANT.

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23 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER EZZY ASHCRAFT?

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25 **MARILYN EZZY-ASHCRAFT:** CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT AND



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1 GREAT INFORMATION I JUST WANT TO ADD MY SUPPORT FOR THE
2 CONCEPT OF BAY PASS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS JUST THIS
3 WEEK, EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYOR'S CONFERENCE
4 MET IN BERKELEY AND ARE MEETING LOCATION WAS THIS BEAUTIFUL
5 NEW DORM THAT IS SPECIFICALLY FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS TO UC
6 BERKELEY AND THE MAYOR OF BERKELEY HAD ARRANGED FOR A PANEL OF
7 STUDENTS WHO LIVED SOME OF THEM LIVED IN THAT DORM BUT OTHERS
8 LIVED OFF CAMPUS JUST HEARING FROM THOSE STUDENTS CHALLENGES
9 THEY FACE ECONOMICALLY BOTH WHEN THEY WERE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
10 STUDENTS -- [LAUGHTER] SHOULD I STOP TALKING? [LAUGHTER]

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12 **SPEAKER:** TIME IS UP. [LAUGHTER].

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14 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** FROM WHEN THEY WERE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
15 STUDENTS, LITERALLY SOME OF THEM WERE UNSHELTERED SLEEPING IN
16 THEIR CARS OR PLACES PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE SLEEPING. THEN JUST
17 TALKING ABOUT EXPENSE THEY'RE GOING TO SCHOOL WITH THE GRANTS
18 WHEREVER THEY ARE TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND BEAR IN MIND THIS
19 IS OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE FOR STUDENTS FOR FAMILIES WHO CAN'T
20 PROVIDE ECONOMIC SUPPORT, IT COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
21 GETTING THAT FURTHER EDUCATION OR NOT. IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING
22 I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD DEFINITELY CONSIDER. THANK
23 YOU.

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25 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS. NEXT



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1 ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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5 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** DID I MISS IT?

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** JUST A LITTLE.

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9 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** I THINK YOU DID CATCH ME. PUBLIC COMMENT
10 ON THIS ITEM?

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

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14 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** A MINUTE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIRST UP, ALETA DUPREE, FOLLOW BY ROLAND.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER
19 WITH TEAM FOLDS. I HEAR A LOT ABOUT BAY PASS IT'S A PROGRAM I
20 SUPPORT I ALWAYS HAVE BECAUSE I THINK BAY PASS SOME DAY COULD
21 BECOME A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PRODUCT THAT WILL HELP TO MITIGATE
22 PEOPLE'S TRANSIT COSTS ON A SYSTEM WIDE BASIS. THAT BEING
23 SAID, WE HAVE A NEWER INNOVATION, AT LEAST IN THIS COUNTRY,
24 CALLED FARE CAPPING AND CAN BAY PASS BE TWEAKED IN A WAY IT
25 WORKS ON FARE CAPPING BASIS OR IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PREFUNDED



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1 THEN IF IT'S USED LESS THAN THE LIMIT WILL SAVE MONEY AND MEAN
2 MORE BAY PASSES THAT CAN HELP MORE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT UP WILL BE ROLAND LEBRUN FOLLOWED BY
5 ADINA LEVIN. GO AHEAD UNMUTE YOURSELF.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. SO WHAT I CAN DO IS BRIEFLY TOUCH ON THIS
8 DECREASE ON CAP INVEST AUCTION REVENUE WHAT'S HAPPENING IS
9 DIRECT RESULT OF REFINERY CAPACITY MOVING OUT-OF-STATE AND THE
10 ONLY WAY TO REVERSE THIS IS TO RELOCATE THIS CAPACITY BACK TO
11 CALIFORNIA WHICH QUITE FRANKLY IS NEITHER REASONABLE NOR
12 DESIRABLE. WHAT'S HAPPENING WAS ACTUALLY FORESEEN BY HIGH
13 SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY LAST YEAR AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY THEY
14 ADVOCATED FOR THE STRAIGHT \$1 BILLION ANNUALLY THIS IS 25%
15 WHICH IS WAY BELOW A BILLION EVERY YEAR. AND LAST RED FLAG I
16 WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION IS RIGHT NOW WASHINGTON IS
17 LOOKING AT COMPLETELY ELIMINATING GAS TAX IN CALIFORNIA. AT
18 THAT POINT IN TIME IT'S REALLY UNCLEAR WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO
19 BE SEEING ANY OF THIS CAPITAL INVEST REVENUE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. OUR LAST SPEAKER WILL BE ADINA
22 LEVIN.

23

24 **ADINA LEVIN:** YES. GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. ADINA LEVIN. I
25 HAVE BEEN SERVING AS THE NETWORK MANAGEMENT CUSTOMER ADVISORY



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1 GROUP AND REPORTING THAT THAT GROUP HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
2 SUPPORTIVE OF THE BAY PASS AND HAS OBSERVED PEOPLE REALLY
3 REQUESTING AND ACTUALLY -- AND BEGGING FOR THE BAY PASS FOR
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. THAT PROGRAM HAS
5 SHOWN A 30 TO 35% INCREASE IN TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AMONGST PEOPLE
6 INCLUDING THE STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
7 PARTICIPATE AND IT HAS EVEN HELPED PEOPLE STAY IN SCHOOL AND
8 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS VERY BENEFICIAL, AND IF THAT IS A
9 POSSIBILITY HERE, WOULD ENCOURAGE THAT IS A POTENTIAL USE OF
10 THESE FUNDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF
13 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

14

15 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER COMMENT FROM THE
16 COMMITTEE? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE. MOVING ON TO ITEM 3B,
17 SENATE BILL 375, MODERNIZATION LEGISLATION. AND THIS IS AN
18 INFORMATIONAL ITEM AND JULIE SNYDER WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE
19 REPORT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **JULIE SNYDER:** CHAIR, KEN CARLSON AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AGAIN,
22 JULIE SNYDER, MTC ABAG STAFF. YES I'M BACK WITH ANOTHER UPDATE
23 ON YOUR SPONSORED BILL TO MODERNIZE SB 375, OF THE 2,008
24 LEGISLATION THAT ADDED THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY TO
25 PLANNED BAY AREA. A REMINDER THAT WE'RE COSPONSORING THIS BILL



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1 WITH THE OTHER BIG FOUR MPO'S LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO, AND SAN
2 DIEGO. AND WE HAVE GOT SOME GREAT NEWS THAT SENATOR
3 CHRISTOPHER CABALDON HAS AGREED TO AUTHOR THE BILL. MR.
4 CABALDON'S DISTRICT STRADDLES THE BAY AREA AND GREATER
5 SACRAMENTO AREA AND AS THE SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF
6 GOVERNMENT'S CHAIR FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS SO HE'S FAMILIAR WITH
7 THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF DO ON THE REGION'S
8 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY. ALSO OUR ABAG PRESIDENT WORKS
9 CLOSELY WITH HIM ON SHARED PRIORITIES IN THE NAPA AREA. SO
10 WE'RE THRILLED TO BE WORKING WITH HIM. ALSO WANT TO UPDATE YOU
11 THAT OUR STAFF AND PARTNER AGENCIES HAVE BEEN REALLY HONING
12 THE WAY THAT WE PRESENT THE BILL'S GOALS TO RESONATE WITH
13 SACRAMENTO POLICY MAKERS. WE GETTING A VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE
14 TO OUR FRAMING OF ACCELERATING OUR PROGRESS ON CLIMATE
15 TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING GOALS BY INCREASING THE REGIONAL
16 CAPACITY AND RESOURCES FOR SCS IMPLEMENTATION. SO, THE FOCUS
17 ON ACCELERATING PROGRESS ON THE GOALS HAS REALLY RESONATED.
18 WE'RE REALLY PLEASED ABOUT THAT. WE ARE IN DISCUSSION WITH OUR
19 NEW AUTHOR ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN THE
20 BILL. I CAN SHARE HIGHLIGHTS OF A COUPLE OF PIECES WE'RE
21 ANTICIPATING WILL BE THERE. FIRST IS ONGOING FUNDING FOR WHEN
22 WE'RE CALLING A REAP 3.0 WHICH WILL SUPPORT THE SCS
23 IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL
24 PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, LIKE THE REGIONAL HOUSING TECHNICAL
25 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND OTHERS THAT ARE REALLY VALUABLE ON THE



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1 GROUND, AND RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES. POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR
2 THAT INCLUDE THE GENERAL FUND. ALTHOUGH IT IS A TIGHT BUDGET
3 YEAR, OR POTENTIALLY A PORTION OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
4 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. THAT IS IF THE GOVERNOR
5 ADOPTS -- SORRY -- IF THE LEGISLATURE ADOPTS THE GOVERNOR'S
6 PROPOSAL TO SPLIT THE PROGRAM INTO A PURE HOUSING COMPONENT
7 THAT GOES TO THE NEW HOUSING AGENCY AND A COMPONENT FOR
8 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THAT STAYS AT THE STRATEGIC GROWTH
9 COUNCIL. SO THERE IS A LOT OF F'S THERE, BUT WE KNOW HOW
10 IMPORTANT IT IS, AND IT'S ONE OF OUR AGENCY'S TOP PRIORITIES
11 TO SECURE FUNDING TO ADVANCE IN THIS WORKSPACE. SECOND PIECE
12 IS SHIFTING FROM A 4-YEAR CYCLE TO AN EIGHT-YEAR CYCLE FOR THE
13 SCS UPDATE. THIS PIECE INTERESTINGLY HAS ATTRACTED A PRETTY
14 WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AMONG OTHERS WHO
15 SEE VALUE IN CREATING BALANCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE
16 INTEND ON PLANNING AND AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE TAKE ACTION TO
17 IMPLEMENT THOSE PLANS. THE FINAL PIECE THAT I WILL HIGHLIGHT
18 IS CHANGING THE WAY THAT THE STATE SETS OUR GHG REDUCTION
19 TARGET WHICH FORMS THE BASIS FOR ALL OF THE DECISIONS IN THE
20 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE WAY THEY MEASURE WHEN
21 THE PLAN NEEDS THE TARGET. THE GOAL -- I WONT GO INTO ALL THE
22 TECHNICALITIES AND DAVE IS HERE IF ANYBODY WANTS TO DIVE
23 DEEPLY, THE GOAL, THOUGH, THOUGH IS THAT FOR YOUR SUSTAINABLE
24 COMMUNITY STRATEGY TO BE A MORE ACCURATE INDICATOR OF HOW MUCH
25 A WHOLE SUITE OF STRATEGIES WILL REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS



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1 EMISSIONS AND THIS IS SO YOU CAN MAKE EVEN MORE INFORMED
2 DECISIONS THAT REFLECT REAL-WORLD CONDITIONS, LIKE THE FLEET
3 TRANSITION, WHICH WE CURRENTLY ARE REQUIRED TO ASSUME IS NOT
4 HAPPENING. EVEN THOUGH WE SEE IT AND WE KNOW THAT CREATES A
5 REAL DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE TYPE OF SPENDING DECISIONS YOU'RE
6 MAKING AND WHAT YOU SEE REFLECTED IN YOUR PLAN. SO THAT IS
7 REALLY A KEY IMPORTANT GOAL FOR OUR AGENCY. LASTLY, A QUICK
8 REMINDER ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE. THE SENATE POLICY
9 COMMITTEES WILL HEAR THE BILL IN APRIL. SO, OVER THE NEXT 6 TO
10 8 WEEKS, WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING EXTREMELY CLOSELY WITH
11 SENATOR KABALDIN TO REFINE WHAT WILL GO INTO THE BILL AND GET
12 IT READY FOR THOSE HEARINGS. IT'S LIKELY TO DOUBLE REFER, YEA,
13 TO THE SENATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND TRANSPORTATION
14 COMMITTEES. SO THAT WILL BE A VERY BUSY APRIL. SO I'M GOING TO
15 STOP THERE. MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

16

17 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON
18 SO I DON'T LOSE TRACK OF WHERE I SHOULD BE. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC
19 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT
22 MEMBER MASHBURN HAS JOINED AND YOU THERE IS NO WRITTEN
23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS NO ONE IN THE
24 BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK AND WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE
25 PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. ADINA LEVIN, YOU HAVE ONE



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1 MINUTE. GO LED AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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3 **ADINA LEVIN:** HELLO. MY NETWORK IS LIKELY TO BOUNCE MOVES AWAY
4 AND THE TRAIN SWITCHES, MAY I HAVE MY 20 SECONDS IS IF THE
5 NETWORK BOUNCES? ADINA LEVIN SEAMLESS BAY AREA PARTICIPATING
6 IN COALITIONS WITH TRANSIT AND HOUSING ADVOCATES ON THIS TOP
7 BEING WANTED TO SAY PRETTY GENERALLY AT THIS POINT IN
8 DEVELOPMENT OF THESE POLICIES WE REALLY SUPPORT MAINTAINING
9 THE COORDINATION OF HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION
10 INCLUDING AND ESPECIALLY PUBLIC TRANSIT AND ACTIVE
11 TRANSPORTATION AS A WAY OF --

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SHE CALLED IT -- [SILENCE]

14

15 **ADINA LEVIN:** AND ANY -- [SILENCE]

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE CAN COME BACK AT ANOTHER SECTION IF
18 ADINA IS ABLE TO RECONNECT IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU, CHAIR?

19

20 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** SURE.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS WAS LIT UP
25 FIRST.



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2 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** TURNED OFF. WELL, GOOD MORNING. I WANTED TO --
3 AND THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. I WANTED TO ASK, JUST TRYING TO
4 UNDERSTAND THE LEGISLATION PROGRESS, WHEN YOU SAID YAY TO IT
5 BEING DOUBLED REFERRED -- [LAUGHTER] -- I WANT TO KNOW WHAT
6 DOES THAT MEAN?

7

8 **JULIE SNYDER:** SURE, THROUGH THE CHAIR, I'M SORRY THAT, MIGHT
9 HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT FACETIOUS ON MY PART. WHAT IT MEANS IS
10 THAT WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEK PERIOD THE BILL WILL HAVE TO MAKE
11 IT THROUGH THE FIRST POLICY COMMITTEE WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WILL
12 BE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SO IT HAS TO PASS THERE AND THEN A
13 COUPLE WEEKS LATER IT HAS TO PASS OUT OF TRANSPORTATION
14 COMMITTEE. SO IT'S NOT GUARANTEED BUT THE HISTORY ON THIS TYPE
15 OF LEGISLATION SHOWS THAT BOTH COMMITTEES GENERAL GET A BITE
16 AT THE APPLE, AND THEY'RE USUALLY LOOKING AT THE PIECES,
17 MOSTLY, THE PIECES THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THEIR
18 COMMITTEE. SO, THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WILL LOOK AT THE
19 ACTUAL -- THE FOUR YEAR CYCLE FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE OF INTEREST
20 TO THEM. THE EIGHT YEAR CYCLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MAY
21 LOOK AT FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT THEY HAVE
22 FREE REIGN TO CONSIDER ANYTHING THAT'S IN THE BILL THAT THEY
23 WANT TO.

24

25 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** YEAH, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT.



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1 [LAUGHTER] SO NOW I KNOW IT'S GOING TO GO THROUGH TWO -- THANK
2 YOU FOR HELPING ME UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO?

5

6 **CARLOS ROMERO:** IF YOU WILL INDULGE ME FOR A SECOND, I FORGOT
7 TO ASK THE QUESTION ABOUT THE SCS FUNDING UNDER BEEN PIECE IS
8 IT POSSIBLE TO ASK THAT QUESTION? IF I MAY?

9

10 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** YES.

11

12 **CARLOS ROMERO:** IT'S NOTED IN THE REPORT THAT THE PROPOSAL IS
13 TO SPLIT THE MONEY BETWEEN THE NEW HOUSING DEPARTMENT, OR
14 WHATEVER WE'RE CALLING THE NEW DEPARTMENT, AND WITH THEN HAVE
15 30% OF IT GO TO REGIONAL PRIORITIES, I JUST WANTED TO POINT
16 OUT, AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS, IS THAT
17 THAT MONEY IN THE PAST HAS BEEN USED BY MANY COMMUNITY
18 ACTUALLY THAT ARE IN CALENVIROSCREEN WHICH I AGREE WE SHOULD
19 ACTUALLY THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN PERFORM THAT OR AT LEAST LOOK
20 INTO IT -- TO MEET THESE SEVERE LOCAL GAP THAT EXIST WHEN
21 BUILDING DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO IF THIS MEANS THAT
22 THERE IS GOING TO BE A REDUCTION ON THE CAPITAL GRANTS SIDE, I
23 WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE COULD TRY TO MITIGATE THAT?
24 BECAUSE AGAIN IT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN MANY COMMUNITIES IN
25 FILLING -- WE KNOW, THE NECESSARY GAPS THAT WE ENCOUNTER WHEN



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1 BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WANTED
2 TO --

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4 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** I'LL TAKE THAT ONE. YOU KNOW THIS IS A
5 PROPOSAL FROM THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET. THERE IS NOT, TO MY
6 KNOWLEDGE, A HUGE DETAILED INFORMATION OUT ABOUT THAT
7 COMPONENT YET. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S OFFICE
8 DID PUT OUT THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE CAP-AND-TRADE PROPOSAL, AND
9 IT DIDN'T DIG SUPER DEEPLY INTO THIS PIECE YET, SO I'M
10 EXPECTING THAT THE DEEPER ANALYSIS WILL COME WHEN THEY PUT THE
11 HOUSING COMPONENT OF THEIR ANALYSIS OUT. SO, I'LL JUST HAVE TO
12 CAVEAT WITH THERE IS A LOT WE DON'T KNOW. BUT WHAT WE DO KNOW
13 IS THAT THE APPROACH TO THE PROPOSAL IS TO -- WHEN THEY TALKED
14 ABOUT SPLITTING IT IS TO HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT WENT TO
15 HOUSING AND HOUSING RELATED CAPITAL GO INTO THE HOUSING POT.
16 AND THEN THAT 30% IS EQUIVALENT TO THE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM
17 THAT HAS HISTORICALLY GONE TO TRANSIT INVESTMENT.

18

19 **CARLOS ROMERO:** I SEE.

20

21 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** SO, AGAIN, I THINK THE INTENT AS IT'S
22 BEEN CONVEYED TO ME IS TO MAINTAIN THE HOUSING CAPITAL
23 INVESTMENTS AND ALSO TO MAKE IT WORK A LITTLE BIT BETTER WITH
24 THE OTHER HOUSING INVESTMENTS THAT YOU ALL AND LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT PARTNERS ALL ACCESS MORE REGULARLY FROM THE STATE.



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2 **CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. AND THEN IF I MAY, CHAIR, AS IT PER
3 PAINS TO SB 375 AND THE MODERNIZATION OF THAT BILL, WILL THAT
4 -- OR DOES THIS LEGISLATION POTENTIALLY IMPACT THE WAY RHNA'S
5 CALCULATED? OBVIOUSLY THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
6 IMPACTS, I THINK, OUR PLANNED BAY AREA, CORRECT? BUT IS THERE
7 ANY IMPACT ON RHNA CALCULATION BASED ON THIS ITEM? AGAIN, ALL
8 THESE PIECES, AND AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE HEARD THIS, I JUST
9 WANT TO REALLY UNDERSTAND IF ARE THERE ANY LEVERS THAT ARE
10 AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** PLEASE.

13

14 **JULIE SNYDER:** SURE. THROUGH THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT WE'RE NOT
15 CONTEMPLATING ANYTHING THAT WOULD IMPACT, WOULD CHANGE THE
16 RHNA PROCESS ITSELF. THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT TIMING WHEN WE
17 CHANGE TO THE EIGHT YEAR CYCLE, WHETHER IT WOULD BE ON THE
18 SAME CYCLE AS THE RHNA ALLOCATION OR THE KIND OF OPPOSITE FOUR
19 YEARS BUT THAT'S NOT A PROPOSED CHANGE ON THE RHNA SIDE THE
20 CALCULATION OR PROCESS.

21

22 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** ECKLUND?

23

24 **PAT EKLUND:** WHEN ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SEE SOME OF THE
25 SPECIFIC PROPOSED CHANGES FOR SB 375?



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2 **JULIE SNYDER:** GREAT QUESTION WE WILL BE MEETING WITH OUR
3 AUTHOR IN ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF WOULD ANTICIPATE AS SOON AS
4 WE HAVE DIRECTION FROM HIM ON WHICH PIECES HE WANTS TO INCLUDE
5 AND WE ARE DRAFTING THOSE THEN WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO BRING
6 TO YOU.

7

8 **PAT EKLUND:** GREAT IF IT'S POSSIBLE WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE SOME
9 OF IT IN ADVANCE FAR ENOUGH SO THAT WE SECOND PROPOSE SOME
10 CHANGES BUT THE OTHER QUESTION IS, IS THAT IS THERE GOING TO
11 BE ANY ATTEMPT TO TRY TO ASK FOR SOME MONEY THROUGH SB 375 FOR
12 HELPING CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REDUCE THE AFFORDABILITY OF
13 HOUSING SO THAT WE CAN INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LOW AND VERY LOW
14 AMOUNT OF HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITIES?

15

16 **JULIE SNYDER:** IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I THINK OUR ANTICIPATED
17 USES IF WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE FUNDING FOR THE REAP 3.0, OR
18 THE SCS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM, WOULD BE THAT THOSE SORTS OF
19 ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE. THAT THOSE CAPITAL PROJECTS
20 WOULD BE ON THE LIST.

21

22 **PAT EKLUND:** OKAY. GREAT. LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING SOME MORE
23 DISCUSSIONS ON THAT.

24

25 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PAPAN.



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2 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK I'M ASKING FOR SOME,
3 SORT OF, CONSIDERATION HERE. SO, I BELIEVE IN WHAT WE'RE DOING
4 HERE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS.
5 THE LARGEST LAND OWNER IN ALL OF OUR JURISDICTIONS IS THE SAN
6 FRANCISCO PUC. AND THEY HAVE LAND EVERYWHERE, WHICH THEY
7 DEVELOPED FOR, YOU KNOW, IMPROVING OUR WATER QUALITY AND
8 STUFF, BUT WE CAN'T GET THEM TO COMPLY WITH THEIR OWN POLICY,
9 WHICH IS TRANSPORTATION FIRST. IN OTHER WORDS, THEIR BUILDING
10 DOWNTOWN HAS FOUR PARKING SPACES THAT BIG TALL ONE ON GOLDEN
11 GATE, AND NOW THEY'RE LOOKING TO EXPAND PROBABLY IN MANY OF
12 OUR JURISDICTIONS BUT PUTTING IN EMPLOYEE PARKING NEXT TO OUR
13 TRANSIT CENTERS AND IF WE HAVE A TRANSPORTATION PLAN WHICH I'M
14 TRYING TO TIE IN HERE, WE CAN'T REQUIRE THEM TO, HEY,
15 TRANSPORTATION FIRST. THEY DON'T TAKE THEIR POLICY OUTSIDE OF
16 SAN FRANCISCO. SO, I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE COULD SQUEEZE IN A
17 TWEAK SOMEWHERE [LAUGHTER] BECAUSE, YEAH, WE HAVE TRANSIT
18 CENTERS SO YOU CAN BUILD AN OPERATION, BUT YOU CAN'T BUILD
19 EMPLOYEE PARKING WHEN IT -- WE'RE TRYING TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE
20 GASSES. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WOULD WORK HERE. BUT IT'S A
21 VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO -- YOU GET TO
22 REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASSES IN SAN FRANCISCO, BUT NOWHERE
23 ELSEWHERE YOU OWN LAND? [LAUGHTER] SO, IF SOMEHOW WE COULD
24 HELP EACH OTHER IN THAT REALM, BECAUSE YES WE WANT OUR
25 TRANSPORTATION PLANS WE WANT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BUT WE



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1 HAVE KIND OF ZERO CONTROL OVER -- WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THAT?
2 OPERATIONS -- LIKE THE SAN FRANCISCO PUC. IF YOU COULD HELP US
3 IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, BECAUSE IT JUST MAKES SENSE, YOU DON'T
4 GET TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS IN ONE CITY, YOU SHOULD BE
5 FOCUSED ON REDUCING THEM EVERYWHERE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO OTHER.
8 I'LL JUST THANK BOTH JULIE AND GEORGIA FOR BOTH YOUR WORK AND
9 COLLABORATING TOGETHER ON THE LAST ITEM HERE. SEEING NOTHING
10 ELSE, WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM FOUR WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT. GENERAL
11 PUBLIC COMMENT. DO WE HAVE ANY?

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
14 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM. THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM
15 WISHING TO SPEAK UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND THERE IS ONE
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND, GO AHEAD
17 AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. SO THIS IS A QUICK ASK FOR THE -- TO THE
20 COMMISSION TO ACCELERATE THE POSTING OF THE SENATE BILL 75
21 DRAFT MAP. THE REASON I'M ASKING IS WE HAVE A SITUATION AROUND
22 THE VTA LIGHT RAIL IN SOUTH SAN JOSE, WHICH BACK IN 2011, WAS
23 REZONED FROM HOUSING TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO FACILITATE THE
24 DEVELOPMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FREEWAY WHICH HAD
25 INITIALLY BEEN MARKED FOR A BALLPARK. AND THE UNFORTUNATE



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1 THING IS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE RIGHT NOW IS PLANNING TO
2 PRESERVE THEIR SO-CALLED INDUSTRIAL LAND. AND I'M RESPECTIVELY
3 SUGGESTING THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDER DEDICATING THE ENTIRE
4 VTA32 ACRES TO HOUSING AND NOTHING ELSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU ROLAND. AND ADINA, WERE YOU ABLE
9 TO RECONNECT? IF SO, RAISE YOUR HAND. NOT SEEING ANY MOVEMENT.
10 THERE ARE NO MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK UNDER
11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

12

13 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** WONDERFUL. THANK YOU. WITH THAT OUR FINAL
14 ITEM WHICH IS ADJOURNMENT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC
15 ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY MARCH
16 13TH. WHAT IS IT THIS ABOUT FRIDAY THE 13th THIS YEAR. AT 9:45
17 A.M. AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET SAN
18 FRANCISCO AND OTHER REMOTE LOCATIONS. ANY CHANGES TO THE
19 SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU TO
20 STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR GETTING ME THROUGH AN
21 INAUGURAL MEETING FOR MYSELF. THANKS. [ADJOURNED]