



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript



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PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021, 9:45 AM

NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR: HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE. CAN WE PLAY OUR ANNOUNCEMENT, AGAIN? DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK,



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1 THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL
2 ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE
3 CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

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5 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** AM I CHAIRING THIS COMMITTEE? OR NOW
6 THAT I'M VICE CHAIR, AM I NOT CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE?

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YOU'RE STILL CHAIR UNTIL WE MAKE THE
9 APPOINTMENTS.

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11 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, VICE CHAIR:** NICK, THANK YOU FOR ASKING
12 THAT BECAUSE I WAS WONDERING THE SAME THING.

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14 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR. AND
15 SORRY -- SORRY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI IF I JUMPED IN ON
16 FORCE OF HABIT WITHOUT CHECKING IN ON THAT. OKAY. SO LET'S DO
17 A ROLL CALL THEN.

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19 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** OKAY. ABE-KOGA?

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21 **DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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23 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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25 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, VICE CHAIR:** HERE.



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2 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** EL-TAWANSY?

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4 **DINA EL-TAWANSY:** HERE.

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6 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** GLOVER?

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8 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE.

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10 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** JOSEFOWITZ?

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12 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** HERE.

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14 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** PAN AN?

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16 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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18 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** RONEN?

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20 **DIR. HILLARY RONEN:** HERE.

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22 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** SCHAFF?

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24 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** HERE.

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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** WORTH?

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3 **AMY R. WORTH:** HERE.

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5 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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7 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** AGENDA ITEM TWO CONSENT CALENDAR, DO I

8 HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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10 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, VICE CHAIR:** DUTRA-VERNACI MAKES THE

11 MOTION.

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13 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** MOVE APPROVAL.

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15 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** MOVED BY COMMISSIONER GLOVER, SECOND

16 BY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT

17 KIMBERLY?

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19 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I

20 SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

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22 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** GREATLY. IF THERE ARE NO COMMISSIONER

23 COMMENTS LET'S GO TO A VOTE.

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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE MOTION
2 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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4 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** GREAT. MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM 3A
5 RESOLUTION 4273 REVISED CAP-AND-TRADE LOW CARBON TRANSIT
6 OPERATIONS PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE REQUESTING
7 FOR PROJECTS FOR 2021 CAP-AND-TRADE LOCAL CARB TRANSIT
8 OPERATIONS PROGRAM LC TOP, WHICH IS MY FAVORITE ACRONYM FOR
9 ANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE USE TO SPEND MONEY. LC TOP IT'S
10 GREAT. IF I HAVE A BAND IT WILL BE CALLED LC TOP. ANNE SPEVACK
11 WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM.

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13 **ANNE SPEVACK:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. ANNE SPEVACK WITH
14 FUNDING POLICY AND PROGRAM STAFF. THIS ITEM RECOMMENDS
15 PROGRAMMING OF 7.8 MILLION IN LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS
16 PROGRAM FOR LC TOP FUNDS TO 19 PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE BAY
17 AREA. THE STATEWIDE LC TOPS PROGRAM RECEIVES FIVE PERCENT OF
18 THE STATE'S ANNUAL CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUE WITH HALF OF THE
19 PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO TRANSIT OPERATORS BASED ON
20 REVENUE AND HALF DISTRIBUTED TO REGIONS BASED ON POPULATION.
21 THIS YEAR 22.6 MILLION WAS DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE
22 REGION'S TRANSIT OPERATORS AND 7.8 MILLION DISTRIBUTED TO MTC.
23 LIKE MANY FUND SOURCE THIS IS YEAR CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUES WERE
24 LOWER THAN PREVIOUS YEARS RESULTS HAVE BEEN STRONG BUT
25 INDICATE POSSIBLE STILL UNCERTAIN RETURN TO HIGHER LEVELS OF



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1 FUNDING IN FUTURE YEARS. MTC'S SHARE OF THE LC TOP FUNDS
2 PROGRAM BASED ON COMMISSION'S CAP-AND-TRADE FRAMEWORK ADOPTED
3 IN 2016 SPLITS FUNDS BETWEEN THREE CATEGORIES NORTH COUNTY AND
4 SMALL OPERATORS FARE POLICY AND KEY TRANSIT CORRIDORS.
5 APPROXIMATELY 2.6 MILLION DISTRIBUTED TO EACH CATEGORY THIS
6 YEAR. THE PORTION OF LC TOP FUNDS FOR NORTH COUNTIES AND SMALL
7 OPERATORS IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE SAME MANNER AT THE STATE-
8 TRANSIT ASSISTANCE POPULATION-BASED NORTHERN COUNTIES AND
9 SMALL OPERATORS CATEGORY. TRANSIT OPERATORS RECEIVING FUNDS
10 WITHIN THIS CATEGORY PROVIDED THEIR PLAN TO LC TOP ELIGIBLE
11 PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM RESOLUTION AND INCLUDE
12 FREE AND FARE REDUCED PROGRAMS, ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROCUREMENT,
13 AND STARTING OPERATIONS SERVICE SUSPENDED TO REDUCED DUE TO
14 COVID-19. TOP CATEGORY FARE POLICY WHICH RESERVES FUNDS FOR
15 MTC TO USE FOR CLIPPER AND REGIONAL FARE POLICY INVESTMENT.
16 THIS IS YEAR IT'S PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AS
17 LAST YEAR TO REIMBURSE OPERATORS PARTICIPATING IN THE CLIPPER
18 START PROGRAM FOR A PORTION OF THE FARE REVENUE LOST RESULTING
19 FROM THE SUBSIDIZED FARES. FINAL PORTION OF POPULATION FUNDS
20 RESERVED FOR INVESTMENTS AND KEY TRANSIT CORRIDORS CAP-AND-
21 TRADE FRAMEWORK SET-ASIDE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE FOR TOTAL FUNDS
22 OVER FIVE YEARS WITH AC TRANSIT AND SFMTA WITHIN THIS CATEGORY
23 STAFF RECOMMENDS SPLITTING 2.6 MILLION BETWEEN THE OPERATORS
24 FOR MINIMUM PERCENTAGES TO BRING OPERATOR FRAMEWORK ABOVE THE
25 MINIMUM SET-ASIDE. PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION FUND QUICK BILL



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1 TRANSIT LANES OAKLAND, BERKELEY, AC TRANSIT ROUTES, TRANSIT
2 PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR MUNI ROUTE FIVE FULTON, AND VTA EAST
3 RIDGE TO BART REGIONAL CONNECTOR LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION. STAFF
4 RECOMMENDS REFERRING MTC RESOLUTION 4273 REVISED TO THE
5 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
6 RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU. AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
7 QUESTIONS.

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9 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT PRESENTATION. ANY
10 QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMISSION, THE COMMITTEE? SEEING NONE.
11 PUBLIC COMMENT?

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13 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
14 THEIR HAND RAISED AND I HAVE RECEIVE NOTHING IN WRITING FOR
15 THIS ITEM.

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17 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO
18 APPROVE THE REFERRAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION?

19

20 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN, MOVE APPROVAL.

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22 **DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** SECOND ABE-KOGA.

23

24 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** MOVED BY PAPAN SECONDED BY ABE-KOGA.
25 LET'S HAVE A VOTE.



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2 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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

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6 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** AGENDA ITEM 4A MTC RESOLUTION 4453

7 REVISED PROGRAMMING SECOND PHASE OF FUNDS COVID-19 RECEIVE

8 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR 2021 CRRSAA. PROPOSES

9 PROGRAMMING OF APPROXIMATELY 802 MILLION OF CRRSAA FUNDING TO

10 BAY AREA TRANSIT OPERATORS TO PROVIDE FUNDING RELIEF OF

11 REVENUE LOST AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN 2021.

12 THERESA ROMMEL WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM.

13

14 **THERESA ROMMELL:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I

15 AM HAPPY TO BE PRESENTING TO YOU TODAY STAFF'S PROPOSAL FOR

16 DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMAINING 802.7 MILLION IN CORONAVIRUS

17 RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT CRRSAA

18 FUNDING. THE BAY AREA RECEIVED 983 MILLION IN CRRSAA FUNDING

19 DISTRIBUTED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION THROUGH

20 THREE FEDERALLY DESIGNATED URBANIZED AREAS. SAN FRANCISCO

21 OAKLAND, SAN JOSE AND SANTA ROSA A THE CRRSAA FUNDING IS BEING

22 DISTRIBUTED IN TWO PHASES. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN JANUARY THE

23 FULL COMMISSION APPROVED THE DISTRIBUTION OF PHASE ONE

24 TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$180 MILLION. FUNDING IN PHASE ONE WAS

25 DISTRIBUTED TO FIVE OPERATORS WITH THE INTENT TO ALLEVIATE



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1 SIGNIFICANT BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AS
2 WELL AS TO FULFILL THE COMMISSION DIRECTOR TO TRUE-UP THE
3 DISTRIBUTION OF CARES ACT FUNDING SO THAT OPERATOR WHO IS HAD
4 NOT RECEIVED SUFFICIENT SHARES OF THOSE FUNDS DUE TO
5 INACCURATE REVENUE LOSS FORECAST COULD BE MADE WHOLE. BUT
6 APPROXIMATELY 800 MILLION IN CRRSAA FUNDING IS LEFT TO BE
7 DISTRIBUTED IN TODAY'S ACTION. WE DID ESTABLISH FORMAL
8 PRINCIPLES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CRRSAA FUNDS AS WE HAD DONE FOR
9 THE CASE ACT WE WEIGHED PROPOSALS AGAINST SEVERAL
10 CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDING IMPORTANCE OF PRIZING NEEDS BASED ON
11 REVENUE LOSSES SO THAT AT MINIMUM EACH OPERATOR WILL HAVE
12 SUFFICIENT FUNDING THROUGH THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR SECONDLY
13 DETERMINED THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACT THAT MANY OPERATORS
14 RECEIVED FUNDING THROUGH CARES AND CRRSAA PHASE ONE THAN THEIR
15 ACTUAL REVENUE LOSSES. DISTRIBUTION OWN ADDRESS OPERATORS THAT
16 RECEIVED LESS FUNDING THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED IT
17 DOESN'T ADDRESS OPERATORS THAT RECEIVED MORE FUNDING THAN THEY
18 SHOULD HAVE DUE TO THE SAME FORECAST WE THOUGHT WE NEEDED TO
19 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE TO THE DEGREE PRACTICAL WHILE RECOGNIZE THE
20 FACT THAT THERE IS STILL A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY AND EVEN A
21 MODEST DIP IN ANY OPERATING REVENUE SOURCE SUCH AS SALES TAX
22 COULD EQUATE TO TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOSSES IF A
23 SHORT TIME FOR MANY OPERATORS. WITH CARES ACT FUNDING WE FELT
24 IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE AN EQUITY FACTOR IN THE DISTRIBUTION
25 FORMULA FOR THE CRRSAA PHASE TWO PROPOSAL WE PROPOSE TO



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1 DISTRIBUTE FUNDING IN A WAY THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE PATTERN OF
2 RIDERSHIP THAT EXISTS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING EVERYONE THAT IS
3 RIDING TRANSIT TODAY IS VERY LIKELY TRANSIT DEPENDENT AND
4 THESE FUNDS SHOULD ASSIST WITH PROVIDING AS MUCH SERVICE TO
5 THOSE RIDERS AS POSSIBLE. AND LASTLY WE CONSIDERED THE NEED TO
6 WORK WITHIN THE FEDERAL URBANIZED FRAMEWORK AND WITHIN THE
7 STRUCTURE PROVIDED BY THE CRRSAA LEGISLATION AND LOOK FOR WAYS
8 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OPERATORS THAT ARE INELIGIBLE FOR CRRSAA
9 FUNDS DUE TO THOSE CONSTRAINTS. THE METHODOLOGY BEHIND TODAY'S
10 DISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL INVOLVED FIRST DETERMINING OPERATOR'S
11 NEEDS THROUGH THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2021, CONSIDERING THAT
12 CONDITIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY BETWEEN NOW
13 AND THE END OF JUNE, WE USED THE AVERAGE MONTHLY LOSSES FROM
14 MARCH TO DECEMBER OF 2020 FOR WHICH WE HAVE ACTUALS FOR TO
15 ESTIMATE THE ADDITIONAL LOSSES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE OF 2021.
16 NEXT WE ATTEMPTED TO APPLY ANOTHER TRUE-UP OF THE CARES ACT
17 FUNDING BY LOOKING AT ALLOCATIONS OF RELIEF FUNDING THAT WENT
18 ABOVE AND BEYOND COMPENSATING OPERATORS FOR REVENUE LOSSES AND
19 DEDUCTED REVENUES NOT INCLUDING AMOUNTS FOR EQUITY ADJUSTMENT.
20 WE DEDUCTED OVERAGES FROM OPERATORS JANUARY TO JUNE 2021
21 LOSSES. TO RECOGNIZE ONGOING UNCERTAINTY REGARDING REVENUES
22 BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE OPERATORS WERE ALLOCATED EITHER ADJUSTED
23 REVENUE LOSS AMOUNT OR FIVE% OF 2019 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
24 WHICHEVER WAS GREATER. THE TOTAL NEED FOR ALL OPERATORS WAS
25 THEN SCALED DOWN TO FIT WITHIN 75% OF THE TOTAL FUNDING. AND



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1 LASTLY, 25% OF THE TOTAL FUNDING WAS DISTRIBUTED ON THE BASIS
2 OF EACH AGENCY'S PERCENTAGE SHARE OF NOVEMBER 2020 RIDERSHIP.
3 SO THE RESULTING DISTRIBUTION CAN BE FOUND IN ATTACHMENT A TO
4 THIS -- TO YOUR MEMO. FOR THOSE OPERATORS THAT WERE DEEMED
5 INELIGIBLE FOR CRRSAA FUNDING STAFF IS PROPOSING TO USE A
6 COMBINATION OF FTA5311 THOSE ARE RURAL AREA FUNDS THAT WE ARE
7 EXPECTING TO RECEIVE AS WELL AS TARGETED FUNDING EXCHANGES FOR
8 THE CAPITAL PRIORITIES PROGRAM THAT WILL BE COMING IN APRIL TO
9 ENSURE THESE OPERATORS WHICH TOTAL ABOUT \$9 MILLION, CAN BE
10 MET. LOOKING FORWARD, WE ARE ANTICIPATING A THIRD ROUND OF
11 COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WHICH HAS
12 A LITTLE BIT OF AN EASIER ACRONYM. THAT IS LIKELY TO BRING A
13 MINIMUM OF \$1.8 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT TO THE
14 BAY AREA. 1.7 OF WHICH WOULD BE FORMULA DRIVEN. SO WHILE STAFF
15 IS STILL YET TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF HOW THOSE FUNDS MIGHT BE
16 DISTRIBUTED, WE DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE ADDITIONAL
17 FACTORS TO CONSIDER. FIRST WE INTEND TO CARRY FORWARD THE
18 CONCEPT OF TRUEING UP, PREVIOUS COVID RELIEF FUNDING TO BETTER
19 MATCH WITH ACTUAL REVENUE LOSSES SO THAT ALL OPERATORS ARE ON
20 SOMEWHAT OF EQUAL FOOTING MOVING INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.
21 OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS INCLUDE SATISFYING THE LEGISLATION'S
22 INTENT TO PROTECT JOBS, CONTINUING TO REPLACE LOST REVENUES, A
23 CONTINUED FOCUS ON THE TRANSIT DEPENDENT, AND ALSO MORE
24 ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID, PERHAPS, TO THE EXPENSE SIDE OF THE
25 LEDGER, FOR INSTANCE, HOW MUCH FUNDING IS NEEDED TO



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1 ACCOMMODATE EXISTING DEMAND FOR SERVICE AS WELL AS TO ADD
2 SERVICE TO ACCOMMODATE GROWING DEMAND AS SCHOOLS BEGIN TO OPEN
3 AND PEOPLE RETURN TO WORK. RESOLUTION ON NEAR-TERM FEDERAL
4 COVID-19 RELIEF LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED, AND THE MID-MARCH
5 TIME FRAME, SO PRETTY SOON. AND STAFF INTENDS TO RETURN TO
6 THIS COMMITTEE OR THE FULL COMMISSION WITH NEXT STEPS TO BE
7 TAKEN TOWARDS THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS ONCE THAT LEGISLATION
8 IS FIRMED UP. SO THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. AND I WOULD REQUEST
9 THAT THE COMMITTEE REFER RESOLUTION 4453 REVISED TO THE FULL
10 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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12 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH THERESA. AND I
13 REALLY WANT TO COMMEND YOUR AND ALL OF THE STAFF'S WORK FOR
14 WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE OPERATORS TO FIND THIS -- ANOTHER
15 ROUND OF REGIONAL CONSENSUS ON THIS. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT A
16 GIVEN, BUT IT IS REALLY IMPRESSIVE AND IMPORTANT. I ALSO
17 WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW YOU HAVE DONE A SORT OF AN
18 INCREASINGLY GOOD JOB OF TAKING EQUITY INTO ACCOUNT AS YOU
19 CONSIDER THE EXISTING RIDERSHIP, NOT JUST THE KIND OF PRECOVID
20 RIDERSHIP. AS WELL AS KIND OF BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERNS
21 OF SOME OF THE SMALLER OPERATORS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE
22 -- THAT IT WAS NOT OBVIOUS, EXACTLY, HOW TO GET FUNDING OUT OF
23 THIS PACKAGE. AND I KNOW THAT WAS A REAL CONCERN OF THIS
24 COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSION, AND I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT,
25 AGAIN, YOU WORKED YOUR KIND OF, YOU KNOW, FUND SWAP MAGIC TO



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1 BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THAT. AND THEN FINALLY, BEING, HOLDING
2 TRUE TO THE KIND OF TRUE-UP PROVISIONS THAT WE HAD ALL AGREED
3 TO, FROM THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF STIMULUS WHILE STILL NOT BEING
4 PUNITIVE ABOUT T I ALSO WANT TO KIND OF RAISE THAT UP AS
5 REALLY GOOD WORK. OKAY. COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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7 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** THANK YOU. THANKS FOR THE REPORT. AND I
8 APPRECIATE THE ISSUE THAT YOU BROUGHT UP, CHAIR. BUT YOU CAN
9 SPEAK A LITTLE BIT MORE IN TERMS OF THE SMALL OPERATORS AND
10 THE FINISHING?

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12 **THERESA ROMMELL:** SURE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO. WE ARE EXPECTING A
13 CERTAIN AMOUNT OF, WHAT I CALL, 5311, RURAL AREA FUNDS, THOSE
14 FUNDS ARE PART OF THE CRRSAA PACKAGE BUT DIRECTED TO CALTRANS,
15 AND CALTRANS IS THE ENTITY THAT WOULD DISTRIBUTE THOSE FUNDS.
16 WE EXPECT THAT SOME OPERATORS, EVEN THOSE THAT WERE INELIGIBLE
17 FOR THE 5307 WHICH WAS THE PAIN PACKAGE FOR THE CRRSAA FUNDING
18 WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THOSE 5311 FUNDS. WE DON'T KNOW YET WHAT
19 THAT DISTRIBUTION S BUT WE WOULD TRY TO WORK WITH CALTRANS TO
20 PRIORITIZE THOSE OPERATORS THAT DID NOT RECEIVE THE 5307
21 FUNDS. AND THEN FOR SOME OPERATORS, WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY,
22 SINCE WE WILL BE BRINGING OUR TRANSIT CAPITAL PRIORITIES
23 PROGRAM TO ALL OF YOU NEXT MONTH, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME --
24 THERE IS SOME OVERLAP BETWEEN OPERATORS THAT WERE ELIGIBLE FOR
25 CRRSAA AND THOSE OPERATORS THAT WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CRRSAA



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1 WITHIN THAT, TCP PROGRAM AND WE THOUGHT WE COULD BE DO SOME
2 FUNDING SWAPS FOR OVERLAPS TO ENSURE THAT NEEDS IDENTIFIED
3 THROUGH THE CRRSAA PROCESS TO MEET FOR THOSE OPERATORS THAT
4 CAN'T DIRECTLY GET CRRSAA FUNDING. IT'S NOT COMPLICATED SWAP
5 IN EXCHANGE OF FUNDS, BUT WE DID IDENTIFY NEEDS IDENTIFIED
6 THROUGH THIS PROCESS FOR ALL OPERATORS.

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8 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** OKAY. THERE WILL BE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT I
9 WILL HAVE WHEN IT COMES UP BEFORE THIS COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

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11 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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13 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. THERESA, GOOD WORK.
14 STAFF, BRINGING A CONSENSUS ON THIS. JUST A COUPLE OF
15 QUESTIONS. IN THE CRITERIA THAT YOU USE WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT
16 TRANSIT DEPENDENT, DO YOU JUST LOOK AT THE NUMBERS THERE? OR
17 DO YOU ACTUALLY CONTACT, LIKE, THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES,
18 OR THE TRANSIT OPERATORS ABOUT THE TRANSIT DEPENDENT? I MEAN,
19 I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE MEASURING PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT RIDING
20 IT, BECAUSE THERE IS NO SERVICE THERE.

21

22 **THERESA ROMMELL:** STRICTLY GOING BY RIDERSHIP NUMBERS. SO
23 PEOPLE ACTUALLY ON TRANSIT TODAY. WE ARE MAKING AN ASSUMPTION
24 THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE RIDING TODAY ARE TRANSIT DEPENDENT
25 THAT'S WHAT WE ARE HEARING FROM OUR OPERATORS THAT THERE IS



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1 NOBODY OUT THERE RIDING TRANSIT BY CHOICE SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
2 USING AS A MEASURE PURE RIDERSHIP NUMBERS IF THEY ARE OUT
3 THERE RIDING TODAY THEY ARE LIKELY TRANSIT DEPENDENT.

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5 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I HOPE IN FUTURE ALLOCATIONS WE TAKE A
6 DEEPER DIVE ON THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT MEASURING PEOPLE THAT
7 AREN'T RIDING THE SYSTEM BECAUSE WE'RE NOT RUNNING ENOUGH
8 SERVICE THERE IS A LOT OF REASONS WE'RE NOT RIDING IT AND
9 WE'RE NOT MEASURING IT. I THINK THAT HAS TO BE CONSIDERED. AND
10 THE OTHER THING MR. CHAIRMAN I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT, IF
11 FUTURE ALLOCATIONS, THAT THE COMMISSION REALLY NEEDS TO START
12 TALKING ABOUT AN ALLOCATION FOR MTC OFF THE TOP. WHEN YOU LOOK
13 AT SOME OF THE INITIATIVES THAT MTC IS WORKING O YOU LOOK AT
14 WHAT THE BLUE RIBBON IS RECOMMENDING, SOME OF THAT NEEDS TO BE
15 FUNDED. AND YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
16 HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT STAFF CAN DO THIS WORK TOO. AND SO,
17 YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE GET THAT AGENDAIZED, MAYBE
18 THROUGH THE CHAIR, BUT THERE REALLY NEEDS TO BE A DISCUSSION
19 BY THE COMMISSION AS TO HOW THE FUTURE FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED AND
20 HOW WE MEASURE THIS TRANSIT DEPENDENT, AND ALSO, AN ALLOCATION
21 OFF THE TOP OR MTC TO IMPLEMENT MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT THAT WE REALLY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BRING TO
23 FRUITION, AND SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN BRING THAT FORWARD FOR
24 THAT DISCUSSION. I DON'T KNOW IF STAFF HAS ANY COMMENT ON
25 THAT.



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2 **THERESA ROMMELL:** I AM HAPPY TO HAVE THAT AS CONSIDERATION IN
3 THE NEXT ROUND OF FUNDING WE DID NOT ELECT TO DO AN OFF THE
4 TOP FOR REGIONAL NEEDS WITH THIS ROUND OF FUNDING GIVEN THAT
5 WE WEREN'T SURE THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER ROUND OF FUNDING AND IN
6 RECOGNITION OF THE EXTREME NEED THAT EXISTS RIGHT NOW FOR OUR
7 TRANSIT OPERATORS WE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS BEST TO DISTRIBUTE
8 ALL OF THE FUNDING DIRECTLY FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS FOR THIS
9 ROUND.

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11 **JAMES P. SPERING:** YEAH, AND I AGREE WITH THAT THERESE A I
12 THINK THAT'S A SMART MOVE BUT I THINK IN FEW OF FUTURE
13 ALLOCATIONS TRANSIT OPERATORS GIVEN GETTING A GOOD REVENUE
14 STREAM BUT AT SOME POINT WE HAVE ON START LOOKING AT WHAT
15 MTC'S NEEDS ARE AND WHAT IS IT WE REALLY WANT TO IMPLEMENT OR
16 BRING FORWARD AND WE HAVE TO HAVE MONEY FOR THAT. SO THROUGH
17 THE CHAIRMAN THERE, I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THAT AGENDAIZED SO
18 THAT THE COMMISSION CAN HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. THANK YOU MR.
19 CHAIRMAN.

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21 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR RAISING THOSE POINTS,
22 COMMISSIONER SPERING. CHAIR PEDROZA?

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24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU, CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. AND TO
25 COMMISSIONER SPERING'S POINTS. I THINK THOSE ARE VERY



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1 APPROPRIATE COMMENTS. AND THE REASON I SAY THAT SEW BECAUSE A
2 LOT OF THE CONVERSATIONS WE'RE HAVING AT THE BLUE RIBBON
3 COMMITTEE TIE INTO RESTORING RIDERSHIP AND ALSO HOW DO WE
4 ADVANCE TRANSPORTATION MOVING FORWARD. I THINK THAT'S A VERY
5 APPROPRIATE DISCUSSION TO HAVE AT THE COMMISSION LEVEL SO I
6 WILL BE SUPPORTING THAT. BUT IN TERMS OF THIS THERESA, I WANT
7 TO COMMEND STAFF, TO GET LETTERS FROM OPERATORS LARGE AND
8 SMALL DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT TAKES A LOT OF DISCUSSION
9 AND I THINK CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ'S WORDS OF REGIONAL CONSENSUS IS
10 TRUE. SO IT TOOK A LOT BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT STOOD OUT IN
11 THE LETTERS THAT YOU SAY IS COST REDUCTION EFFORTS I THINK
12 THAT NEEDS TO GET CLEANED UP BIT MORE BECAUSE THERE ARE
13 OPERATORS THAT ARE TYING THE FINANCIAL BELT TRYING TO MINIMIZE
14 SERVICE DISRUPTIONS BUT THERE IS TWO SIDES TO THE EQUATION NOT
15 JUST EXPENDITURES IT'S REVENUE AND SO FORTH SO I THINK THAT'S
16 SOMETHING WE NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT BECAUSE ALL
17 OPERATORS DID THINGS DIFFERENTLY TO TRY TO SURVIVE BUT SOME
18 REALLY TIGHTENED THAT FINANCIAL BELT A LITTLE BIT MORE. AND
19 THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME CREDIT WHERE THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN
20 INTO ACCOUNT A BIT MORE IN THE FUTURE. REALLY THERESA THANK
21 YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE AND AGAIN WE'LL SUPPORT
22 THAT COMING BACK TO THE COMMISSION TO TALK ABOUT THE
23 PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES IN OTHER FUND THAT'S MADE AVAILABLE.
24



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1 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** AND, OKAY, ANY OTHER COMMISSIONER
2 COMMENTS? IF THERE AREN'T ANY -- OH, COMMISSIONER SPERING?

3

4 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THERESA HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSIDERATION OF
5 LOOKING TO THE FEDS FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY AS TO HOW WE ALLOCATE
6 THIS MONEY? IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE URBAN CONSTRAINTS 5311 AND
7 SO FORTH IS STAFF DISCUSSING ANYTHING TO GET MORE FLEXIBILITY?

8

9 **THERESA ROMMELL:** THE URBANIZED AREA IS THE TYPICAL VEHICLE
10 THAT THE FTA SENDS FUNDS TO THE REGIONS MY UNDERSTANDING IS
11 THAT THIS NEXT ROUND EVER FUNDING IS A LITTLE BIT BETTER IN
12 THE SENSE THAT ALL URBANIZED AREAS HAVE SOME AMOUNT OF FUNDING
13 ASSIGNED. SO I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE AS DIFFICULT AS IT WAS
14 IN THIS ROUND WHERE WE HAD TO WORK WITH ONLY THREE URBANIZED
15 AREAS. I'LL TAKE YOUR NOTE AND CHECK WITH LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO
16 SEE IF THERE IS ANY WAY THERE COULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE
17 CONSIDERATION GOING FORWARD.

18

19 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THANK YOU. AND I TOO WANT TO REPEAT, I WANT
20 TO THANK STAFF, THE CONSENSUS WE GOT I THINK IS REALLY A GREAT
21 ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE WORK STAFF HAS DONE. SO THANK YOU.

22

23 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

24



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1 **GINA PAPAN:** DITTO ALL OF THAT. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DO
2 WANT TO EMPHASIZE TRYING TO GET MORE FLEXIBILITY AT THE
3 FEDERAL LEVEL IF WE CAN BE MORE SPECIFIC COMMUNICATING WITH
4 OUR REPRESENTATIVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING
5 TO HEAD IN THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANNER MOVING
6 FORWARD. SO IF COMMISSIONER SPERING AND THE BLUE RIBBON CAN
7 MAKE SOME SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, I
8 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THAT MESSAGE TO THE FEDERAL SIDE,
9 PLEASE. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY -- IF THERE IS -
10 - NO OTHER COMMENT FROM COMMISSIONERS, DO WE HAVE -- DO WE
11 HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? KIMBERLY?

12

13 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** YES. AND WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL
14 WRITTEN ITEMS. THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM
15 THE TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGERS, A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM SANTA
16 ROSA CITY BUS, SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT, AND SMART. AND FROM
17 ROLAND LEBRUN, AND JOHN MENOL ALL OF THOSE HAVE BEEN POSTED TO
18 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEM IN YOUR E-
19 MAIL LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING. AND THEN THERE ARE THREE
20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. DO YOU WANT TO
21 ALLOW TWO MINUTES FOR THEM TO SPEAK, MR. CHAIR? NICK
22 JOSEFOWITZ: SURE.

23

24 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** OKAY. FIRST IS DERRICK SAGEHORN PLEASE
25 UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI THIS IS DERRICK SAGEHORN, EAST BAY TRANSIT RIDERS
3 UNION. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN ABOUT THE LACK OF
4 FUNDING FOR LARGER OPERATORS LIKE AC TRANSIT AND VTA RECEIVING
5 SMALLER PORTION OF RELIEF FUNDING I UNDERSTAND SMALLER
6 OPERATORS NEED TO BE MADE WHOLE BUT AT THE SAME TIME AC
7 TRANSIT AND VTA ARE LEAVING RIDERS BEHIND DUE TO LACK OF
8 OPERATING RESOURCE. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN MAKE
9 REVISIONS AND ACCOMMODATE AND MAYBE BOOST OF 25% SHARE FOR
10 CURRENT RIDERSHIP THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL FOR AC TRANSIT
11 AND VTA RIDERS, AND THEN, PLEASE, REALLY CONSIDER HOW AC
12 TRANSIT AND VTA ARE BEING MADE WHOLE FROM OUR PRIOR CUTS AS
13 WE, YOU KNOW, LOOK AT AN ADDITIONAL STIMULUS BILL COMING OUT
14 OF WASHINGTON. THANK YOU.

15

16 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS CYRUS
17 HALL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. THIS IS CYRUS A MEMBER OF THE SAN FRANCISCO
20 TRANSIT RIDERS. I WANT TO QUICKLY OFFER MY SUPPORT IN
21 CONSIDERATION OF THE RIDERSHIP PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE
22 TRANSIT DEPENDENT WHEN ALLOCATING FUNDING. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
23 THAT WE RECOGNIZE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DEPEND ON OUR
24 TRANSIT SYSTEMS AND ENSURE THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE IT
25 TO THEIR JOBS, TO SCHOOL, TO THE GROCERY, ET CETERA THANK YOU



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1 FOR TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND EMPHASIZING THAT IN
2 CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE IN ROUND THREE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** ROLAND LEBRUN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.
5 YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE
8 SOUND MY PHONE RIGHT NOW IS NUMBER 21 IN LINE ON THE HIGH
9 SPEED RAIL ASSEMBLY HERE IN SACRAMENTO. WITH REGARDS TO THE
10 FIRST SPEAKER, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE SPEAKER
11 REFER TO THE LETTER THEY WROTE TO THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS IN
12 THE PACKET, SPECIFICALLY THAT FUNDING IS NOT THE ISSUE AT VTA.
13 THE ISSUES ARE MUCH MORE PROFOUND AND I WILL BE ADDRESSING
14 THEM AT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY. SPECIFICALLY THAT
15 AS OF JUNE, THE VTA WILL ACTUALLY HAVE CLOSE TO \$100 MILLION
16 LEFT ON THE TABLE IN CARES ACT SURPLUS. AND MY LETTER CLOSES
17 BY SAYING, ADDING ANOTHER \$40 MILLION ON TOP OF THIS \$100
18 MILLION THAT'S SITTING THERE DOING NOTHING, WHILE OTHER
19 AGENCIES IN THEIR AREA ARE BLEEDING RED LIKE THERE IS NO
20 TOMORROW JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AND THIS MAY BE A GOOD
21 PLACE WHERE COMMISSIONER SPERING MIGHT LOOK TO LOOK FOR
22 FUNDING FOR SEEM LITTLE MOBILITY OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT THE
23 BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE MAY BE HEADED. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MONICA
2 MALLON. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI MY NAME IS MONICA MALLON AND I AM A TRAIN ADVOCATE
5 AND RIDER IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IT SEEMS THERE IS CONSENSUS
6 FROM THE OPERATORS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS FORMULA BUT
7 I REALLY DO WANT TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDER A FORMULA THAT HAS MORE
8 BALANCE BETWEEN RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE LOSS, IF THE BILL PASSES
9 VTA RIDERS HAS MAINTAINED MORE RIDERSHIP THAN SOME OF THE
10 OTHER AGENCIES AND IS CURRENTLY LEAVING HUNDREDS OF RIDERS
11 BEHIND EVERY DAY. AND AC TRANSIT AND SFMTA ARE FACING SIMILAR
12 CAPACITY ISSUES AS WELL IT'S IMPORTANT RIDERS ARE GETTING
13 FUNDING THEY NEED TO RESTORE SERVICE TO MEET THE DEMAND YOU
14 SHOULDN'T BE ASSUMING THAT AGENCIES HAVE THE SAME NEEDS AS
15 THEY DID BEFORE COVID. THANK YOU.

16

17 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS JOTY D.
18 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HI THERE. MY NAME IS JOTY, MEMBER OF EAST BAY DSA
21 FOLLOWING UP ON EARLIER COMMENTS ALLOCATION FOR CRRSAA FUND
22 SHOULD NOT JUST BE BASED ON REVENUE LOST BECAUSE AGENCY THAT
23 IS STILL CARRYING LARGER LOADS OF PASSENGERS THAT ACTUALLY
24 NEED MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO RUN MORE SERVICE. FOR
25 EXAMPLE, AC TRANSIT HAS NOT SEEN AS LARGE OF A PERCENTAGE LOSS



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1 OF PASSENGERS AS BART HOWEVER WITHOUT HAVING INCREASED
2 FINANCIAL SUPPORT THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO RUN SERVICE AND PROVIDE
3 ADEQUATE SPACING THIS IS LEADING TO OVERCROWDING OR PASSENGERS
4 NOT BEING PICKED UP CRRSAA PACKAGE NEEDS TO BE PROACTIVE IN
5 PROVIDING SAFETY FOR EXISTING PASSENGERS ENSURING SAFETY SO
6 RIDERSHIP DOES NOT KEEP PLUMMETING. AND I APPRECIATE THAT IT
7 SHOULD BE KIND OF A BALANCED BETWEEN RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE
8 LOSS INSTEAD OF JUST REALLY HEAVILY WEIGHING THE REVENUE LOSS.
9 THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

10

11 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

13

14 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. ONE
15 ISSUE THAT I DID WANT TO RAISE IS, AND IF IT'S OKAY
16 COMMISSIONER WORTH?

17

18 **AMY R. WORTH:** OH YES, PLEASE GO.

19

20 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** MTC HAS HELPED THE OPERATORS COME UP
21 WITH A PLAN ON HOW THEY WERE GOING TO RESPOND TO THE HEALTH
22 AND SAFETY PERSPECTIVE TO KIND OF ENTERING INTO THE LOCKDOWN
23 AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SOME OF THESE COMMENTS
24 RAISE IS, ARE OPERATORS GOING TO HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF HEALTH
25 AND SAFETY PLAN COMING OUT OR IS EVERY OPERATOR GOING TO



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1 UNDERSTAND ON THEIR OWN WHAT HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES
2 THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE AS WE START EXISTING THIS PANDEMIC? AND
3 I THINK AT A CERTAIN POINT I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A SENSE
4 FROM THE OPERATORS OR FROM STAFF AS TO HOW THAT'S BEING
5 HANDLED BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FROM A
6 FUNDING PERSPECTIVE. AS THESE KIND OF FUTURE ROUNDS OF FUNDING
7 KIND OF MOVE FORWARD. COMMISSIONER WORTH?

8

9 **AMY R. WORTH:** WELL, THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. AND YOU ACTUALLY READ
10 MY MIND. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK, AND I KNOW
11 FOR EXAMPLE, VARIOUS TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE WORKING WITH THEIR
12 COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO LOOK AT PROTOCOLS SUCH AS THE
13 PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. YOU KNOW, AND WE'RE
14 PARTICULARLY COGNIZANT OF THIS ISSUE AS SCHOOLS RETURN. AND A
15 LOT OF OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES PROVIDE TRANSIT SERVICES FOR
16 SCHOOLS ON THEIR REGULAR ROUTES. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS
17 AND WOULD LOOK COLLECTIVELY TO THE FUTURE HOW TO BEST -- AND
18 AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS TIED WITH COMMISSIONER SPERING'S WORK
19 AND COMMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE AND
20 THE GOAL IT IS ABOUT INCREASING RIDERSHIP AMONG ALL OF OUR
21 TRANSIT AGENCIES. SO THANK YOU.

22

23 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER WORTH.
24 COMMISSIONER SCHAFF?

25



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1 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO BUILD ON THE COMMENTS BY
2 COMMISSIONER SPERING AND ALSO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
3 AND I HAVE A QUESTION FOR STAFF, HOW ARE YOU CAPTURING THE
4 RIDERS THAT ARE PASSED UP BY AC TRANSIT? BECAUSE WE HAVE
5 CERTAINLY HEARD ABOUT THOSE CONCERNS. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BE
6 ABLE TO TRACK THAT?

7

8 **THERESA ROMMELL:** YEAH COMMISSIONER, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
9 TRACK THOSE PIECES OF INFORMATION. WE BROUGHT A PRESENTATION
10 TO THE COMMISSION IN FEBRUARY THAT TRIED TO TOUCH ON THAT
11 ISSUE. IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT BECAUSE NOT ALL OPERATORS
12 ARE COLLECTING IT IN THE SAME WAY OR COLLECTING IT AT ALL. BUT
13 WE DID TRY TO PROVIDE SOME ANECDOTAL INFORMATION, SOME
14 STATISTICS FOR SEVERAL OPERATORS. I MEAN IT IS A SIGNIFICANT
15 ISSUE. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. AND I THINK MOST OF THESE
16 ISSUES ARE DRIVEN BY SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS THAT MAKE
17 IT DIFFICULT TO PACK PEOPLE ON THE BUSES BUT THAT'S SOMETHING
18 WE WILL LIKELY BE LOOKING AT IN THE NEXT ROUND FUNDING WE ARE
19 DISTRIBUTING A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THESE FUNDS TO HELP
20 ADDRESS THAT ISSUE AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OPERATORS DO
21 ADDRESS THAT ISSUE TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CAN. YOU KNOW, IN
22 THE DEFENSE OF OPERATORS, I THINK IT IS -- YOU KNOW, TO MR.
23 LEBRUN'S DISCUSSION, THERE ARE OPERATORS WHO ARE CARRYING
24 BALANCES FORWARD, BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY THAT STILL EXISTS
25 SURROUNDING WHEN THINGS WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL, HOW LONG THEY



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1 HAVE TO HAVE THESE FUNDS HOLD-OUT, TO KEEP THEM UP AND
2 RUNNING. SO I THINK ONCE WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER IDEA OF
3 WHEN THINGS ARE GOING TO START PICKING UP AND GETTING BACK TO
4 NORMAL OR IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT FUND FOR ALL OPERATORS TO
5 ADDRESS PASS UPS THEN WE WILL START TO SEE OPERATORS ADD BACK
6 SERVICE SIGNIFICANTLY. AND THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT WE CAN DO
7 IS BE DONE WITH THESE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, REACH
8 THAT VACCINATION LEVEL THAT IS NEEDED. AND THE OPERATORS I
9 DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THEM BUT I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SOME
10 OF THEIR MEETING WHERE IS THIS IS MANAGE IS SOMETHING ON THE
11 AGENDA TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS WHILE THEY
12 ARE COMING OUT OF THE PANDEMIC.

13

14 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO ADD MY GRATITUDE
15 TO GET AGREEMENT FROM ALL THE TRANSIT OPERATORS ON THIS
16 PARTICULAR PROPOSAL IS VERY IMPRESSIVE. SO THANK YOU.

17

18 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER SPERING?

19

20 **JAMES P. SPERING:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
21 RAISING THAT ISSUE ABOUT THE UNIFORM SAFETY STANDARDS
22 THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. AND THAT ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE'RE
23 HAVING AT THE BLUE RIBBON, WHICH YOU CERTAINLY SERVE ON, AND
24 AN ISSUE THAT MTC IS GOING TO HAVE TO FACE IS HOW DO WE
25 INSTITUTIONALIZE THIS COOPERATION AND COORDINATION THAT THIS



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1 OPERATORS HAVE PUT IN PLACE DEALING WITH THE PANDEMIC? AND YOU
2 KNOW, THERE IS A REAL CONCERN OR FEAR THAT ONCE WE GET THROUGH
3 THIS, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO DOING BUSINESS AS THEY
4 WERE. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THESE UNIFORM STANDARDS,
5 ESPECIALLY FOR SAFETY, IF YOU GET ON A BUS IN SOLANO COUNTY TO
6 GO TO OAKLAND, OR TO SAN FRANCISCO, YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO
7 HAVE CERTAIN LEVELS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS THAT ARE
8 BEING MET. SO I APPRECIATE YOU RAISING THAT. AND IT'S AN ISSUE
9 THAT THE COMMISSION IS GOING TO HAVE TO REALLY LOOK AT CLOSELY
10 IS HOW DO WE INSTITUTIONALIZE THAT, AND HOW DO WE KEEP THAT
11 LEVEL OF COOPERATION IN PLACE. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SPERING.
14 COMMISSIONER WORTH, YOU HAVE YOUR HAND UP AGAIN? OR?

15

16 **AMY R. WORTH:** I HAVE A QUICK COMMENT. THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. I
17 WANT TO ADD TO MY COMMENTS. REAL APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE
18 TRANSIT OPERATORS THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA COMING TOGETHER ON
19 THIS. IT HAS BEEN UNPRECEDENTED AND IT'S INCREDIBLE THE WAY
20 EVERYONE HAS WORKED TOGETHER THERE HAS A LOT OF HARD WORK
21 THAT'S GONE INTO THIS RECOMMENDATION AND ONES IN THE PAST. AND
22 I CONCUR WITH COMMISSIONER SPERING, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, I
23 THINK CONTINUING THE WAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING BUSINESS IN
24 THIS LAST YEAR WITH ALL THE TRANSIT OPERATORS TOGETHER IS
25 REALLY ESSENTIAL IN TERMS OF BUILDING, AGAIN, RESTORING



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1 TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE THE
2 WHOLE GOAL IS TO BRING BACK THAT ROBUST TRANSIT RIDERSHIP.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH. SO IF
6 THERE IS NO OTHER COMMENTS, LET'S GO -- DO I HAVE A MOTION AND
7 SECOND TO FORWARD THIS ITEM TO THE COMMISSION?

8

9 **AMY R. WORTH:** I'LL MOVE APPROVAL.

10

11 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** SCHAFF MOVES.

12

13 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER
14 SCHAFF, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER WORTH. LET'S HAVE A VOTE.

15

16 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** OKAY. [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION
17 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

18

19 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** GREAT. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM WE
20 WILL FINALLY GET A CTC BRIEFING. AND I'M PARTICULARLY
21 INTERESTED IN THIS ONE BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE CTC IS
22 TRYING TO NIX SOME OF THE FHWA FUNDING THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD BE
23 GETTING. KENNETH?

24



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1 **KENNETH KAO:** I WON'T BE COVERING THE CTC MEETING BECAUSE THE
2 MEETING FOR MARCH THE AGENDA HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED AND
3 WE'LL BE COVERING THAT IN APRIL PROGRAMS. I'LL COVER TWO
4 PROGRAMS AS AN UPDATE AND CAN ALSO COVER CRRSAA FUNDING, IF
5 YOU WOULD LIKE. FIRST IS THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AS
6 YOU KNOW THERE ARE TWO POTS THAT MTC AGENCIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO
7 COMPETE IN. THE REGIONAL POT AND THE STATE POT. THE STATEWIDE
8 POT HAD \$241 MILLION AVAILABLE STATEWIDE AND CTC ANNOUNCED
9 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS LAST MONTH RELATIONSHIP TO REPORT THAT
10 21% OF THE 241 MILLION OR ABOUT 51 MILLION IS PLANNED TO GO TO
11 BAY AREA PROJECTS. FIVE OF THEM, TWO IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ONE IN
12 CONTRA COSTA SANTA CLARA AND SOLANO COUNTIES. CTC WILL BE
13 TAKING THAT AT THERE MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. THE REGION ALSO
14 HAS MONEY AVAILABLE ABOUT 37 MILLION WHICH WE'LL BE RELEASING
15 OUR STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS LATER THIS MONTH. SO LOOKING FORWARD
16 TO THAT AND WE'LL BRING THIS TO THIS COMMITTEE IN APRIL, NEXT
17 MONTH. NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO COVER THE SENATE BILL ONE
18 COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS. EXCUSE ME, AND THE NEXT STEPS FOR THAT.
19 AS YOU MAY REMEMBER IN DECEMBER OF 2020 THE CTC APPROVED THREE
20 SENATE BILL ONE COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS THEY ARE THE SOLUTIONS
21 FOR CONGESTED CORRIDORS, TRADE CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
22 AND THE LOCAL PARTNERSHIP COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS. THE BAY AREA
23 RECEIVED \$407 MILLION FOR 11 PROJECTS. WHICH IS ALSO A PRETTY
24 GOOD SHOWING AND THOSE ARE LISTED ON PAGE TWO OF YOUR MEMO. I
25 DID WANT TO MENTION THAT FIVE OF THOSE PROJECTS OF THE 11 DOES



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1 HAVE REGIONAL MEASURE THREE FUNDS LISTED IN THEIR PROJECT
2 FUNDING PLAN, WHICH I'LL COVER IN A LITTLE BIT. KIND OF THE
3 NEXT STEPS PROGRAMMATICALLY FOR THAT IS THE BASELINE
4 AGREEMENTS WHICH SETS THE COST, SCOPE, AND SCHEDULE, AND THOSE
5 HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY CTC IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. SO GOING BACK
6 TO THE PROJECT FUNDING PLANS AS I MENTIONED FIVE OF THOSE
7 PROJECTS HAVE RM3 IN THEIR FUNDING PLANS TOTALING \$278
8 MILLION. RM3 IS UNDER LITIGATION SO FUNDS ARE NOT YET
9 AVAILABLE AND MTC HAS BEEN APPROVING RM3 LETTERS OF NO
10 PREJUDICE WHICH ALLOWS LOCAL SPONSORS TO USE OTHER FUNDING AND
11 BE REPAID WHEN RM3 IS AVAILABLE. MTC STAFF IS IT ACTIVELY
12 EXAMINING ALTERNATE FUNDING FOR SOME OF THE OTHER PROJECTS
13 THAT MAY NOT HAVE FUNDING TO ADVANCE. AND THE REASON FOR THAT
14 IS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THE REGION'S
15 COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIZE SB1 PROJECTS TO DELIVER THE PROJECTS
16 ON SCHEDULE, AND TO REDUCE POTENTIAL COST INCREASES DUE TO
17 ESCALATION. AND THE IDEA IS IF WE DO FIND OTHER FUNDING
18 SOURCES THAT THOSE SOURCES WILL BE REPAID TO THE ORIGINAL
19 FUNDING PROGRAM THROUGH A LETTER OF PREJUDICED ARRAIGNMENT
20 ONCE APPROVED OR CONFIRMED BY THE COURTS. STAFF IS LOOKING AT
21 A FEW ALTERNATE FUNDING PROGRAMS LISTED ON PAGES 2 AND 3 FIRST
22 IS ADDITIONAL FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM SUCH AS THE
23 EMPEROR PROGRAM WHICH HAS NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY OUT
24 RIGHT NOW AND THE BILL PROGRAM WHICH WE EXPECT THAT TO BE OUT
25 PRETTY SOON. WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT FEDERAL FUNDS PORTIONS TO



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1 MTC SUCH AS STPCMAC THROUGH THE ONE BAY AREA PROGRAM CRRSAA
2 FUNDS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH WHICH VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ
3 MENTIONED EARLIER AND ALSO LOCAL FUNDS. STAFF WILL BE PLANNING
4 TO RETURN TO THIS COMMITTEE IN APRIL WITH PROPOSAL FOR YOUR
5 CONSIDERATION. AND COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ, SINCE DID YOU ASK
6 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CRRSAA FUNDING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE
7 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, AS BACKGROUND, \$912 MILLION IS
8 COMING TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THROUGH TO BE ADMINISTERED
9 BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND RIGHT NOW THE STATE
10 IS CONSIDERING 60% OF THAT 912 TO GO TO THE STATE TO BACKFILL
11 FUNDING LOSSES SUCH AS THROUGH THE STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS
12 AND PROTECTION PROGRAM TO SHOP AND TO INTER-REGIONAL
13 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OR THE ITIP AND 40% OF THAT
14 GOING TO THE REGIONS THROUGH KIND OF -- AND THIS IS KIND OF
15 WHERE THE QUESTION S EITHER THROUGH THE STATE TRANSPORTATION
16 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, THE STIP, OR THROUGH THE SURFACE
17 TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WHICH IS KIND OF THE WAY
18 THAT WE USUALLY GET FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH THE FEDERAL
19 GOVERNMENT. AND SO THAT, CTC HAS THREE WORKS TO DISCUSS THAT
20 THEY HAVE NOT YET RELEASED RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT BUT THE
21 KIND OF THREE MAIN OPTIONS THAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT ARE WHAT I
22 MENTIONED THROUGH THE STIP, THROUGH THE FEDERAL PROCESS THAT
23 WE USUALLY RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING OR THROUGH A HYBRID OF
24 THOSE TWO. SO AGAIN WE WON'T KNOW WHAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS
25 UNTIL PROBABLY A WEEK OR TWO OUT AND CTC IS PLANNING TO BRING



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1 THAT TO THEIR MEETING ON MARCH 24TH AND 25th. SO WITH THAT
2 I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

3

4 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND PLEASE DO
5 KEEP US UP TO DATE ON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS OR AT LEAST KEEP
6 ME UP TO DATE WHEN THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS COME OUT IT'S
7 CONCERNING THAT CTC IS CONSIDERING PROGRAMMING THIS MONEY TO A
8 LOT OF THINGS LIKE THE STIP WHICH ARE VERY HIGHWAY EXPANSION
9 FOCUSED AS THE GOVERNOR ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER N-1919 CALLING
10 OUT SPECIFICALLY THAT WE SHOULD BE SPENDING OUR DISCRETIONARY
11 TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS IN A WAY WHICH REALLY DRIVES OUR
12 CLIMATE GOALS AS WELL AS OTHER GOALS. SO THAT'S KIND OF THE,
13 OF SORT OF TOP CONCERN FOR ME. COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

14

15 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE 51
16 MILLION THAT THE STATE IS GETTING FOR THE ATP FUNDS AND THE
17 FIVE PROJECTS. ATP I GUESS IS ALWAYS OVERLY SUBSCRIBED SHOULD
18 I SAY WITH MANY EXCELLENT PROJECTS. I KNOW MY COUNTY HAD TEN
19 APPLICATIONS. MTC BE RECOMMENDING FOR THE REGIONAL ATP MONEY?
20 WILL IT INCLUDE SOME SORT OF AN EQUITY AND SOME CONSIDERATION
21 FOR THE OTHER FIVE BAY AREA COUNTIES THAT DID NOT RECEIVE
22 STATE ATP FUNDS? OR REWARDS?

23

24 **KENNETH KAO:** THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CONSIDER HOWEVER THE
25 STATE GUIDELINES ARE THAT WE CAN'T REALLY USE THAT AS AN



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1 EVALUATION FACTOR. IT HAS TO BE A COMPETITIVE PROCESS. AND SO
2 WE DO LOOK AT ALL THE PROJECTS THAT DID NOT RECEIVE STATE
3 FUNDING. AND WHAT WE DO IS WE TAKE THOSE OUT OF OUR LIST,
4 PRIORITIZED LIST, OF PROJECTS, SO THAT ALLOWS THE REGION TO
5 FUND MORE OF OUR PROJECTS. SO --

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7 **GINA PAPAN:** WAIT. DIDN'T QUITE GET THAT. ARE YOU TAKING OUT
8 THE ONES THAT ALREADY GOT THE MONEY?

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10 **KENNETH KAO:** RIGHT. ONES THAT ALREADY GOT THE MONEY.

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12 **GINA PAPAN:** GREAT THAT GIVES US GREATER OPPORTUNITY IF THE
13 OTHER FIVE COUNTIES. ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ENCOURAGE THAT
14 EFFORT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

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16 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT KIMBERLY?

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18 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
19 THEIR HAND RAISED.

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21 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT UPDATE.
22 AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK. MOVING ON TO NEXT AGENDA
23 ITEM, ANY OTHER BUSINESS? GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT? KIMBERLY?

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1 **KIMBERLY WARD, CLERK:** I SEE -- I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN
2 WRITING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I SEE ROLAND LE BRUN
3 HAS HIS HAND RAISED. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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5 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** ROLAND WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AGAIN AND APOLOGIZE FOR THE POOR QUALITY
8 AUDIO. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU TOOK PUBLIC COMMENT ON
9 ITEM FOUR BEFORE YOU WENT TO DISCUSSION. I WOULD LIKE TO
10 FOLLOW OCCUPY A COUPLE OF COMMENTS THAT YOU RAISED. FIRST TO
11 COMMISSIONER SPERING'S POINT ABOUT UNIFORM SAFETY STANDARD
12 THIS IS A FEDERAL MANDATE IMPLEMENTED BY NURIA FERNANDEZ AS
13 SOON AS SHE JOINED THE FTA AND THE OPERATORS WERE SUPPOSED TO
14 BE PAYING ATTENTION TO THREE OF THE MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD.
15 SO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS FORWARD YOU THE LINK TO THE
16 COMMISSION AND MY ADVICE TO YOU IS TO GET YOUR OPERATORS TO
17 ACTUALLY WATCH THOSE AND PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE DIRECTIONS.
18 POINT NUMBER ONE. POINT NUMBER TWO IS HOW UNIFORM A WAY OF
19 MONITORING THE PASS UPS, THE VTA ACTUALLY EXTREMELY GOOD AT
20 THIS. THE WAY THEY DO IT IS THAT EVERY TIME A DRIVER PASSES UP
21 AND FIRES A MESSAGE WITH A NUMBER OF RIDERS HE OBSERVES
22 WAITING FOR THE BUS. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S DONE. IT'S IN THE
23 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE LAST WEEK'S BOARD MEETING.
24 AND I WILL BE FORWARDING THE SPECIFICS TO THE COMMISSION.
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND. LUCKILY THE
3 CHALLENGES WITH THE QUALITY OF YOUR AUDIO DO NOT, STILL ALLOW
4 YOU TO COMMUNICATE VERY CLEARLY WITH US. SO, OKAY. SO NOW WE
5 HAVE DONE THAT ITEM. I THINK WE CAN ADJOURN UNTIL WE COME BACK
6 AGAIN NEXT MONTH. SAME TIME, SAME PLACE WITH A NEW CHAIR.
7 THANK YOU ALL FOR SUFFERING THROUGH MY CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS
8 COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
9 THANK YOU. YOU WON'T HAVE ME TO KICK AROUND ANYMORE.

10 [ADJOURNED]

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