

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026, 9:45 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** 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 ABAG
8 WEBSITES. REMOTE PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE
9 RAISED THE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE TELECONFERENCE
10 ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
11 PHONE NUMBER. ROLL CALL VOTE FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS DUE TO
12 REMOTE COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION. ROLL CALL.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KEN CARLSON.

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16 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** JOHN-BAPTISTE?

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20 **V. CHAIR, ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE MTC:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AHN?

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24 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ANDERSON?

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3 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BURT?

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7 **PAT BURT:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CAMPOS IS ABSENT. CORZO? IS ABSENT. DUONG?

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11 **BETTY DUONG:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AT YOUR REMOTE NOTICED LOCATION?

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15 **BETTY DUONG:** YES. HERE AT SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERVISORS
16 CONFERENCE ROOM. I HAVE YAEL JUAREZ LEGISLATIVE AID IN THE
17 ROOM WITH ME.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. EZZY ASHCRAFT? ABSENT AT THE
20 MOMENT. JACK BINE NON-VOTING ABSENT. MAHAN? IS ABSENT.
21 MASHBURN?

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23 **MITCH MASHBURN:** HERE AT MY REMOTE LOCATION ALL BY MYSELF.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBITT? IN.



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2 **DAVID RABBIT:** PRESENT AT 575 ADMINISTRATION DRIVE IN SANTA
3 ROSA.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RAMOS?

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7 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROMERO?

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11 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENTS.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILLIAMS?

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15 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** HERE, LOCATED AT MY REMOTE LOCATION 375 TEXAS
16 STREET HERE IN THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD SUITE 650.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. AND MEMBER EZZY ASHCRAFT HAS
19 JOINED US. WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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21 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. COULD WE RAISE THE VOLUME
22 FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS? IS IT POSSIBLE? IT'S REALLY SOFT,
23 THAT'S ALL.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OUR BROADCASTING TEAM WILL DO THEIR BEST.



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2 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** [LAUGHTER] WE'LL TEST IT NEXT GO. ALL
3 RIGHT. WITH THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM TWO WHICH IS OUR
4 CONSENT CALENDAR, WHICH ARE TWO ITEMS, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA.
5 DO I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
6 CALENDAR?

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8 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** SO MOVED, RAMOS.

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10 **DAVID RABBIT:** SECOND RABBITT.

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12 **PAT EKLUND:** SECOND.

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14 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** WAS THAT SECOND BY ECKLUND?

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16 **PAT EKLUND:** YES.

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18 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** [LAUGHTER] I WAS LOOKING RIGHT. SO, I
19 HAVE A MOTION BY RAMOS AND A SECOND BY ECKLUND. DO WE HAVE ANY
20 COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS? ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
23 RECEIVED UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR. THERE IS NO ONE IN THE
24 BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK AROUND THE CONSENT
25 CALENDAR.



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2 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** WONDERFUL. CAN WE HAVE A ROLL CALL
3 VOTE, PLEASE?

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO. CHAIR KEN CARLSON?

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

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOHN-BAPTISTE?

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11 **V. CHAIR, ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE MTC:** AYE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER AHN?

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15 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER ANDERSEN?

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19 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER BURT?

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23 **PAT BURT:** YES.

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1 MEMBER DUONG?

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3 **BETTY DUONG:** YES.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER ECKLUND? MEMBER EZZY ASHCRAFT?

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7 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** AYE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MEMBER MASHBURN?

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11 **MITCH MASHBURN:** AYE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBITT?

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15 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER RAMOS?

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19 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROMERO?

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23 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS



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1 PRESENT.

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3 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** MOVING ON ITEM THREE UPDATE ON FISCAL
4 YEAR 2026/27 STATE BUDGET INFORMATION ITEM TURNING OVER TO
5 REBECCA LONG. THANK YOU.

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7 **REBECCA LONG:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR KEN CARLSON COMMITTEE
8 MEMBERS. GEORGIA IS OUT TODAY. THIS IS REALLY A KIND OF HEAR
9 UP AND WAIT ITEM BECAUSE WE'RE ALL WAITING TO SEE WHAT COMES
10 OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET NEXT THURSDAY MAY 14th. REPORTS
11 THAT REVENUES ARE UP, HOWEVER BOTH THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX AND
12 CORPORATE TAX OF COURSE STOCK MARKET ALL DOING QUITE MR. SO
13 THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, 2026 REVENUES ARE UP THAT LIKELY WILL
14 AFFECT PROJECTIONS GOING FORWARD THE APPETITE THAT WE'RE
15 HEARING FROM THE LEGISLATIVE HOWEVER IS MUCH ONE-TIME
16 INVESTMENTS, RIGHT? JUST KNOWING THE VOLATILITY OF THE
17 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT RIGHT NOW. SO ALSO, YOU ALL ARE WELL
18 AWARE THAT OVER HALF OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND GOES INTO
19 EDUCATION AND RAINY DAY FUNDS, SO IT'S NOT LIKE THERE IS AS
20 MUCH DISCRETION WHEN NEW REVENUES ARISE. ALL THAT SAID, WE'RE
21 GLAD THAT THEY'RE GOING UP AND THAT DOES HELP SOME OF OUR
22 BUDGET ASKS. SO, AS A REMINDER, WE HAVE \$15 MILLION EARMARK
23 REQUEST FOR BAHFA. VERY IMPORTANT TO REACH A SELF-SUSTAINING
24 MODEL AS WELL AS CONTINUE A LOT OF OUR SUCCESSFUL PILOT
25 PROGRAMS. THAT'S PART OF THE STATEWIDE ASK WITH LA AND SAN



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1 DIEGO. AND IN YOUR PACKET THERE ARE LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM
2 BOTH THE ASSEMBLY AND ALSO ADVOCATES ON THAT. THEN WE ALSO
3 VERY MUCH PRIORITIZE THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND TIER
4 THREE PROGRAMS THAT'S NOW THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUSTAINABLE
5 COMMUNITIES TIRCP TRANSIT INNER CITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM
6 THERE IS KIND OF A FIGHT THERE BECAUSE THOSE REVENUES ARE DOWN
7 ALSO TANGENTIAL TO THE BUDGET BUT RELEVANT IS NEW REGULATION
8 BY CARB THAT COULD DEVASTATE THE AVAILABLE REVENUE FOR
9 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND WE HAVE SIGNED ON IN OPPOSITION
10 TO THAT REGULATION AND SENATE RECENTLY HELD A HEARING AND IS
11 VERY MUCH IN OPPOSITION TO THAT SO THERE IS A LOT OF I KNOW
12 FLUX WE WILL KNOW MORE NEXT MONTH WITH THAT I'LL CLOSE AND SEE
13 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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15 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS
18 ITEM NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS
19 ITEM.

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21 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH QUESTIONS
22 OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE TO
23 ITEM 3B SENATE BILL 1167 SENATOR BLAKESPEAR REGARDING ELECTRIC
24 BICYCLE SAFETY. AND THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. WE'LL TURN IT OVER
25 TO JADIE MOAR.



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2 **JADIE MOAR:** HI, COMMISSIONERS. JADIE MOAR HERE TO TALK ABOUT
3 E-BIKES AGAIN. SO AT THE APRIL JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION
4 COMMITTEE, WE REVIEWED STATE LEGISLATIVE LANDSCAPE AND E-BIKES
5 BILLS THAT ARE PROPOSING DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO REGULATING
6 THEM AND OTHER SIMILAR TWO WHEELED ELECTRIC VEHICLES THIS YEAR
7 COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FOCUSING ON HIGH RISK
8 HIGH SPEED DEVICE THAT PRESENT THE SAFETY CONCERNS WHILE NOT
9 OVERREGULATING LOWER SPEEDY, BIKES THAT SUPPORT OUR REGIONAL
10 SUSTAINABILITY GOALS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS WE CONSIDERATE
11 REGULATORY STRUCTURE FOR CLASS ONE E-BIKES IN OUR BAY WHEELS
12 BIKESHARE FLEET BASED ON THAT DISCRETION WE'RE RECOMMENDING
13 SUPPORT POSITION ON SB1167 BLAKE SPEARS WE THINK THE BILL
14 TAKES TARGETED BALANCE APPROACH IT CLARIFIES THE E-BIKES ARE
15 DEVICES THAT DO NOT EXCEED 28 MILES PER HOUR WITH PEDAL ASSIST
16 20 MILES PER HOUR USING THROTTLE AND HAVE MOST WITH 750 WATTS
17 OR LESS DEVICES EXCEED THESE LIMITS WOULD NO LONGER BE
18 CLASSIFIED AS E-BIKES WOULD INSTEAD BE REGULATED BASED ON
19 SPEED POWER CAPABILITIES IN APRIL THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED
20 IMPORTANCE OF CLEAR CONSISTENT IDENTIFICATION ON E-BIKES AND
21 SIMILAR DEVICES THIS BILL WOULD IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY BY
22 ESTABLISHING STANDARDIZED LABELING REQUIREMENTS SO RIDERS
23 PARENTS AND RETAILERS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN IDENTIFY E-BIKES BE
24 CLASSIFICATION IN ADDITION MANUFACTURES AND SELLERS WOULD BE
25 REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE WHEN DEVICE FALLS OUTSIDE OF THE E-BIKE



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1 CATEGORY. OVERALL THE BILL PROVIDES CLARITY IMPROVES SAFETY
2 OVERSIGHT FOR HIGHER RISK DEVICES AND AVOIDS NEW RESTRICTIONS
3 ON LOW SPEEDY, BIKES INCLUDING THOSE IN BAY WHEELS FLEET. SO,
4 FOR THOSE REASONS WE RECOMMEND SUPPORT POSITION ON SB1167.
5 WITH THAT, I'LL CLOSE AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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7 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. I'LL TURN TO MY LEFT.

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9 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT
10 REPORT. I MEAN, I THINK THIS IS LEGISLATION WE SHOULD SUPPORT.
11 THE QUESTION I HAVE, SO, A WEEK AGO, THURSDAY, THE EAST BAY
12 DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, WHICH IS ALL THE
13 CITIES OF ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES MET, AND OUR
14 SPEAKERS WERE DR. KEVIN FANG FROM THE MINETA TRANSPORTATION
15 INSTITUTE IN SAN JOSE, AND HE'S COAUTHOR OF THE STUDY
16 EXPLORING ELECTRICAL BICYCLES SAFETY PERFORMANCE DATA AND
17 POLICY OPTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA AND THEN WE ALSO HEARD FROM THE
18 COLLEAGUE'S LOBBYIST ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. AND AS YOU
19 NOTED EARLIER, THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT BILLS ADDRESSING E-
20 BIKES AND E-BIKES SAFETY OUT THERE. THE CONSENSUS, OR THE
21 OPINION OF OUR LOBBYISTS, THE LEAGUE'S LOBBYISTS, IS NONE OF
22 THIS IS GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR,
23 AND OF COURSE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH E-
24 BIKES AND E-BIKE SAFETY BUT I WAS TOLD THAT'S A VERY POWERFUL
25 LOBBY, THE E-BIKE MANUFACTURERS. SO, WHAT ARE YOU HEARING



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1 ALONG THOSE LINES?

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3 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I MEAN, I WILL SAY THAT WITH SB67 A LOT OF THE
4 MANUFACTURES AND BIKE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACTUALLY SUPPORTING
5 THIS BILL. SO I HOPE THAT THIS ONE WILL ADVANCE. I HAVE NOT
6 HEARD OF E-BIKES COMING INTO THE ELECTION CONVERSATION
7 [LAUGHTER] ACTUALLY. SO I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE TO SAY ON THAT
8 BUT HAPPY TO KEEP MY EAR ON THE GROUND ON THAT ONE.

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10 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** I WANT TO BELIEVE IT'S NOT TRUE, BUT
11 YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT WE -- AND THE CHAIR WAS THERE CHAIR
12 NOACK WAS AT THE SAME MEETING. IT WASN'T MY MANUAL NATION,
13 RIGHT?

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15 **SUE NOACK:** NO IT WASN'T YOUR IMAGINATION, BUT IT DID FLOW
16 ALONG THE LINES OF NOT TOUCHING CLASS 1, 2, AND 3, WHICH WERE
17 ALL THE 28 AND UNDER. HE DID, FAIR POINT ON THIS, AND I THINK
18 THE ISSUE THAT THEY WERE SAYING WHY IT WAS AN ELECTION YEAR
19 PROBLEM, WAS THE EQUITY PIECE THOSE PEOPLE THAT CAN AFFORD
20 CAN'T AFFORD CARS BUT CAN AFFORD ELECTRIC BIKES I THINK THAT
21 WAS THE ELECTION PIECE OF IT THAT I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO.

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23 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** DAMON TALKED TO ME ABOUT THE LOBBYIST
24 TOO. OUR LOBBYISTS.

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1 **SUE NOACK:** THAT'S WHERE THE OTHER PIECE WAS BIG CONCERN
2 CLASSIFICATION PIECE MANY PEOPLE COULD JUST PRINT LABELS AND
3 STICK THE LABELS ON THAT THEY WANTED SOMETHING BROADER BECAUSE
4 THE POLICE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO STOP A BIKE OR RADAR TO FIGURE
5 OUT WHETHER THEY WERE GOING 32 MILES AN HOUR OR 28 THAT'S
6 SOMEHOW MORE LEGISLATION THAT HAD TO BE DONE ON CLASSIFICATION
7 THAT MADE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO JUST PRINT OUT CLASS TWO AND
8 STICK IT ON A BIKE. SO THOSE WERE TWO PIECES THAT I WANTED TO
9 FOLLOW UP ON MARILYN'S COMMENT.

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11 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** I THINK THAT'S THE ELECTION PIECE BUT
12 THROUGH THE CHAIR THERE WAS CONCERN TOO IF THERE'S PENALTIES
13 IMPOSED THAT ALSO WENT TO THE EQUITY ASPECT AND THEN THERE WAS
14 DESIRE FOR REGISTRATION WHO OWNS AND WHAT VEHICLE AND IF
15 THEY'RE EVEN AUTHORIZED TO OWN IT SO THERE IS SUGGESTION I
16 DON'T THINK IT'S THIS LEGISLATION THOUGH THAT IT BE TREATED
17 THE WAY IT IS WITH AN AUTOMOBILE THAT REGISTRATION IS
18 AUTOMATIC AT THE POINT OF SALE YOU DON'T BUY YOUR CAR THEN GO
19 TO THE DMV TO REGISTER IT. LET'S HOPE FOR THE BEST.

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21 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** COMMISSIONER ECKLUND?

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23 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHEN YOU MENTIONED ANYTHING
24 OVER 28 MILES PER HOUR WHATEVER IS FEDERALLY REGULATED BUT WHO
25 WOULD BE ENFORCING IT FOR E-BIKES? BECAUSE I KNOW FOR MYSELF,



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1 A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE I KNOW, AND PROBABLY AS SHARED BY
2 OVERBOARD THIS BOARD, IS THAT WE'RE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE
3 USE OF THESE E-BIKES AND THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING
4 HURT, AND THEY'RE NOT VERY WELL REGULATED. OR CONTROLLED. EVEN
5 BY PARENTS. SO, WHO -- WHO WILL BE ENFORCING THE ONES 28 MILES
6 PER HOUR OR HIGHER?

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8 **SPEAKER:** I THINK EITHER MISCLASSIFIED OR GOING ABOVE THEIR
9 SPEED LIMIT WOULD BE LAW ENFORCEMENT. BUT A LOT OF WHAT THESE
10 REGULATIONS ARE TRYING TO GET TO IS REGULATING THE ABILITY OF
11 THESE BICYCLES. SO, THEY WOULDN'T BE, YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY,
12 ABLE TO GO OVER 28 MILES PER HOUR. BUT IF THEY WERE, FOR SOME
13 REASON, YOU KNOW, OFF MARKET, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THERE IS A LOT
14 OF APPS THAT CAN ADJUST THINGS THAT WAY, THAT WOULD BE LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT.

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17 **PAT EKLUND:** I JUST WORRY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF FOLKS AND I KNOW
18 THAT MY CONCERN IS SHARED. BUT I JUST DON'T SEE THIS AS --
19 MAYBE IT'S A GOOD STEP, BUT IT'S NOT REALLY ACHIEVING IT,
20 BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN MODIFY THESE. AND THEY'RE, YOU KNOW, WHAT
21 HAPPENS TO ALL THE BIKES THAT ARE ON THE MARKET RIGHT NOW?

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23 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, A LOT OF THE BILLS WOULD GRAND FATHER WHAT IS
24 CURRENTLY ON THE MARTHA RIGHT NOW. THAT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, HARD
25 TO GO BACK AND DO SOMETHING RETROACTIVELY. BUT, YEAH. I HEAR



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1 YOU.

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3 **SUE NOACK:** I JUST HAD ONE FOLLOW-UP. IT WAS INTERESTING, THE
4 PLEASANT HILL POLICE ACTUALLY STOPPED TWO E-BIKES MOTORISTS
5 THEY WERE GOING TOO FAST AND ACTUALLY CONFISCATED THEM AND YEP
6 PUT THEM ON A TRAILER AND TOOK THEM AWAY A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE
7 LIKE OH MY GOD YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING BUT IT WAS KIND OF GOOD
8 BECAUSE IT WOKE A LOT OF PEOPLE UP SAYING IF YOU SPEND THAT
9 KIND OF MONEY TO BUY YOUR KID KNOW E-BIKE THINK ABOUT IT
10 BECAUSE IF THEY VIOLATE IT CAN GET CONFISCATED EVEN A COUPLE
11 OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES LIKE THAT MAY CAUSE PEOPLE TO GET A
12 BIT BETTER EDUCATED BEFORE THEY GO OUT AND BUY E-BIKES SO
13 ANYWAY IT WAS QUITE THE BIG DEAL IN PLEASANT HILL WHEN THOSE
14 TWO GOT STOPPED AND PUT ON A TRAILER AND TAKEN AWAY.

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16 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** [LAUGHTER] I WOULD SAY WE ALSO HEARD IN
17 SOME OF THE ALPHA COMMUNITIES MAYBE DANVILLE THAT KIDS WHO
18 HAVE HAD THEIR BIKES CONFISCATED JUST TELL THEIR PARENTS THEIR
19 BIKE WAS STOLEN THEN THEY BUY THEM ANOTHER ONE BUT YOU HAVE
20 GOT TO START SOMEWHERE AND I THINK THIS LEGISLATION IS A GOOD
21 PLACE TO START.

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23 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** FOR ME ON THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT TRACKING
24 SIDE OF IT DOES THIS DO ANYTHING IN THE SENSE OF DIGITAL
25 COUNCIL OR CHP'S AND SWITRS BEING REQUIRED TO AMEND THEIR



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1 FORMS AND THEIR REPORTING SO THAT WE CAN TRACK THIS? I MEAN
2 WHEN I WROTE A CITATION IT WOULD BE BIKE AND SERIAL NUMBER IT
3 WOULDN'T BE E-BIKE THOSE TYPE OF THINGS SO EVEN ON COOLIDGE
4 AND REPORTING FORM WHICH MOST JURISDICTIONS USE TRACK THROUGH
5 SWITRS SO WE WOULD BE HOPEFUL THAT YES WE'RE GOING TO AMEND
6 FORMS AND BE ABLE TO ACCURATELY TRACK?

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8 **SPEAKER:** YEAH I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DETAILS OF THE MECHANISM
9 OF TRACKING I'M FAMILIAR WITH THAT ISSUE AND KNOW THAT'S ONE
10 WAY WE -- THIS BILL COULD ACCOMPLISH THAT DATA COLLECTION SO
11 IT COULD FEED INTO THE LARGER STATE LEGISLATIVE DATABASE COULD
12 HELP US GOING FORWARD I'LL LOOK INTO THAT MORE.

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14 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
17 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, ALETA
18 DUPREE. UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. ALETA DUPREE, FOR THE RECORD SHE
21 AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. THIS IS INTERESTING I COME TO YOU
22 WITH OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND ACTUALLY USING E-BIKES,
23 AND I EVEN BUILT A FEW IN MY YOUNGER DAYS. THERE SHOULD BE
24 SPEED LIMITS. I HAVE RIDDEN AN E-BIKE 20 MILES AN HOUR. I WAS
25 VERY GOOD AT WHAT I DO, BUT IT'S SCARY. YOU CERTAINLY DON'T



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1 WANT TO HIT A POT HOLE ON ONE OF THOSE. AND THAT BEING SAID, WE
2 HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. I THINK ANY E-
3 BIKE THAT'S REGULATED SHOULD ALLOW FOR THROTTLE ONLY
4 OPERATION. AND THAT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO USE E-
5 BIKES WHERE THEY MAY HAVE SOME JOINT ISSUES. AND THEY CAN'T
6 PUSH DOWN ON THE PEDALS. THAT'S PROBABLY KEEPING SOME PEOPLE
7 FROM USING THE BAY WHEELS PROGRAM. I HAVE TROUBLE USING THE
8 BAY WHEELS BIKES BECAUSE SOMETIMES MY KNEE ACTS UP. MUCH AS I
9 LIKE THEM, I WISH THEY WERE THROTTLE ONLY. I DO BELIEVE THAT
10 E-BIKES CAN BE A PART OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION. YOU GO TO
11 NEW YORK, AND YOU SEE THEM EVERYWHERE, BECAUSE DELIVERY PEOPLE
12 USE THEM. THAT BEING SAID, EVERYONE HAS TO OPERATE THEM
13 RESPONSIBLY. AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A PART OF THAT, BUT LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NOT BE WEAPONIZING THIS. YOU SEE, I'M A
15 PERSON WHO IS VERY DIFFERENT AND I WEAR A SKIRT AT THE SAME
16 TIME, WHICH MAKES ME MORE LIKELY TO BE STOPPED FOR USING AN E-
17 BIKE EVEN IF I'M OPERATING WITHIN THE LAW. THEY USED TO ARREST
18 PEOPLE FOR WEARING SKIRTS IN NEW YORK CITY UP UNTIL THE MID-
19 1970S IN THE STREET IN THE CLUBS AND SUBWAY WE CAN'T HAVE IT
20 WEAPONIZED TO THAT POINT HERE I ASK FOR EYE TOWARDS SAFETY BUT
21 NOT PROHIBITION. THANK YOU.

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

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1 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH WITH THAT WE'LL
2 BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A MOTION TO RECOMMEND
3 SUPPORT POSITION TO MOVE FORWARD OUR BOARDS ON SB1167.

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5 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** MOTION EZZY ASHCRAFT.

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7 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** SECOND.

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9 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** MOTION ASHCRAFT SECOND ANDERSEN. ROLL
10 CALL VOTE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO FOR THE COMMISSION THAT IS CHAIR
13 KEN CARLSON?

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15 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** JOHN-BAPTISTE?

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19 **V. CHAIR, ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE MTC:** AYE.

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15 **MITCH MASHBURN:** AYE.

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19 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS?

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23 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** YES.

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25 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO:** ROMERO? YES.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILLIAMS?

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4 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
7 PRESENT.

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9 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU MOVING TO ITEM 3C ASSEMBLY
10 BILL 2508 ASSEMBLYMEMBER HOOVER PUBLIC UTILITIES PUBLIC
11 PURPOSE PROGRAM FUND SAY THAT FAST THREE TIMES. REBECCA LONG.

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13 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AB2508 ASSEMBLYMEMBER HOOVER
14 WOULD ELIMINATE THE RATEPAYER BASED FUNDING STREAM FOR ENERGY
15 EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS SUCH AS BAYREN AND REPLACE IT WITH FUNDING
16 ON A SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FROM GREENHOUSE GAS
17 REDUCTION FUND RIGHT NOW THE BILL IS IN APPROPRIATIONS
18 COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSE WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO COME OFF
19 SUSPENSE NEXT THURSDAY WE SHALL SEE BUT NONETHELESS WE'RE
20 RECOMMENDING AN OPPOSE POSITION ON THIS BILL TO GO TO THE ABAG
21 EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. BASICALLY, THIS BILL WOULD
22 EVISCERATE THE RELIABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR BAY REASON. RIGHT
23 NOW BAYREN AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON ENERGY
24 EFFICIENCY ARE FUNDED KIND OF ON A FOUR YEAR BASIS THROUGH
25 CPUC AND THE, SORT OF, GROUNDS FOR THIS BILL IS ARGUING THAT



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1 IT'S FOR AFFORDABILITY BUT ACTUALITY BY UNDERMINING FUNDING
2 FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY COULD REALLY INCREASE THE COST FOR
3 CONSUMERS IS PARTICULARLY LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS WHO BAYREN'S
4 PROGRAMS ARE TARGETED TOWARDS IN TERMS OF HELPING SUBSIDIZE
5 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PROJECTS TO LOWER COST AND BY GENERALLY
6 UNDERMINING FUNDING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IT WILL MAKE IT
7 HARDER TO PUT MORE DEMAND ON THE GRID AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS
8 A LOT OF PRESSURE ON THE GRID WITH ALL ENERGY INTENSIVE DATA
9 CENTERS THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS IS NOT ONLY I THINK WE WOULD
10 OPPOSE TO IT JUST FOR UNDERMINING THIS RELIABLE FUNDING SOURCE
11 BUT THE FACT IT'S LOOKING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND
12 WHICH IS ALREADY OVERSUBSCRIBED AS WE TALKED ABOUT IT'S A BIG
13 PART OF OUR COMPLEMENTARY ADVOCACY STRATEGY FOR TRANSIT
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPOUNDS WHY WE'RE RECOMMENDING OPPOSED
15 POSITION ON THE BILL TODAY HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

16

17 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR
18 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? WE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN
19 CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS ITEM WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
20 ALETA DUPREE. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AGAIN ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND
23 HER WITH TEAM FOLDS ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME
24 I'M JUST GETTING UP TO SPEED ON THIS PARTICULAR BILL I DON'T
25 HAVE AN ELECTRIC BILL IN CALIFORNIA I'M OUT-OF-STATE BUT IT'S



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1 COMMON FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF ENERGY RELATED TO PROGRAMS TO BE
2 FUNDED THROUGH ELECTRIC RATES THAT PEOPLE PAY IN THEIR SERVICE
3 AND IT'S TRUE WITH MINE. AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY REALLY DOES
4 WORK EVEN FOR ME AS A THE RENTER, I SAVE MONEY BY HAVING PUT
5 IN ALL L.E.D. BULBS IN MY HOME NOT ONLY DOES IT CUT THE
6 LIGHTING USAGE BUT THE AIR CONDITIONER DOESN'T HAVE TO RUN AS
7 HARD. AND I HAVE AN ELECTRIC STOVE MY HOME IS ALL ELECTRIC.
8 I'M BUYING SOLAR ENERGY. IF THIS IS MADE SUBJECT TO
9 APPROPRIATIONS, THEN IT'S SUBJECT TO THE WHIMS OF THE
10 LEGISLATURE WHEN SITUATIONS CHANGE. IT IS FUNDING THROUGH
11 ELECTRIC RATES THAT ENSURE A CONTINUOUS STREAM OF FUNDING TO
12 HELP. THERE ARE MANY POPULATIONS THAT CANNOT AFFORD TO PERFORM
13 ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO RENT ARE LIMITED IN
14 WHAT THEY CAN DO, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T ALTER THE STRUCTURE THAT
15 THEY LIVE IN. THAT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE. AND
16 ELECTRIFICATION IS A KEY PART OF THIS. AND THE SAFETY ASPECT
17 TO THIS TOO, IF YOU HAVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PEOPLE CAN STAY
18 COOLER IN THEIR HOMES AND USE TECHNOLOGIES WHERE AIR
19 CONDITIONERS DON'T HAVE TO RUN AS HARD. BECAUSE HEAT IS
20 DANGEROUS. HEAT KILLS. YOU DON'T WANT YOUR AC GOING OFF IN THE
21 SUMMER. SO, I CAN SEE WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AND THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE



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1 PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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3 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. I'LL JUST SHARE, IN THE
4 SENSE OF THE WORK WE'RE DOING, AS WELL AS THE AIR DISTRICT,
5 WHEN IT COMES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL
6 PROTECTION, WE'RE LOOKING FOR FUNDING STREAMS, AND TO HAVE ANY
7 IMPACT ON BAYREN AND OTHER FUNDING STREAMS THAT HELP US, AS
8 WELL AS THE AIR DISTRICT, ACCOMPLISHMENT OF GOALS IS VERY
9 CHALLENGING. SO, DO I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO REFER AN
10 OPPOSE POSITION FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2508 TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE
11 BOARD FOR APPROVAL?

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13 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO:** I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

14

15 **PAT EKLUND:** AND I'LL SECOND.

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17 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** SORRY. I MISSED THE SECOND. OH
18 COMMITTEE MEMBER EKLUND. SO WE HAVE ROMERO FOR THE FIRST,
19 EKLUND FOR THE SECOND. ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO, CHAIR KEN CARLSON?

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23 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** YES.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOHN-BAPTISTE?



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2 **V. CHAIR, ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE MTC:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER AHN?

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6 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ANDERSEN?

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10 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BURT?

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14 **PAT BURT:** YES.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CAMPOS? IS ABSENT. MEMBER CORZO? IS

17 ABSENT. MEMBER DUONG?

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19 **BETTY DUONG:** YES.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ECKLUND?

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23 **PAT EKLUND:** AYE EZZY ASHCRAFT?

24

25 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MASHBURN?

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4 **MITCH MASHBURN:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT?

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8 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS?

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12 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS, ABAG:** YES.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER ROMERO?

15

16 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER WILLIAMS?

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20 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** AYE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

23 PRESENT.

24

25 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO NOW ITEM



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1 4A WHICH IS AN UPDATE ON OUR WASHINGTON DC LEGISLATIVE
2 ACTIVITIES. I'LL TURN TO REBECCA ONCE AGAIN.

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4 **REBECCA LONG:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I GUESS THE MAIN
5 THING IS THAT A NUMBER OF OUR BOARD AGENCY LEADERS ARE GOING
6 TO WASHINGTON IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, SO CHAIR NOACK, VICE CHAIR
7 MOULTON-PETERS AND PRESIDENT RAMOS WILL BE VISITING THE BAY
8 AREA DELEGATION AND HAVE SOME MEETINGS WITH THE
9 ADMINISTRATION. I'LL ALSO JUST NOTE ON TUESDAY WE HAD A VERY
10 EXCITING PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSMAN GARAMENDI BOTH HE
11 AND CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON HAVE AGREED TO SPONSOR A BILL THAT
12 WAS REALLY OUR BRAIN CHILD OUR ADVOCACY OVER MANY, MANY YEARS.
13 IT'S CALLED THE ADAPT ASSETS ACT AND IT'S A \$10 BILLION
14 FUNDING PROGRAM, OVER FIVE YEARS, \$2 BILLION A YEAR, TO HELP
15 FUND VERY DIFFICULT ADAPTATION PROJECTS THAT ARE SHORING UP
16 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL KIND OF NATURAL DISASTER. WE'LL
17 LEAVE IT AT THAT. SO THAT PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT STATE
18 ROUTE 37 AT A TRAIL HEAD THERE, WITH LABOR, BUSINESS REPS.
19 THIS, IDEALLY, WILL BE FOLDED INTO THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
20 INFRASTRUCTURE ACT AND WILL BE -- IT'S WELL TIMED FOR OUR
21 ADVOCACY IN WASHINGTON. WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE.

22

23 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
24 ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
2 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT
3 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. ALETA DUPREE, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. YOUR
4 TIMER WILL BE SHOWN MOMENTARILY.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN, CHAIR KEN CARLSON AND MEMBERS. ALETA
7 DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. THIS IS
8 ONE OF MY FAVORITE ITEMS THAT COMES UP IN YOUR MEETINGS. AND
9 LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT. I GO TO THE BOTTOM OF YOUR REPORT
10 HERE, WITH FIFA, THERE ARE SOME REAL CHALLENGES WITH PUBLIC
11 TRANSPORTATION AND FIFA. AND FOLLOWING THE ISSUE IN NEW
12 JERSEY, THE PRICE HAS BEEN LOWERED BUT IT STILL COST \$105 TO
13 TAKE THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT RAILWAY FROM NEW YORK CITY PENN
14 STATION TO THE STADIUM AND BACK. DOWN FROM 150, THAT'S STILL A
15 LOT OF MONEY. HOW CAN WE, IN OUR ADVOCACY, ENSURE THAT WITH
16 FIFA COMING UP -- I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT FIFA, TO BE HONEST.
17 PLANE SPOT SUGGEST MORE MY SPORT OF CHOICE, WATCHING PLANE
18 SPOTTING -- THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO USE PUBLIC
19 TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO FIFA ARE GOING TO PAY THE REGULAR
20 FARES. SO, I APPRECIATE THE HIGHLIGHT THAT WE PUT IN THE
21 BOTTOM OF THIS REPORT, AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF
22 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION USAGE DURING THE FIFA SEASON. I AM
23 SEEING YOUR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE TO STAY ON THIS,
24 AND TO ENSURE THIS WE GET THE MONEY THAT OUR BAY AREA IS
25 RIGHTFULLY DUE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. IN NEW YORK, THE MTA



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1 WENT TO COURT, AND I THINK, GOT \$64 MILLION TO CONTINUE THE
2 SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY PROJECT. SO, WE CAN LEARN FROM THESE
3 THINGS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. I HOPE NEW JERSEY WILL
4 CHANGE THIS. PEOPLE SHOULD PAY NORMAL FARES TO GO TO FIFA. WE
5 SHOULD HAVE THAT HERE TOO. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

8

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

11

12 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO
13 MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER FIVE WHICH IS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
14 FOR ITEMS NOT IDENTIFIED OR LISTED ON TODAY AGENDA. DO WE HAVE
15 ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT?

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
18 RECEIVED UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE DO HAVE ONE MEMBER
19 OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. ROLAND LEBRUN. ROLAND,
20 GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES, GOOD MORNING. SO, I WOULD REALLY LIKE THE
23 COMMISSION TO START LOOKING FROM A 35,000 FOOT HEIGHT AT ALL
24 THESE DATA CENTERS BECAUSE THEY ARE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD,
25 LITERALLY WHERE WE LIVE. AND AS YOU PROBABLY HEARD, WE GOT A



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1 FIRE ON WEDNESDAY, AGAIN TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT HAPPENED. SO,
2 BASICALLY, WE HAVE HAD ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS WITH, YOU KNOW,
3 INTERRUPTIONS ALL THE TIME, WITH CIRCUIT STRIPPING WITH
4 MASSIVE POWER APPROXIMATE THAT THIS DATA CENTER TAKES, BECAUSE
5 THE BRAND-NEW SUBSTATION AND PG IS ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THIS
6 BY INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF THE SUBSTATION. WHAT THEY DID,
7 THEY ADDED ADDITIONAL HIGH VOLTAGE LINES IN THE SUBSTATION,
8 AND GUESS WHAT HAPPENED ON WEDNESDAY? ONE OF THE LINES FELL
9 DOWN AND SENT A TREE CAUGHT FIRE THAT'S ACTUALLY RIGHT ABOVE
10 MY HOUSE BUT THE REASON WHY THIS IS HAPPENING IT'S BECAUSE OF
11 PLANNING BECAUSE OF COYOTE VALLEY, WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BUILD
12 HOUSING IN COYOTE VALLEY, SO WE END UP HAVING TO BUILD HOUSING
13 IN MORGAN HILL, GILROY, AND SAN BENITO COUNTY AND IN THE
14 MEANTIME WE HAVE GOT THIS POWER STATION WE HAVE ACTUALLY GOT
15 100 MEGAWATT LITHIUM ION BATTERY PLANT THAT'S PART OF THE
16 SYSTEM. SO FROM THE PLANNING POINT OF VIEW IS THERE ANY WAY WE
17 COULD START LOOKING AT WAYS OF PUTTING THESE DATA CENTERS IN
18 THESE PRESERVATION AREAS BECAUSE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
19 WRONG WITH WILDLIFE ROAMING ALL OF THE DATA CENTERS AND
20 EVERYTHING ELSE BUT PUTTING ALL THIS STUFF IN PEOPLE'S
21 BACKYARDS IT'S FRANKLY DANGEROUS AND ACTUALLY THIS DATA
22 CENTERS ARE SURROUNDING THE RESERVE THE LIGHT RAIL STATION YOU
23 SAW ON THE SB79 MAPS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** THANK YOU.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
3 WISHING TO SPEAK UNDER GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

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5 **CHAIR, KEN CARLSON MTC:** ALL RIGHT WITH THAT I'LL CLOSE PUBLIC
6 COMMENT AND MOVE ON TO AGENDA ITEM SIX WHICH IS OUR
7 ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION
8 COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 12TH AT 9:45 BAY AREA AT
9 THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET SAN FRANCISCO AND
10 OTHER REMOTE LOCATIONS. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE
11 DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC THIS MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG
12 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]