

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023, 9:35 AM**

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. HAPPY
5 WEDNESDAY. MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR ALONG WITH NICK
6 JOSEFOWITZ VICE CHAIR. I'M GOING TO CALL TO ORDER THE
7 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION JOINT MEETING WITH BAY
8 AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY BAHFA FOR MARCH 22ND, 2023. ALL
9 RIGHT. IN-PERSON COMMISSIONERS IF YOU ARE LOGGED INTO ZOOM
10 PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU'RE MUTED AND IF I WOULD LIKE TO
11 PARTICIPATE, RAISE YOUR HAND. COMMISSIONERS IN-PERSON, IF YOU
12 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, JUST MAKE SURE YOU TURN ON YOUR MIC. AT
13 THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO ITEM ONE, ROLL CALL,
14 PLEASE.

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16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** GOOD MORNING. CHAIR PEDROZA?

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18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ? COMMISSIONER
21 JOSEFOWITZ?

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HE'S HERE.

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25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA?



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

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4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AHN?

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6 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CANEPA?

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10 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT.

13 FLEMING IS ABSENT. GIACOPINI? IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** EN ROUTE.

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17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** EN ROUTE. THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER MAHAN?

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19 **MATT MAHAN:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MILEY IS ABSENT. NOACK?

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23 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBITT?



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2 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RONEN? IS ABSENT. SPERING?

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6 **JAMES P. SPERING:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER --

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10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** KIMBERLY, I CAN TELL THERE WERE MORE
11 CARS ON THE ROAD THIS MORNING SOME COMMISSIONERS MIGHT BE
12 RUNNING LATE. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONERS HERE IN-PERSON.
13 IT'S DIFFICULT TO COME IN-PERSON AND WE ALL HAVE MANY
14 RESPONSIBILITIES BACK HOME, I APPRECIATE YOU ALL TAKING THE
15 TIME. THANK YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO ATTEND IN-PERSON. AND
16 THAT EXTENDS TO STAFF, COMING IN-PERSON PART OF WHAT MAKES
17 THIS WORK SO WELL IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMISSIONERS
18 AND STAFF. THANK YOU ALL FOR DOING THAT. HOPEFULLY YOU ARE
19 USING PUBLIC TRANSIT TOO. SO WE CAN LED BY EXAMPLE. AT THIS
20 POINT WE HAVE NEW COMMISSIONERS. I FEEL LIKE I SAID THIS
21 BEFORE BUT WANT TO SAY IT AGAIN, COMMISSIONER NOACK FILLING
22 THE VACANCY OF AMY WORTH REPRESENTING CITIES OF CONTRA COSTA.
23 COMMISSIONER WELCOME ABOARD. AND COMMISSIONER MOULTON PETERS
24 MIGHT BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC IS FILLING THE VOID LEFT BY
25 COMMISSIONER CONNOLY.



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2 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SHE ABSENT TODAY.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** AT THIS POINT. WE HAVE QUORUM. IF
5 COMMISSIONER SPERING CAN LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
6 PLEASE? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
7 FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR
8 WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH
9 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SPERING. MOVING
12 TO ITEM THREE, COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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14 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I AM MAKING
15 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
16 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
17 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A
18 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH
19 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** COMMISSIONERS WE HAVE ONE ITEM ON
22 CONSENT. IF THERE IS NO DISCUSSION. LET ME SEE IF THERE IS ANY
23 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I
2 SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED AT THIS
3 TIME.

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5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. LOOKING FOR A MOTION AND
6 SECOND.

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8 **JAMES P. SPERING:** MOTION.

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10 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** SECOND.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** MOTION AND SECOND. I DON'T HAVE TO DO
13 ROLL CALL VOTE CORRECT?

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15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CORRECT.

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17 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL THOSE IN FAVOR. ALL IN FAVOR
18 PLEASE NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES.

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20 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** GOING TO TAKE A BIT TO GET WHEELS BACK
23 IN MOTION. NEXT ITEM TO APPROVE HOUSING PRESERVATION PRIORITY
24 SITE PILOT IN A SUBSIDY GRANT OF \$43 MILLION FOR REAP 2.0
25 PROCEEDING TO DELEGATION TO AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE



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1 DIRECTOR DESIGNEE ACKNOWLEDGES THE HOUSING PRESERVATION PILOT
2 IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA GUIDELINE 15061 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO
3 THE PRIORITY SITES PROGRAM PILOT \$5 MILLION HOUSING
4 ACCELERATOR FOR 5 MILLION REQUESTED BY THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT
5 COMMITTEE. STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
6 SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
9 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
10 ON THIS ITEM.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT COMMISSIONERS IF THERE IS NO
13 DISCUSSION I'LL LOOK FOR A MOTION.

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15 **DAVID RABBIT:** MOTION TO APPROVE.

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17 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SECOND.

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19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE NOTE BY AYE.

20 OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES. NEXT ITEM SIX PUBLIC

21 COMMENT I'LL ASK IF THE CLERK HAS RECEIVED ANYTHING IN PUBLIC

22 COMMENT?

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PROCEEDING TO ITEM SEVEN THE
6 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION JOINT MEETING WITH BAY
7 AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY BAHFA IS ADJOURNED WE'LL
8 CONTINUE WITH THE BALANCE MTC AGENDA. COMMISSIONERS, NEXT ITEM
9 COMMISSIONERS BEAR WITH ME IT'S BEEN A BUSY MONTH I WANT TO
10 START ON REFLECTING, ADDRESSING THE FISCAL CLIFF UNDERSCORING
11 WHO WE'RE SERVING IN TODAY'S MOMENT OUR TRANSIT DEPENDENT
12 RIDERS AND WHAT THAT MEANS ALL TRANSIT SYSTEMS STATE
13 LEGISLATORS ARE TAKING THIS ALL TO ACTION SERIOUSLY I WANT TO
14 BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION TWO LETTERS WE RECEIVED BY SENATOR'S
15 CORTESE AND WIENER ATTACHED TO MY REPORT TODAY. BOTH
16 ADDRESSING THE FISCAL CLIFF STRATEGIES MAY HAVE COMMONALITIES
17 AND DIFFERENCES WHICH IS OKAY. I WANT TO ENSURE THE COMMISSION
18 WE CAN ACT NIMBLY AND BE A RESOURCE FOR OUR BAY AREA
19 DELEGATION. I'M ASKING VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ TO LEAD AN AD-HOC
20 AROUND THE FISCAL CLIFF, LIMITED TIME DURATION AND FOCUSED ON
21 THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DELIBERATION I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN VICE
22 CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ AND BELIEVE IT'S SOMETHING HE'S GOING TO DO A
23 FINE JOB ON MAKING SURE HE HAS A COMMONWEALTH THAT HE
24 DESIGNATED THAT CAN WORK WITH HIM AND STAFF TO STEP UP TO MEET
25 THE MOMENT TO WORK WITH LEGISLATORS AND OPERATORS TO STRIKE



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1 THE BALANCE AND UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY WE'RE FACING TODAY.
2 VICE CHAIR AND I DID TALK HE'S WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS
3 OPPORTUNITY AND I'LL SEE IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO SAY.

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5 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR PEDROZA.
6 THIS IS OBVIOUSLY PUTTING OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES ON A PATH TO
7 FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN BE
8 DOING AS A REGION. THERE ARE OVER A MILLION PEOPLE GETTING ON
9 TRANSIT EVERY DAY IN THIS REGION. THEY RELY ON IT MANY HAVE
10 ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER OPTIONS TO GET TO SCHOOL, TO GET TO THE
11 DOCTOR, TO GET TO WORK AND WE'RE FACING THIS EXISTENTIAL
12 CRISIS WE HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING THIS FOUR YEARS WITH THE
13 REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT WORK WORKING AROUND MAKING SURE
14 FEDERAL FUNDING IS SECURED AND DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY.
15 UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE A LOT MORE WORK AHEAD OF US. I AM
16 EXCITED TO BE WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. AND TO BE LEADING THIS
17 AD-HOC TO CHART A PATH TO PUT OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES ON A PATH
18 TOWARDS FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR FOR
19 THE CONFIDENCE OF DOING THAT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
20 WITH ALL OF YOU.

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22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO UNDERSCORE HOW
23 YOU HUMANIZE WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH AND APPRECIATE YOUR
24 PERSPECTIVE BRINGING THIS MOMENT AND LOOKING FORWARD. AND --
25 [INDISCERNIBLE] FOLLOWING UP ON THAT I WANT TO SHARE THAT I



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1 HOPE MANY OF YOU CAN JOIN US IN THE WONDERFUL NAPA VALLEY
2 APRIL 26TH FOR HOSTING A WORKSHOP RETREAT FOCUSED ON
3 PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION. THIS IS SOMETHING I ASKED
4 STAFF TO DO GIVEN THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT THE EXECUTIVE
5 TEAM BUT ALSO THE REALIZATION THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF
6 COMMISSIONERS. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS AT
7 THIS MOMENT THIS IS ABOUT SITTING DOWN UNDERSTANDING OUR
8 PRIORITIES, WHAT'S AHEAD OF US AND REALLY DOING THE WORK THAT
9 WE NEED TO DO NOT THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE IT BUT I THINK WE HAVE
10 AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY
11 OF LIFE OF PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA BUT THAT MEANS HARD
12 DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AS A
13 COMMISSION HAVE CONSCIENTIOUS TALK ABOUT WHAT PRIORITIES ARE
14 SO WE CAN PROVIDE DIRECTION TO OUR STAFF OF WHAT DELIVERABLES
15 ARE NOT JUST IN THE LONG-TERM BUT WHAT WE EXPECT TO DO IN THE
16 IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS WELL. I HOPE YOU ALL CAN JOIN US. IT'S
17 GOING TO BE A VERY INSIGHTFUL WORKSHOP WHERE WE CAN ALL
18 PARTICIPATE. SO, AGAIN, YOU WILL BE GETTING INFORMATION FROM
19 KIMBERLY IN TERMS OF THE DETAILS. THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR
20 HELPING ORGANIZE THIS. MOVING TO ITEM 8A CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.
21 I APPRECIATE YOU SUBMITTING YOUR PREFERENCES ON COMMITTEES
22 THAT YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF. IT WAS NO EASY FEAT TRYING TO
23 COORDINATED THOSE VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ AND I WORKED ON THOSE
24 TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY AS WE COULD ACKNOWLEDGING
25 CHANGES WE HAD ON THE COMMISSION. ON YOUR DESK YOU SEE THE



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1 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. LET ME HIGHLIGHT THE CHAIRS OF EACH
2 COMMITTEE AND THANK ALL MEMBERS FOR STEPPING UP. AND I KNOW
3 WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE. IT'S NOT JUST YOUR
4 NAME NEXT TO A TITLE IT'S WORKING IN THE LEADERSHIP. STARTING
5 WITH THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIRED
6 BY COMMISSIONER FEDERAL GLOVER, VICE CHAIR ABE-KOGA;
7 ADMINISTRATION CHAIRED BY GINA PAPAN, VICE CHAIR, VICTORIA
8 FLEMING; PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS, CHAIRED BY CINDY CHAVEZ
9 AND VICE CHAIR NATE MILEY; BAHFA OVERSIGHT AND HOUSING,
10 CHAIRED BY MYSELF AND VICE CHAIR NICK JOSEFOWITZ; PLANNING, WE
11 HAVE JIM SPERING, CHAIR, EDDIE AHN, VICE CHAIR; JOINT MTC AND
12 ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY COMMISSIONER CANEPA,
13 VICE CHAIRED BY MAYOR ARREGUIN. OPERATIONS, WHICH THE NEW
14 TWIST IS GOING TO BE IN JULY THIS TRANSFORMS INTO THE REGIONAL
15 NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU TO
16 COMMISSIONER RABBITT FOR STEPPING UP TO LEAD THIS NEW
17 COMMITTEE, AND, ALSO, VICE CHAIR COMMISSIONER NOACK; THANK YOU
18 FOR JOINING; BAHFA NETWORK AND OPERATIONS, WE HAVE CHAIR
19 COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI, VICE CHAIRED BY MOULTON-PETERS. I
20 WILL ALSO SAY, COMMISSIONERS, WE'RE TRYING -- THE FACT THAT
21 WE'RE ENCOURAGING AND ASKING THAT WE COME IN-PERSON, YOU ALSO
22 HAVE OUR COMMITMENT TO CONSOLIDATE MEETINGS TO WEDNESDAYS AND
23 FRIDAYS. I KNOW WE HAD SOME MEETINGS ON THURSDAYS AND THAT
24 MADE IT PROBLEMATIC FOR SCHEDULES. WE'RE GOING TO STREAMLINE
25 SO IT'S MORE PREDICTABLE, MTC IS ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.



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1 WE'RE GOING TO DO AGENDA MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE WE'RE USING OUR
2 TIME AS EFFICIENT AS WE CAN. YOU HAVE OUR COMMITMENT TO BE TRY
3 TO BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE'S TIME. THAT'S THE COMMITTEE
4 REPORT. I HAVE COVERED A LOT AT THIS POINT. I WILL SEE IF
5 THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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7 **JAMES P. SPERING:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AND STAFF, WHAT IS THE TIMING
8 ON THE BUDGET, THE SENATE BUDGET? YOU KNOW, WE GOT THIS AD-HOC
9 COMMITTEE AND A LOT OF US WANT TO WEIGH IN ON THE SHIFT OF A
10 NEW CAPITAL MONEY AND WE HAVE THIS AD-HOC COMMITTEE; WHAT'S
11 THE TIME? THROUGH THE CHAIR?

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

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15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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17 **REBECCA LONG:** REBECCA LONG, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC
18 AFFAIRS. SO, THE LEGISLATURE IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT A BUDGET BY
19 JUNE 15TH, AND IN A RECENT HEARING ASSEMBLYMEMBER TING CHAIR
20 OF THE ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE DID INDICATE THAT HE WOULD
21 LIKE TO SEE TRANSIT ADDRESSED IN THE JUNE BUDGET AND THE
22 GOVERNOR HAS POSTPONED THE DATE BY WHICH FOLKS ARE REQUIRED TO
23 SUBMIT THEIR TAXES SO THERE IS ANTICIPATED TO BE KIND OF A
24 MORE REAL BUDGET ADOPTED IN THE FALL. HOWEVER, THE APPROACH
25 THAT WE'RE TAKING, LARGELY, AS IT RELATES TO THE TRANSIT



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1 FISCAL CLIFF DOES NOT DEAL WITH THE GENERAL FUND SO MUCH IT'S
2 LOOKING AT OTHER FUNDS. WE THINK THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY
3 THAT TRANSIT CAN BE ADDRESSED IN THE INITIAL BUDGET THEY'RE
4 REQUIRED TO ADOPT BY JUNE 15TH. SO, THAT'S KIND OF THE
5 CONTEXT.

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7 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THROUGH THE CHAIR? THERE IS GOING TO BE
8 DISCUSSION, LIKE IN SENATOR WIENER'S LETTER, HE TALKS ABOUT
9 [INDISCERNIBLE] AND IN SENATOR CORTEZE'S LETTER, HE'S REALLY
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHIFT. SO, THERE IS GOING TO BE PLENTY OF
11 TIME FOR THIS COMMISSION TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION?

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13 **REBECCA LONG:** YES, THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. I WOULD JUST SAY
14 IT'S COMPRESSED, RIGHT? WE'RE IN LATE MARCH. SO APRIL AND MAY
15 REALLY IS THE TIME TO INFLUENCE THAT EARLY BUDGET, AND,
16 HOPEFULLY, THEY DO REJECT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO
17 TIRCP; THAT DOES AFFECT THE GENERAL FUND. SO, AGAIN, THERE IS
18 AN OPPORTUNITY, CERTAINLY, FOR THE COMMISSION TO INFLUENCE
19 THAT, BUT IT IS A TIGHT TIMELINE BEFORE JUNE.

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21 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AND I JUST WANTED TO RAISE THAT THE AD-HOC
22 COMMITTEE IS GOING TO HAVE TO GET ENGAGED FAIRLY QUICKLY. I
23 WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY --

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25 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.



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2 **JAMES P. SPERING:** -- EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT TIMING.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SPERING FOR
5 PROVIDING THAT PERSPECTIVE. COMMISSIONER CANEPA?

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7 **DAVID CANEPA:** REBECCA, I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. YOU KNOW, JUST
8 TRYING TO TRACK THIS AND FOLLOW THIS. IS THERE CONVERSATION --
9 I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED, AND MAYBE YOU CAN ALLEVIATE THAT
10 AROUND TAKING MONIES THAT ARE PROGRAMMED FOR CAPITAL. IS THAT
11 ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED?

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13 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER CANEPA. ONE OF THE
14 OPTIONS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
15 IS MAKING SURE THE TIRCP AUGMENTATION THAT WAS PROVIDED IN
16 LAST YEAR'S BUDGET OR IT WAS PLANNED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023,
17 2024, AND FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THOSE FUNDS ARE SUPPOSED TO
18 COME TO MTC AND OTHER AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE WHERE WE GET
19 TO DETERMINE HOW TO EXPEND THOSE FUNDS. AND, FOR US, OVER THE
20 TWO-YEAR PERIOD, IT'S 800 MILLION. SO, IN FISCAL YEAR '23/'24,
21 IF THE LEGISLATURE RESTORES THE FUNDING OF TWO BILLION, WE
22 WOULD SEE 400 MILLION. THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY TAKEN
23 ACTION, RIGHT, ON HOW TO PRIORITIZE THOSE FUNDS. AGAIN, WE
24 REFER TO THESE AS THE TIRCP AUGMENTATION. WHAT'S BEING
25 DISCUSSED IS ALLOWING IN TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE THE OPTION FOR



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1 REGIONS TO FLEX THOSE TO TRANSIT OPERATIONS, THAT THAT
2 DECISION WOULD REST WITH THE COMMISSION, NOT WITH THE
3 LEGISLATURE. IN SENATOR CORTESE'S SIGN-ON LETTER THERE WAS A
4 CASE BEING MADE THAT THAT FLEXIBILITY SHOULD NOT EVEN BE ON
5 THE TABLE BECAUSE IT DOESN'T REALLY HELP IN CERTAIN REGIONS.
6 AND, CERTAINLY, I THINK YOU'RE ALL AWARE, BUT IT BEARS STATING
7 THAT THE PRIORITY THAT THE COMMISSION GAVE FOR THOSE FUNDS WAS
8 BART SILICON VALLEY EXTENSION AND BART CORE CAPACITY ALONG
9 WITH BUS ELECTRIFICATION. TO THE LEGISLATURE SUGGESTING WE'RE
10 SOLVING THE PROBLEM BY MAKING THIS FLEXIBLE, IT DOESN'T REALLY
11 HELP IN OUR REGION. SO, WE'RE REALLY MAKING A CASE FOR NEW
12 REVENUE RATHER THAN FLEXIBILITY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSING
13 FLEXIBILITY SINCE THAT DECISION RESTS WITH US. HOPEFULLY THAT
14 HELPS.

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16 **DAVID CANEPA:** I WANT TO SAY THAT'S A GREAT APPROACH. I AM
17 CONCERNED YOU HAVE THESE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE, I JUST
18 DON'T WANT TO -- ME, PERSONALLY, AS A COMMISSIONER, DONT WANT
19 TO JEOPARDIZE THAT. I THINK ONCE YOU -- TALKING AS A CITY
20 COUNCIL OR SUPERVISOR -- ONCE YOU SPEND THAT CAPITAL THERE'S
21 NO WAY TO GET IT BACK AND IT'S HARD TO BRING IT BACK UP. THANK
22 YOU FOR EXPLAINING THAT.

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24 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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3 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. SO, REBECCA, AND I KNOW, THE TIME
4 CRUNCH, WE HAVE EVERYTHING GOING IN ONE DIRECTION HERE AND WE
5 WANT IT TO SUCCEED. WE HAVE -- I THINK WE NEED MORE PUBLIC
6 BUY-IN. SO WE HAD DISCUSSED RESOLUTIONS OR JUST BUY-INS FROM
7 THE 27 AGENCIES HERE. I'M HOPING SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE WE
8 CAN INCORPORATE THAT, SO THESE CONCEPTS ARE BEING AGREED UPON
9 AND PROMOTED THROUGHOUT. JUST ANOTHER ADDITION HERE. BUT WE
10 REALLY NEED TO GET THE PUBLIC ON BOARD BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING
11 TO NEED A LOT MORE MONEY TO KEEP OPERATIONS GOING. SO, I HOPE
12 WE CAN INCLUDE THAT SOMEWHERE. THANK YOU.

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14 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU.

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16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.
17 AND I SHARED WITH VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ, THAT WE HAVE GOT TO
18 HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND I KNOW HOOEY'S READY FOR THAT.
19 BECAUSE THE MOMENT REQUIRES THAT TYPE OF QUICK ACTION. THANK
20 YOU FOR THAT. COMMISSIONERS, ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS ON THE
21 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS THAT WERE PROVIDED IN THE HANDOUT. DON'T
22 SEE ANY. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
2 ITEM BUT WE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM WIENER
3 AND CORTESE.

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5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** MOTION AND SECOND?

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7 **GINA PAPAN:** MOTION.

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9 **DAVID RABBIT:** SECOND.

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11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** MOTION AND SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE
12 NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
13 THANK YOU ALL.

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15 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER GLOVER HAS JOINED THE
16 MEETING HE'S INCLUDE THE IN THE UNANIMOUS.

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18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** UNLESS HE OBJECTS. WELCOME ABOARD
19 COMMISSIONER GLOVER. MOVING TO ITEM NINE POLICY ADVISORY
20 COUNCIL. RANDI KINMAN?

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22 **RANDI KINMAN:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR ASK VICE CHAIR. AND I'M SORRY
23 I CAN'T JOIN YOU IN PERSON THIS MORNING. I'M RANDI KINMAN,
24 CHAIR OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND I JUST, WELCOME THE
25 NEW MEMBERS, AND WANT TO GIVE YOU GUYS A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON



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1 WHO THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL IS AND WHAT WE DO. FOR THOSE
2 OF YOU WHO ARE NEW, WE ARE AN APPOINTED BODY OF 27 MEMBERS
3 REPRESENTING ALL NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES. EACH COUNTY HAS A
4 PERSON REPRESENTING EITHER SENIORS OR PEOPLE WITH
5 DISABILITIES. EACH COUNTY ALSO HAS REPRESENTATION FROM
6 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR OR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND LOW-INCOME
7 COMMUNITIES. THE REMAINING NINE MEMBERS REPRESENT ENVIRONMENT,
8 OR ECONOMIC INTEREST AND FIVE OF THOSE MUST BE FROM THE MOST
9 POPULOUS COUNTIES, ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN
10 MATEO, AND SANTA CLARA. THERE IS ALSO A CROSSOVER COMPONENT,
11 BECAUSE OUR MEMBERS OFTEN LIVE AND WORK IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES
12 AND THEY MAY CHANGE JOBS OR MOVE, AND ALL IN ALL, YOU HAVE AN
13 INCREDIBLE CROSS SECTION OF BAY AREA INTERESTS. THIS COHORT IS
14 THE FIRST TO HAVE A TWO THIRD'S MAJORITY OF PEOPLE BRAND-NEW
15 TO MTC, WHICH IS -- WAS A BIT OF A ROUGH START FOR US IN THE
16 BEGINNING. WE ARE IN YEAR TWO OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM. WE'RE NOT
17 EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION OR TRANSIT. THE SUM OF
18 US WORK AS VOLUNTEERS, SIT ON BOARDS OR HAVE OTHER EXPERTISE
19 IN THE AREA. SOME OF US ARE TAIL TRANSIT RIDERS, SOME LIVE
20 OUTSIDE THE REACH OF TRANSIT, AND WE ALL COME FROM ALL LEVELS
21 AND BACKGROUNDS OF ECONOMIC AND ASSOCIATION. WE ARE A GROUP OF
22 PEOPLE WHO USE OUR SKILLS AND OUR EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE YOU
23 WITH EARLY REVIEW OF POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT AS THEY ARE
24 DEVELOPED OR IMPLEMENTED, AND AS FORMER DIRECTOR MCMILLAN
25 STATED ONCE, WE'RE HERE TO PROVIDE YOU RECOMMENDATIONS AND



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1 INPUT BASED ON OUR LIVED EXPERIENCE, NOT OUR AFFILIATION. YOU
2 WILL RARELY SEE PAPERS FROM US, OR REPORTS, BECAUSE OUR WORK
3 IS PRIMARILY FRONT-END. WE SEE AND PROVIDE INPUT BEFORE YOU
4 SEE THE MATERIAL AND WE CAN SEE HOW OUR INPUT IS PART OF THE
5 FINAL PART OF WHAT COMES TO YOU. IN SOME WAYS WE HAVE IT
6 BETTER THAN YOU DO AS ELECTED OFFICIALS BECAUSE WE DO NOT
7 REPORT TO A TRANSIT AGENCY. WE HAVE NO CONSTITUENTS WHOSE VOTE
8 WE NEED AND OUR JOB IS WORK BEFORE US FROM A REGIONAL
9 PERSPECTIVE. WITH THAT OUR LIVED EXPERIENCE AND DAY-TO-DAY
10 EXPERIENCE IS FRONT AND CENTER AND ALLOWS US TO BE FLEXIBLE WE
11 KNOW WHAT WORKS IN ONE COMMUNITY DOESN'T WORK IN ALL
12 COMMUNITIES I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR
13 AREA OR IF YOU HAVE STAFF TO CONNECT WITH THEM IT HELPS THEM
14 TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CONCERNS ARE. OUR POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL
15 MEETS AS A BODY MONTHLY ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
16 AFTER COMMITTEE MEETINGS. LAST MONTH WAS OUR FIRST IN-PERSON
17 MEETING SINCE COVID AND WE BARELY MADE QUORUM SO WE HAVE WORK
18 TO DO. IN OUR LAST MEETING WE RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON OUR HIGH
19 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMS AND THE NEXGEN FREEWAY
20 INITIATIVE THIS REVIEW ALLOWS US TO PROVIDE STAFF WITH
21 FEEDBACK OUTSIDE OF THE NORM NEXT MONTH WE'LL BE HAVING IN
22 DEPTH DISCUSSION WITH THE LEGISLATIVE TEAM INCLUDING POTENTIAL
23 BROWN ACT ADJUSTMENTS WE HAVE ONE EXISTING STANDING
24 SUBCOMMITTEE BY OUR GOVERNING RESOLUTION EQUITY AND ACCESS
25 SUBCOMMITTEE THIS GROUP TAKES DEEPER DIVES INTO THE POLICY AND



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1 PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES WITH DISABILITIES AND
2 EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES THEY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF
3 AND THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE. GENERALLY THEY MEET EVERY OTHER
4 MONTH AND THEY DID NOT MEET THIS MONTH. WE ALSO HAVE AN
5 ONGOING SUBCOMMITTEE AS NEEDED. WE DEVELOPED A FARE
6 INTEGRATION SUBCOMMITTEE SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO ADDRESS THE
7 DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED FARES ACROSS AGENCIES AND CREATE A
8 STREAMLINED USER EXPERIENCE WHILE AS A SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
9 HALF OF THE MEMBERS FROM THIS COMMITTEE ARE FROM OUTSIDE OUR
10 COUNCIL ALLOWING US TO BRING A WIDER GROUP OF INTERESTED
11 PARTIES. THE COMMITTEE HAS BECOME A CLEARING HOUSE FOR ACTIONS
12 RELATED TO THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN. NOW THE T-
13 TAP GROUP. THIS MONTH THEY HAD AN EXTENSIVE BRIEFING ON THE
14 BAY PASS AND THE PROPOSE TRANSFER DISCOUNT PILOT PROJECT. SOME
15 ITEMS COMING BEFORE BOTH SUBCOMMITTEES ENSURE ALL PIECES,
16 INCLUDES SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING WORK BEING DONE BY STAFF IT'S
17 IMPORTANT FOR SUCCESS THAT PROJECTS INVOLVING GROUPS WITH
18 TECHNICAL ASPECT WHILE ANOTHER GROUP CAN DEDICATE TIME TO
19 COMMUNITY WITH DISABILITIES AND CAN WEIGH IN ON PROJECTS AND
20 IMPACTS FURTHERMORE SOME OF THESE ITEMS COME BEFORE
21 SUBCOMMITTEES AS A WHOLE. EMBEDDED WITH ONGOING STAFF
22 INITIATIVES LIKE THE NEXGEN FREEWAY STUDY BEING RUN BY STAFF
23 MEMBERS. I HOPE TO SEE SOME OF YOU AT OUR MEETINGS FEEL FREE
24 TO DROP IN ON OUR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS, FEEL FREE TO REACH
25 OUT WITH QUESTIONS, I AM GLAD TO SEE THE CONSOLIDATION



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1 COMMISSION MEETINGS COMING UP IN THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT
2 WILL ALLOW US TO CONSOLIDATE OUR MEETINGS TO THE SAME DAY OF
3 THE WEEK AS WE DID PRECOVID THIS WILL ALLOW PEOPLE TO ATTEND
4 MULTIPLE MEETINGS A MONTH WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE MULTIPLE DAYS
5 OFF FROM WORK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THIS ENDS MY
6 REPORT.

7

8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU RANDI AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 SERVICE. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE.
10 PUBLIC COMMENT?

11

12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
13 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
14 ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU AGAIN. PROCEEDING TO ITEM
17 TEN, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT. DIRECTOR FREMIER?

18

19 **ANDREW FREMIER:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR PEDROZA AND MEMBERS OF THE
20 COMMISSION. I WANT TO START WITH SOMETHING THAT'S NOT IN THE
21 REPORT. YESTERDAY WE HAD AN OLD FASHIONED ALL STAFF MEETING IN
22 THE BUILDING WHERE SEVERAL HUNDRED OF STAFF CAME IN AND WE
23 CELEBRATE SIDE SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T DONE IN MANY YEARS IN
24 TERMS OF RECOGNIZING TENURE. I WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FOLKS WHO
25 DECIDED TO STICK AROUND AND MAKE CAREERS AT MTC. THE ONE



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1 CHALLENGE AFTERWARDS SAN FRANCISCO BECAME AN ISLAND MOST
2 TRANSIT ON THE WATER WAS SHUT DOWN THE BRIDGE WAS SHUT DOWN IT
3 WAS REALLY A REMINDER TO ME HOW FRAGILE THE SYSTEM IS AND
4 RENEWED FOCUS ON SAFETY AND PAYING ATTENTION TO KEEPING
5 TRANSIT AND THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OPERATING IS JOB NUMBER
6 ONE. BUT IT WAS A REALLY NICE CELEBRATION TO SEE A LOT OF OUR
7 FOLKS IN-PERSON AND MEET A LOT OF THE NEW STAFF AS WE HAVE
8 BEEN TALKING ABOUT. IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL REPORT, WE HAVE ONE
9 RETIREMENT, MARTI PASCHAL RETIRED SHE WAS OUR EQUITY OFFICER
10 AT THE END OF HER CAREER AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE
11 TRANSITION OF ABAG STAFF TO THE MTC FAMILY. SO, WE'RE SORRY TO
12 SEE HER GO. A FEW NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE LISTED, HELPING US TO
13 DELIVER PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. IN TERMS OF KEY
14 UPDATES, WE DID, SEE GOOD NEWS FROM THE U.S. TRANSPORTATION
15 SECRETARY PETE BUTTIGIEG WHICH UNVEILED \$800 MILLION OF GRANTS
16 ACROSS THE U.S., AND THE BAY AREA EARNED \$64 MILLION IN THAT
17 SPACE. IT'S IMPORTANT, IT'S SEVERAL BIG PROJECTS FROM AROUND
18 THE REGION, BUT IT HIGHLIGHTS THE WORK IN THE REGION ON OUR
19 VISION ZERO PROGRAM. [INDISCERNIBLE] PROJECTS COMPETITIVE.
20 AGAIN, FOCUSING ON TRAFFIC AND GETTING HOME SAFELY IS THE GOAL
21 OF THAT PROGRAM. MARCH 3RD, SAN MATEO LANES OPENED UP. A
22 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN US AND SAN MATEO COUNTY FOLKS WHERE THE
23 LANES ARE OPERATED BY US BUT MANAGED BY SAN MATEO.
24 COMMISSIONER PAPAN AND CANEPA WILL BE AT THE OPENING ON APRIL
25 15TH. SO, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THAT. I WOULD LIKE



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1 TO REMIND FOLKS, THAT WAS A PROJECT MADE POSSIBLE BY \$95
2 MILLION OF BAY AREA TOLL MONEY, WHICH FINISHED OUT THE FUNDING
3 ON THAT PROJECT, SO, WE'RE PROUD OF THAT PARTNERSHIP. I ALSO
4 WANT TO MENTION THAT I WAS WITH COMMISSIONER PAPAN AND THERESA
5 ROMMEL OF OUR STAFF AT THE CALTRAIN HEADQUARTERS IN SAN CARLOS
6 MARCH ON 15TH TO CELEBRATE THE CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION
7 PROJECT FUNDING SUCCESS. IT WAS REALLY NICE TO SEE CONGRESSMAN
8 KEVIN MULLIN AND ANNA ESU, AND FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE
9 SPIER WAS THERE. IT WAS A GOOD GATHERING OF PEOPLE CELEBRATING
10 NEXT STEPS. REMINDER WE HAVE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 NORMAN
11 MINETA BAY AREA SUMMER ACADEMY, SO, WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR
12 HELP IN SOLICITING CANDIDATES. IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT PROGRAM
13 IN TERMS OF REALLY HITTING YOUTH AT RISK AND TRYING TO SHARE
14 THE BENEFITS OF WORKING IN OUR INDUSTRY. WE HAVE A DC TRIP
15 COMING UP END OF MARCH. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. AND I
16 WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE WITH THE SAD NEWS I SENT AROUND TO A FEW
17 OF YOU. WE LOST ONE OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, JAY STODGE A LONG
18 TIME COLLEAGUE. HE PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND. JOINED MTC IN
19 2007, WAS A CRITICAL PLAYER IN OUR APPROACH TO WAYFINDING. I
20 KNOW JAY PERSONALLY. HE WAS A FUN, WITTY AND DEDICATED SOUL AN
21 INCREDIBLY COMPASSIONATE PERSON. WE'RE SORRY TO HAVE LOST HIM
22 AND WISH THE BEST WISHES TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY. THAT'S MY
23 REPORT
24



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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. WE'RE
2 GOING TO BE ADJOURNING IN HIS HONOR, AS WELL. AND COMMISSIONER
3 PAPAN WILL BE JOINING COMMISSIONER CANEPA [INDISCERNIBLE] TO
4 REPRESENT MTC AT THAT FUNCTION. AND TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
5 THANK YOU FOR DOING THE ALL STAFF. BRINGING THE TEAM TOGETHER,
6 ANDY, THAT'S REALLY APPROPRIATE. BUT IT ALSO REMINDED ME OF
7 SOMETHING YOU SAID WHILE WE'RE GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS, A
8 STRATEGIC PLAN INTERNALLY, MAKING SURE OUR TEAM AND YOUR TEAM
9 IS ORGANIZED WELL TO DELIVER ON THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE AS A
10 COMMISSION. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP ON
11 THAT WHERE YOU LOOK AT THE ORGANIZATION, ANY CHANGES THAT WE
12 NEED TO MAKE, THAT YOU PRESENT THOSE TO THE COMMISSION AT THE
13 RIGHT TIME.

14

15 **ANDREW FREMIER:** COMMISSIONER, MAYBE I SHOULD MENTION THAT. I
16 HAVE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM TO DO THAT LED BY ALIX BOCKELMAN AND
17 STAFF THROUGHOUT THE REGION IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO
18 TALK ABOUT IT ON THE WORKSHOP IT'S DESIGNED TO SET US UP
19 PROPERLY FOR THE FUTURE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT WORK.

20

21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I WANT IT TO BE DESIGNED TO GET THINGS
22 DONE. THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR? COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

24



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1 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** NOT A QUESTION. JUST COMPLAINT. I WANT TO
2 THANK YOU FOR SENDING US THE E-MAIL ABOUT THE YOUTH
3 OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER. DID I NOTICE IT THIS MORNING WHEN I
4 WAS ON BART. SO I FORWARDED IT ALONG TO A FEW FOLKS SO THEY
5 CAN GET THE WORD OUT. THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT ANDY.

6

7 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

8

9 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** I WAS ON THE AC TRANSIT BUS LAST NIGHT WHICH
10 WAS STUCK AND AS SOON AS WE PULLED OUT OF THE TRANSBAY CENTER
11 WE HIT THE TRAFFIC THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE OVERTURNED BIG RIG.
12 AND I SPENT AN HOUR AND A HALF THINKING THAT AC TRANSIT SHOULD
13 HAVE LET US KNOW, OR THE TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER SHOULD HAVE
14 LET US KNOW BEFORE I GOT ON THE BUS THAT I WOULD BE STUCK FOR
15 AN HOUR AND A HALF BEHIND I BIG RIG ON THE BAY BRIDGE AND I
16 THINK EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND ME ON THE BUSES SURROUNDING ME
17 FELT SIMILARLY. I'M HOPING WE CAN THINK ABOUT HOW WE DO THAT
18 GIVEN THAT 50% OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS CAUSED BY INCIDENCE,
19 THE BAY BRIDGE, THAT'S LIKE A PRIME EXAMPLE IT HAS THE MOST
20 INCIDENTS OF ANY HIGHWAY SEGMENT IN THE REGION. A LOT OF THOSE
21 RIDERS ON THE BUS HAD TO MOVE BECAUSE THE FORE WAS CANCELED,
22 SUPPOSEDLY AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WHEN IT'S WINDY IT CAN'T
23 PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND I DON'T THINK ANY OF
24 THOSE PEOPLE ARE TAKING THE BUS AGAIN WE HAVE OUR CLASSIC MELT



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1 DOWN STORIES EXPERIENCED AS MANY OTHERS AND I HOPE WE CAN
2 LEARN FROM THOSE AND DO A BETTER JOHN NEXT TIME.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** WE ALWAYS HAVE MORE TIME TO LEARN THAT
5 MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY THERE IS MORE CARS ON THE ROAD THIS MORNING.
6 THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT.

7

8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER -- HAS JOINED US.

9

10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY COMMENT ON
11 OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT?

12

13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING BUT I
14 HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, ALETA
15 DUPREE, YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR ALFREDO PEDROZA, AND
18 MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER. VERY GOOD
19 REPORT. VERY MEANINGFUL. I READ IT OVER. VERY ENCOURAGED BY
20 THE CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION. I FEEL A NEED TO SPEAK. I'M VERY
21 APPRECIATIVE OF DIRECTOR JOSEFOWITZ BRINGING UP THE MATTER OF
22 THE BAY BRIDGE. I SAW THE NEWS OF THAT LAST NIGHT, AND I HAVE
23 SEEN A NUMBER OF HIGH PROFILE INCIDENTS OF THE BAY BRIDGE
24 BEING CLOSED TO VARIOUS TYPES OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS. SOMETIMES
25 SOME THAT LAST FOR EVEN LONGER. AND HOW CAN WE GET BETTER



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1 INFORMATION OUT ON ANY SYSTEM, WHETHER IT BE THE BAY BRIDGE,
2 OR WHETHER IT BE BART HAVING A PROBLEM, AND BEING ABLE TO
3 KNOW, BEFORE, IF SOMETHING IS HAPPENING, TO KNOW BEFORE YOU
4 GET ON THAT VEHICLE, AND THERE NEEDS TO BE METHODS TO ALERT
5 THE PUBLIC TO THAT, NOT REQUIRING ONE TO BE IN POSSESSION OF
6 ELECTRIC DEVICE, BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY HAS CELL PHONES, SMART
7 PHONES, AND EVEN IF THEY DO, THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE SET UP FOR
8 THOSE VARIOUS KINDS OF NOTIFICATIONS. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE
9 THAT BEING BROUGHT UP. I DON'T WANT TO EVER BEING AFRAID TO GO
10 ON THE BAY BRIDGE. BUT I KNOW GETTING STUCK ON THE BAY BRIDGE
11 CAN BE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE AND FOR PEOPLE WITH HEALTH ISSUES IT
12 CAN BE PROBLEMATIC. SO LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AS A
13 COMMISSION TO ADVANCE THE INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I SEE NO FURTHER HAND RAISED MR. CHAIR.

17

18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY THAT CONCLUDES OUR
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. MOVING TO ITEM 11, COMMISSIONER
20 COMMENTS. I DON'T SEE ANY. PROCEEDING TO ITEM 12, OUR CONSENT
21 CALENDAR. COMMISSIONERS THIS INCLUDES ITEMS 12A THROUGH 12H,
22 DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR,
23 KIMBERLY?

24



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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER
6 QUESTIONS, COMMISSIONERS I'LL LOOK FOR A MOTION ON THE CONSENT
7 CALENDAR. FIRST BY SPERING.

8

9 **EDDIE AHN:** AHN SECONDS.

10

11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECOND BY AHN. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE
12 NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
13 PROCEEDING TO COMMITTEE REPORTS. 13 A FIRST UP IS COMMISSIONER
14 GLOVER. LAST REPORT AS CHAIR OF ADMIN.

15

16 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** THANK YOU. THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MET
17 ON MARCH 8TH, AND REFERS THE FOLLOWING TO THE COMMITTEE FOR
18 APPROVAL. THAT WOULD BE MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4565 ROUND OF
19 FUNDING FOR MTC TO BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR
20 REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT, HOUSING, PRESERVATION
21 AND PRIORITY SITES PROGRAMS AND AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE
22 DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT.
23 I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 4565.

24

25 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER GLOVER.



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2 **SPEAKER:** SECOND, COMMISSIONER NOACK.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

5

6 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
7 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
8 ON THIS ITEM.

9

10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PERFECT. FIRST BY GLOVER. SECOND BY
11 NOACK, AND WE HAD A PRETTY GOOD CONVERSATION AT THE COMMITTEE
12 AROUND OPERATE SITES AS WELL. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, ALL IN
13 FAVOR PLEASE NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES
14 UNANIMOUSLY. UP NEXT ITEM 14, PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS.
15 COMMISSIONER RABBITT?

16

17 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** I NEED TO RECUSE MYSELF FROM ITEM 14.

18

19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** OKAY. VICE CHAIR WILL STEP OUT. DON'T
20 GO TOO FAR. COMMISSIONER RABBITT, TAKE IT AWAY.

21

22 **DAVID RABBIT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE PROGRAMMING AND
23 ALLOCATIONS MET REMOTELY ON MARCH 8TH, 2023 AND REFERS THE
24 FOLLOWING TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. MTC RESOLUTION
25 NUMBERS 3989 REVISED, 4202 REVISED AND 4505 REVISED. THIS



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1 APPROVES VARIOUS REVISIONS OF OBAG 2 AND 3, AND THE MTC
2 EXCHANGE PROGRAM, INCLUDING INCREASING OBAG THREE PROGRAMMING
3 CAPACITY BY \$9 MILLION TO REFLECT A HIGHER FUNDING AMOUNT
4 UNDER THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACT AND
5 PROGRAMMING PROJECTS ON THE OBAG THREE COUNTY AND LOCAL
6 PROGRAM CONTINGENCY LIST. PROGRAMMING 15.3 MILLION TO VARIOUS
7 PROJECTS WITHIN THE TRANSIT PERFORMANCE INITIATIVES PROGRAM
8 AND CHANGING THE FUND SOURCE OF 15.9 MILLION FOR MTC'S BAY
9 WHEELS BIKESHARE E-BIKE EXPANSION PROJECT. DO I MOVE APPROVAL
10 OF MTC RESOLUTIONS NUMBER 3989 REVISED, 4202 REVISED, AND 4505
11 REVISED. AND THROUGH THE CHAIR, I KNOW OUR VICE CHAIR DOES
12 HAVE A COMMENT.

13

14 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** GO AHEAD COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

15

16 **GINA PAPAN:** I WILL SECOND. AND I APOLOGIZE IF I MISSED THIS,
17 WE HAD A DISCUSSION NOTING THAT FUTURE FUNDING WOULD BE
18 EXPANDING TO THE OTHER REGIONS AND JURISDICTIONS AND THAT
19 DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT INTO THE REPORT. AND I DO THINK WE NEED
20 TO MAKE RECORDS, PUBLIC RECORDS, MOVING FORWARD THAT ARE
21 REFLECTED IN THIS. SO, FOR NOW, OKAY. BUT, IN THE FUTURE, I DO
22 HOPE WHEN WE CLEARLY ESTABLISH SOMETHING LIKE THAT IT MAKES IT
23 INTO THE REPORT THAT GETS BEFORE THIS BOARD. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER PAPAN AND ITS
2 ODD RECORD NOW. MOTION BY RABBITT SECOND BY PAPAN ANY
3 COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING BUT
6 WE HAVE ONE HAND RAISED, ALETA DUPREE, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR PEDROZA, ALETA DUPREE FOR THE
9 RECORD, SHE AND HER. THIS IS VERY GOOD. WE HAVE A GOOD AND
10 RESPECTFUL ROBUST DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS IN COMMITTEE. AND I'M
11 VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT. BAY WHEELS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
12 PROGRAM TO ME. I HAVE USED IT AND DO PLAN TO USE IT AGAIN AND
13 WE'RE ADJUSTING TO COMING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC, AND AS I USE
14 MORE PROGRAMS AND SPEND MORE TIME IN THE BAY AREA, I WISH I
15 COULD BE WITH YOU TODAY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY NOT. HOPEFULLY NEXT
16 TIME. BUT BAY WHEELS IS A PROGRAM THAT HELPS ME, ESPECIALLY
17 I'M A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES, AND CONVENTIONAL BIKESHARE
18 BIKES CAN BE PRETTY HARD TO PEDAL. THEY'RE HEAVY FOR A REASON,
19 BECAUSE OF THE -- THEY'RE SHARED, AND THEY TAKE A LOT OF ABUSE
20 OUT IN THE WORLD, THERE IS A REASON FOR THAT. BUT THE ELECTRIC
21 BIKE HAS ALLOWED ME TO BE ABLE TO USE THE BICYCLE IN ITS
22 INTENDED WAY OF ME BEING ABLE TO NAVIGATE THE BAY AREA, AND IT
23 GOES VERY WELL WITH NEW BIKE LANES THAT ARE BEING OPENED, AND
24 THERE IS JUST SOMETHING I LIKE ABOUT BEING ON A TWO WHEELED
25 VEHICLE WITH LARGER WHEELS THAT I CAN SIT DOWN ON. AND HAVING



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1 THE BENEFIT OF ELECTRIFICATION, AND IT'S ONE OF MANY THINGS I
2 USE THAT ARE POWERED ELECTRICALLY ALONG WITH THE BUSES AND
3 TRAINS AND THE SCOOTERS AND ELECTRIC CARS. SO, THERE IS EQUITY
4 IN THIS. THERE'S A SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM. THERE WORK FOR LOW-
5 INCOME PEOPLE. I HOPE TO SEE YOU WORK THIS PROGRAM IT WORKS
6 FOR ME AND FOR MANY.

7

8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** I SEE NO ADDITIONAL RAISED HANDS MR.
9 CHAIR.

10

11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** MOVED BY RABBITT SECOND BY PAPAN.
12 SEEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE NOTE BY AYE.
13 OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? -- SORRY.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO SAY I APPRECIATE THIS INVESTMENT. THESE
16 BIKES ARE POPULAR IN SAN JOSE AND IN ADDITION TO THEM BEING
17 HIGH QUALITY AND ELECTRIC, I THINK THE FACT THEY'RE DOCKLESS
18 GIVEN HOW THEY'RE SPREAD OUT IN SAN JOSE I'M SURE THIS IS TRUE
19 IN MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES THE CONVENIENCE FOR RIDERS REALLY
20 WANT TO SAY THANKS WE APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT.

21

22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS. ALL IN
23 FAVOR PLEASE NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES
24 UNANIMOUSLY.

25



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1 **KATHLEEN KANE:** SORRY. THROUGH THE CHAIR, INNOVATING RECUSAL OF
2 VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** CORRECT. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR
5 THAT. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO ITEM 15, A JOINT MTC PLANNING
6 AND ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER SPERING, TAKE
7 IT AWAY.

8

9 **JAMES P. SPERING:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO PASS THIS ON TO
10 MY VERY CAPABLE AND RELIABLE VICE CHAIR OF THE MEETING FOR ME.
11 AND I HEARD EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTH. SO GOOD JOB EDDIE.

12

13 **EDDIE AHN:** MORE OR LESS. THANK YOU CHAIR SPERING. THE JOINT
14 MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
15 MET MARCH 10TH, 2023 AND REFERRED TWO ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION
16 FOR APPROVAL ONE OF WHICH WAS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. TODAY
17 WE HAVE BEFORE YOU AGENDA ITEM 15A MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4567
18 PRIORITY SITES NOMINATION CRITERIA WHICH ESTABLISHED A
19 PRIORITY SITES PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED CRITERIA LEADING TO
20 SOLICITATION OF LOCAL NOMINATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE PRIORITY SITES
21 WE HAD ROBUST DISCUSSION AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL. I MOVE
22 APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION 4567

23

24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER AHN.

25



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1 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI WILL SECOND.

2

3 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECONDED BY DUTRA-VERNACI.

4 COMMISSIONERS ANY QUESTIONS? DON'T SEE ANY. KIMBERLY DO WE

5 HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM?

6

7 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH

8 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED

9 ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT

12 THIS POINT I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION. FIRST BY AHN,

13 SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE NOTE BY AYE.

14 OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. ALL RIGHT WE'RE

15 GOING TO PROCEED TO ITEM 16. THIS IS GIANT MTC ABAG

16 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. BECAUSE WE HAD A VACANCY AS VICE CHAIR

17 OF THE COMMITTEE I'LL GIFT REPORT-OUT. ITEM 16A SENATE BILL

18 225 CABALLERO COMMUNITY ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

19 INVESTMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGY.

20 I MOVE SUPPORT POSITION ON SB225. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER

21 SPERING. COMMISSIONERS, ANY DISCUSSION? DO WE HAVE PUBLIC

22 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAD FIRST BY MYSELF, I
6 BELIEVE A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI. ROLL CALL. ALL
7 IN FAVOR PLEASE NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? UNANIMOUS.
8 ALL RIGHT UP NEXT 16B, ASSEMBLY BILL 350, AGUIAR CURRY,
9 SACRAMENTO AREA REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE. DELAYS UNTIL 2025,
10 SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT NEXT SUSTAINABLE
11 COMMUNITY STRATEGIES UPDATE. I MOVE A SUPPORT POSITION ON A.B.
12 350. COMMISSIONER YOU'RE ON A ROLL. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
13 DUTRA-VERNACI. COMMISSIONERS, IN ADDITION QUESTIONS? DO WE
14 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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21 AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTAINED? MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. ALL RIGHT.
22 AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 17, THIS IS PUBLIC
23 COMMENT. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO LIST
24 ANY ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS



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1 ITEM AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV INTO THE RECORD OR IF YOU'RE
2 PHONING IN PLEASE DIAL STAR NINE.

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8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THIS WAS A SHORTER MEETING
9 THAN NORMAL. BUT I PROMISE YOU NEXT MEETING WILL BE A LITTLE
10 BIT MORE IMPACTFUL. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 18. AS OUR
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAID WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY
12 OF JAY WHO WAS A LONG TIME EMPLOYEE. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SENDING OUT THAT MEMO. THAT REALLY
14 ILLUSTRATED THE IMPACT THAT JAY MADE ON THE ORGANIZATION. WE
15 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE MTC COMMISSION
16 IS GOING TO BE IN-PERSON AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER,
17 WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH. THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU TO
18 COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. [ADJOURNED]

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