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Meeting Transcript



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JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025, 9:45 AM

CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE COMMITTEE THIS MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ACTIONS ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATION TODAY. WILL THE CLERK CALL ROLL AND CONFIRM QUORUM?

BOARD CLERK: WILL DO. CHAIR CANEPA?

CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: CARLSON IS ABSENT. MEMBER AHN?

CHAIR EDDIE AHN, MTC PC: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: ANDERSON IS ABSENT. BUT PARTICIPATING AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. MEMBER BURT?

PAT BURT: HERE.



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

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3 **PAT EKLUND:** PRESENT.

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

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7 **DOREEN M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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9 **BOARD CLERK:** GAUTHIER IS ABSENT. JOHN-BAPTISTE?

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11 **ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE:** HERE.

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13 **BOARD CLERK:** MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MASHBURN?

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15 **MITCH MASHBURN:** HERE.

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17 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. RABBITT?

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19 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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21 **BOARD CLERK:** RAMOS? IS ABSENT. ROMERO?

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23 **CARLOS ROMERO:** HERE.

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25 **BOARD CLERK:** WILLIAMS?



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2 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** HERE.

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4 **BOARD CLERK:** WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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6 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGENDA ITEM
7 TWO INCLUDES ITEMS 2A AND 2B DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO
8 APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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10 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** SO MOVED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS.

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12 **CARLOS ROMERO:** I'LL SECOND. ROMERO.

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14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ROLL CALL PLEASE?

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16 **BOARD CLERK:** CANEPA?

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

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20 **BOARD CLERK:** VICE CHAIR CARLSON IS ABSENT. MEMBER AHN?

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

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24 **BOARD CLERK:** ANDERSEN IS ABSENT. BURT?

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1 **PAT BURT:** YES.

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

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5 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

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7 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. EZZY ASHCRAFT IS ABSENT. GAUTHIER?

8 ABSENT. JOHN-BAPTISTE?

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10 **ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE:** AYE.

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12 **BOARD CLERK:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MEMBER MASHBURN?

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14 **MITCH MASHBURN:** AYE.

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16 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBITT?

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18 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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20 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. RAMOS? IS ABSENT. ROMERO?

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22 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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24 **BOARD CLERK:** WILLIAMS?

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1 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** YES.

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3 **BOARD CLERK:** THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL
4 MEMBERS PRESENT.

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6 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH WE'RE
7 NOW ON TO AGENDA ITEM 3A, THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD. THIS
8 IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM, GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN.

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10 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING.

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12 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** GOOD MORNING. GEORGIA GANN-
13 DOHRMANN: GOOD MORNING. GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN, MTC ABAG STAFF.
14 SO EVERY YEAR AT THE END OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WE
15 COME TO YOU WITH AN OVERVIEW, A QUICK REMINDER OF WHAT YOUR
16 PRIORITIES WERE IN YOUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR, AND
17 SCORECARD ON HOW YOU ALL, AND WE ALL, PERFORMED. [LAUGHTER]
18 SO, I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE SCORECARD BECAUSE
19 IT'S QUITE LONG. BUT I WANT TO CALL OUT A COUPLE ITEMS. FIRST,
20 JUST TO, SORT OF, STATE A PLAY, THE STATE LEGISLATURE WRAPPED
21 UP THEIR WORK ON SEPTEMBER 13TH. THE GOVERNOR, NOW, HAS UNTIL
22 MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH, TO SIGN OR VETO BILLS. SO, WE
23 ARE NOT -- YOU KNOW, WE'RE, SORT OF, WAITING WITH BAITED
24 BREATH FOR THE OUTCOME OF SOME OF THE PIECES OF LEGISLATION IN
25 THE STATE ADVOCACY PROGRAM SIDE. BUT I'LL WALK THROUGH WHAT WE



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1 KNOW SO FAR. SO, OUR MOST VISIBLE PRIORITY THIS YEAR THAT MANY
2 OF YOU ALL WERE VERY, VERY INVOLVED IN WAS AROUND SUSTAINING
3 NEAR-TERM TRANSIT SERVICE. WE MADE HEADWAY ON SEVERAL FRONTS,
4 SO, THE FIRST IS SENATE BILL 63, BY SENATOR WIENER AND
5 ARREGUIN. AGAIN, YOU ALL WERE VERY INVOLVED IN THAT. THAT BILL
6 IS AWAITING SIGNATURE BY THE GOVERNOR. THE OTHER PIECE THAT
7 WAS REALLY RELATED TO SUSTAINING NEAR-TERM TRANSIT SERVICE IS
8 THAT \$750 MILLION BRIDGE LOAN THAT THE STATE BUDGET
9 AUTHORIZED. THE PURPOSE OF THAT LOAN IS TO REALLY BE ABLE TO
10 SUSTAIN SERVICE FROM THE -- FOR MANY OF OUR MAJOR OPERATORS
11 FROM THE TIME THAT EMERGENCY AID FROM THE STATE AND FROM THE
12 COMMISSION RUNS OUT IN SUMMER 2026, TO WHEN REVENUES MIGHT
13 START FLOWING FROM A POTENTIAL REGIONAL TRANSIT REVENUE
14 MEASURE AFTER 2026 REVENUE MEASURE SO THE LOAN TERMS ARE STILL
15 UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH SOME NEW ADMINISTRATION THEY MUST BE
16 FINALIZED BY MID-JANUARY SO THAT'S AN ONGOING EFFORT. THERE
17 WAS ALSO A LOT THAT HAPPENED THIS YEAR AT THE STATE LEVEL
18 AROUND MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.
19 THAT WAS MORE PLAYING IN A DEFENSE ROLE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE
20 STATE HAD AUTHORIZED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RESOURCES FOR
21 TRANSIT OPERATING AND MODERNIZATION THROUGH AN ITERATIVE
22 PROCESS, BUT THE LATEST THAT WE CALL UP IN SACRAMENTO IS
23 SENATE BILL 125, THOSE YEARS -- THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNOR AND
24 LEGISLATURE WERE CONSIDERING CUTTING SENATE BILL 125 FUNDS,
25 AGAIN, CLAWING IT BACK. THE -- I'M KIND OF LOOKING AROUND



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1 HERE, THE TWO MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT THOSE RESOURCES WILL
2 GO TO BART TO SILICON VALLEY PHASE TWO, AS WELL AS BART
3 TRANSBAY CORE CAPACITY AND THEY SUPPORT TRANSIT OPERATIONS SO
4 WE WERE ABLE TO WITH BIG COALITION OF PARTNERS SUCCESSFULLY
5 DEPEND AGAINST CLAWING BACK THOSE RESOURCES. ANOTHER, SORT OF,
6 BIG FINISHED SOURCE THAT HAS FOR DECADES NOW PROVIDED REALLY A
7 LOT OF CERTAINTY AND LONG-TERM RESOURCES FOR MODERNIZING OUR
8 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IS CAP-AND-TRADE. AND THE LEGISLATURE,
9 THIS YEAR, REAUTHORIZED THE CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM THROUGH
10 2045. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS A REALLY HIGH PRIORITY FOR
11 THE COMMISSION AND FOR ABAG THIS YEAR. AND JUST REALLY GOOD
12 NEWS IN THAT, KIND OF AS A REMINDER, BACK SEVERAL -- BACK IN
13 THE EARLY 22000s WHEN CAP-AND-TRADE WAS FIRST AUTHORIZED, THE
14 LEGISLATURE REALLY MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO HAVE CAP-AND-
15 TRADE REVENUES BE A MECHANISM TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF
16 YOUR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES OR PLANNED BAY AREA
17 2050+ IS NOW WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT, THE COMMITMENT TO THAT WAS
18 REALLY SUBSTANTIAL WITH 60% OF THE CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUES
19 GOING TO CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO SUPPORT TRANSPORTATION
20 AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SINCE THEN, THERE ARE A LOT OF -- HAVE
21 BEEN A LOT OF NEW PRESSURES ON THOSE RESOURCES, INCLUDING
22 THINGS LIKE WILDFIRE SUPPORT, REDUCING METHANE EMISSIONS, AND
23 SO AS THE LEGISLATURE WENT TO REAUTHORIZE CAP AND TRADE THIS
24 YEAR, THEY REALLY LOOKED AT IT FROM A BLANK SLATE PERSPECTIVE
25 AND REALLY HAD A DEEP DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT THE PRIORITIES



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1 REALLY SHOULD BE FOR THOSE CAP-AND-TRADE RESOURCES. THERE WAS
2 A REALLY SUBSTANTIAL COALITION THAT PULLED TOGETHER AND MADE A
3 STRONG CASE THAT TRANSPORTATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHOULD
4 CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR STATE PRIORITY AND RECEIVE A
5 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THOSE RESOURCES. SO, IN THE
6 REAUTHORIZATION, THE LEGISLATURE REVISED HOW THE EXPENDITURE
7 PLAN WORKS FOR THE CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUES, BUT BOTH
8 TRANSPORTATION -- TRANSIT, RAIL, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ALL
9 THREE OF THOSE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CONTINUOUS
10 APPROPRIATIONS, WHICH IS A HUGE WIN. MORE ON THE HOUSING SIDE,
11 AS A REMINDER, MTC AND ABAG, EARLIER THIS YEAR, REQUESTED 300
12 MILLION IN STATE SUPPORT FOR THE BAY AREA FINANCE AUTHORITY
13 FOR BAHFA OPERATIONS -- 30 MILLION. OH MY GOSH, I'M SO USED TO
14 -- I'M USED TO THE HUNDREDS AND BILLIONS. [LAUGHTER] 30
15 MILLION. YEAH, 300 WOULD BE WONDERFUL AS WELL, WE'LL TAKE
16 THAT. THAT REQUEST WASN'T FUNDED ULTIMATELY. IT WAS REALLY
17 TIGHT BUDGET YEAR. IT DID BUILD FOUNDATION FOR A FUTURE
18 PARTNERSHIP SO IT'S SOMETHING THIS WE ANTICIPATE MIGHT BE
19 SOMETHING YOU GUYS WILL SEE NEXT MONTH WHEN WE COME BACK FOR A
20 DRAFT ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR 2026. ALSO ABAG MTC COSPONSORED AB
21 670, QUIRK AND SILVA, WHICH WOULD ALLOW JURISDICTIONS TO COUNT
22 CONVERTED NATURALLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TOWARD THEIR RHNA
23 TARGETS THIS IS REALLY ABOUT FOCUSING ON THE THREE P'S, THE
24 PRESERVATION CATEGORY, IT'S SOMETHING THAT ABAG HAS LED, IN
25 PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO SUPPORT LOCALS IN



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1 PRIORITIZING AND RECEIVING CREDIT FOR PRESERVING AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING UNITS. THAT BILL WAS SIGNED INTO LAW, WHICH IS VERY
3 EXCITING. I THINK I'M GOING TO COVER TWO MORE ITEMS, BILLS WE
4 WERE ENGAGED ON. ONE WAS ASSEMBLY BILL 697, IT'S
5 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WILSON. WANTED TO THANK OUR VICE CHAIR WHO WAS
6 UP IN SACRAMENTO ADVOCATING FOR THIS BILL A LOT; IT'S RELATED
7 TO STATE ROUTE 37, AND IT WILL ENABLE SOME OF THE NEAR-TERM
8 MOBILITY AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE ROUTE 37
9 CORRIDOR TO PROCEED UNDER AN EXPEDITED CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE
10 IN A WAY THAT STILL MAINTAINS ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS. THAT
11 HAS BEEN A MULTI-YEAR EFFORT. YES, THANK YOU TO OUR CHAIR AND
12 OUR -- [LAUGHTER] COMMISSIONER MASHBURN, AND I SEE MEMBER
13 WILLIAMS HERE, AS WELL. IT WAS A REALLY CONCERTED EFFORT WITH
14 A LOT OF SUPPORT, AND, AGAIN, SORT OF, WORK FROM THE
15 COMMISSION AND ABAG. SO, THANK YOU. THEN THE LAST THING I
16 WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT WAS A BROWN ACT REFORM BILL THAT THE
17 GOVERNOR SIGNED INTO LAW, IT WAS ANOTHER BILL THAT ABAG AND
18 MTC COSPONSORED, INITIALLY SENATOR -- LED BY SENATOR ARREGUIN
19 AND HE ENDED UP, SORT OF, WORKING WITH SOME OTHER LEADERSHIP
20 IN THE SENATE AND MERGING HIS BILL AROUND MAKING IT EASIER FOR
21 OUR ADVISORY BODIES TO TELECOMMUTE -- SORRY -- TO
22 TELECONFERENCE INTO MEETINGS. HE FOLDED THAT INTO A LARGER
23 BROWN ACT BILL. AND OUR POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, IN
24 PARTICULAR, HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING THAT BILL AS
25 A WAY TO IMPROVE, SORT OF, ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT FROM A WHOLE



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1 RANGE OF BAY AREA RESIDENTS INTO OUR ADVISORY BODIES. SO, THEY
2 WENT UP AND TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT IN FRONT OF LEGISLATURE, AND
3 IT'S BEEN A HUGE MULTI-YEAR EFFORT, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT
4 AGAIN THE GOVERNOR SIGNED INTO LAW. SO THAT IS GREAT. ON THE
5 FEDERAL SIDE, THERE IS A LOT GOING ON. ONE THING THAT I WANTED
6 TO HIGHLIGHT, AS A, SORT OF, UNEXPECTED WIN AT THE FEDERAL
7 LEVEL WAS WITH THE TAX BILL, THAT'S -- WAS PASSED EARLIER THIS
8 YEAR. THERE IS -- WAS A REALLY, SORT OF, SIGNIFICANT OVERHAUL
9 TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, WHICH IS A
10 REALLY IMPORTANT TOOL TO BUILD AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
11 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THERE HAD BEEN A BIPARTISAN EFFORT
12 UNDERWAY THAT ABAG AND MTC HAVE ADVOCATED FOR, FOR YEARS, IN
13 D.C. TO MAKE SOME TWEAKS THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR
14 CALIFORNIA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, AND
15 THOSE WERE INTEGRATED INTO THE TAX BILL THAT THE LEGISLATURE
16 PASSED. SO, THAT'S REALLY A FORWARD LOOKING, AND OPPORTUNITY
17 FOR CALIFORNIA TO BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS
18 GREAT. YOU KNOW, THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A LOT OF WORK ON, SORT
19 OF, WATCHING WHAT'S HAPPENING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
20 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION, WHICH CHIRAG MENTIONED
21 IN THE PLANNING PRESENTATION, WHICH IS GOING TO BE REALLY
22 IMPORTANT FOR LOOKING AT THE RESOURCES THAT ARE GOING TO BE
23 AVAILABLE TO THE BAY AREA, AND IN THE OUT-YEARS. AND, I GUESS,
24 WITH THAT, I'LL PAUSE.

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

2 BEFORE WE TAKE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
3 COMMENT?

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON
6 THIS ITEM THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO
7 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

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9 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ADINA, HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU
10 LIKE?

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12 **BOARD CLERK:** [LAUGHTER]

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14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** GIVE HER ONE MINUTE. OKAY. AND
15 DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE THE EVENT TODAY, YOU HAVE TODAY, ADINA
16 RIGHT? THE SEAMLESS EVENT?

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18 **ADINA LEVIN:** IN WHICH CASE, A MINUTE AND A HALF.

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20 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** A MINUTE AND A HALF, THERE YOU
21 GO.

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23 **ADINA LEVIN:** I'LL START WITH THE EVENT WHICH IS THE TRANSIT
24 MONTH RIDER FIRST AWARDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HERE FOLKS IN
25 THE ROOM MAY ACTUALLY REMEMBER WHEN IT STARTS MORE THAN ME,



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1 BUT I THINK IT STARTS AT SIX -- SIX OR 6:30, AND THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH TO MTC FOR SUPPORTING THIS. THIS IS NOT ON THE
3 LEGISLATIVE ITEM, I WOULD MAYBE HAVE MENTIONED IT IN THE
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON THE LEGISLATIVE TOPIC, I WANTED TO
5 EXPRESS GRATITUDE ABOUT A COUPLE THINGS, AND ONE AS A MEMBER
6 OF THE ADVISORY BODIES, GRATITUDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BROWN
7 ACT REFORM, WHICH I AM INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT, LIKE, WHAT
8 ACTUALLY PASSED, BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WILL HELP MEMBERS
9 OF THE PUBLIC BE EFFECTIVE IN ADVISORY BODIES PARTICULARLY IN
10 A LARGE REGION LIKE THIS ONE, TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE THE
11 COMMISSION. SO, THANKS FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT FOR THAT AND
12 GETTING THAT PASSED. AND, SECOND, FOR ALL OF THE COLLABORATIVE
13 EFFORT, INCLUDING AN ADVOCACY COALITION AND COMMISSION AND
14 AGENCIES IN SUPPORT OF THE CAP-AND-TRADE RENEWAL, WHICH WILL
15 HAVE CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND
16 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, IT'S THE LARGEST SOURCE OF AFFORDABLE
17 HOUSING FUNDING IN THE STATE AS WELL AS TRANSIT OPERATING AND
18 CAPITAL FUNDING. SO GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE WORK THAT LED TO
19 THAT. THANK YOU

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21 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ARE THERE ANY
22 ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS?

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24 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING
25 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** DID YOU HANDLE 3A, 4A, THE
3 FEDERAL UPDATE?

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** I'M MISTAKEN. SOMEONE JUST RAISED THEIR HAND
6 IN ZOOM. NOELIA.

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8 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** NOELIA, SUPERVISOR CORZO?

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10 **NOELIA CORZO:** I ACTUALLY WANTED TO REQUEST IF I AM ABLE TO
11 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY. I'M NOT FEELING WELL, BUT I AM AT HOME
12 HERE ON ZOOM.

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14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** OKAY. SO, THROUGH COUNTY COUNSEL,
15 MISS SEGAL?

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17 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** COULD YOU STATE THE -- YOU'RE NOT
18 FEELING WELL, IS THERE ANYBODY -- COULD YOU SAY YOU WANT TO
19 PARTICIPATE PURSUANT TO AB 2449, AND WHETHER THERE IS ANYONE
20 OVER THE AGE OF 18 IN THE ROOM WITH YOU AND DISCLOSE THE
21 RELATIONSHIP TO YOU, IF THEY ARE.

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23 **NOELIA CORZO:** THANK YOU. YES, I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
24 THROUGH AB -- WHAT IS IT? TWO -- 12 -- WHAT IS IT?

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1 **SPEAKER:** 49, YEAH.

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3 **NOELIA CORZO:** 1249, AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE ROOM WITH ME.

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5 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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7 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** I WILL JUST NOTE, I WAS TOLD WE COULDN'T DO

8 IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE A QUORUM IN THE PRIMARY MEETING

9 AREA. SO --

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11 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** I'M VERY SORRY. WE CAN'T DO IT. WE DO

12 NOT HAVE A QUORUM --

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14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** CINDI, COULD YOU SPEAK INTO YOUR

15 MICROPHONE?

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17 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** I'M SORRY. WE DO NOT HAVE QUORUM IN THE

18 BOARDROOM. SO, WE CAN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF REMOTE

19 PARTICIPATION. IT WAS MY MISTAKE. I'M SORRY.

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21 **NOELIA CORZO:** THAT'S OKAY. THANK YOU.

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23 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** FOR JOINT LEG, WE DON'T HAVE THE NINE

24 PEOPLE IN ONE LOCATION.

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1 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** -- EIGHT, NINE.

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3 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** CORRECT.

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5 **V. CHAIR, ABAG LC, CARLOS ROMERO:** THERE ARE NINE HERE.

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7 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THEY'RE NOT MEMBERS.

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9 **V. CHAIR, ABAG LC, CARLOS ROMERO:** OH YEAH.

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11 **COUNSEL, CINDI SEGAL:** YEAH, THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

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13 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** OKAY. I'M SORRY TO BOTH YOU,

14 SUPERVISOR ANDERSON AND SUPERVISOR CORZO. YOU ARE FREE TO STAY

15 ON. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANDERSEN AND SUPERVISOR CORZO.

16 GEORGIA, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD

17 FROM YOUR REPORTS?

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19 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** ON 4A, THE -- YEAH, THIS IS AN

20 INFORMATION ITEM, IT'S A FEDERAL UPDATE. THE GOVERNMENT IS

21 SHUTDOWN. [LAUGHTER] I THINK EVERYONE IS WELL AWARE. I DO WANT

22 TO MAKE SURE WE KNOW, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE WEATHERED SHUTDOWNS

23 BEFORE. YOU KNOW, TYPICALLY WHAT IS, SORT OF, UNUSUAL ABOUT

24 THE TRANSPORTATION SPACE IN GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS IS THAT THE

25 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION STAFF AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY



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1 ADMINISTRATION STAFF ARE ACTUALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE HIGHWAY
2 TRUST FUND, WHICH IS BASICALLY SIMILAR MANDATORY SPENDING,
3 PEOPLE LIKE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, AND SO WORKERS ARE NOT
4 FURLOUGHED, FOR THE MOST PART, AT THE FHWA AND THE TRANSIT
5 MODAL ADMINISTRATIONS. WHO ARE FURLOUGHED ARE PEOPLE, MANY,
6 MANY WORKERS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
7 OF THE SECRETARY. SO, WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT GOVERNMENT
8 WORKERS IN THE TRANSPORTATION SPACE ARE ABLE TO STILL DO
9 THINGS LIKE PROCESS GRANT REQUESTS IF THEY ARE, AGAIN,
10 WORKING. IT SHOULD MEAN, THOUGH, THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS
11 FROM -- THAT MANY OF YOUR LOCALITIES DEPEND ON, THAT ACTUALLY
12 COME THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, AGAIN, MANY GRANT
13 PROGRAMS, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, THAT ARE QUITE A FEW WORKERS
14 THAT, THAT, AGAIN, ARE UNABLE TO COME TO WORK AND PROCESS
15 REQUESTS. THE OTHER THING THAT HAPPENS IN THE TRANSIT SPACE IS
16 THAT IN ORDER FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES TO GET REIMBURSED FOR -- OR
17 GET GRANTS APPROVED, FOR EVEN SPENDING THINGS LIKE FORMULA
18 FUNDING, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT LABOR HAS TO GIVE AN OKAY, OR
19 TRYING TO SECURE APPROVAL FOR A HIGHWAY PROJECT, THE EPA NEEDS
20 TO GIVE AN OKAY. SO AGAIN EVEN THOUGH MANY TRANSPORTATION
21 EMPLOYEES ARE AT WORK, THE AGENCIES THAT MANY INTERSECT QUITE
22 A BIT WITH TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND FUNDING ARE NOT. SO,
23 IT'S, SORT OF, A, IN THE VERY NEAR-TERM, YOU KNOW, IT'S
24 SOMETHING WE HAVE WEATHERED BEFORE, IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE HAVE
25 WEATHERED VERY LONG-TERM, SO WE'RE MONITORING COORDINATING



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1 CLOSELY WITH BOTH OUR NATIONAL PARTNERS AND STATE REGIONAL
2 PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE WE CAN BE AS MUCH OF A SUPPORT AS WE CAN
3 TO FOLKS THAT ARE DEPENDING ON SECURING RESOURCES THROUGH MTC.
4 AND, OF COURSE, BEING A RESOURCE ON EDUCATION, AND JUST WHAT'S
5 HAPPENING.

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7 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? OH,
8 ADINA? OKAY. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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10 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON
11 THIS ITEM AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING
12 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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14 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY
15 COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEMS? CHAIR
16 NOACK?

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18 **SUE NOACK:** SO, I JUST WANT TO ADD MY THANKS TO, YOU KNOW,
19 STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DID, AND AT MANY TIMES KEEPING ME
20 IN HEIN, BECAUSE GEORGIA IS REALLY GOOD AT WRITING NOTES TO ME
21 AS I'M TRYING TO SPEAK TO REMIND ME OF THINGS AND THANK ALL
22 THE COMMISSIONERS. BECAUSE IT REALLY HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY
23 FIRST SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS OF BEING CHAIR, AND WE COULDN'T HAVE
24 ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT THE FOUR
25 OF YOU REALLY SPENDING A LOT OF TIME IN SACRAMENTO, A LOT OF



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1 DIGGING DEEP INTO ALL THE DETAILS, AND KEEPING MANY OF US
2 COMMISSIONERS INVOLVED IN THAT, UP-TO-DATE. SO, I JUST WANTED
3 TO ADD MY THANKS, AND ALSO THANKS TO THE COMMISSIONERS THAT
4 WERE ALSO SO INVOLVED WITH THIS, AS WELL. THANKS.

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6 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU.

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8 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM ANY
9 OF THE MEMBERS?

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11 **V. CHAIR, ABAG LC, CARLOS ROMERO:** I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT
12 TO ANDY, THERE IS ALWAYS A LEARNING CURVE WHEN IT COMES TO
13 DEALING WITH BOTH ELECTED'S, POLITICIANS, AND YOU HAVE GONE
14 BEYOND IN THIS PROCESS, I MEAN GOING TO COUNTIES, SPEAKING
15 WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, JUST PROACTIVELY TRYING TO GET SOME
16 OF THIS LEGISLATION THREE, IN PARTICULAR, 63. SO, I APPRECIATE
17 SEEING -- AND I HOPE YOU DON'T FIND THIS OFFENSIVE, YOUR
18 GROWTH IN THIS AREA, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND WE
19 NEED A LOT MORE OF IT. SO, GLAD THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE HERE
20 FOR THE HOUSING BOND.

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22 **ANDREW FREMIER:** THANKS.

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24 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** IT'S CRAZY WE HAVE THE DYNAMIC
25 DUO, WE HAVE ALIX AND ANDY. JUST YOUR NON-STOP WORK, 24 HOURS,



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1 SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, I MEAN YOU WERE SO RELENTLESS IN PUSHING
2 COUNTIES AND PUSHING THE LEGISLATOR. I THINK AS A COMMISSION,
3 MANY OF US SIT ON OTHER COMMISSIONS, THE COMMISSION I'M MOST
4 PROUD OF SITTING ON IS MTC. BECAUSE IT TAKES A LOT OF
5 FORTITUDE. IT TAKES DETERMINATION. THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHERE
6 SB63 WAS LITERALLY ON THE ROPES, AND 1031 WAS DEAD. AND, SO, I
7 THINK WHAT OUR STAFF WAS ABLE TO DO -- WE'LL MAKE SURE WE PUT
8 THIS IN YOUR REVIEW, IS JUST REALLY ABLE TO, SORT OF, I SAW
9 ANDY SMILE THERE -- BUT REALLY JUST KIND OF TO GO THROUGH ALL
10 THESE LEVERS AND DECISION MAKERS, I MEAN, IT'S REALLY, BEHIND
11 THE SCENES, SEEING THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, IT'S JUST SO
12 COMPLEX. AND, SO, KUDOS TO OUR CEO, AND ALIX IS A BIG PART OF
13 THE SUCCESS OF THIS ORGANIZATION. ALIX YOUR TALENT, UNRIFLED.
14 SO, THANK THE BOTH OF YOU. WE'LL MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM FIVE,
15 WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT. ADINA LEVIN. THANK YOU.

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17 **ADINA LEVIN:** ALL RIGHT. FOR A SLIGHTLY MORE COHERENT SUMMARY
18 OF TRANSIT MONTH AND THE RIDER FIRST AWARDS, EVERYONE WHO IS
19 HERE IS EXTREMELY WELCOME AT 6:00 P.M., IN THIS BUILDING, TO
20 THE RIDER FIRST AWARDS, WHICH REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF
21 TRANSIT MONTH. THAT IS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC
22 TRANSPORTATION IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, WHICH IS A
23 COORGANIZED BY SEAMLESS BAY AREA AND SAN FRANCISCO TRANSIT
24 RIDERS, WITH SUPPORT FROM MTC AND THE BAY AREA'S MANY TRANSIT
25 AGENCIES. THIS YEAR IT CONTINUED TO EXPAND IN SIZE WITH ABOUT



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1 80 EVENTS IN ALL NINE COUNTIES AROUND THE REGION, HOSTED BY
2 MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES, AND, YOU KNOW,
3 ORGANIZE ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL TYPES, INCLUDING A SUCCESSFUL
4 TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER EXECUTIVE RIDE-ALONG IN MARIN,
5 INCLUDING A BART ANIME FESTIVAL THAT HAD MANY THOUSANDS OF
6 PEOPLE AND HAD POSITIVE NEWS COVERAGE AT A TIME WHEN
7 CELEBRATING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS A FANTASTIC THING NOW
8 MORE THAN EVER SO THANKS TO MTC FOR SUPPORT AND EVERYBODY IS
9 WELCOME TO THE PARTY AND THE AWARD CEREMONY. THANK YOU.

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11 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** THANK YOU. CAN WE GIVE A ROUND OF
12 APPLAUSE FOR ADINA. ADINA, FROM THE BEGINNING ON SEAMLESS,
13 JUST MEAN IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU -- YOU DON'T GET MUCH CREDIT,
14 SEAMLESS; BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU IF IT WASN'T FOR SEAMLESS WE
15 WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY. LET'S GIVE IT UP FOR ADINA. THAT'S
16 TRUE. ANYMORE COMMENTS?

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18 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK
19 ON THIS ITEM.

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21 **CHAIR, MTC LC, DAVID CANEPA:** AGENDA ITEM NUMBER SIX,
22 ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG
23 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14TH WHEN
24 WE WENT THROUGH THE YEAR 2025 AT 9:45 A.M. AT THE BAY AREA



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- 1 METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE
- 2 ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]