

**METROPOLITAN
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COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2025 9:40 AM

CHAIR, GINA PAPAN: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS GINA PAPAN. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE ADMIN COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. THIS MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL NINE. I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. ITEM ONE ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

BOARD CLERK: PAPAN?

CHAIR, GINA PAPAN: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: FLEMING IS ABSENT. ABE-KOGA?

MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: NON-VOTING EL-TAWANSY?

DINA EL-TAWANSY: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: MILEY?



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1 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

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3 **BOARD CLERK:** NON-VOTING SCHAFF? WE HAVE QUORUM.

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5 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM TWO INCLUDES OUR CONSENT
6 CALENDAR, ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2E. IS THERE ANY COMMISSIONER THAT
7 WOULD LIKE TO PULL AN ITEM FROM CONSENT? SEEING NONE. DO I
8 HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND? THEN WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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10 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION, ABE-KOGA.

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12 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** MOTION ABE-KOGA. SECOND, COMMISSIONER
13 MILEY. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR DO WE SEE ANY
14 CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS MATTER.

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16 **BOARD CLERK:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED, NO ONE IN THE
17 BOARDROOM AND NO ONE IN THE ZOOM SPACE WISHING TO SPEAK.

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19 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE CONSENT
20 CALENDAR?

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22 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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24 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** ALL IF FAVOR OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR?
25 [AYES].



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

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4 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** I'M STILL MISSING SOME COMMISSIONERS HERE.

5 NO?

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7 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YOU HAVE THE VOTING MEMBERS.

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9 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. SORRY. I'M LOOKING AT A LOT OF
10 COMMISSIONERS HERE. THANK YOU. ANY OPPOSITION? ABSTENTIONS?
11 SEEING NONE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH ALL
12 MEMBERS PRESENT.

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14 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** I'M SORRY. THROUGH THE CHAIR, COULD I
15 INTERRUPT WITH A PROCEDURAL MATTER? SINCE WE'RE NOW ON AIR, IF
16 ANYONE'S TUNING IN I WANT THEM TO KNOW WE ESTABLISHED THAT WE
17 HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT AND OPENED THE MEETING AND JUST HAD THE
18 CONSENT CALENDAR PASS. SO, WE HAD COMMISSIONERS PAPAN, ABE-
19 KOGA AND MILEY HERE FOR VOTING QUORUM AND EL-TAWANSY AND
20 SCHAFF FOR OUR NON-VOTING MEMBERS.

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22 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** JUST FOR OUR CLARIFICATION, THE MAN IN THE
23 BOOTH WAS GOING -- I JUST THOUGHT THE ON AIR LIGHT WASN'T
24 WORKING.

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1 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YEAH. APPARENTLY IT TOOK A MOMENT TO
2 GO LIVE WITH THE BROADCAST. SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, AND
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** ALL RIGHT IT WAS KIND OF AN INTERESTING
6 SHOW BACK THERE TO WATCH TOO. [LAUGHTER] AGENDA ITEM THREE,
7 CONTRACT BAY AREA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND VISION ZERO
8 REGIONAL COORDINATION, TDG ENGINEERING, IN THE AMOUNT OF
9 800,000. STAFF REQUESTS APPROVAL. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE A
10 PRESENTATION.

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12 **THERESE TRIVEDI:** GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. THERESE TRIVEDI
13 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AND OPERATIONS
14 GROUP. AS THE CHAIR INTRODUCED WE'RE HERE TO RECOMMEND TO THE
15 COMMITTEE REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER
16 INTO CONTRACT WITH TDG ENGINEERING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
17 \$800,000 FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND VISION ZERO REGIONAL
18 COORDINATION PROJECT. PROVIDING BACKGROUND BEFORE REQUESTING
19 APPROVAL. FOR THAT BACKGROUND, TAKING US BACK A COUPLE OF
20 YEARS TO 2023 WHEN MTC COMPLETED ITS FIRST REGIONAL
21 TRANSPORTATION PLAN WHICH INCLUDED UPDATE OF MTC'S COMPLETE
22 STREETS POLICY AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL ACTIVE
23 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK. THE NETWORK WHICH IS OVER 3200 MILES
24 WAS CREATED USING REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SEGMENTS OF LOCALLY
25 ADOPTED PLANS DURING THAT WORK WITH EQUITY, MODE SHIFT, AND



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1 SAFETY AS CORE ELEMENTS. AND AS WE AS STAFF IMPLEMENT THE
2 COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND DELIVER PROJECTS ON THE NETWORK,
3 THIS WILL HELP THE REGION TO ACHIEVE ITS BROADER GOALS OF MODE
4 SHIFT TO EQUITY AND SAFETY THAT ARE INCLUDED IN PLANNED BAY
5 AREA 2050. THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL ACTIVE
6 TRANSPORTATION PLAN, STAFF HEARD STAKEHOLDERS EXPRESS THE NEED
7 FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM ADVANCE ACTIVE
8 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. WE HEARD THE NEED
9 DOES DESIGN ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO
10 HELP OVERCOME A HOST OF IMPLEMENTATION BARRIERS. THESE TWO
11 ELEMENTS FEATURE PROMINENTLY IN THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
12 PLAN'S IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND STAFF HAS ALREADY DEVELOPED A
13 CAPITAL DESIGN -- A CAPITAL DESIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
14 PROGRAM THAT HELPS JURISDICTIONS TAKE CONCEPTS OF ACTIVE
15 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SO THEY'RE READY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND
16 CAPITAL FUNDING. IN FACT THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY APPROVED
17 ONE CYCLE OF FUNDING FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE, CAPITAL DESIGN
18 ASSISTANCE AND ON FRIDAY, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS
19 CONSIDERING AN ITEM THAT INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL TEN PROJECTS
20 TO RECEIVE DESIGN ASSISTANCE. LOOKING FOR THEIR RECOMMENDED
21 FOR APPROVAL THERE. SO, NOW GOING BACK TO THE OTHER FORM OF
22 ASSISTANCE THAT I JUST MENTIONED, WHICH IS TRYING TO OVERCOME
23 IMPLEMENTATION BARRIERS IN THE PROCESS OF DELIVERING ACTIVE
24 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE CONSIDERATION
25 OF TRYING TO DELIVER COMPLETE STREETS ELEMENTS IN ACTIVE



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1 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, SOMETIMES THERE ARE CONFLICTS WITH
2 EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS SO HELPING JURISDICTIONS TO
3 NAVIGATE THROUGH THAT. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS WHEN JURISDICTIONS
4 ARE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT COMPLETE STREETS DESIGN AND INTEGRATE
5 THAT GREEN STREETS OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TREATMENTS. AGAIN,
6 ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS INCORPORATING ALL AGES AND ABILITIES DESIGN
7 PRINCIPLES WHICH IS PART OF OUR, MTC'S COMPLETE STREETS
8 POLICY. JURISDICTIONS ARE LOOKING FOR HELP HOW TO INTEGRATE
9 THAT INTO THEIR LOCAL PROJECTS. SO TO PROVIDE THIS TYPE OF
10 ASSISTANCE, STAFF INTENDED TO DELIVER WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE
11 REGION TO HELP JURISDICTIONS WITH THESE -- WITH THESE
12 BARRIERS, LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER, AS WELL AS BEST PRACTICES
13 AND OTHER LESSONS LEARNED IN THE REGION AND ELSEWHERE. STAFF
14 PILOTED ONE OF THESE WORKSHOPS LAST FALL IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY
15 AND ONE OF THE TOPICS THERE WAS FOCUSED ON GREEN STREETS AND
16 COMPLETE STREETS AND IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED WITH OVER 100
17 LOCAL STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA WAS THERE AS WELL. AND
18 SO THIS IS THE MODEL THAT WE INTEND TO USE FOR THE REMAINING
19 COUNTIES IN TERMS OF THE WORKSHOPS. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO
20 LEANING INTO WHAT THE LOCALS NEED FOCUSING ON THE TOPICS OF
21 THOSE WORKSHOPS ON THOSE AREAS. SWITCHING TO ANOTHER RELEVANT
22 MTC POLICY THIS ITEM IS MTC'S REGIONAL SAFETY AND VISION ZERO
23 POLICY THAT ESTABLISHES A REGION-WIDE INTENT FOR MTC TO WORK
24 WITH OUR PARTNERS TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT WORKING TOWARDS
25 ELIMINATING TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE



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1 REGION. VISION ZERO WAS ALSO LOOKING TO ESTABLISH PEER
2 EXCHANGES ON VISION ZERO AND STAFF COLLABORATED TO WORK
3 TOGETHER ON COORDINATING THESE EFFORTS AND DEVELOP A JOINT
4 SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE RFP FOR CONSULTANT'S ASSISTANCE TO HELP
5 DELIVER OUTCOMES FOR BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS AND TOPIC AREAS.
6 SO THE RFP WAS RELEASED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND WE RECEIVED
7 FOUR PROPOSALS FOLLOWING THE REVIEW PROCESS THAT INCLUDE
8 CRITERIA NOTED IN YOUR SUMMARY SHEET TDG ENGINEERING IS THE
9 RECOMMENDED TEAM TO ASSIST MTC WITH PROVIDING THESE COUNTY
10 FOCUSED TRAININGS AND NOT ONLY WILL TDG ENGINEERING
11 COLLABORATE WITH MTC STAFF WE SEE THE COUNTY, A KEY PARTNER IN
12 HELPING DELIVER THE WORKSHOPS AND PEER EXCHANGES IN THE
13 COUNTIES AND AS PART OF THE SCOPE OF WORK IN ADDITION TO
14 DELIVERING THE WORKSHOPS AND PEER EXCHANGES THEY WILL HELP TO
15 TRAIN JURISDICTIONS ON DATA COLLECTION PRACTICES DEVELOP A
16 PROJECT PERFORMANCE COMMUNICATION TOOLKIT AND MTC VISION ZERO
17 POLICY STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP. SO, I THINK I WILL
18 STOP HERE. AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. STAFF, KARA
19 OBERG IS ALSO ONLINE, WHO MANAGES THE PROCUREMENT. AND
20 FOLLOWING ANY QUESTIONS STAFF WILL REQUEST THE COMMITTEE'S
21 APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TDG ENGINEERING IN AN
22 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000 FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
23 AND VISION ZERO REGIONAL COORDINATION PROJECT. THANK YOU.
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1 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** OKAY. SOUNDS EXCITING. COMMISSIONERS,
2 QUESTIONS? YES. EL-TAWANSY.

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4 **EVELYNN TRAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE REPORT. I HAVE A
5 QUESTION FOR YOU REGARDING WORKSHOPS THAT YOU'RE HAVING. IS
6 THERE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US, CALTRANS, TO BE THERE WITH YOU AT
7 THOSE WORKSHOPS? I THINK WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAXIMIZE THE
8 BENEFITS FOR OUR LOCAL COUNTY.

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10 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY, AND IN FACT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY
11 WORKSHOP WE HAD NOT ONLY DISTRICT FOUR BUT WE HAD HEADQUARTERS
12 CALTRANS STAFF THERE AS WELL.

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14 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** GREAT IDEA. COMMISSION ARE KAPLAN?

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16 **REBECCA KAPLAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD MORNING. I THINK IT'S
17 GREAT TO HAVE MORE COORDINATION AROUND VISION ZERO AND SAFER
18 STREETS AND, OBVIOUSLY, PEDESTRIAN INJURIES HAVE BEEN, YOU
19 KNOW, A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM, AND IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THEM.
20 I'M CURIOUS AS WE TALK ABOUT BRINGING SUPPORT AROUND POLICY
21 STRATEGY AND BEST PRACTICES, IF THERE IS GOING TO BE AN
22 ATTEMPT TO LOOK AT RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE
23 SPECKS FOR SOME OF THE LARGE VEHICLES THAT IMPEDE THEN THE
24 ABILITY TO NARROW THE STREETS? I UNDERSTAND MANY JURISDICTIONS
25 IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE HAVE DIFFERENT VEHICLE SPECKS THAT ARE



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1 MORE CONDUCTIVE TO NARROWER STREETS. SO I'M CURIOUS IF THAT'S
2 SOMETHING THAT LOCAL JURISDICTIONS MIGHT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE
3 GUIDANCE ON. AND THEN SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE HAVE WORKED OUT A
4 LOT THROUGH THE ALAMEDA CAN'T TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AS
5 WELL AS IN CITY OF OAKLAND, IS THE RECOGNITION THAT SPEED
6 CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE LEVEL OF INJURY. SO, ON A
7 POLICY BASIS, REDUCING SPEED, AS WELL AS ON A PHYSICAL HARD
8 SCAPE BASIS, INSTALLING DEVICES TO REDUCE SPEEDS. AND SO, I
9 WAS CURIOUS IF THOSE TWO TOPICS WOULD BE COVERED. THANK YOU.

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11 **THERESE TRIVEDI:** YES I CAN TELL YOU BOTH TOPIC AREAS CAME UP
12 AND THOSE ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE ENTIRE WORK SCOPE. SO WE'LL
13 DEFINITELY BE COVERING THAT. THANK YOU.

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15 **REBECCA KAPLAN:** THANK YOU.

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17 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** ANYBODY ELSE? OKAY. THIS IS VERY EXCITING.
18 DO WE HAVE A CALENDAR PLANNED FOR WHEN THE WORKSHOPS WILL ROLL
19 OUT? BECAUSE I KNOW GRANTS AND STUFF COME DUE, AND THE SOONER
20 THE JURISDICTIONS GET HELP, THE BETTER.

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22 **THERESE TRIVEDI:** WELL, SHOULD THE COMMITTEE APPROVE, I THINK
23 WE WANT TO GET GOING RIGHT AWAY. WE HAVE -- THESE WORKSHOPS
24 WILL OCCUR OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. BECAUSE -- EVEN THOUGH THE
25 WORKSHOPS WILL BE FOCUSED IN EACH COUNTY THEY WILL BE OPEN TO



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1 ANYBODY -- ANYONE FROM ANY PART OF THE REGION THAT WANTS TO
2 ATTEND BUT WE DON'T WANT TO DELIVER THEM ALL AT ONCE BUT WE
3 WANT TO GET GOING RIGHT AWAY AND HOPEFULLY HAVE SOMETHING
4 BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO DELIVER THAT FIRST ONE -- THE
5 NEXT FIRST ONE.

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7 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** I'M CURIOUS WHY IT'S GOING TO TAKE US TO
8 THE END OF THE YEAR. THE ONE IN SANTA CLARA WENT QUITE WELL.

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10 **THERESE TRIVEDI:** WE'LL GET INTO CONTRACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
11 MAYBE LIKE THE FALL I GUESS IS WHAT I'M THINKING MAY TAKE US A
12 FEW MONTHS TO GET INTO CONTRACT BUT WE WILL GET GOING AS SOON
13 AS WE CAN.

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15 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** OKAY WE WOULD EAGERLY LIKE TO SEE THAT, SO
16 FALL IS SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN THE END OF THE YEAR. YES BECAUSE
17 IT DOES SOUND VERY EXCITING AND HELPFUL TO THE JURISDICTIONS
18 IF WE CAN GET IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
19 IT DOES SOUND LIKE YOUR FIRST LAUNCH PILOT PROGRAM WENT QUITE
20 WELL. NOT SURE WE NEED TO RECREATE ALL THE WHEELS.

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22 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE THIS
2 IS AN ACTION ITEM. DO I HAVE A MOTION -- OR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT
3 ON THIS? EXCUSE ME.

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5 **BOARD CLERK:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ZOOM SPACE. NO ONE IN
6 THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
7 RECEIVED.

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9 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CAN I GET A MOTION FOR
10 APPROVAL?

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12 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION TO APPROVE. ABE-KOGA.

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14 **NATHAN MILEY:** SECOND.

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16 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** SECOND MILEY. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES]
17 ANY OPPOSED? ANY ABSTENTIONS? SEEING NONE. MOTION PASSES
18 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. MOVING ON. ITEM FOUR,
19 PUBLIC COMMENT OTHER BUSINESS. I'LL ASK THE CLERK IF WE HAVE
20 CORRESPONDENCE OR ANY PEOPLE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

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22 **BOARD CLERK:** NO ONE WISHING TO SPEAK IN THE ZOOM SPACE OR THE
23 BOARDROOM AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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1 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY EXCITING MEETING.
2 ITEM FIVE, ADJOURNMENT. THE ADMIN COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD NEXT
3 ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 9TH AT 9:40 HERE AT BAY AREA METRO, 375
4 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. SEE YOU THERE. THANK YOU.
5 ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]
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