

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025, 9:45 AM**

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5 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO
6 ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION
7 COMMITTEE. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE.
8 COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM
9 WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL
10 STAR NINE. AND THEY WILL BE CALLED UPON AT THE APPROPRIATE
11 TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST
12 FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE
13 TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE MEMBER
14 PARTICIPATION TODAY. WILL THE CLERK CALL THE ROLL AND CONFIRM
15 A QUORUM?

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17 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WILL DO. CHAIR CANEPA IS ABSENT. VICE
18 CHAIR CARLSON?

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

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** AHN?

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24 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** ANDERSEN?

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3 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** FROM YOUR REMOTE LOCATION.

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7 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** FROM HONOLULU.

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9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU. MEMBER BURT IS ABSENT. CAMPOS
10 IS ABSENT. CORZO IS ABSENT. ECKLUND IS ABSENT. EZZY ASHCRAFT?

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12 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** PRESENT.

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14 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** GIACOPINI NON-VOTING IS ABSENT.
15 GAUTHIER?

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17 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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19 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** BAPTIST IS ABSENT. MAHAN IS ABSENT.
20 MASHBURN? IS ABSENT. RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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22 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU. MEMBER ROMERO?

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1 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

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3 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WILLIAMS IS ABSENT. WE DO NOT HAVE A
4 QUORUM.

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6 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** I'M GOING TO ASK THE CLERK TO DEPUTIZE
7 AD-HOC NON-VOTING MEMBER COMMISSION CHAIR SUE NOACK AND VICE
8 CHAIR MOULTON-PETERS TO THIS MEETING TO ACHIEVE QUORUM.

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10 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COMMISSION CHAIR NOACK DO YOU AGREE TO
11 ACT AS A VOTE BE MEMBER OF THIS BODY TODAY SO WE CAN ACHIEVE
12 QUORUM?

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14 **SUE NOACK:** YES.

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16 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU.

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18 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** CHAIR MOULTON-PETERS?

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20 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES I DO.

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22 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** [LAUGHTER] I THREW THEM BOTH TOGETHER.
23 I THROUGH YOU UP. LEAVE IT TO ME TO GO OFF SCRIPT, RIGHT?

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25 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MOULTON-PETERS DO YOU AGREE TO ACT AS A



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1 VOTING MEMBER OF THIS BODY TODAY TO ACHIEVE A QUORUM?

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3 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES I DO.

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5 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU BOTH FOR HELPING TO ACHIEVE
6 QUORUM TODAY.

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8 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WE HAVE QUORUM NOW.

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10 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** MOVING TO OUR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 2A
11 AND 2B DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
12 CALENDAR?

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14 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** ASHCRAFT MOVES TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
15 CALENDAR.

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17 **BELIA RAMOS:** SECOND, RAMOS.

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19 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** WITH THAT DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
20 THIS ITEM.

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON
23 THIS ITEM AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK
24 ON THIS ITEM.

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1 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO
2 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE. HAVE THE VOTE, PLEASE.

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4 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CHAIR CANEPA IS ABSENT. VICE CHAIR
5 CARLSON?

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

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9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** AHN?

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11 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** ANDERSON?

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15 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** BURT IS ABSENT. CAMPOS IS ABSENT. CORZO
18 IS ABSENT. ECKLUND IS ABSENT. MEMBER EZZY ASHCRAFT?

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20 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** PRESENT.

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MEMBER GAUTHIER?

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24 **LISA GAUTHIER:** ABSTAIN.

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1 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** I'M SORRY THAT WAS A YES. SORT OF,
2 PRESENT [LAUGHTER]

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4 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING.

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6 **SPEAKER:** JOHN-BAPTISTE IS ABSENT. MAHAN IS ABSENT. MASHBURN IS
7 ABSENT.

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9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. MEMBER RAMOS?

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11 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MEMBER RAMOS?

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15 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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17 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MEMBER ROMERO?

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19 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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21 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WILLIAMS IS ABSENT. VOTE BE MEMBER
22 NOACK?

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24 **SUE NOACK:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MOULTON-PETERS?

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3 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MOTION PASSES WITH ONE ABSTENTION BY
6 GAUTHIER AND EIGHT AYES.

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8 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM 3A
9 UPDATE ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, 2026 STATE BUDGET AND JOINING
10 US AND PRESENTING IS GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN. THANK YOU.

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12 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, ABAG
13 MEMBERS. SO, WE HAVE A BUDGET, WHICH IS GREAT NEWS. [LAUGHTER]
14 IT WAS ANOTHER SOMEWHAT EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET YEAR THIS YEAR IN
15 SACRAMENTO IN A PRETTY UNUSUAL MOVE, THE LEGISLATURE AND THE
16 GOVERNOR CAME TO AN AGREEMENT THAT PROVIDED THAT THE BUDGET
17 COULDN'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED A SUITE OF
18 ENVIRONMENTAL STREAMLINING PROVISIONS THAT WOULD EXPEDITE HIGH
19 SPEED RAIL, ADVANCE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AND A MYRIAD OF
20 OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. SO, DESPITE SOME REALLY
21 SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION, IT WAS JUST, SORT OF, ALL OVER THE
22 PRESS, THE LEGISLATURE DID PASS THAT PACKAGE, AND THE GOVERNOR
23 PROMPTLY SIGNED IT. SO, WE DO HAVE A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
24 2025/2026. THE TRANSIT PROVISIONS IN THE BUDGET I WANT TO CALL
25 OUT, REALLY IMPORTANTLY THE BUDGET DOES PRESERVE PRIOR STATE



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1 COMMITMENTS TO TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND TRANSIT CAPITAL
2 PRIMARILY THOSE ARE FUNDS THAT MTC HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH
3 DISTRIBUTING. THE GOVERNOR HAD PROPOSED TO CUT THOSE RESOURCES
4 TO HELP BALANCE OUT THE BUDGET SO AFTER SOME REALLY
5 SIGNIFICANT, SORT OF, ADVOCACY WORK AND NEGOTIATION, THE FINAL
6 BUDGET DID PRESERVE THOSE RESOURCES, WHICH IS VERY GOOD NEWS
7 FOR TRANSIT AND FOR THE BAY AREA. THE APPROVED BUDGET ALSO
8 INCLUDES A LINE ITEM OF \$750 MILLION BRIDGE LOAN FOR BAY AREA
9 TRANSIT OPERATORS. THIS IS INTENDED TO SUSTAIN OPERATIONS FROM
10 THE TIME THAT, SORT OF, SOME OF THE EMERGE FUNDS RESOURCES RUN
11 OUT, SOMETIME NEXT YEAR ARE PROJECTED TO RUN OUT, SOMETIME
12 NEXT SUMMER TO WHEN REVENUES MIGHT START FLOWING FROM A
13 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MEASURE THAT WOULD BE AUTHORIZED BY
14 SENATE BILL 63 WHICH IS THE NEXT ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA. I WANT
15 TO RECALL THERE HAD BEEN A VERY BIG PUSH FOR \$2 BILLION IN
16 GENERAL FUND RESOURCES FOR TRANSIT THIS YEAR. I KNOW MANY OF
17 YOU MADE PHONE CALLS ON THAT TOPIC AND THERE HAVE BEEN
18 SIGNIFICANT ASKS FOR WILDFIRE RECOVERY FUNDS FROM OUR PARTNERS
19 IN LOS ANGELES SO THIS WAS A COMPROMISE AND A REALLY I WOULD
20 SAY A PRETTY INCREDIBLE COMPROMISE IN A VERY TIGHT BUDGET YEAR
21 TO BE ABLE TO COME OUT WITH A BILLION DOLLARS LOAN FOR
22 WILDFIRE RECOVERY FOR LOS ANGELES AND \$750 MILLION LOAN FOR
23 THE BAY AREA. SO, AGAIN, IT WASN'T -- IT WASN'T WHAT FOLKS
24 HAD, SORT OF, STARTED THE YEAR ASKING FOR BUT IT WAS A REALLY
25 SIGNIFICANT WIN AND REQUIRED A HUGE LIFT FROM SENATOR ARREGUIN



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1 WHO LED THE BUDGET ASK. CHAIR SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR
2 WIENER'S OFFICE AND THEN A WHOLE HOST OF BAY AREA DELEGATION
3 MEMBERS AND PARTNERS IN THE BAY AREA AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
4 ON THE HOUSING SIDE BIG WINS IF A TIGHT BEEN SO THE BUDGET
5 ENDED UP INCLUDING \$9 MILLION IN STATE RESOURCES FOR
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WAS UP FROM ZERO THAT WAS RECOMMENDED
7 IN THE JANUARY BUDGET SO AGAIN A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT WIN THERE.
8 ALSO THE BUDGET INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT SOUNDS REALLY
9 TECHNICAL BUT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO MTC IN THAT IT ALLOWED
10 FOR AN EXTENSION OF REGIONAL EARLY ACTION -- SORRY -- REGIONAL
11 EARLY ACTION GRANT 2.0 GRANTS THAT MTC HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH
12 ADMINISTERING IT ALLOWS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR
13 WHEN THOSE FUNDS NEED TO BE SPENT SO WE DON'T END UP LOSING
14 THE RESOURCES. WE ENDED UP MEETING A DEADLINE BECAUSE THERE
15 WAS A PROPOSAL LAST YEAR FOR THE STATE TO CLAW BACK SOME OF
16 THE MONIES THAT ENDED UP SLOWING DOWNTOWN ABILITY TO GETTING
17 THE FUND OUT THE DOOR. SO SOME MORE GOOD NEWS THERE. AND THEN,
18 UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING EARMARK FOR
19 THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY. I THINK GIVEN SOME OF
20 THE OTHER THINGS WE NOTED EARLIER WITH THE VERY LARGE LOAN FOR
21 THE BAY AREA, THAT WAS REALLY WHERE SOME OF THOSE VARIOUS
22 SPECIFIC RESOURCES ENDED UP GOING. SO IT WAS A REALLY
23 HERCULEAN EFFORT AND WE'RE CERTAINLY CONTINUING TO LOOK FOR
24 OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SECURE RESOURCES FOR THE BAY AREA
25 HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY. AND I JUST WANTED TO, YET AGAIN



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1 ACKNOWLEDGE AND SAY THANK YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE OF MANY MEMBERS
2 OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT MADE A LOT OF PHONE CALLS ON THAT ONE.
3 YOU DO HAVE IN YOUR PACKET A VERY LONG SUMMARY FROM THE
4 LEGISLATURE FROM THEIR BEEN BILLS BUT I WOULD WANT TO CALL
5 YOUR ATTENTION TO THE HANDOUT AT THE VERY END THAT IS
6 ATTACHMENT C THAT IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET TRAILER BILL
7 THAT PASSED. IT WAS SB131 AND AB 130. THEY CONTAIN VERY --
8 THEY ARE MASSIVE BILLS SOME OF THEM OVER 200 PAGES EACH SO
9 THIS ONE-PAGE SUMMARY IS A VERY, VERY HIGH-LEVEL HIGHLIGHT. I
10 DID WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE STAFF ARE STILL REVIEWING THE BILLS
11 AND ANALYZING IMPACTS AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS I
12 CAN. OUR HOUSING EXPERT IS OUT SICK TODAY, SO, I MIGHT HAVE TO
13 DEFER.

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15 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR
16 COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? COMMISSIONER ASHCRAFT?

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18 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THE
19 REPORT MISS GANN DOHRMANN. THE QUESTION I HAVE, AND YOU KNOW,
20 I'M DELIGHTED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS \$750 MILLION BRIDGE LOAN TO
21 TRANSIT OPERATORS BUT I HAVEN'T READ THE DETAILS. WHAT ARE THE
22 REPAYMENT TERMS? YOU KNOW, WE KNOW WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT
23 SB63 NEXT, AND WE KNOW THAT WE BARELY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO
24 KEEP OUR TRANSIT OPERATORS FROM GOING OFF THE FISCAL CLIFF IF
25 WE'RE ABLE TO GET ALL OF OUR FIVE COUNTIES ON BOARD. SO, HOW



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1 ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO PAY BACK LOANS? IS THERE -- IS THERE
2 INTEREST INVOLVED? AND WAS THERE JUST NOT THE POLITICAL WILL
3 TO MAKE IT A GRANT? OR -- ANYWAY, THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.
4 THANK YOU.

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6 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** THAT'S GREAT QUESTION AND A QUESTION
7 MANY FOLKS ARE ASKING. THE DETAILS OF THE LOAN BOTH FOR THE
8 BAY AREA AND FOR LA ARE ALL GOING TO BE WORKED OUT IN ANOTHER
9 BUDGET TRAILER BILL THIS SUMMER. SO I CAN GIVE YOU MORE --

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11 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** TBD.

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13 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** THANK YOU.

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15 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** STANDING BY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
16 COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. OPEN TO PUBLIC
17 COMMENT.

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19 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
20 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM THERE NO ONE IN ZOOM PUNISHING TO SPEAK
21 THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN-HOUSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
22 SPEAK. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

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24 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** ONE MINUTE.

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1 **SPEAKER:** ADINA LEVIN WITH SEAMLESS BAY AREA PART OF THE MOVE
2 CALIFORNIA COALITION WANTED TO EXPRESS THANKS TO SENATORS
3 WIENER AND MTC AND SO MANY POLICY MAKERS WHO WERE PROACTIVE IN
4 SEEKING TO PROTECT FUNDING FOR TRANSIT IN THE STATE AND BUDGET
5 TO GET TO THE OUTCOME THAT HAPPENED WE HAD MANY THOUSANDS OF
6 CALLS DIRECTED INTO THE NEGOTIATION AND WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH
7 FOR THE CAP-AND-TRADE GGRF FUNDS WHICH ARE A NOT YET ANSWERED
8 QUESTION THAT ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AND DEBATED THROUGH
9 THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. AND SO ADVOCATES WILL ALSO BE
10 STANDING BY AND SPEAKING UP IN SUPPORT THROUGH THE DAYS OF THE
11 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO PROTECT THAT IMPORTANT FUNDING FOR
12 TRANSIT AND HOUSING. THANK YOU.

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14 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU.

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16 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING
17 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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19 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL
20 ITEM NO ACTION NECESSARY. WE'LL MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM 3B, UPDATE
21 ON SENATE BILL 63 INCLUDING OVERVIEW OF RECENT AMENDMENTS
22 AGREED TO BY THE AUTHORS AT THE ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION
23 COMMITTEE. AGAIN, INFORMATIONAL ITEM. NO ACTION REQUIRED TO BE
24 TAKEN AT THIS TIME. AND I UNDERSTAND STAFF IS NOT RECOMMENDING
25 ANY CHANGES TO THE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT POSITION OF THE BILL



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1 AT THIS TIME. GEORGIA IS BACK. OR NEVER LEFT. [LAUGHTER]

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3 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** IT IS A BUSY TIME IN SACRAMENTO RIGHT

4 NOW. SO, WE DO HAVE A HANDOUT PRESENTATION THAT PROVIDES A

5 PRETTY SIGNIFICANT UPDATE FROM WHEN YOUR PACKET WAS POSTED.

6 SO, COULD WE GO TO THE NEXT ITEM, PLEASE? OR THE NEXT SLIDE?

7 YES. IT'S POSTED AND IT IS -- IT'S PRINTED OUT IN A HANDOUT AS

8 WELL. SO, GOSH, WAS IT JUST -- IT WAS THIS MONDAY THAT THE

9 ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE PASSED SB63 OUT OF THE

10 COMMITTEE WITH SEVERAL AMENDMENTS. THE SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS

11 ARE POSTED -- APPEAR ON YOUR SCREEN. ONE OF THE MAIN

12 AMENDMENTS WOULD CAP AT 5% THE SHARE OF THE REVENUE MEASURE

13 FUNDS THAT COULD BE DEDICATED TO RIDER FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS,

14 JUST AS A REMINDER THE SENATE PASSED VERSION HAD A 10% CAP.

15 THE BILL -- THE AMENDMENTS ALSO ADDED SAN FRANCISCO BAY FERRY

16 TO THE LIST OF REQUIRED FUNDING RECIPIENTS FROM SB63 FROM

17 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION REVENUE MEASURE, AND IT MODIFIED HOW

18 THE EAST BAY SMALL EAST BAY TRANSIT OPERATORS WOULD HAVE BEEN

19 FUNDED SO THAT ALLOCATIONS WOULD COME DIRECTLY FROM MTC AND

20 THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE -- FUNDING WOULD BE REQUIRED

21 TO BE PASSED THROUGH TO SMALL EAST BAY TRANSIT OPERATORS

22 VERSUS THE EARLIER STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED

23 RESOURCES DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES,

24 AND GIVEN THE CT' DISCRETION ON HOW MUCH MONEY TO PASS

25 THROUGH. THERE WAS ALSO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHAIR AND THE



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1 AUTHORS TO BRING THE BILL BACK TO THE ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION
2 COMMITTEE AFTER AN EXPENDITURE PLAN IS INCLUDED. SO, WE'LL BE
3 SEEING QUITE A BIT MORE COMMITTEE ACTION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
4 THANK YOU. WE WANTED TO PROVIDE JUST A REMINDER OF THE ACTION
5 THAT THE COMMISSION TOOK LAST MONTH AT YOUR COMMISSION
6 MEETING, WHICH WAS TO ENDORSE A 45 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR
7 RIDER FOCUSED INVESTMENT STRATEGY IN THE CASE OF A FOUR COUNTY
8 OR FIVE COUNTY MEASURE. IN SHORT, THE STRATEGY WOULD HAVE
9 INCLUDED -- THE STRATEGY THAT YOU ALL ENDORSED INCLUDED A BIG
10 CHUNK OF RESOURCES TO MAKE TRANSIT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR RIDERS
11 THROUGH FARES. SOME OF THE EXAMPLES OF WHAT YOU SUPPORTED
12 INCLUDED FUNDING FOR FREE AND REDUCED TRANSFERS TO SAVE MULTI-
13 AGENCY RIDERS UP TO 15 HELPED DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT'S REALLY
14 THE MOST, SORT OF, STRATEGY THAT WOULD DO THE MOST TO REALLY
15 INCREASE RIDERSHIP WITH 30,000 DAILY TRIPS. YOU ALSO ENDORSED
16 EXPANDING CLIPPER START, THE MEANS BASED DISCOUNT PROGRAM TO
17 SERVE ANOTHER 100,000 RIDERS, AND THEN YOU SUPPORTED RESOURCES
18 FOR ACCESSIBILITY TO IMPROVE TRANSIT ACCESS AND ACCESSIBILITY
19 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIORS. AND THEN YOU
20 LASTLY SUPPORTED RESOURCES FOR BETTER WAYFINDING AND FASTER
21 BUSES VIA TRANSIT PRIORITY ON KEY CORRIDORS. SO THAT WAS A
22 SUITE OF A \$45 MILLION PACKAGE THAT YOU ALL ENDORSED. NEXT
23 SLIDE, PLEASE. WHAT WE WANTED TO SHOW YOU WITH THIS SLIDE WAS,
24 SORT OF, SOME OF THE TRADE-OFFS OR DECISION-MAKING THAT WOULD
25 NEED TO COME GIVEN THE ASSEMBLE HE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



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1 AMENDMENTS TO SET A 5% CAP OF THE REGIONAL REVENUE MEASURE,
2 SORT OF, REGARDLESS -- FOR RIDER FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS. SO, ON
3 THE FAR LEFT IS A, SORT OF, OVERVIEW OF THE MTC ENDORSED --
4 SORRY -- ON THE FAR LEFT OF THE CHART IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE
5 MTC ENDORSED FOUR OR FIVE COUNTY MEASURE EXPENDITURE PLAN P ON
6 THE FAR RIGHT ON THE CHART YOU SEE THAT A FIVE-COUNTY MEASURE
7 WOULD BE ABLE TO FULLY FUND THAT \$45 MILLION PACKAGE. AT A
8 FOUR-COUNTY MEASURE YOU WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS
9 RESOURCES, SO HARD DECISIONS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE AT THE
10 LEGISLATURE'S LEVEL AND COMMISSION LEVEL ON HOW TO PRIORITIZE.
11 FOR A THREE COUNTY MEASURE I DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SURE TO
12 HIGHLIGHT THAT THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTION HAD BEEN TO COME
13 BACK TO THE COMMISSION AND FURTHER PRIORITIZE SO IT'S LESS OF
14 APPLES TO APPLES COMPARISON BUT WANTED TO SHOW AS WELL THAT
15 THREE COUNTY MEASURE WOULD PROVIDE \$22 MILLION A YEAR PERCENT
16 CAP SO NEGOTIATIONS ARE ONGOING WE'RE NOT RECOMMENDING ANY
17 ACTION AT THIS MEETING WE WANTED TO HELP YOU GUYS HAVE A SENSE
18 OF WHAT THE AMENDMENTS MEANT FOR THE ACTION THAT YOU TOOK LAST
19 MONTH. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THESE ARE NEXT STEPS. THERE IS A
20 LOT OF DATES ON HERE. I THINK THE MAIN POINT IS THAT IT'S
21 GOING TO BE A BUSY COUPLE WEEKS. OUR CHAIR NOACK IS GOING TO
22 BE PRESENTING ONE OF THE LEAD WITNESSES ON THE JULY 14TH
23 ASSEMBLY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE HEARING ALONG WITH OUR
24 BART BOARD DIRECTOR. WE EXPECT, SORT OF, THE FIRST COUPLE OF
25 WEEKS OF AUGUST ARE GOING TO BE REALLY FULL OF NEGOTIATION AND



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1 A LOT OF, SORT OF, MOVEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING ON, YOU KNOW,
2 ARE THE COUNTIES THAT ARE IN THE MEASURE OR OUT AS WELL AS AN
3 EXPENDITURE PLAN. SORT OF, SPEAKING OF THE EXPENDITURE PLAN,
4 AT LEAST AS OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WE HEARD THAT COUNTY
5 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES ARE EXPECTING TO SHARE TECHNICAL
6 ASSISTANCE WITH THE AUTHORS SOMETIME SOON. AND THEN THE
7 AUTHORS ARE INTENDING TO, SORT OF, USE THAT TECHNICAL
8 ASSISTANCE TO PUT TOGETHER A DRAFT EXPENDITURE PLAN AGAIN FOR
9 REVIEW BY BAY AREA PARTNERS. SO, THAT'S -- THOSE ARE SOME OF
10 THE NEXT STEPS.

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12 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE
13 MEMBERS?

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15 **CARLOS ROMERO:** WHAT DOES SHARED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEAN,
16 EXACTLY?

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18 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE AUTHORS
19 HAVE REQUESTED THAT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES PROVIDE
20 THEM WITH A, SORT OF, KIND OF EXCEL SPREADSHEET THAT IS A
21 DIFFERENT VERSION OF WHAT EXPENDITURE PLANS COULD LOOK LIKE SO
22 IT WOULD BE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION ON
23 HOW TO PULL TOGETHER AN EXPENDITURE PLAN.

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25 **CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. SO, IT'S THE EXPENDITURE PLAN THEN.



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2 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** OH YEAH.

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4 **SUE NOACK:** ALL THOSE CTA'S HAVE BEEN MEETING VERY FREQUENTLY
5 TO WORK THROUGH SOME OF THE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE MUNI PIECE,
6 IF ROOM.

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8 **REBECCA LONG:** THROUGH THE CHAIR? I JUST WANTED TO ADD A LITTLE
9 BIT OF NUANCE THERE. I THINK THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
10 STAFF HAVE BEEN CLEAR THAT THEY'RE NOT DEVELOPING AN
11 EXPENDITURE PLAN BUT THEY'RE PROVIDING SCENARIOS,
12 METHODOLOGIES, ET CETERA. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK
13 LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED FOR BART TO, KIND
14 OF, BY COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY IF YOU LOOKED AT AM BOARDINGS
15 VERSUS DIFFERENT METHODS SO THEY'RE REALLY -- THEY'RE NOT
16 TRYING TO SAY HERE IS WHAT IT IS, RIGHT? IT'S NOT THAT
17 STRAIGHT FORWARD. THEY OBVIOUSLY RECOGNIZE THAT AT THE END OF
18 THE DAY, IT'S THE AUTHORS YOU HAVE THE TO DEVELOP THE
19 EXPENDITURE PLAN.

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21 **SUE NOACK:** AS OF YESTERDAY, IT'S THE SEVEN OPTIONS WE'RE
22 FINISHING UP.

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24 **PAT ECKLUND:** IS THIS REALLY, KIND OF, A BART MEASURE THEN?

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1 **REBECCA LONG:** NO. SO, THE WAY THE BILL IS WRITTEN NOW, IT'S
2 FOCUSED ON THE FOUR OPERATORS THAT HAVE THE LARGEST STRUCTURAL
3 DEFICITS AC TRANSIT, CALTRAIN, MUNI, AND BART. AND THEN, AS
4 GEORGIA MENTIONED, THERE IS ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE
5 SMALL EAST BAY OPERATORS AS WELL AS SF BAY FERRY RIGHT NOW.
6 BUT GIVEN THE NORTH BAY IS NOT CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED AS
7 INCLUDED, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY NORTH BAY OPERATORS.

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9 **PAT ECKLUND:** OKAY GREAT. I WANTED TO FIND THAT OUT.

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11 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU.

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13 **CARLOS ROMERO:** I WANT TO ASK A FOLLOW UP ON THE NOT
14 EXPENDITURE PLAN INFORMATION. SO, WHEN WOULD THIS -- LET'S NOT
15 CALL IT EXPENDITURE PLAN, BUT WHEN WOULD THIS DOCUMENT BE
16 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AUTHORS KIND OF TO UNDERSTAND.

17

18 **REBECCA LONG:** THERE IS UNCERTAINTY HERE BUT THE LATEST
19 INFORMATION WE HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE AUTHORS IS THEY HOPE TO
20 SEND A LETTER WITH THEIR IDEAS FOR THE DRAFT EXPENDITURE PLAN
21 NEXT WEEK THAT IS THE HOPE. THESE THINGS ARE TRICKY SO I WOULD
22 GUESS ANYWHERE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. WE'LL SEE.

23

24 **CARLOS ROMERO:** OUR COUNTY HAS A DATE, THAT IT WANTS TO BE ABLE
25 TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS SO THE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE



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1 I THINK BEFORE THOSE.

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3 **REBECCA LONG:** THEY'RE VERY MINDFUL OF THE COMMITTEE DATES OF
4 ALL THE DIFFERENT.

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6 **CARLOS ROMERO:** APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

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8 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS I
9 WOULD OPEN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
10 THIS ITEM.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, WE DO. FIRST IN-HOUSE SPEAKER ADINA
13 LEVIN. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

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15 **ADINA LEVIN:** GOOD TO SEE IS THE BILL PASS OUT OF COMMITTEE AND
16 SAD TO SEE THE AMENDMENT MAKING THE AMOUNT SMALLER FOR THE
17 TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION INVESTMENTS, WHICH HELPS INCREASE
18 RIDERSHIP THAT ARE VERY POPULAR WITH THE VOTERS. IF IT'S A
19 FIVE-COUNTY MEASURE, IT WOULD BE AT THE 45 MILLION RECOMMENDED
20 BY THE BODY BUT IF IT'S SMALLER THAT WOULD BE SMALLER I WOULD
21 LIKE TO THANK STAFF FOR OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS STARTING
22 TO CLEARLY COMMUNICATE WHAT THE BENEFIT WILL BE IN TERMS OF
23 OUTCOMES FROM THESE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS AND ANY AMOUNT ABOUT
24 THIS KIND OF COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE OUTCOMES AND ABOUT THE
25 ROLL OUT PLAN WHEN THOSE OUTCOMES WILL BE AVAILABLE WILL BE



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1 REALLY IMPORTANT AND ADVOCACY THAT WE HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING
2 ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO COMMUNICATE THE MEETINGS WITH THE OPT IN
3 COUNTIES AND NOW OTHER CTAS AS WE UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE IN THE
4 EXPENDITURE MOSS THERE WAS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT
5 THE VALUE SO THAT COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** NEXT SPEAKERS WENDI KALLINS FOLLOWED BY
8 ROLAND. WENDI YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE.

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10 **WENDI KALLINS:** YES THANK YOU WENDI KALLINS WITH THE POLICY
11 ADVISORY COUNCIL ALSO I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE CUT FROM
12 10% TO 5% I WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE 10% TO 8% AND I YOU
13 THINK THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL PROBABLY FELT
14 THE SAME WAY. BUT GETTING IT DOWN TO 5%, ESPECIALLY IF IT
15 TURNS OUT TO BE A SMALLER MEASURE IS REALLY UNACCEPTABLE. AND
16 I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE ASSEMBLY TO GET THEM
17 TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION
18 PIECE OF THIS, AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU WENDI. AND OUR LAST SPEAKER
24 WILL BE ROLAND. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE ONE
25 MINUTE.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. SO VERY BRIEFLY, ON THE DRAFT EXPENDITURE
3 PLAN, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS \$200 MILLION ALLOCATED TO
4 THE CALTRAIN EXTENSION TO THE SOUTH BAY. FAILING THAT, I WOULD
5 LIKE TO EITHER EMPOWER MTC TO ESSENTIALLY FOLLOW UP ON THE
6 PROMISES THAT WERE MADE IN 2016, AND LATELY IN 2020. EITHER
7 THAT, EITHER ENFORCEMENT, OR TAKE SOME KIND OF CLAW BACK
8 MEASURES TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS BROKEN PROMISE. BECAUSE THE
9 SITUATION IN THE SOUTH BAY IS NO LONGER A TENABLE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU ROLAND. AND THAT WAS OUR LAST
12 SPEAKER.

13

14 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** BACK TO THE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER
15 DISCUSSION IF THERE IS ANY? SEEING NONE. WE'LL CLOSE THIS ITEM
16 AND MOVE ON TO ITEM 4A, WHICH IS A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON THE
17 ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND WELCOME, AGAIN, GEORGIA.

18

19 **GEORGIA GANN-DOHRMANN:** ALSO A VERY BUSY TIME IN WASHINGTON DC.
20 IN YOUR PACKET, YOU HAVE A SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE BIG ACTIONS
21 THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. YOU KNOW,
22 OBVIOUSLY ALL OVER THE NEWS, AS WELL, ONE THING I DEPARTMENT
23 TO CALL OUT WITH THE TAX AND SPENDING PACKAGE THAT WAS PASSED
24 AND SIGNED INTO LAW LAST WEEK, IT ACTUALLY INCLUDES A HOUSING
25 RELATED PROVISION THAT MTC AND ABAG HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR,



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1 FOR YEARS IT INCLUDES CHANGES TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX
2 CREDIT PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE UNITS
3 TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CAL CALLING A YEAR IT'S TECHNICAL AND
4 EXPLAINED IN THE MEMO BUT ESSENTIALLY THE CHANGES IN THE TAX
5 PACKAGE WOULD ALLOW FOR CALIFORNIA TO REALLY MAXIMIZE THE USE
6 OF THIS LOW-INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM WHICH IS A PUBLIC
7 PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND BRING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO BE ABLE
8 TO BUILD A LOT MORE AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS SOMETHING I WANT TO
9 CALL OUT THAT COMMISSIONERS AND ABAG, OUR ABAG LEADERSHIP WENT
10 TO DC THIS YEAR IT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS INCLUDED IN
11 OUR ADVOCACY AND AGAIN IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT WE --
12 CALIFORNIA, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BEEN A REALLY STRONG PROPONENT
13 OF FOR A WHILE SO I THINK THAT'S KIND OF A BRIGHT SIDE OF THE
14 TAX PACKAGE. GIVEN THE CONVERSATION THAT HAPPENED EARLIER IN
15 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE RELATED TO FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR
16 ELECTRIFICATION, ANOTHER ZERO-EMISSIONS TRANSITION FUNDING, I
17 DID WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THERE IS A LIST IN YOUR MEMO OF THE
18 REVISIONS FROM THE TAX BILL INCLUDED FROM THE INFLATION
19 REDUCTION ACT. AND YOU KNOW, I THINK THERE IS A THEME THERE.
20 THEY ARE ALL FROM THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT, AND THEY'RE
21 REALLY TARGETING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF, SORT OF, CLEAN
22 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS. LASTLY, WANTED TO -- WHAT ELSE DID
23 I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO? OH, JUST THE -- I THINK OUR
24 ADVOCATES IN DC TRIED TO PROVIDE YOU ALL WITH SOME CONTEXT FOR
25 HOW SIGNIFICANTLY THE CUTS IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS ARE



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1 REALLY, SORT OF, GOING TO BE IMPACTING MYRIAD STATE BUDGETS
2 AND PRIMARILY, THE IMPACTS ARE GOING TO BE REALLY FELT ON
3 THOSE STATES WHO HAVE EXPANDED THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ACCESS
4 UNDER OBAMACARE. AND, SO, YOU KNOW, CALIFORNIA WAS ONE OF THE
5 STATES THAT TOOK SOME OF THE HIGHEST ADVANTAGE OF THOSE
6 EXPANSION, OF THE OBAMACARE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXPANSION OF
7 MEDICAID. SO, THERE IS JUST EXPECTED TO BE SOME SIGNIFICANT
8 IMPACTS TO THE STATE'S BUDGET AND THAT IS WHY ONE OF THE
9 THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT WITH YOU ALL FOR THE
10 LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IS HOW WE EXPECT TO SEE, SORT OF, A TWO-
11 PART BUDGET AT THE STATE LEVEL. SO, WE HAD THE MAIN STATE
12 BUDGET PASS, AND YOU KNOW, THERE IS A VERY GOOD CHANCE THAT
13 THE STATE WILL NEED TO COME BACK AGAIN LATER THIS YEAR AND,
14 SORT OF, RECESS BASED ON THIS TAX PACKAGE.

15

16 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
17 FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. LET OPEN TO PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

19

20 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
21 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR
22 ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

23

24 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE
25 WORK. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE



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1 MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM FIVE
2 WHICH IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON TODAY'S
3 AGENDA. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

4

5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
6 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM, AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR
7 ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **V. CHAIR, KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU THAT WILL BRING US TO
10 ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG
11 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12th 9:45
12 P.M. AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER THIS BUILDING 375 BEALE
13 STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO AND OTHER REMOTE LOCATIONS. ANY
14 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. WE
15 ARE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]