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Subject: Metropolitan Transportation Commission Agenda Item Number 12a

Dear Commissioners:

I am a Bay Area resident, a senior citizen and transit-dependent rider, and a member of the Voices for Public Transportation Coalition. We have been advocating for a progressive, operations-focused, climate-positive transit measure for over five years and are thrilled that it is closer than ever to being a reality! Happily, poll results show. people are more supportive of a transit measure than they were in October & voters want to see improvements to our transit system, not just preventing cuts. Thus, any viable solution must go big and support transit improvements.

Transit agencies need to get enough money to at least restore service to pre-pandemic levels.

The poll also shows that voters support more funding for transit, but that the biggest concern is cost of living. This suggests that voters would support a progressive business tax that would not make life more expensive for Bay Area residents

It is clear from the polling results that a strong measure that improves our transit system while putting the cost burden on those with the greatest ability to pay can win at the ballot box. I hope MTC will embrace such a measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Cluster

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