

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025, 9:45 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD LIKE

6 TO CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC PLANNING

7 COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEGISLATION

8 COMMITTEE. REMOTE PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USED

9 RAISED HAND OR DIAL STAR NINE. REMOTE ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE

10 TAKEN FOR ACTION ITEMS. ROLL CALL?

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12 **BOARD CLERK:** CANEPA?

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14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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16 **BOARD CLERK:** CARLSON?

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18 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** HERE.

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20 **BOARD CLERK:** AHN?

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22 **CHAIR EDDIE AHN, MTC PC:** HERE ANDERSEN?

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24 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** HERE.

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1 **BOARD CLERK:** BURT?

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3 **PAT BURT:** HERE.

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** CAMPOS IS ABSENT. CORZO? ABSENT. ECKLUND?

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7 **PAT EKLUND:** PRESENT.

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9 **BOARD CLERK:** EZZY ASHCRAFT? ABSENT. GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING?

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11 **DOREEN M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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13 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. JOHN-BAPTISTE IS ABSENT. MAHAN? IS

14 ABSENT. MEMBER MASHBURN?

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16 **MITCH MASHBURN:** HERE.

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18 **BOARD CLERK:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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20 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS ABAG AC:** HERE.

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22 **BOARD CLERK:** ROMERO?

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24 **CARLOS ROMERO:** HERE.

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1 **BOARD CLERK:** WILLIAMS?

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3 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** HERE.

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** WE HAVE QUORUM.

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7 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGENDA ITEM

8 TWO INCLUDES 2A AND 2B DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO

9 APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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11 **SPEAKER:** MOVE.

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13 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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15 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ARE THERE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO

16 WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE. IS THERE

17 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MADAM CHAIR?

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19 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THIS

20 ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO

21 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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23 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH WILL THE CLERK

24 CONDUCT A ROLL CALL VOTE?

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1 **BOARD CLERK:** WILL DO. CHAIR CANEPA?

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3 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** CARLSON?

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7 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** AYE.

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9 **BOARD CLERK:** AHN?

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11 **CHAIR EDDIE AHN, MTC PC:** AYE.

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13 **BOARD CLERK:** ANDERSEN?

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15 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** YES.

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17 **BOARD CLERK:** BURT?

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19 **PAT BURT:** YES.

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21 **BOARD CLERK:** CAMPOS IS ABSENT. CORZO IS ABSENT. ECKLUND?

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23 **PAT EKLUND:** YES.

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25 **BOARD CLERK:** EZZY ASHCRAFT? ABSENT. JOHN-BAPTISTE ABSENT.



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1 MAHAN? ABSENT. MASHBURN? RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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3 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS ABAG AC:** YES.

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** WILLIAMS?

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7 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** AYE.

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

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11 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH AGENDA ITEM 3A
12 FINAL 2026 MTC AND ABAG JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM. THIS IS AN
13 APPROVAL ITEM, GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WILL PROVIDE THE REPORT.
14 GOOD MORNING.

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16 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR CANEPA AND COMMITTEE
17 MEMBERS. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, MTC AND ABAG STAFF. SO, YES,
18 THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM WE'RE REQUESTING COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF
19 THIS TO THE COMMISSION AND TO ABAG. THIS IS YOUR FINAL 2026
20 JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM. I WANT TO ORIENT YOU FOR A SECOND TO
21 THE ITEM. AM I TALKING TOO LOUD? OKAY. I WANT TO ORIENT YOU TO
22 THE ITEM, ATTACHMENT A IS YOUR FINAL PROGRAM IT'S A PRETTY
23 LONG DOCUMENT IT INCORPORATES FEEDBACK THAT WE RECEIVED FROM
24 YOU ALL AT THE LAST MONTH COMMITTEE MEETING IT ALSO
25 INCORPORATES FEEDBACK FROM SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL



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1 OUTREACH THAT OCCURRED ON THE PROGRAM BETWEEN YOUR LAST
2 COMMITTEE MEETING AND TODAY THAT INCLUDES FEEDBACK FROM THE
3 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AS WELL AS FEEDBACK FROM A MYRIAD OF
4 STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY PARTNERS. SO THAT'S WHAT THAT IS.
5 AND THE CLARIFYING REVISIONS ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS AND STRIKE
6 OUT. HIGH-LEVEL, STAFF IS CONTINUING TO PROPOSE THAT MTC AND
7 ABAG COORDINATE WITH OUR BIG FOUR MPO PARTNERS, AND A WHOLE
8 RANGE OF STAKEHOLDERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO COSPONSOR
9 LEGISLATION THIS YEAR TO MODERNIZE THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
10 STRATEGY LAW, SB 375. THAT IS GOING TO BE THE ONE SPONSORED
11 BILL THAT WE'RE PROPOSING THAT MTC AND ABAG LEAD THIS YEAR.
12 YOU ALL PROVIDED FEEDBACK ON THAT, A BIT OF FEEDBACK ON THAT,
13 LAST MONTH, AND PROVIDED SOME DIRECTION THAT WE SHOULD COME
14 BACK TO YOU AND PROVIDE YOU A LOT MORE DETAIL. AND, SO THAT,
15 IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT ACTION ITEM IS GOING TO BE -- SORRY --
16 NEXT INFORMATION ITEM IS GOING TO BE AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT THE
17 PROCESS HAS BEEN THUS FAR AND WHAT THE PROPOSAL IS SO FAR,
18 NEXT STEPS. NEXT, I WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
19 BUDGET, BECAUSE, NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO PRIORITIES OF YOUR
20 ADVOCACY PROGRAM ARE FUNDING AND MORE FUNDING. AND SINCE WE
21 LAST MET, WE GOT SOME, NOT UNEXPECTED, BUT NOT HAPPY NEWS
22 ABOUT THE BUDGET PICTURE. THE INFORMATION -- A LOT OF
23 INFORMATION CAME OUT AROUND BOTH ANTICIPATED CAP-AND-TRADE
24 REVENUES AS WELL AS LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S OFFICE HAS PROVIDED
25 NEW BUDGET PROJECTIONS AND IT'S REALLY WIDELY EXPECTED THAT



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1 THIS IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE MOST -- ONE OF THE MOST
2 CHALLENGING BUDGET YEAR SINCE GOVERNOR NEWSOME BECAME
3 GOVERNOR. PART OF THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE SCALE OF DEFICITS BUT
4 ANOTHER BIG REASON FOR THAT IS WE HAVE SEEN DEFICITS IN PRIOR
5 YEARS AND THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS ALREADY
6 TAPPED INTO SOME OF THE EASIER BUDGET SOLUTIONS, AND, SO,
7 WHAT'S LEFT NOW ARE SOME OF THE MORE CHALLENGING ONES. GIVEN
8 THAT, WE REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING
9 SOME OF THE TOP PRIORITIES ARE, ARE PROTECTING THE STATE
10 COMMITMENTS THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE TO TRANSPORTATION AND
11 HOUSING IN PRIOR YEAR BUDGETS. SO, IT'S REALLY GOING TO BE A
12 PRESERVATION FOCUS THIS YEAR. THAT'S ALSO WHAT I'M REALLY
13 HEARING ACROSS THE BOARD FROM OUR STATEWIDE PARTNERS, THAT
14 WILL BE THEIR TOP FOCUS. EVEN WITHIN THAT, WE REALLY LIKE TO
15 PRESENT YOU WITH AN ADVOCACY PROGRAM THAT IS AMBITIOUS, BUT
16 ACHIEVABLE. AND, SO, ON THE AMBITIOUS SIDE, WE ARE PROPOSING
17 THREE, SORT OF, REACH BUDGET ASKS THIS YEAR. THE FIRST IS
18 AROUND -- THAT YOU SAW LAST TIME, SO, THE FIRST IS AROUND
19 PURSUING FUNDING FROM THE CAP-AND-TRADE REAUTHORIZATIONS
20 PROPOSED SET ASIDE FOR TRANSIT PASS RESOURCES AND THE PROPOSAL
21 THERE IS TO HAVE THE BAY AREA'S SHARE TO BE ABLE TO BE USED TO
22 INCREASE ACCESS FOR BAY PASS, OUR UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS
23 PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS. SO, THAT'S THE FIRST,
24 SORT OF, REACH PROPOSAL. THE SECOND IS AROUND BAY AREA HOUSING
25 FINANCE AUTHORITY AND PARTNERS WITH SOME OF OUR NEWER HOUSING



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1 FINANCE AUTHORITY'S ACROSS THE STATE. SO, BAY AREA, SAN DIEGO,
2 AND LOS ANGELES, TO SEE IF THERE IS ROOM FOR A PLAY TO GET
3 SOME RESOURCES TO COME IN FROM THE STATE BUDGET TO HELP FUND
4 SOME OF THE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT BAHFA IS WORKING ON, AS
5 WELL AS OUR STATE PARTNERS. AND THEN THE THIRD ASK IS REAP 3.0
6 WHICH YOU ALL HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT. SO THOSE ARE THE THREE
7 REACH ELEMENTS THAT WE'RE PROPOSING IN THE BUDGET SPACE. THOSE
8 ARE SOME OF THE MAIN, AGAIN, ITEMS I WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO
9 CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO, AND THEN IF YOU WILL INDULGE ME, I
10 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WALK THROUGH IN ATTACHMENT A, CALL YOUR
11 ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE, SORT OF, BIG CHANGES THAT WE MADE TO
12 THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM YOU SAW LAST TIME. ON ATTACHMENT PAGE 2
13 OF 7, ECKLUND AT THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING HELPED CALL OUR
14 ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO BE MORE CLEAR THAT HOUSING FUNDING,
15 PERIOD, IS REALLY IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM,
16 THE HOUSING FUNDING COMPONENT SHOULD INCLUDE SUPPORTING
17 RESOURCES FOR BOTH THE REGION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS.
18 THAT'S REFLECTED IN NUMBER TWO ON YOUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM.
19 NUMBER THREE WHICH IS ON PAGE 2 OF 7 AT VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS'S
20 DIRECTION WE ADDED REAP 3.0 TO CALL OUT HELP IDENTIFY WHAT
21 HIGH-LEVEL PRIORITY IS. SOME OTHER CHANGES THAT YOU WILL SEE
22 THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM STRIKE OUT ARE RELATED TO REAP 3.0 JUST
23 REALLY HOUSEKEEPING IT SEEMS SINCE WE PULLED IT INTO ITS OWN
24 ITEM WE WANTED TO AGAIN CLEAN IT UP IN OTHER PLACES SO IT IS
25 NOT AN INDICATION OF LACK OF COMMITMENT. THEN THE OTHER MAIN



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1 ITEM I WANT TO CALL OUT FOR YOU IS SEVEN FEDERAL ADVOCACY
2 OBJECTIVES AND GOALS WE WANTED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
3 CONTINUES TO BE A PRIORITY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THE SURFACE
4 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION IS HEATING UP THAT'S GOING TO BE
5 A BIG ITEM THIS YEAR WE DID ADD IN THERE AN ELEMENT AROUND
6 HOUSING FUNDING AND PROTECTING HOUSING FUNDING. IT'S UNUSUAL
7 AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THAT THERE IS A LOSS IN VOUCHER RESOURCES
8 AND HOUSING RESOURCES THAT KEEP PEOPLE IN HOMES. AND JUST
9 GIVEN SOME OF THE DYNAMICS THAT ARE GOING ON, WE HAVE BEEN
10 HEARING OF THREATS OF SOME OF -- A LOSS OF SOME VOUCHERS, SO
11 WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO ADD THAT IN THERE AND INDICATE, AND
12 GET YOUR STRONG DIRECTION AND SUPPORT FOR US ADVOCATING IN
13 THAT SPACE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO STAY
14 IN THEIR HOMES. THOSE ARE ITEMS I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT FOR YOU,
15 AND I WOULD LOVE FEEDBACK. AND I ALSO JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU,
16 THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM.

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18 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
19 COLLEAGUES, DO I HAVE A -- BEFORE WE GET TO PUBLIC COMMENT,
20 AND THEN BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND
21 FOR THE FINAL 2026 MTC AND ABAG JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM TO THE
22 ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL RESPECTIVELY?

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24 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** I HAVE DISCUSSION BEFORE WE GET TO -

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2 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** SURE. NO PROBLEM. WITH THAT BEING
3 SAID, LET ME WITHDRAW THAT. LET ME TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT THEN
4 FROM THERE WE'LL GO TO COMMENTS IN THE BOARDROOM. DO WE HAVE
5 ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?

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7 **BOARD CLERK:** WE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS
8 ITEM AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK. WE
9 HAVE TWO PEOPLE IN ZOOM THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.
10 HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

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12 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ONE MINUTE.

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14 **BOARD CLERK:** OKAY. FIRST SPEAKER ADINA LEVIN FOLLOWED BY RANDI
15 KINMAN. ADINA, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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17 **ADINA LEVIN:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. ADINA
18 LEVIN WITH SEAMLESS BAY AREA. A COUPLE POINTS REGARDING THE
19 INTEREST IN THE CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDING, IF THERE IS FUNDING FOR
20 THE PURPOSE THAT WAS DESIGNATED FOR THE TRANSIT PASSES USING
21 IT PRIORITIZED FOR BAY PASS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES IS
22 SOMETHING THAT HAS A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY
23 COLLEGES COMMUNITY, AND WE SUPPORT THIS DIRECTION. AND,
24 SECOND, IN TERMS OF STATE FUNDING AND THE COMMITMENT FOR THE
25 LAST BUDGET YEAR FOR A LOAN TO SUPPORT KEEPING TRANSIT



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1 RUNNING, AS THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS CONTINUE, THE ADVOCACY
2 COMMUNITY IS STANDING BY AND READY TO SPEAK UP IN FAVOR OF BAY
3 AREA TRANSIT AND HAVING AN EXPLANATION ABOUT WHY WE MAY NEED
4 TO COME OUT WILL BE REALLY HELPFUL IN TERMS OF WHAT OPTIONS
5 ARE VIABLE. THANK YOU.

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7 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU ADINA. NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE RANDI
8 KINMAN FOLLOWED BY ROLAND. RANDI, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
9 YOURSELF.

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11 **RANDI KINMAN:** THANK YOU. RANDI KINMAN FROM THE POLICY ADVISORY
12 COUNCIL SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF. I WILL SAY THAT THE
13 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL STRONGLY ADVOCATED FOR THE BAY PASS TO
14 BE EXTENDED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES. I AM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
15 TRUSTEE, AND ONE OF MY CAMPUSES, JUST ONE OF THEM, SPENDS
16 \$35,000 A YEAR ON TRANSIT PASSES THAT DON'T GIVE US NEARLY AS
17 MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS BAY PASS WOULD. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
18 PEOPLE WHO ARE PROVIDING THE JOB TRAINING AND THE EDUCATION
19 FOR THE FUTURE NEEDS AND THE CURRENT NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES,
20 COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE DOING THAT JOB. AND WE REALLY, REALLY
21 NEED THAT SUPPORT. IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR US TO HAVE THAT. AND
22 I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT US IN THAT ENDEAVOR.

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24 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU, RANDI. OUR LAST SPEAKER WILL BE
25 ROLAND. ROLAND?



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2 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU. SO, WHAT I WOULD
3 LIKE TO SEE IS LEGISLATION STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE
4 WHO LIVE IN MOBILE HOMES, BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY FORM OF
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT'S IN THE SOUTH BAY, AND PROBABLY MANY
6 OTHER AREAS IN THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES. THANK YOU.

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8 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. AND THAT WAS OUR LAST COUPLE OF
9 SPEAKERS.

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11 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BACK TO THE
12 BOARD. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS? MS. RAMOS.

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14 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE
15 STAFF CALLING OUT REAP 3.0 AS A SEPARATE ITEM I THINK THIS IS
16 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE
17 TO CEMETERY OUR JURISDICTIONS ESPECIALLY IN THE NEXT GO ROUND
18 OF RHNA TO THAT END, I WANT TO PUT UP FOR DISCUSSION FOR MY
19 COLLEAGUES ITEM FIVE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM, THE ITEM IS
20 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION AND HOUSING NEEDS
21 ALLOCATION. AND IT IS SPECIFICALLY BULLET POINT NUMBER TWO
22 WHERE IT SAYS TO ADVOCATE FOR UPDATES THAT ARE STRUCTURED TO
23 EMPOWER REGIONS TO BALANCE SOMETIMES COMPETING GOALS. I -- THE
24 SOMETIMES IS OF CONCERN HERE. BECAUSE THE GOALS ARE ABSOLUTELY
25 ALWAYS COMPETING AND AT ODDS WITH WHAT WE HAVE. AND I FEEL



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1 THAT BASED UPON THE FEEDBACK WE HAD FROM THE LAST RHNA CYCLE
2 AND THE APPEALS, THAT WE HAD TO ADMINISTER AT ABAG THROUGH
3 THIS COMMITTEE. I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE FOR US TO ACTUALLY USE
4 LANGUAGE THAT IS FORTHRIGHT AND SAYING THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO
5 THAT. SO, I WOULD ACTUALLY SUGGEST THAT IT BE TO EMPOWER
6 REGIONS TO ADDRESS COMPETING GOALS, NOT TO BALANCE SOMETIMES
7 COMPETING GOALS, BUT TO ADDRESS COMPETING GOALS. AND I SAY
8 THAT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF, YOU KNOW, IF -- IF THERE ARE
9 CLIMATE -- IF THERE ARE CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS, SAY, OF
10 DROUGHT, AGAIN, THAT MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE WATER
11 SERVICE AREA TO PROVIDE WATER FOR AN INFILL PROJECT, THEN THAT
12 OFFSET PRESSURE IS THEN TO EXPAND THE HOUSING INTO A NON-
13 INFILL AREA THAT WOULD BE, YOU KNOW, PUSHING UP AGAINST URBAN
14 LIMIT LINES. SO, I WANT US TO BE VERY, VERY DIRECT HERE.
15 BECAUSE WHEN WE LOOK AT THE LAST LEGISLATURE AND 117 HOUSING
16 BILLS, OF WHICH NONE OF THOSE REALLY MADE OUR LIVES A WHOLE
17 LOT EASIER, I JUST WANT US TO BE VERY, VERY FORTHRIGHT TO SAY
18 TO THE LEGISLATURE, COME TO US AND WORK WITH US BEFORE THESE
19 PRESSURES ARE HAPPENING. SO, I JUST -- I THINK BALANCE,
20 SOMETIMES, IT JUST LEAVES TOO MUCH ROOM FOR US TO NOT HAVE
21 CLEAR DIRECTION LEGISLATIVELY THAT WE ABSOLUTELY DO NEED TO
22 ADDRESS, THE STATE, THE CHANGES IN THE STATE HIGH FIRE
23 SEVERITY MAPPING ZONE, THE CHANGES THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO
24 DENSITY, THE IMPACTS OF THAT DENSITY ON INFRASTRUCTURE
25 PROJECTS.



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2 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** COMMISSIONER BURT?

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4 **PAT BURT:** THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS
5 GO ROUND, AND AS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING RECENT DISCUSSIONS THAT
6 KIND OF -- SOME OF THE HIGH-LEVEL ASSUMPTIONS THAT HAVE GONE
7 INTO A LOT OF THE STATE LEGISLATION, ONE OF THE THINGS I
8 WANTED TO ASK WAS -- IS UNDER OUR SB 375 MODERNIZATION
9 OBJECTIVES, I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING THAT SHOWED THAT WE WOULD BE
10 SUPPORTING OR ADVOCATING LEGISLATIVE REFORMS THAT WOULD BETTER
11 ALIGN THE RHNA REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO WHAT WE NOW HAVE AS THE
12 DOT AND DOF POPULATION GROWTH FORECAST FOR THE STATE AND THE
13 REGION, GIVEN ADDITIONAL POPULATION THAT WE MAY INDUCE THROUGH
14 STRONG POLICIES. BUT WE HAVE HAD A VERY TRANSFORMATIVE SET OF
15 CHANGES TO THOSE FORECASTS. AND, YET, I'M NOT AWARE OF HOW
16 THAT'S GOING TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THOSE ALLOCATIONS, AND
17 WHETHER WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR THAT.

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19 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** JULIE? WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP
20 THIS A LITTLE BIT LATER? CORRECT? OR DO YOU WANT US TO ADDRESS
21 -- WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN APPROVAL THEN MOVE TO
22 3B FOR AN EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION ON THAT. WE COULD TAKE IT NOW
23 IF YOU WOULD LIKE?

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25 **PAT BURT:** I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHEN IF WE DON'T TAKE IT NOW DO



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1 WE ADOPT A LEGISLATIVE PLAN THAT OMITTS IT? THAT'S MY CONCERN.

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3 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** LET ME ASK, WE HAVE OUR COUNSEL
4 HERE, CORRECT? WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON WHAT MR. BURT JUST
5 SAID?

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7 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** IT SOUNDS LIKE COMMISSIONER BURT IS
8 ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT WHETHER IT IMPACTS THIS ITEM.
9 SO, I THINK THAT'S FAIR TO GET FROM STAFF THEN THE FULLER
10 CONVERSATION IS AGENDAIZED FOR LATER IN THE MEETING.

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12 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** REBECCA LONG?

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14 **REBECCA LONG:** I'LL JUMP IN THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION
15 COMMISSIONER BURT. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF POPULATION FORECAST ALL
16 THAT CERTAINLY WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT FROM TIME TO TIME IT'S NOT
17 CURRENTLY SOMETHING THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED AS PART OF THE SB
18 375 REFORM JUST TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT
19 IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE CAN LOOK INTO. AND I THINK I MIGHT TURN
20 TO MY COLLEAGUE THE MATT MALONEY, FROM IS A TIMING ISSUE OF
21 FORECAST IN THE SCS, SCS LONG RANGE PLAN TYPICALLY 25 YEARS
22 DOF FORECAST THERE IS A MISMATCH. SO THERE IS ALSO THIS ARE WE
23 TALKING ABOUT RHNA SCS? SB 375 REFORM IS REALLY FOCUSED ON SCS
24 AND THE RULES MOST IMPORTANTLY RELATED TO THE CLIMATE TARGET
25 AND HOW WE -- YOU KNOW, ARE, RIGHT NOW, REALLY PIGEONHOLED



1 INTO MAKING THAT REALLY THE ONLY GOAL THAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON.
2 AND WHAT WE WANT IS TO, YOU KNOW, HAVE A SOMEWHAT MORE
3 REALISTIC MULTI-DIMENSIONAL WAY OF LOOKING AT THE PLAN AND
4 GIVING THE REGION MORE OF AN ABILITY TO MAKE SOME OF THE
5 IMPORTANT TRADEOFFS. DOES THAT HELP?

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7 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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9 **PAT BURT:** I HEAR THAT'S WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN THE SB 375 REFORM
10 FOCUS. MY QUESTION IS WHETHER WE SHOULD BE ADVOCATING FOR WHAT
11 I WAS DESCRIBING.

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13 **MATT MALONEY:** SO, WHAT YOU ARE DESCRIBING, I'LL JUST
14 PARAPHRASE, IS FOR THE SCS AND RHNA TO HUE CLOSER TO
15 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE POPULATION FORECAST?

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17 **PAT BURT:** AND DOT FOR THAT MATTER.

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19 **MATT MALONEY:** ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT IS
20 THAT THE SCS, IT'S AN RTP SCS, SO, WE HAVE DERIVED A LOT OF
21 WHAT WE DO IN TERMS OF POPULATION FORECAST AND OUR PLAN FROM
22 FEDERAL STATUTE. THAT'S REALLY WHAT GUIDES US, THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT, AND U.S. DOT AND THAT STATUTORY CONTEXT IS REALLY
24 THE PRIMARY VEHICLE THAT GUIDES HOW WE DO POPULATION AND
25 SOCIO-ECONOMIC FORECASTS IN THE PLANS. THE STATE HAS COME IN,



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1 OBVIOUSLY, VIA RHNA, AND SB 375, AND ADDED SOME MORE
2 COMPLEXITY TO THAT PROCESS, FOR SURE. BUT I THINK, AS STAFF,
3 WE WANT TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT NOT JUST TRYING DO THAT ALL AT THE
4 STALE STATE LEVEL. BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ALSO SATISFY FEDERAL
5 REQUIREMENTS IN THE PLAN. HCD, IN DEVELOPING ITS REGIONAL
6 HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION DOES UTILIZE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
7 PROJECTIONS AS A STARTING POINT. BUT THEY ALSO TYPICALLY LAYER
8 ON FACTORS ON TOP OF THE DOF FORECAST.

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10 **PAT BURT:** SO, AT FIRST I HEAR THAT THERE IS SOME FEDERAL
11 RELATIONSHIP, AND FEDERAL -- BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS,
12 AND WHETHER THAT IS REALLY DRIVING WHAT WE'RE DOING AT THE
13 STATE, OR IF THERE IS SOME WAY TO INFORM THAT THOSE ARE
14 DIFFERENT THINGS. I'M NOT AWARE OF HOW FEDERAL MANDATES ARE
15 NECESSITATING THAT WE HAVE RHNA ALLOCATIONS THAT ARE SO
16 DISCONNECTED FROM DOT AND DOF FORECASTS. SO, THAT, I'M STILL
17 CONFUSED BY. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS, SHOULD
18 WE BE CLEARLY ADVOCATING THAT WE GET A GREATER ALIGNMENT
19 THERE? YOU ALLUDE THAT HCD USES THAT AS A STARTING POINT, BUT
20 SOMEHOW THERE IS A GREAT DISCONNECT, AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND
21 HOW THAT DISCONNECT BETWEEN REALITY AND ALLOCATIONS CAN BE SO
22 DISPARATE. AND, SO THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, AND
23 WHETHER WE SHOULD TAKE THIS ON AS PART OF OUR -- I LOST MY MIC
24 -- TAKE THIS ON AS PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY.

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1 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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3 **PAT EKLUND:** AND IF I MAY INTERJECT. I TOTALLY AGREE. I HAVE
4 BEEN VERY ENGAGED IN THE RHNA FOR A LONG TIME. AND THERE IS A
5 DISCONNECTS. AND ALL THE CITIES THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING
6 ABOUT, AND RIGHTLY SO, ON THE NUMBERS, WE'RE NOT -- WE'RE NOT,
7 I DON'T THINK WE'RE DOING ENOUGH IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT
8 IT'S ALL CONNECTED AND THAT THERE IS A REASONABLE EXPLANATION
9 FOR ALL THESE NUMBERS. AND JUST SAYING THAT THE FEDS, A LITTLE
10 BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT THE STATE IS AND HCD, BUT WE DON'T
11 THINK THAT -- HOW HCD IS RECONCILING ALL THESE NUMBERS. AND WE
12 HAD AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THAT GROUP IT WAS
13 REALLY FRUSTRATING IT WAS LIKE TWO DIFFERENT SILOS AND THERE
14 WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THIS
15 RECOMMENDATION WE NEED TO PUT THIS IN HERE AND WE CAN MAKE A
16 CONCERTED EFFORT AND WE NEED TO LEAD THE STATE AND SOME I MEAN
17 BECAUSE IT REALLY AFFECTS OUR CITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE BAY
18 AREA. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE NEED TO PUT IN EXPLANATION HERE
19 TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. BECAUSE IT'S NOT WORKING. AND PEOPLE
20 ARE NOT MEETING THEIR RHNA ALLOCATIONS. I DO WANT TO -- I HAVE
21 A QUESTION ON RHNA, NUMBER FIVE, AS WELL. AND I TOTAL AGREE
22 WITH PRESIDENT RAMOS'S SUGGESTION THERE TOO. BUT, WE'RE NOT
23 MEETING THE NUMBERS. AND THERE IS A LOT OF REASONS FOR IT,
24 BUT, YOU KNOW, ANYWAY. SO, WE NEED TO PUT SOMETHING IN HERE SO
25 WE CAN HAVE THAT DISCUSSION AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO



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1 HELP MAKE SOME CHANGES.

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3 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** OKAY.

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5 **PAT EKLUND:** THAT'S HOW I FEEL.

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7 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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9 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GREAT DISCUSSION HERE. ON THE
10 ITEM FIVE, REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS, I DO AGREE WITH
11 COMMISSIONER RAMOS. THE BALANCE IS KEY HERE AND WE TEND TO
12 WORK AGAINST OURSELVES, WHICH WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL OF
13 WHEN WE'RE PROMOTING SOMETHING LIKE HIGH SPEED RAIL, IN
14 GENERAL, AND YET IT INTERFERES WITH 3,000 HOUSING UNITS OR THE
15 WATER DISTRIBUTION HERE. WE CANNOT JUST GO FULL SPEED AHEAD
16 AND SAY THAT IT'S ONE WAY OR ANOTHER; AND IT'S ACTUALLY NOT.
17 AND BELIEVE ME, IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENTS LOCALLY,
18 YOU GET REALLY LOUD VOICES FROM ONE SIDE THAT DON'T REALIZE
19 THAT IT'S NOT JUST HOUSING AT A TRANSIT CENTER, IT'S ALSO
20 ACCESS TO THE STATION. AND ALTHOUGH YOU SAY THAT, THEY DON'T
21 WANT TO HEAR IT. SO, WE ARE MUCH BETTER OFF IF IT'S NOT ONE
22 WAY OR ANOTHER. THE WHOLE IDEA OF PLANNED BAY AREA IS PUTTING
23 ALL THESE PIECES TOGETHER. SO, LET'S BE VERY CAREFUL IN
24 LEGISLATION THAT WE PURSUE HERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
25 LEGISLATION THAT HELPS JURISDICTIONS. I DON'T KNOW THE NUMBER,



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1 BUT PAPAN HAD A GOOD PIECE OF LEGISLATION REGARDING HCD, AND
2 MANY TIMES JURISDICTIONS STRUGGLE. THEY WORK HARD. THEY SPEND
3 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE. YET IT
4 IS VERY DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH HCD, BECAUSE YOU'RE CHANGING
5 STAFF, A WHOLE BUNCH OF DIFFERENT THINGS HERE. SO, I WOULD
6 HOPE WE SUPPORT ON LEGISLATION THAT ACTUALLY MAKES IT EASIER
7 FOR JURISDICTIONS TO COMPLY. BECAUSE THEY WANT TO COMPLY. I
8 BELIEVE THE PAPAN LEGISLATION IS COMING BACK IN ONE WAY OR
9 ANOTHER, BUT CAL CITY SUPPORTED IT, AND, AGAIN, WE WANT ALL
10 THIS TO HAPPEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE'RE SUPPORTING THE CITIES
11 TO GET THE JOB DONE. THEY WANT TO BUILD. BUT LET'S BE VERY
12 AWARE OF THE BALANCE ISSUES, SOMETIMES DIRECT CONFLICTS. HOW
13 DO WE HELP EACH OTHER ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS. AND I DO AGREE WITH
14 COMMISSIONER BURT HERE, WE CAN'T RUN FULL-STEAM AHEAD UNLESS
15 WE ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND THAT CAN BE
16 ADDRESSED. WE CAN HAVE THESE GENERAL POLICIES GO THROUGH, BUT
17 LET'S BE BETTER. LET'S LOOK AT OUR PLANNED BAY AREA INSIST,
18 LET'S REFINE IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE KNOW WE ARE KIND OF
19 UNDER THE SAME BELIEF AND ANALYSIS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES
20 TO POPULATION NUMBERS, AND OUR POPULATIONS ARE DECLINING. SO,
21 AGAIN, GENERALLY SPEAKING, LET'S BE A LITTLE MORE FOCUSED ON
22 HOW THIS CAN BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT LEGISLATIVE
23 PROCESS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE



1 ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

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3 **PAT EKLUND:** JUST, I JUST WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
4 FIVE, THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION. ONE OF MY
5 FRUSTRATIONS, AND PROBABLY OTHERS, AND OTHER CITIES, THIS IS
6 ALSO TRUE, WHEN WE GET THE RHNA, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY --
7 WITH FUNDING. AND, SO, THE PROBLEM, LIKE, NOVATO IS A VERY
8 POOR PROPERTY TAX CITY. AND SO, THERE IS A FEW OF US AROUND.
9 SO, AND, SO, FROM IS NOT MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT. AND, SO,
10 WE DON'T GET THE FUNDING THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO DO THE
11 HOUSING THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO. SO, YOU KNOW, I KNOW IT'S IN
12 THE OTHER ONE ABOUT FUNDING, BUT IF THERE IS ANY WAY THAT WE
13 CAN JUST BEEF UP THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION THAT
14 -- THAT WE'RE GOING TO REALLY -- AND MAYBE IT'S IN HERE,
15 REALLY ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES TO HELP
16 INITIATE HOUSING, AND, YOU KNOW, SOME CITIES WE'RE ABLE TO
17 BUILD ON OUR OWN PROPERTY, BUT WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE THE
18 MONEY TO DO THAT. SO, ANYWAY, THAT'S JUST A FRUSTRATION THAT
19 IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD BE CLEAR THAT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE
20 THE RHNA CITIES AND COUNTIES NEED MORE FUNDING IN ORDER TO DO
21 THAT SO THAT HCD KNOWS THAT THEN MAYBE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
22 GET MORE FUNDING. I HAVE NO IDEA GIVEN THE CURRENT FEDERAL
23 ADMINISTRATION THAT'S PROBABLY NOT ANTICIPATED.

24

25 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** GREAT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER



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1 COMMENTS? THROUGH STAFF YOU HAVE HEARD FEEDBACK FROM THE
2 VARIOUS BOARD, WE'RE LOOKING AT POTENTIALLY MOVING FORWARD
3 WITH AN ITEM. MY QUESTION TO YOU IN PARTICULAR, AND I DON'T
4 KNOW IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A MOTION MADE WITH DIFFERENT
5 AMENDMENTS, IS THERE -- WHAT IS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON, SORT OF,
6 INCORPORATING THESE IDEAS WITHIN A MOTION? OR COULD WE DO THAT
7 OUTSIDE OF A MOTION? I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND FROM A STAFF
8 PERSPECTIVE, ON FEEDBACK YOU WERE GIVEN, WHAT YOUR THOUGHTS
9 ARE ON IT?

10

11 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** I THINK WE COULD DO IT A COUPLE
12 DIFFERENT WAYS. BUT FOR THE, YOU KNOW, MEMBER ECKLUND'S SECOND
13 POINT, I THINK IT -- THE WAY OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM IS REALLY
14 STRUCTURED IS TO TRY TO SEPARATE THE FUNDING AND THE POLICY
15 PIECES, BUT ONE THING WE DO CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE
16 ADVOCACY PROGRAM IS CROSS REFERENCE, SO PERHAPS WE COULD ADD A
17 CROSS REFERENCES IN THE RHNA SECTION TO THE IMPORT OF ALSO
18 MAKING SURE THERE IS THE FUNDING COMPONENT TO BE ABLE TO
19 ACTUALIZE THE RHNA NUMBERS. SO THAT WOULD BE MY FIRST
20 RECOMMENDATION. YEAH, AND SECOND, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS
21 THAT HAVE BEEN COMING UP RIGHT NOW CAN QUESTIONS -- WITH
22 COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION AROUND THE RHNA AND SCS CONSISTENCY,
23 THAT IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT HAS COME UP OVER THE YEARS.
24 WHAT HAS MOSTLY BEEN A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WITH RHNA AND SCS
25 CONSISTENCY IN THE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN, ACTUALLY, REQUIRING



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1 THAT YOU BEEF UP THE SCS NUMBERS TO BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH
2 RHNA. WHICH, I THINK IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN YOU HAVE
3 BEEN DISCUSSING HERE. SO, ONE THING THAT WE COULD DO TO TRY TO
4 MAKE SURE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SOME CONSISTENCY IS
5 REFLECTED, IS ACTUALLY WHERE THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR SCS
6 AND RHNA CONSISTENCY IS IN THE RHNA CODE. THERE IS A SECTION
7 AT THE VERY END OF THE RHNA CODE THAT SAYS THAT RHNA MUST BE
8 CONSISTENT WITH THE SCS. AND THAT IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT
9 COULD MAKE SENSE FOR US TO SAY SOMETHING -- I COULD RECOMMEND
10 SOMETHING LIKE EXPLORE, YOU KNOW, EXPLORE THE COMPONENT OF THE
11 LAW THAT SAYS RHNA AND THE SCS MUST BE CONSISTENT, AND I
12 WOULD, AGAIN, RECOMMEND USING THAT EXPLORE LANGUAGE, BECAUSE
13 THERE ARE A LOT OF RAMIFICATIONS OF CHANGING THE COMPONENTS OF
14 THE LAW THAT TALK ABOUT HOW THEY INTERSECT. SO, THAT'S HOW I
15 WOULD RECOMMEND GOING FORWARD.

16

17 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. CARSON,
18 AND WITH THEN MR. BURT? MR. CARSON?

19

20 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU FOR THE WORK. AND I HATE
21 NOTHING MORE THAN WORDSMITHING IN GROUPS IT'S CHALLENGING.
22 BACK TO COMMISSIONER RAMOS'S COMMENT ON EMPOWERING REGIONS TO
23 BALANCE OUR COMPETING GOALS. JUST TAKING SOMETIMES OUT WOULD
24 MAKE ME EXCEPTIONALLY HAPPY BECAUSE WE HEARD EXAMPLES HERE I
25 DON'T KNOW THAT ANY OF US HAVE COHESIVE PROJECTS THAT WE



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1 HAVEN'T HAD TO GIVE OR TAKE ON SOMETHING SO EMPOWERING US TO
2 BALANCE ALL OF OUR GOALS WOULD BE HELPFUL SO IF WE JUST TOOK
3 SOMETIMES OUT WE'RE.

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5 **SPEAKER:** HAPPY TO DO THAT.

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7 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** COMMISSIONER BURT?

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9 **PAT BURT:** I'LL MAKE AN ATTEMPT AT TWO AMENDMENTS, FIRST UNDER
10 SB -- I THINK THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION, UNDER THE SB
11 375 INITIATIVE TO ADVOCATE THAT HCD BE REQUIRED TO BETTER
12 ALIGN DOT AND DOF GROWTH PROJECTIONS WITH -- WITH REGIONAL
13 MANDATES. I DON'T KNOW. I'M STRUGGLING ON WHERE TO PUT THIS
14 AND, WHATEVER, SO, I CERTAINLY WELCOME STAFF RECOMMENDATION
15 HOW TO PULL THIS IN. I'LL JUST SAY THE SECOND ONE WOULD BE
16 FOR, UNDER THE RHNA, THAT MANDATES SHOULD BE BETTER ALIGNED
17 WITH THE FULL RANGE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE THE
18 OUTCOMES.

19

20 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO
21 GO -- THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO ASK MR. MALONEY, DO
22 YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, MATT, ON THIS? IN YOUR SPACE?

23

24 **MATT MALONEY:** NUMBER FOUR AND NUMBER FIVE ARE DIFFERENT. SO,
25 NUMBER FOUR IS TALKING ABOUT SB 375. RIGHT NOW, THE REGULATORY



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1 AGENCIES AT THE STATE LEVEL, ON SB 375, ARE THE AIR RESOURCES
2 BOARD, AND, REALLY, CALTRANS AND CTC. HCD IS NOT CURRENTLY A
3 REGULATORY AGENCY FOR SB 375 THEY ARE THE AGENCY THAT DEVELOPS
4 THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION FOR RHNA. SO THEY'RE
5 INVOLVED IN NUMBER FIVE, NOT FOUR. SO, I WOULD BE CAUTIOUS
6 ABOUT INSERTING LANGUAGE INTO HCD NUMBER FOUR.

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8 **PAT BURT:** YEAH, I THINK I WAS REFERRING TO FIVE RHNA FOR THAT
9 ASPECT.

10

11 **REBECCA LONG:** THROUGH THE CHAIR, IT'S DIFFICULT TO MAKE SOME
12 IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS FOR THE DIRECTION THAT WE WANT TO
13 GO, SORT OF, ON THE FLY. STAFF HAVE AMBITIOUS IDEAS IN THIS
14 ADVOCACY PROGRAM AS FAR AS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO INITIATE AND
15 LEAD ON WHICH WE'RE GOING TO GET TO TALK ABOUT IN MORE DEPTH
16 ON THE NEXT ITEM WHICH IS SB 375 REFORM. WITH RHNA, YOU KNOW,
17 I GUESS WHERE I'M GOING IS I DON'T ANTICIPATE WE'RE NOT ASKING
18 FOR YOUR DIRECTION TO SPONSOR ANY LEGISLATION ON RHNA BUT
19 MAYBE WE COULD JUST GIVE YOU OUR COMMITMENT TO THE EXTENT THAT
20 THERE ARE BILLS THAT ARE INTRODUCED THAT RELATE TO RHNA THAT
21 RELATE TO POPULATION PROJECTIONS AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT, WE'RE TAKE A CLOSE EYE AND BUT I THINK TO MAKE
23 A DECISION ON THIS RIGHT NOW FEELS A BIT TOO IMPROVISATIONAL.

24

25 **PAT BURT:** I SHARE THAT CONCERN AND I'LL HESITATE TO TRY TO



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1 MAKE AMENDMENTS THAT AREN'T FULLY FLESHED OUT BUT I'M ALSO
2 CONCERNED THAT THE WAY THIS IS WRITTEN DOESN'T CAPTURE SOME OF
3 THE KEY CONCERNS THAT MANY COMMISSIONERS HAVE VOICED.

4

5 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** MALONEY?

6

7 **MATT MALONEY:** I'LL OFFER UP TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE WE ARE
8 COMING BACK ON THIS IN JANUARY WITH A LITTLE BIT OF ADDITIONAL
9 LANGUAGE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR ONE ABAG DOESN'T MEET UNTIL
10 JANUARY ABAG DOES NOT HAVE A MEETING THIS MONTH SO WE DO HAVE
11 A BIT OF RUNNING ROOM WE COULD USE SO STAFF COULD GO BACK AND
12 DO A BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE BRING UP.

13

14 **PAT BURT:** I WITHDRAW.

15

16 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** MY PERSPECTIVE, I DON'T WANT TO
17 HAMSTRING STAFF. I THINK THE LANGUAGE HAS TO BE BROAD IN SUCH
18 A SENSE BUT ACCOMPLISH WHAT, SORT OF, A VISION IS. AND I JUST
19 DON'T WANT TO MANDATE OR TO REQUIRE AT THIS TIME. WHAT I WOULD
20 DO IS I WOULD MAKE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM. I BELIEVE
21 IT WOULD BE TO THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. IS THAT
22 CORRECT?

23

24 **PAT EKLUND:** AND I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

25



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1 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I THINK
2 IT WAS, YOU KNOW, TO MY COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT WAS A REALLY
3 IMPORTANT CONVERSATION TO HAVE, A REALLY ROBUST CONVERSATION,
4 AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, GIVING US THIS SPACE AND TIME, I THINK
5 WE COULD REALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS BY THE MEMBERS
6 AND PUT SOMETHING FORWARD. SO, THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND.

7

8 **CARLOS ROMERO:** TO MAKE A QUICK COMMENT. I WAS HAPPY IT SEE THE
9 RHNA NUMBERS HIGHER. HOWEVER MANY OF THE 101 CITIES WERE NOT.
10 AND WHAT WE'RE HEARING FROM COMMISSIONER BURT IS THAT IS THERE
11 A WAY TO ALIGN THIS. THERE IS SOME PUSHBACK FROM STAFF ABOUT
12 THE FACT THAT THERE IS, NOT INCONSISTENCY BUT STATE LAW WE'RE
13 DEALING WITH THEN FEDERAL LAW. I HEARD CLEARLY AT ABAG
14 MEETINGS THAT THIS IS OF CONCERN TO THEM. SO WE NEED TO FIGURE
15 OUT A WAY TO AT LEAST HAVE THE CONVERSATION WITH THE STATE.
16 I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE NOT DOING THAT, BUT IT'S VITALLY
17 IMPORTANT, CERTAINLY FOR ABAG, RIGHT -- THAT WE UNDERSTAND
18 THESE NUMBERS, AND THAT WE CAN SOMEHOW FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE
19 WITH FUTURE PROJECTIONS. SO, I APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER BURT
20 BRINGING THIS UP CONSISTENTLY. BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY HEARD FROM
21 ABAG, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE COME BACK TO ABAG
22 PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET TO SOME, SORT OF,
23 UNDERSTANDING AND SOLUTION. SO, THANK YOU. REALLY APPRECIATE
24 THE WORK. I JUST WANTED TO JUMP ON BOARD AND SUPPORT WHAT
25 COMMISSIONER BURT IS SUGGESTING.



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2 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** GREAT. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER
3 ROMERO. WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

4

5 **BOARD CLERK:** WILL DO. CHAIR CANEPA?

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7 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.

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9 **BOARD CLERK:** VICE CHAIR CARLSON?

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11 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** AYE.

12

13 **BOARD CLERK:** AHN?

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15 **CHAIR EDDIE AHN, MTC PC:** AYE.

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17 **BOARD CLERK:** ANDERSEN?

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19 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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21 **BOARD CLERK:** BURT?

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23 **PAT BURT:** YES.

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25 **BOARD CLERK:** CAMPOS IS ABSENT. CORZO IS ABSENT. ECKLUND?



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2 **PAT EKLUND:** AYE.

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4 **BOARD CLERK:** EZZY ASHCRAFT? IS ABSENT. JOHN-BAPTISTE IS
5 ABSENT. MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MASHBURN? MEMBER RABBITT? IS ABSENT.
6 MEMBER RAMOS? MEMBER ROMERO?

7

8 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

9

10 **BOARD CLERK:** MEMBER WILLIAMS?

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12 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** AYE.

13

14 **BOARD CLERK:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

15

16 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT BRINGS US
17 TO AGENDA ITEM 3B, SENATE BILL 375, MODERNIZATION. MS. SNYDER.
18 JULIE SCHNEIDER.

19

20 **JULIE SNYDER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR CANEPA. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU
21 FOR THE PREVIEW DISCUSSION OF MY PRESENTATION THIS IS AN
22 INFORMATIONAL ITEM THANK YOU TO STAFF AND TECH STAFF FOR
23 BRINGING UP OUR FIRST SLIDE WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS TODAY ON
24 POTENTIAL 2026 LEGISLATION PROPOSAL TO MODERNIZE CALIFORNIA'S
25 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES LAW. SO IF WE COULD STAY ON



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1 THIS SLIDE FOR A MINUTE THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN LED BY MPO
2 PLANNING EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE STATE FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A
3 HALF IT'S MOVING TOWARD THE LEGISLATIVE REALM WHICH IS WHY
4 WE'RE COMING TO YOU TODAY I WILL START TODAY WITH A BRIEF
5 OVERVIEW OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY STRATEGY EXPLAIN WHY
6 WE BELIEVE NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO MODERNIZE IT THEN DRIVE
7 INTO OUR OBJECT IS SPECIFIC POLICY CHANGES THE LARGER
8 POLITICAL CONTEXT AND NEXT STEPS INCLUDING WHEN WE'LL BRING
9 THIS BACK TO YOU AGAIN. NEXT SLIDE. WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE
10 COMMUNITY STRATEGY? WHY DOES IT MATTER? THE SUSTAINABLE
11 COMMUNITY STRATEGY I'LL REFER TO AS SCS IS NESTED INTO THE
12 FEDERALLY MANDATED LONG RANGE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.
13 THAT RTP GUIDES THE INVESTMENT OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN
14 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS, AND AS YOU HEARD FROM MR. MALONEY,
15 MUST FIRST MEET DETAILED FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS. TO BE FUNDED
16 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT MUST APPEAR IN THE RTP. STATE LAW ADDED
17 THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IN 2,008 VIA SB 375, THE
18 SCS OUTLINES HOW THE REGION CAN ACHIEVE THE STATE-MANDATED
19 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGET VIA STRATEGIES THAT REDUCE
20 EMISSIONS FROM LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS AND PASSENGER CARS. THE
21 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD SETS THE TARGET AND DETERMINES
22 WHETHER A REGIONAL PLAN MEETS IT. STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ABAG
23 AND MTC'S REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION BE CONSISTENT WITH
24 THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN THAT APPEARS IN THE SCS. SO THAT'S THE
25 CONSISTENCY PIECE THAT YOU HEARD ABOUT. SO, THE LAST POINT



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1 I'LL HIGHLIGHT AGAIN FOR YOU IS THAT THE INTEGRATION OF THE
2 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY INTO THE RTP MEANS THAT ANY
3 CHANGES TO THE STATE LAW HAVE TO BE VERY CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH
4 THOSE FEDERAL RULES TO AVOID NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON YOUR ABILITY
5 TO PROGRAM AND SPEND THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TRANSPORTATION
6 INVESTMENTS. SO THAT'S A VERY CRUCIAL BALANCING ACT. NEXT
7 SLIDE PLEASE. SO, WHY HAVE OUR PLANNERS SPEND 18 MONTHS
8 EVALUATING POTENTIAL CHANGES TO A LAW THAT MANY AGREE HAS
9 IMPROVED HOW REGION ALIGN LAND USE PLANNING, HOUSING
10 STRATEGIES, AND TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS. SIMPLY BECAUSE THE
11 CONTEXT IN WHICH SB 375 OPERATES HAS CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY IN
12 THE 17 YEARS SINCE THE LAW PASSED. THINK ABOUT 17 YEARS AGO --
13 I DON'T EVEN -- MAYBE WE HAD THE FIRST IPHONE AND IT'S GONE
14 THROUGH HOW MANY ITERATIONS NOW, 17, 18, AND THE LAW HASN'T
15 CHANGED. BESIDES THAT MAYBE FRIVOLOUS EXAMPLE, YOU HAVE
16 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SCS, SO, YOU HAVE
17 THE FLEET TRANSITION, YOU HAVE TRAVEL PATTERNS THAT WERE
18 UPENDED BY THE PANDEMIC, AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY WE HAVE SEEN
19 DRAMATIC CHANGES TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAW IN THIS AREA. THESE
20 TWO INCLUDE THE FEDERAL APPLICATION OF PERFORMANCE METRICS TO
21 THE RTP, HUNDREDS, AS YOU KNOW, LOCAL ELECTED'S OF STATE LAWS
22 DESIGNED TO SPUR MORE HOUSING THAN THAT'S MORE AFFORDABLE AND
23 MYRIAD OF OTHER CHANGES IN ADDITION WE'RE SEEING AT THE STATE
24 LEVEL LOCALLY AND CLIMATE IMPERATIVE HAS BECOME MORE URGENT
25 AND THERE IS INCREASING CONCERNS ABOUT EQUITY AND



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1 AFFORDABILITY. IN THE BROADER CONTEXT STAFF HOPES THAT
2 REVISIONS TO SB 375 CAN DRIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF EVEN MORE
3 EFFECTIVE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES THAT ACCELERATE OUR
4 PROGRESS ON IMPORTANT HOUSING, CLIMATE, AND TRANSPORTATION
5 GOALS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH
6 STAFF'S MAIN OBJECTIVE, AN EXAMPLE OF THE POLICY CHANGES THAT
7 ARE BEING DISCUSSED AMONG THE BIG FOUR TO ACHIEVE THEM. SORRY,
8 I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED THE BIG FOUR CONCEPT BEFORE. THE BIG FOUR
9 MPOS COVER, OBVIOUSLY, THE BAY AREA, SACRAMENTO, THE GREATER
10 LOS ANGELES REGION, AND SAN DIEGO. THESE OBJECTIVES ARE
11 SPELLED OUT IN MORE DETAIL IN ATTACHMENT B FOR YOUR PERUSAL
12 LATER ON BUT I'LL HIGHLIGHT THEM HERE AND TALK ABOUT THE
13 STRATEGIES. THE FIRST OBJECTIVE IS TO STREAMLINE THE REGIONAL
14 PLAN DEVELOPMENT SO THAT OUR AGENCIES CAN DEVOTE MORE TIME TO
15 IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES. RIGHT NOW, YOUR STAFF
16 SPENDS A SUBSTANTIAL TIME IN RESOURCES OVER YEARS GOING BACK
17 AND FORTH WITH STATE AGENCIES, AND PARTICULARLY THE CALIFORNIA
18 AIR RESOURCES BOARD GOING THROUGH MODELING ASSUMPTIONS, WHAT
19 WILL THE PRICE OF GAS BE IN 2050, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. AND
20 THIS TECHNICAL MINUTIA USES OF AVAILABLE TIME THAT WE HAVE TO
21 WORK SO SOME OF THE POLICY CHANGES THAT WE'RE PROPOSING TO
22 STREAMLINE THE PROCESS INCLUDE MOVING FROM A FOUR YEAR SCS
23 CYCLE TO EIGHT YEARS AND SHIFTING SOME CARB'S RESPONSIBILITIES
24 TO MORE FLEXIBLE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WHICH
25 WILL GIVE SPACE TO DO THE BALANCE AND I'LL TALK MORE ABOUT THE



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1 BALANCE WHEN WE GET TO THAT GOAL BUT THE BALANCE YOU ALL JUST
2 DISCUSSED IN THE PRIOR ACTION TO ADD IMPLEMENTATION CAPACITY.
3 WE ALSO NEED ONGOING FORMULA FUNDS FOR STAFF WHO CAN PROVIDE
4 THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON HOUSING ELEMENTS CREATE -- AND
5 IMPLEMENT OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE ALL KNOW WORK TO GREENHOUSE
6 REDUCTIONS. LET'S SEE WHY DON'T I GO AHEAD TO MOVE TO OUR
7 SECOND OBJECTIVE THAT IS SCS REFLECTS A BALANCED SET OF GOALS
8 FROM REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS TO INCREASING
9 AFFORDABILITY, IMPROVING MOBILITY, AND MAKING IT SAFER TO MOVE
10 AROUND THE REGION. WE BELIEVE THE STATE SHOULD CONSIDER ALL OF
11 THOSE GOALS WHEN SETTING THE TARGET AND WHEN EVALUATING OUR
12 PLANS. STAFF IS PROPOSING RECONSTITUTING WHAT WAS CALLED THE
13 REGIONAL TARGETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN HOUSING,
14 TRANSPORTATION, AND PLANNING TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE BASED
15 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARB TO DO SO WE ALSO WANT TO ENSURE THAT
16 THE STATUTE CONTINUES TO EMPOWER YOU AS THE ELECTED OFFICIALS
17 WORKING ON THE GROUND IN THE REGION WITH MAKING KEY DECISIONS
18 ABOUT HOW SCS WILL BALANCE MULTIPLE GOALS. WE WILL RESIST ANY
19 PROPOSALS THAT WOULD UNDULY CONSTRAIN YOUR DECISIONS AND
20 REQUIRE THAT YOU PRIORITIZE ONE OF THOSE GOALS ABOVE ALL
21 OTHERS. OUR THIRD OBJECTIVE IS FOR SCS TO SERVE AS A TRUSTED
22 ROADMAP FOR REAL INVESTMENTS AND DECISIONS. TO EARN THAT TRUST
23 IT HAS TO BE UNDERSTANDABLE AND GROUNDED IN REALITY. RIGHT NOW
24 THE STATE'S MODELING ASSUMPTION OFTEN FAILED TO REFLECT REAL-
25 WORLD TREND THAT WE SEE HAPPENING AROUND US, EG, THIS SHIFT TO



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1 ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND THE STATE'S FUEL STANDARDS, WHICH MAKES
2 OUR PLAN AND ITSES IMPACT BOTH HARD TO EXPLAIN AND HARD TO
3 UNDERSTAND. SO, THE BIG FOUR PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW OUR GHG
4 CALCULATIONS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE SHIFT TO EV'S, TO ACCOUNT FOR
5 THE CHANGING FUEL STANDARDS, AS WELL AS REQUIRE THE STATE TO
6 BE MUCH MORE TRANSPARENT WITH US AROUND THEIR TARGET SETTING
7 METHODOLOGY. OUR FOURTH AND FINAL OBJECTIVE IS TO CREATE A
8 STRONGER STATE PARTNER AND IMPLEMENTATION BY PROVIDING NEW
9 DEDICATED RESOURCES TO REGIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, AND EITHER
10 DEVOLVING EXISTING PROGRAMS TO THE REGIONS OR AT LEAST
11 ALIGNING THEIR PROGRAM -- THEIR PROGRAMMING DECISIONS MORE
12 CLOSELY WITH THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES. SO, I
13 REALIZE I PRESENTED THOSE IN A DIFFERENT ORDER THAN THEY
14 APPEAR ON THE SCREEN, BUT THEY'RE THE SAME GOALS. [LAUGHTER]
15 IF WE COULD MOVE TO SLIDE FOUR? SO, THIS IS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
16 THE EFFORT THAT WE ARE COLEADING WITH THE OTHER BIG FOUR MPO'S
17 AND CALCOG. THIS WORK IS HAPPENING IF A VERY COMPLEX POLITICAL
18 LANDSCAPE. YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTED THAT THE POLICY PROPOSALS I
19 OUTLINED WOULD TOUCH FUNDING PROGRAMS. THEY MIGHT TOUCH THE
20 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, THE ROLE OF STATE
21 AGENCIES AND MORE. THIS MEANS A VERY LARGE GROUP OF
22 STAKEHOLDERS AND A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES WILL BE
23 INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE LEGISLATION. THERE ARE A LOT OF MOVING
24 PARTS AND A LOT OF STAKEHOLDERS THAT WE NEED TO STAY IN
25 CONTACT WITH. TO FACILITATE THESE CONVERSATIONS, AS WELL AS TO



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1 ADVISE US ON POLITICAL STRATEGY, THE BIG FOUR HAVE HIRED DARYL
2 STEINBERG, WHO HAPPENS TO BE THE AUTHOR OF SB 375, AS WELL AS
3 BEING THE FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. WE HAVE HELD
4 THREE ROUNDTABLES THIS FALL AND ANOTHER ONE PLANNED FOR NEXT
5 MONTH. NEXT SLIDE. SO LOOKING AT THE TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS.
6 THE TIMELINE SUMMARIZES MUCH OF WHAT WE COVERED, A PROCESS
7 THAT BEGAN IN 2024 WITH A TECHNICAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP,
8 AND NOW GETTING US TO THE STAR IS SEGUEING INTO A BIG FOUR
9 JOINT LEGISLATIVE EFFORT. OUR PLAN OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS IS
10 TO HOLD ONE MORE LARGE ROUNDTABLE, FINALIZE OUR PROPOSAL AND
11 BRING IT BACK TO THIS COMMITTEE FOR A FORMAL COSPONSORSHIP
12 DECISION. I'M GOING TO NEED TO STOP THERE, MR. CHAIR. I'M SURE
13 THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS

14

15 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? GREAT.
16 MISS ECKLUND. YOU KNOW, BEFORE I GET TO MISS ECKLUND, I
17 QUESTION, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RHNA AND THE ALLOCATIONS,
18 WASN'T THE STATE'S PERSPECTIVE THAT WE WERE REALLY, EXTREME,
19 EXTREMELY BEHIND, AND THAT THE NUMBERS RELATIVE TO RHNA WERE,
20 SORT OF, A CATCH-UP POINT? DO YOU SEE THAT SCALING DOWN? IN
21 TERMS OF WHAT THE ALLOCATION SHOULD POTENTIALLY BE?

22

23 **JULIE SNYDER:** THE LAW REMAINS THE SAME. I BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE
24 REFERRING TO IS THE FACT THAT THE LEGISLATURE PASSED AND THE
25 GOVERNOR SIGNED LEGISLATION, I THINK THIS IS PART OF WHAT



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1 COMMISSIONER BURT WAS ALSO REFERRING TO, THAT SAID RHNA NEEDS
2 TO ACCOUNT NOT JUST FOR GROWTH IN POPULATION, BUT ALSO THINGS
3 LIKE OVERCROWDING AND OVERPAYMENT. AND, SO, THAT WAS WHY WE
4 SAW THE BIG JUMP LAST TIME. THE LAW HAS STAYED THE SAME, AND I
5 DON'T THINK WE ANTICIPATE MANY CHANGES TO IT FOR THE NEXT
6 ALLOCATION PROCESS. BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT GROWTH SHOWS, WE
7 MIGHT SEE THE RHNA NUMBERS DROP. THAT MIGHT BE MORE OF A
8 QUESTION FOR STAFF.

9

10 **MATT MALONEY:** THINKING BACK ON CYCLE SIX WE ACTUALLY THOUGHT
11 THE NUMBERS WERE GOING TO BE HIGHER THAN THEY WERE. WE HAD
12 THOUGHT THE NUMBERS WERE GOING TO BE CLOSER TO 600, OVER
13 600,000 FOR THE REGION, IT ENDED UP BEING 440,000. I DON'T
14 KNOW HOW -- I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION. I DON'T
15 KNOW WHERE THE HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION IS GOING TO FALL. I
16 THINK -- I DON'T THINK HCD -- I'M SURE THEY'RE THINKING ABOUT
17 IT AS STAFF BUT WE HAVEN'T STARTED THAT PROCESS YET. I WANT TO
18 TELL THIS JOINT -- BECAUSE THIS IS COMING UP TODAY -- I WANT
19 TO TELL THIS JOINT COMMITTEE THAT ONCE WE GET STARTED WITH
20 CYCLE SEVEN RHNA OBVIOUSLY, RHNA IS A PROVINCE OF ABAG, BUT WE
21 WILL BE, YOU KNOW, TRANSPARENT WITH YOU ALL AND WHAT'S GOING
22 ON IN TERMS AND HCD ALSO IN SOME REPORTS THEY HAVE DONE SINCE
23 CYCLE 6HCD HAS ALSO COMMITTED TO THESE RHNAS THE BIG NUMBERS
24 FOR THE REGION COME OUT AND TALK TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
25 MORE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, ONES THAT PROCESS STARTS



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1 WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING TO YOU ABOUT IT.

2

3 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** COMMISSIONER ECKLUND.

4

5 **PAT EKLUND:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
6 PRESENTATION. GREAT PRESENTATION. IT'S PRETTY EXCITING AND
7 SCARY AT THE SAME TIME. SO, HAVE WE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE
8 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND CSAC TO SEE WHAT THEY THINK
9 ABOUT SOME OF THESE IDEAS AND WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY OTHERS
10 THAT THEY'RE PURSUING THAT ARE NOT LISTED HERE?

11

12 **JULIE SNYDER:** THEY'RE DEFINITELY -- THROUGH THE CHAIR --
13 THEY'RE DEFINITELY IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS. THEY HAVE BEEN
14 INVITED TO AND HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE STAKEHOLDER
15 MEETINGS AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL VENUES. THEY WERE IN A MEETING
16 WITH US ON WEDNESDAY. SO THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY
17 TO GIVE FEEDBACK. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE PUT ANY
18 PARTICULAR PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE AT THIS TIME.

19

20 **PAT EKLUND:** OKAY. I'LL FOLLOW UP ON THAT WITH THEM. AND HAVE
21 WE REACHED OUT TO THE CITIES AND COUNTY IN THE BAY AREA FOR
22 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS? THESE ARE THE
23 PEOPLE THAT ARE ON THE GROUND ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTING THEM, AS
24 WELL AS THE ONES UP HERE. BUT, THERE IS A LOT OF CITIES THAT
25 HAVE HAD SPECIFIC EXPERIENCES THAT WE MAY BE MISSING.



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2 **JULIE SNYDER:** WE HAVE NOT DONE, YET, SPECIFIC OUTREACH TO THE
3 BAY AREA BEYOND THE FEEDBACK AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE LEAGUE
4 AND THE COUNTY. I THINK ONCE WE HAVE A MORE SOLID PROPOSAL, I
5 THINK WE COULD DEFINITELY TAKE IT TO ANY NUMBER OF VENUES, AND
6 WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

7

8 **PAT EKLUND:** YEAH, DEFINITELY. I THINK ABAG, BECAUSE EACH --
9 ALL THE CITIES ARE A MEMBER OF THAT ORGANIZATION, OF ABAG, I
10 THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO REACH OUT EARLY ON. AND
11 I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS THE RIGHT TIMING. I WOULD LEAVE THAT UP
12 TO YOU GUYS. BUT AT LEAST GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY
13 SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT WE MAY BE MISSING THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO
14 INCLUDE IN ORDER IT MAKE THE PROCESS RUN SMOOTHER. BECAUSE THE
15 EXPERIENCE WAS VERY FRUSTRATING. I WAS ENGAGED EVERY STEP OF
16 THE WAY ON THIS THING, AND BEING A PERSON THAT WAS RAISED IN
17 GOVERNMENT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL FOR A LONG TIME, IT WAS VERY
18 FRUSTRATING. SO, LET'S SEE, THERE IS ONE OTHER QUESTION. I MAY
19 WANT TO TALK WITH YOU OFFLINE, TOO, ABOUT SOME OTHER IDEAS
20 THAT -- BECAUSE I HAVE A WHOLE LIST OF ONES THAT, WHEN WE WENT
21 AROUND TO THE WHOLE STATE GETTING IDEAS ON THIS, I HAVE THAT
22 LIST AT HOME, AND I DIDN'T BRING IT, SO, I WOULD LIKE IT TALK
23 WITH YOU OFFLINE.

24

25 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR



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1 WILLIAMS? COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS?

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3 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. I HAVE A REAL SIMPLE
4 REQUEST. [LAUGHTER] WE'RE CONSTANTLY REFERENCING THE FEDERAL,
5 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, RTP. I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT
6 THAT IS. SO, IF I CAN GET A COPY OF THAT. SO WHEN WE TALKING
7 ABOUT THE FEDERAL AND -- I KNOW WHAT THE STATE SIDE IS, AND
8 WHAT WE'RE DOING, BUT I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS SO IT'S
9 HARD FOR ME TO CONNECT THOSE DOTS.

10

11 **MATT MALONEY:** SIMPLY, PLANNED BAY AREA, WHICH YOU SEE A LOT OF
12 PLANNED BAY AREA THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WE CALL IT AN RTP SCS,
13 SO IT SATISFIES THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE STATE
14 REQUIREMENTS IN ONE DOCUMENT. SO IT'S A TRANSPORTATION PLAN,
15 SATISFYING FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, AND, ALSO, IT COMPLIES WITH
16 SB 375, WHICH IS THE STATE LAYER, WHICH, ESSENTIALLY, 375, AT
17 ITS CORE, ASKS THAT WE DEVELOP A FORECASTED DEVELOPMENT
18 PATTERN FOR HOUSING AND JOBS IN THESE PLANS, SO IT'S NOT ONLY
19 A TRANSPORTATION PLAN, IT'S ALSO, SORT OF, A HOUSING AND JOBS
20 DEVELOPMENT FORECAST, AND THAT THOSE THINGS, TOGETHER, SATISFY
21 A GHG REQUIREMENT. THAT'S WHAT 375 ASKS US TO DO. THERE ARE
22 COMPLEXITIES AND METHODOLOGIES UNDERNEATH THAT AND THAT'S KIND
23 OF WHAT WE'RE GETTING INTO TODAY, BUT AT ITS CORE THAT'S WHAT
24 375 IS.

25



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1 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** YOU KNOW, I HAD NOT CONNECTED THAT DOT BEFORE,
2 I WAS LIKE I KEEP REFERENCING THIS FEDERAL PLAN WHAT IS THAT
3 THAT'S THE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE'RE DOING BUT IT'S ALL THE
4 SAME. [LAUGHTER] I'M GLAD EVERYBODY HAD A LITTLE GIGGLE TODAY.

5

6 **CARLOS ROMERO:** COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS I ALWAYS APPRECIATE YOU
7 ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DETAILS WE DON'T UNDERSTAND BECAUSE
8 SOMETIMES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AND YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO
9 ASK THESE QUESTIONS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ACTUALLY. I
10 ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO DO IT.

11

12 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ALL RIGHT. COMMISSIONER BURT?

15

16 **PAT BURT:** THANK YOU. SO, UNDER -- I'M LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENT
17 OBJECTIVES, AND I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO PLACE THIS, BUT I WANTED
18 TO CALL ATTENTION TO IT. IN OUR PLANNED BAY AREA, I HAVE COME
19 TO UNDERSTAND, ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES, IF I STATE THIS
20 CORRECTLY, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, IS THAT WE -- WE HAVE
21 CAPPED AND WANT TO LIMIT AND HOPEFULLY REDUCE INBOUND COMMUTES
22 FROM OUTSIDE THE NINE COUNTY REGION TO JOBS WITHIN THE NINE
23 COUNTY REGION. HIGH SPEED RAIL PLAN NOW IS EXPLICITLY FOCUSED
24 ON INDUCING LONG DISTANCE COMMUTES FROM PRIMARILY THE GREATER
25 FRESNO AREA IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY INTO OUR REGION, PRIMARILY



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1 THE SOUTH BAY. AND IS IT WITHIN WHAT WE SHOULD -- YOU KNOW, WE
2 HAD THAT -- THE MAJOR REGIONAL BODY -- REGIONAL BODIES THAT
3 ARE PARTICIPATING HERE, CENTRAL VALLEY IS NOT ONE OF THOSE
4 PARTIES, TO MY UNDERSTANDING, BUT HOW DO WE -- HOW DO WE
5 PROMOTE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN OUR PLANNED BAY AREA
6 OBJECTIVES AND WHAT IS NOW THE MODEL, OR THE PLAN FOR HIGH
7 SPEED RAIL NO LONGER TO BE PRIMARILY ON LA REGION, THE SAN
8 FRANCISCO REGION TRANSIT, BUT RATHER INDUCING GROWTH. I KNOW
9 FRESNO HAS A NEW 45,000 UNIT SPRAWL PLAN. AND THOSE TWO THINGS
10 JUST SEEM SO CONTRADICTIONARY. HOW DO WE INCORPORATE ADVOCATING
11 FOR BETTER RECONCILIATION?

12

13 **DAVE VAUTIN:** DAVE VAUTIN PLANNING DIRECTOR. I THINK YOU'RE
14 MAKING AN EXCELLENT POINT, HIGH SPEED RAIL DIVISION IS TO
15 SERVE NON-COMMUTE PURPOSES GETTING BETWEEN LA AND SAN
16 FRANCISCO REGIONS IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN TALK ABOUT
17 SERVING THE MEGA COMMUTERS FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY AS WELL,
18 AND DEFINITELY IS NOT ALIGNED WITH THE SB 375 LANGUAGE WHICH
19 IS ALL ABOUT HOUSING OUR WORKERS WITHIN OUR REGIONS. THEY
20 DON'T HAVE TO DO THOSE MEGA COMMUTES. SO YOU HAVE ANOTHER
21 EXAMPLE OF STATE POLICIES NOT BEING FULLY ALIGNED. THERE IS A
22 COMPONENT TO THE ADVOCACY PROPOSAL THAT LOOKS AT RE-
23 ESTABLISHING REGIONAL TARGETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AN ENTITY
24 THAT WOULD TRY TO RECONCILE DIFFERENT STATE GOALS. BASICALLY,
25 YOU KNOW, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE LAWS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT,



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1 THE GOALS ARE NOT FULLY ALIGNED, AND I BRING TOGETHER A NUMBER
2 OF STAKEHOLDERS IN THE TARGET SETTING PROCESS THAT WE COULD
3 HAVE POLICY DIALOGUES THAT'S ONE IDEA TO TRY TO WRESTLE WITH
4 SOME OF THESE ASPECTS OF THE PLANNING THAT ARE NOT FULLY IN
5 SYNC WITH EACH OTHER. I DO WANT TO UNDER SCORE THAT WE DO
6 INCORPORATE HIGH SPEED RAIL IN OUR PLANS, AND, YOU KNOW, IT IS
7 CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE TO DO SO, FOR, YOU KNOW, IN INDUCING --
8 YOU KNOW, HAVING ADDITIONAL TRIPS FOR NON-COMMUTER LEISURE
9 PURPOSES IS ALL FINE UNDER 375 BUT IT'S THE COMMUTE DISCONNECT
10 THAT IS REAL.

11

12 **PAT BURT:** I HAD ONE OTHER POINT THAT KIND OF FOLDS INTO OUR
13 PRIOR DISCUSSION ON .4, ON ESTABLISHING THAT TRUST AND DRIVING
14 ACTION. AS WE -- WE -- AS WE HAVE LOOKED AT WHAT ARE OUR
15 REGIONAL HOUSING REAL NEEDS, WE HAVE, REALLY, IN MY MIND, TWO
16 CATEGORIES, HOW DO WE DEAL WITH A DEFICIT THAT HAS ACCUMULATED
17 OVER DECADES, VERSUS WHAT SHOULD BE THE FORWARD PROJECTIONS
18 BASED UPON WHATEVER ASSUMPTIONS ARE BEING MADE? AND WHAT HAS
19 CHANGED IN THE DOT AND DOF FORECAST, MOST OF ALL HAS BEEN
20 BIRTH RATE CONTINUING TO DECLINE, WHEREAS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY
21 ANTICIPATED THAT SOMEHOW THAT TREND WOULD DISCONTINUE, OR EVEN
22 REVERSE ITSELF. AND I DON'T SEE ANY WAY THAT OUR POLICIES ARE
23 GOING TO HAVE, AT THE STATE OR THE REGIONAL LEVEL, HAVE THE
24 AFFECT OF MANDATING OR INDUCING MORE BIRTHS PER CAPITA. AND,
25 YEAH. AND WE MIGHT HAVE A BLOW BACK, IF THAT'S THE CASE. SO,



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1 IT REALLY GOES INTO HOW WE INTEGRATE THIS PRIOR DISCUSSION WE
2 HAD WITH THESE THEMES OF EARNING TRUST AND DRIVING ACTION TO
3 HAVE A FOCUS ON ADDRESSING OUR REAL DEFICITS IN WAYS THAT ARE
4 ACHIEVABLE, IN HOUSING AND TRANSIT, AND HAVING FORWARD
5 PROJECTIONS THAT ARE FOUNDED IN -- IN SOMETHING CLOSER TO
6 REALITY, WHICH ARGUABLY CAN BE ARRANGED, DEPENDING ON WHO
7 INTERPRETS WHAT FACT IN WHAT WAY. BUT, RIGHT NOW, IT SEEMS TO
8 BE ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE OUTSIDE OF A REASONABLE RANGE OF
9 WHAT'S REALISTIC. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE MIGHT INCORPORATE
10 THOSE THEMES IN THESE AREAS, BUT THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

11

12 **MATT MALONEY:** MAYBE DAVE WANTS TO CHIME IN. I WANT TO OFFER,
13 THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, ULTIMATELY, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 POWER RESTS WITH YOU, NOT THE STATE. IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW,
15 FORECAST DEVELOPMENT, GENERALLY SPEAKING, THAT IS SOMETHING WE
16 WOULD BRING TO YOU AT THE START OF THE PROCESS. AND, SO, AT
17 THE START OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2060, WE HEAR THAT THERE IS A
18 LOT OF INTEREST TO KIND OF GET INTO THE WEEDS IN THAT PROCESS,
19 AND, SO, WE COMMIT TO YOU THAT WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT LONG
20 RANGE FORECAST OF POPULATION AND JOBS, IN SOME OF THE
21 DIFFERING SCENARIOS IN THE VARIATIONS, AND WE COMMIT TO
22 BRINGING THAT TO YOU. I WOULD JUST BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT ARMING
23 THE STATE WITH SOMETHING THERE. IT ALSO GOES BACK TO WHAT I
24 SAID ABOUT, SORT OF, THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
25 TWO MASTERS ON THIS PLAN, WE HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND



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1 THE STATE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS WANT -- THE FEDERAL
2 GOVERNMENT WANTS US TO DEVELOP THESE FORECASTS ESSENTIALLY
3 WITH THE BEST AVAILABLE DATA. THAT'S, SORT OF, WHAT THEIR
4 GUIDANCE SAYS, AND I ACTUALLY THINK IT'S GOOD. THAT PROVIDES US A
5 LOT OF FLEXIBILITY.

6

7 **DAVE VAUTIN:** I WANT TO PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL CAVEAT THAT I
8 THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT IT CONNECTS YOUR COMMENT, COMMISSIONER
9 BURT, WITH SOME OF THE OTHERS. THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEED
10 ALLOCATION IS DRIVEN BY THAT DETERMINATION ARE WHAT GOES INTO
11 HOUSING ELEMENTS. THAT PROCESS IS PARALLEL AND HAS SOME KEY
12 CONNECTIONS WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN, BUT IS A SEPARATE PROCESS.
13 THE RHND FOR THE REGION IS CALCULATED BASED OFF OF DLF WITH A
14 LONG LIST OF ADJUSTMENT FACTORS, NOT THE TOTAL NEED NUMBER --
15 NOT THE TOTAL HOUSING NUMBER IN PLANNED BAY AREA. IT DOES NOT
16 DRIVE THAT. IF WE MAKE THAT BIGGER OR SMALLER, THE RHND WOULD
17 REMAIN THE SAME FOR THE REGION, BECAUSE IT IS DEFINED THROUGH
18 A METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED IN STATE LAW, AND HCD RUNS THAT
19 CALCULATION. NOW WHAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER IS THERE IS A
20 CONSISTENCY ASPECT ON THE GROWTH PATTERN. AND A PATTERN -- YOU
21 KNOW, PATTERN DOES NOT MEAN THE BIG NUMBER, IT KIND OF MEANS
22 DISTRIBUTION OF GROWTH THROUGH THE REGION. RIGHT? THERE IS
23 SOME LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO, REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ALLOCATION
24 YOU HAVE 3% IN A CERTAIN COUNTY LONG RANGE GROWTH FORECAST,
25 THE SAME GENERAL BALLPARK IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE BUT THE TOTAL



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1 NUMBER WHICH I GRASP AS THE MAIN CONCERN OF COURSE WE'LL
2 EXPLORE MORE I THINK MORE IN THE REGIONAL PLAN CONTEXT THE
3 PLANNED BAY AREA CONTEXT HCD WILL BE DOING ITS CALCULATION
4 THROUGH A SEPARATE PROCESS THEY USE DOF BUT HAVE A WHOLE SLEW
5 OF ADJUSTMENT FACTORS AND SO AS WE GO FORWARD THAT DOESN'T
6 GUARANTEE THAT THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION WILL BE
7 LOWER THEY HAVE FURTHER MODIFIED THOSE ADJUSTMENT FACTORS
8 SINCE THE LAST CYCLE SO THE COMPONENT OF THAT CALCULATION
9 DRIVEN BY DOF WILL GO DOWN BUT ADJUSTMENT FACTORS HAVE GONE
10 UP. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RHND WILL BE YET BUT WE'LL BE
11 WATCHING AS WE GO INTO 2026, 2027 WATCHING WHAT HAPPENS DOWN
12 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AS THEY GET THEIR RHND UNDERSTANDING
13 THAT RHND COULD GO EITHER DIRECTION THERE IS POSSIBILITY
14 THAT'S ABOUT THE SAME OR HIGHER NEXT CYCLE DUE TO CHANGES IN
15 STATE LAW.

16

17 **PAT BURT:** I'LL SAY THAT'S FASCINATING THAT THE PROJECTIONS ON
18 POPULATION GROWTH CAN BE LOWER, BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE
19 THE OUTCOMES, BECAUSE THEY KIND OF DECIDE WHAT THE OUTCOMES
20 WOULD BE. I'M NOT SURE.

21

22 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ALL RIGHT. MISS NOACK?

23

24 **SUE NOACK:** YEAH, I'M -- I'M, SORT OF, LISTENING TO ALL OF THIS
25 GOING, WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO REALITY IN THE WHOLE GRAND SCHEME



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1 OF THINGS. THERE IS MY FIRST PROBLEM P IN HOW THESE NUMBERS
2 CAN BE SO DIFFERENT AND HOW YOU CAN PLAN AND HAVE SUCH
3 DIFFERENT NUMBERS TO PLAN TO, IS MIND BOGGLING TO ME. THE
4 OTHER PIECE OF THIS THAT I WAS LISTENING TO, OR THINKING ABOUT
5 WAS, I KNOW WHEN I TALK TO OTHERS IN THE AREA, IS THE END GOAL
6 GOING CHANGE? THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, AT THIS POINT,
7 SEEMS TO BE A BIT UNREALISTIC WITH WHAT PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING
8 WITH POPULATION GROWTH, WITH WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS ON -- YOU
9 KNOW, ENABLING PEOPLE TO ELECTRIFY. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SEEN A
10 LOT OF THE BUS COMPANIES TRY TO GO ELECTRIC AND IT HAS BEEN A
11 DISASTER. AND, SO, WITH OF THE INCREASE IN CARS, IS THERE
12 GOING TO BE SOME REALITY CHECK THERE TO SAY WE CAN'T GET TO
13 THOSE GOALS. AND PEOPLE ARE MAKING DECISIONS, AND COSTLY
14 DECISIONS, BECAUSE OF THOSE GOALS. AND THAT WORRIES ME. WE'RE
15 SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TRYING TO CHASE A GOAL THAT'S NOT
16 REALISTIC. AND, SO, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS GETTING THOUGHT
17 INTO THIS, BUT I THINK SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO, SORT OF, BRING
18 PEOPLE BACK TO REALITY AND SAY, OKAY, WE AMBITIOUS GOALS, BUT
19 LET'S MAKE IT AT LEAST POTENTIALLY REACHABLE, INSTEAD OF NOT
20 REACHABLE AT ALL. I THINK THAT HAS GOT TO BE AN IMPORTANT
21 PIECE THAT'S COMMUNICATED IN 375. AND THE OTHER POINT I WANT
22 TO MAKE REGARDING THE -- YOU KNOW, NOT WANT BEING TO INDUCE
23 MORE TRAFFIC COMING IN FROM OUTSIDE OF THE NINE BAY AREA
24 COUNTY, I'M STILL WORKING ON WITHIN THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTY.
25 AND THIS IS THE THING, AND I'M SORRY PEOPLE ARE SO TIRED OF



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1 HEARING ME SAY THIS BUT OUR PLANNED BAY AREA HAS THREE ASPECTS
2 TO IT, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND THE ECONOMY. AND WE ARE
3 MISSING THAT ECONOMIC PLAN TO HELP BALANCE JOBS AND LOCATIONS
4 WITHIN THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTY SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE
5 LONGEST COMMUTE COMING FROM EAST COUNTY CONTRA COSTA TO
6 WHEREVER PEOPLE ARE GOING. BUT THAT'S THE LONGEST COMMUTE IN
7 THE BAY AREA, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO GET JOBS MORE BALANCED, SO,
8 THAT ALSO HELPS GHG. BUT THAT ASPECT HAS BEEN MISSING. I
9 TALKED TO ANDY -- I KEEP BUGGING BAY AREA COUNCIL ABOUT IT,
10 THEY HAVE GOT DO SOMETHING. I HAVE A FOUR-PAGE E-MAIL I HAVE
11 SOME IDEAS. LOOKS LIKE THEY WANT MONEY FROM US, I'M NOT SURE
12 BUT WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE THAT. BUT THAT'S A PIECE THAT I
13 THINK WE FORGET IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS WE TRY TO PLAN HOUSING
14 AND TRANSPORTATION AROUND THE STATUS QUO ON THE ECONOMICS, BUT
15 I THINK THERE HAS TO BE MORE PLANNING ON THAT SIDE. AND I
16 DON'T KNOW HOW THAT FACTORS INTO 375, BUT I THINK IT'S A PIECE
17 THAT'S GOT TO BE AT LEAST CONSIDERED IN THINKING ABOUT IT.

18

19 **JULIE SNYDER:** I CAN SAY ON THE REALISTIC GOAL ASPECT OF WHAT
20 YOU OUTLINED THAT'S ABSOLUTELY A KEY PIECE OF OUR PROPOSAL AND
21 IN A PART OF WHAT I TALKED ABOUT. CHANGE THE GOAL SO THAT IT
22 REFLECTS OUR TARGETS, SO IT REFLECTS OUR INVESTMENT; AND THOSE
23 COUNT. I THINK THAT IS ABSOLUTELY A NORTH STAR FOR STAFF IN
24 THIS. THE PIECE --

25



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1 **SUE NOACK:** TO BE MORE CLEAR ABOUT THAT, I DON'T REALLY SEE
2 THAT ANYWHERE IN HERE THAT SAY, WE GOT TO CHANGE THE END GOAL
3 AND BE MORE REALISTIC ABOUT IT. WE SEEM TO BE GOING AROUND IT,
4 BUT WE'RE NOT NECESSARILY SAYING THAT'S OUR NORTH STAR ON
5 THIS.

6
7 **JULIE SNYDER:** DULY NOTED. I'M GOING TO ASK MY COLLEAGUE MATT
8 OAR DAVE TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

9
10 **MATT MALONEY:** THE THING I'M PICKING UP ON WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
11 CHAIR NOACK IS HOW BROAD OR GOALS ARE IN THESE PLANS PSB 375
12 IS FOCUSED BY AND LARGE ON GREENHOUSE REDUCTION. IT DOESN'T
13 TALK ABOUT THE ECONOMY. IT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT EQUITY. SO, IT'S
14 VERY NARROW. AND THOSE TYPES OF GOALS CAN BE AT ODDS WITH ONE
15 ANOTHER WE MAY HAVE A PLAN THAT'S BEST FOR GHG MAY NOT BE THE
16 PLAN THAT'S BEST FOR THE ECONOMY OR EQUITY SO I THINK WE
17 ADVOCATE FOR A FUTURE 375 THAT'S BROADER IN TERMS OF GOALS AND
18 NOT SO HYPER-FOCUSED ED ON ONE.

19
20 **SUE NOACK:** MAYBE WE NEED TO ADD THAT TO THE LIST.

21
22 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ALL RIGHT TO WRAP UP WITH
23 COMMISSIONER PAPAN THEN PUBLIC COMMENT.

24
25 **GINA PAPAN:** I AGREE WITH THE CHAIR HERE. WE HAVE DONE A FULL



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1 STUDY ON THE GAP IN TRANSPORTATION THAT WE HAVE AND THE SOUL
2 CRUSHING COMMUTES AND THE FACT THAT WE WILL NEVER BUILD OUR
3 WAY OUT OF THIS AND IT WILL NEVER BE AFFORDABLE ENOUGH. SO, WE
4 NEED TO INCORPORATE THAT, IT IMPACTS ALL OF US, NOT ONLY THE
5 ECONOMY, BUT OUR GREENHOUSE GASSES, AND HOW CITIES JUST
6 OUTSIDE OF OUR REGION ARE DEALING WITH IT. I AM CONCERNED, AS
7 WE MOVE FORWARD HERE, DARYL STEINBERG, AND YET HIS PARENTS
8 STILL LIVE IN MILLBRAE, SO I HEAR ABOUT EVERYTHING.
9 [LAUGHTER]. YOU SAY STRATEGIES AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS. WE
10 NEED TO KNOW WHO THE STAKEHOLDERS ARE. BECAUSE IN ORDER TO
11 ESTABLISH TRUST WE NEED TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE BIGGEST
12 PERSPECTIVE ON STAKEHOLDERS HERE MOVING FORWARD WE WANT TO BE
13 AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE ARE INCLUDING EVERYBODY, OR
14 AS MEMBERSHIP AS WE CAN. IT WAS ALSO NOTED, WERE THE LOCAL
15 JURISDICTIONS BROUGHT INTO THIS, WHEN WE JUST SEE A MAP OF
16 FOUR DIFFERENT MEETINGS HERE, IT'S CONCERNING TO ME. BECAUSE
17 WE NEED TO KNOW WHOSE INPUT IS BEING PUT INTO THIS PLAN. AND
18 WE DO WANT TO HAVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE HERE. AND YOU SAY
19 STATEWIDE ROUNDTABLES. CAN WE -- ARE THERE VIDEOS TAKEN? CAN
20 WE HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THOSE ROUNDTABLES? WE NEED TO
21 ENSURE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS AS MUCH INFORMATION THAT'S NOT
22 BIAS, BUT TOTALLY INCLUSIVE WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD HERE. I WOULD
23 LIKE TO SEE THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN. IT'S A LITTLE TOO
24 SIMPLISTIC TO SAY WE'RE MATCHING THIS WHEN WE ALSO HEAR THAT
25 WE ARE EXCEEDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF IT, BECAUSE WE'RE FOCUSED



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1 ON MOVING FORWARD HERE. BUT THEN WE'RE ALSO NOTING, TWO, ARE
2 WE MOVING FORWARD WITH REALITY. BECAUSE TIMES HAVE CHANGED. A
3 LOT DIFFERENT THINGS WERE MENTIONED HERE. OUR POPULATION
4 GROWTH IT'S SLOWED. PEOPLE ARE NOT RETURNING TO WORK. SO, WE
5 WANT THIS TO BE REALISTIC, AND IF YOU ARE SEEKING LEGISLATION
6 FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE DECISION-MAKING, WE NEED TO KNOW AS MUCH
7 AS WE CAN INFORMATION WISE. AND YOU SAID YOU WANT TO REACH OUT
8 AFTER YOU HAVE A SOLID PROPOSAL, WELL THAT'S CONCERNING TO ME
9 TOO. [LAUGHTER] THE SOLID PROPOSAL HAS TO BE DEVELOPED WITH
10 THE INPUT OF THE COMMISSIONERS. BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SEE US
11 RUN AHEAD WITH LEGISLATION AND THEN WE'RE GOING, OH NO WAIT.
12 WE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN THAT. IF WE'RE GOING FORWARD, COUNCIL OF
13 CITIES WAS MENTIONED, THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT. LOBBYING, WE
14 WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM ON BOARD IF WE'RE GOING TO SEEK THIS.
15 BUT, AGAIN, IF SB 375 DID NOT -- DOES NOT ALIGN WITH REALITY -
16 - OUR REALITY -- WHAT MTC KNOWS -- BECAUSE WE HAVE THAT GAP IN
17 OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, AND IF WE WERE TO ADDRESS THAT GAP,
18 WE WOULD REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASSES. AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE COMING
19 TO OUR JURISDICTIONS TO WORK. WE CAN'T JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, YOU
20 COUNTY COME, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASSES.
21 THESE ARE THE THINGS WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT TO MAKE THIS THE
22 STRONG -- IF YOU'RE GOING TO SEEK LEGISLATION HERE, IT HAS TO
23 BE ONE THAT JUST DOESN'T PROVIDE MTC WITH NEW LEGISLATION TO
24 SAY, HEY, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. AND I DO APPRECIATE
25 YOU SAYING, WANT THE LOCALS TO HAVE THAT CONTROL AND NOT THE



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1 STATE. BUT, OUR REALITIES TEND TO BE VERY DIFFERENT THESE
2 DAYS. SO, AGAIN, IF WE COULD ALWAYS TRACK WHO THESE
3 STAKEHOLDERS ARE, SO THAT WE CAN SEE THAT AND IF WE CAN
4 RECOMMEND OTHERS TO MAKE THIS STRONGER, PLEASE LET US DO THAT
5 IN SUCH A WAY IT DOESN'T GET TO A SOLID ON PROPOSAL BEFORE WE
6 KNOW IT'S THE BEST PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

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8 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO,
9 REALLY, TO THE MEMBERS, THANK YOU FOR EXPRESSING YOUR
10 VIEWPOINTS. I WANT TO SAY TO STAFF, YOU HAVE ALWAYS SAID WHEN
11 I HAVE HAD ISSUES, MATT, ANDY, REBECCA, DAVE VAUTIN, ON
12 OCCASION, OUR STAFF REALLY NOW HE'S ALWAYS -- I REMEMBER DAVE
13 HE USED TO HAVE THE BEST HEADSET IN THE WORLD AND BUT OUR
14 STAFF THAT REALLY ARE ACCESSIBLE, ALIX TOO, PLEASE REACH OUT
15 TO THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE INCREDIBLE INFORMATION NOTHING
16 AGAINST MATT MALONEY BUT DAVE VAUTIN HIS ENCYCLOPEDIA OF
17 KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PLANNING IS SECOND TO NONE. BUT MATT, YOU'RE
18 A CLOSE SECOND. WITH THAT WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. DO WE
19 HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? SUPERVISOR ANDERSEN DO YOU WANT TO
20 GIVE A MINUTE OR 30 SECONDS? ONE MINUTE IS FINE. OKAY ONE
21 MINUTE. ONE MINUTE. QUORUM FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

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23 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON
24 THIS ITEM. THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK
25 ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE



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1 TO SPEAK IN ZOOM. ROLAND, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

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3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU DIRECTOR BURT FOR EXPANDING
4 THE CONVERSATION BEYOND THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES. I WOULD
5 LIKE TO CLOSE OFF BY TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT OF REPATRIATION,
6 WITH REPATRIATED TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS, TWO AND A
7 HALF MILLION INDIVIDUALS NATION-WIDE, SO FAR, POTENTIALLY 10
8 MILLION IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. WE NEED TO START ANALYZING
9 THE IMPACT OF THIS REPATRIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND THE NINE BAY
10 AREA COUNTIES, SPECIFICALLY HOUSING NEEDS, TRANSPORTATION
11 NEEDS, AND TAX REVENUES. IN CLOSING, HIGH SPEED RAIL CHANGE
12 ORDERS CURRENTLY APPROACHING 7 BILLION MOST OF THIS MONEY WENT
13 TO DOWNTOWN GREAT SEPARATIONS IN DOWNTOWN FRESNO INCLUDING
14 FREIGHT WHICH IS REMARKABLE WHEN YOU COME TO THERE, NEVER
15 TRAINS GOING MORE THAN 105 MILLION. SORRY -- MPH IN THE
16 DOWNTOWN FRESNO. LAST COMMENT AUTHORITIES OF FRESNO DEVELOPER.
17 THANK YOU.

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19 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

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21 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** WE JUST HAD THAT.

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23 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** I BELIEVE GENERAL COMMENT ON
24 AGENDA ITEM FOUR NOT ON OUR AGENDA.

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1 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THIS
2 ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO
3 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ALL RIGHT. SO, THE NEXT MEETING
6 OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON
7 FRIDAY JANUARY 9TH, 2026 AT 9:45. YOU KNOW THE LOCATION. WITH
8 THAT, WE'LL ADJOURN. SAME TIME, SAME BAT CHANNEL. WITH THAT,
9 WE'RE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]