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To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

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SaveMUNI supports the Downtown Extension of Caltrain (DTA). It is the single most important transportation project for the Bay Area and has been recognized as such by the MTC for over a decade.

The sudden move by an MTC committee to downgrade the project from Category 1 (Highest Level) to Category 2 makes no sense for the transportation future of this region.

The DTX project now has staff actively working to fulfill the necessary technical work to qualify for federal funding. For the MTC to downgrade the project now would pull the rug out from under their feet just as progress is being made on applications for essential federal funding.

The DTX is the final link in the regional integration of Caltrain, Muni Metro, over 40 bus lines from five separate operators and the regional ferry system. A regional agency such as MTC should be the first to recognize the value of DTX.

SaveMUNI urges the MTC Board to keep the DTX as its highest priority for transportation projects in the region and take a leadership role in moving this vital project toward speedy completion.

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