

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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PLANNING COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025, 9:40 AM

CHAIR, EDDIE AHN: GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY. WELCOME TO THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC AND ABAG WEB SITES. COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN FOR ACTION ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE MEMBER PARTICIPATION TODAY. ACTION ITEM ONE. ITEM TWO MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR AHN?

CHAIR, EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: VICE CHAIR BURT? >V. **CHAIR, PAT BURT:** HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER ANDERSEN?



1 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** HERE .

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA?

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5 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE .

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EZZY ASHCRAFT IS ABSENT. GIACOPINI, NON-
8 VOTING?

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10 **DOREEN M. GIACOPINI:** HERE .

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** JOHN-BAPTISTE IS ABSENT. MAHAN IS ABSENT .
13 MASHBURN?

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15 **MITCH MASHBURN:** HERE .

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MTC HAS A QUORUM.

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19 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** EXCELLENT WHICH BRINGS US TO AGENDA ITEM
20 THREE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FLAG.
21 COMMISSIONER MASHBURN PLEASE LEAD US .

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23 **MITCH MASHBURN:**

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25 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** ALL RIGHT AGENDA ITEM FOUR COMPENSATION



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1 ANNOUNCEMENT .

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING
4 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
5 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
6 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A
7 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH
8 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT. ALL RIGHT AGENDA
9 ITEM FIVE. I FEEL LIKE WE'RE MOVING QUICKLY. MTC CONSENT
10 CALENDAR AGENDA ITEM FIVE INCLUDES 5A AND 5B. 5A IS MTC
11 PLANNING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14TH, 2025. 5B NEXT GENERATION
12 FREEWAY STUDY FINAL REPORT SUBMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. SO,
13 DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE MTC COMMITTEE
14 CONSENT CALENDAR?

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16 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED.

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18 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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20 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** FIRST FROM COMMISSIONER MASHBURN AND SECOND
21 FROM COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. ARE THERE ANY MTC COMMITTEE
22 MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE.
23 LET'S MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

24

25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE



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1 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM
2 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** THANK YOU MART A PLEASE CALL THE VOTE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO. CHAIR AHN?

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8 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BURT? >V. CHAIR, PAT BURT: YES.

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

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14 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA?

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18 **DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ASHCRAFT IS ABSENT. BAPTIST IS ABSENT.

21 MAHAN IS ABSENT. MASHBURN?

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23 **MITCH MASHBURN:** AYE.

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



1 PRESENT .

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3 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN:** GREAT. TURNING IT OVER TO CHAIR RAMOS NOW.

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5 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER
6 THIS MEETING OF THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. WE'LL HAVE
7 A VOICE VOTE TODAY SO JUST MARK THAT ON YOUR CALENDARS WE
8 HAVEN'T HAD THAT FOR A WHILE. IF WE COULD PLEASE START MR.
9 CASTRO, WITH CALLING THE ROLL AND CONFIRMING QUORUM?

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, MA'AM. SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

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

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

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17 **PAT EKLUND:** PRESENT .

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT? ABSENT. RAMOS?

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21 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE .

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

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25 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT .



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

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4 **CINDY SILVA:** HERE.

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

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8 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE QUORUM.

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12 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, I AM MAKING THE
15 FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. THE MEMBERS OF ABAG IN ATTENDANCE AT
16 THIS MEETING ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PER DIEM AN AMOUNT OF
17 \$150 AND THAT THE PER DIEM SHALL BE PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF
18 CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO
19 COLLECT PER DIEM. THANK YOU.

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21 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU SO MUCH WE HAVE TWO
22 ITEMS ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR 9A MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14TH. B
23 IS CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR BAY AREA BAYREN PROGRAM
24 IMPLEMENTATION AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000. DO I HAVE A
25 MOTION?



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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** MOTION.

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4 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** SECOND.

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6 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** MOTION AND SECOND. PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THIS
9 ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO
10 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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12 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES]
13 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. NEXT WE'LL
14 BE MOVING ON TO AN INFORMATION ITEM, 10A, 10A IS COMMUNITY
15 ACTION RESOURCE AND EMPOWERMENT CARE COMMUNITY-BASED
16 TRANSPORTATION PLAN CBTP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATORY
17 BUDGETING UPDATE. AND JOINING US TODAY IS JANICA MENDILLO WHO
18 WILL PROVIDE THE REPORT AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF REPORTING
19 STAFF HERE AS WELL. GOOD MORNING. JANICA MENDILLO GOOD MORNING
20 CAN WE PULL UP THE SLIDE, PLEASE? WHILE THAT'S GOING UP I'LL
21 DO INTRODUCTION. I'M JANICA MENDILLO WITH MTC AND ABAG'S
22 REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM JOINED TODAY BY ADAM NOELTING
23 TOGETHER WE SERVE AS THE LEAD COLLABORATORS ADVANCING THE
24 COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM KNOWN AS CARE
25 PROGRAM WHICH IS THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION. TODAY'S IS



1 A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THE CARE PROGRAM AND SHARE OUR
2 PROPOSED DELIVERY FRAMEWORK FOR TWO OF THE PROGRAM'S THREE
3 COMPONENTS. THE COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN TECHNICAL
4 ASSISTANCE COMPONENT AND THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING OR PB
5 COMPONENT. I'LL SHARE AN UPDATE ON THE POWER BUILDING AND
6 ENGAGEMENT COMPONENT WHICH IS MOVING FORWARD IN PARALLEL WITH
7 THESE TWO TODAY'S PRIMARY FOCUS WILL BE ON TECHNICAL
8 ASSISTANCE AND PB INITIATIVES. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO, CARE IS
9 A FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT CENTERS COMMUNITY
10 VOICES, STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY AND MULTI-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS
11 AND SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS THAT IMPROVE LIVEABILITY
12 FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF THREE
13 COMPONENTS EACH AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT. ON THE FAR
14 LEFT IN DARK BLUE IS THE POWER BUILDING AND ENGAGEMENT
15 COMPONENT OR PB WITH TOTAL BUDGET OF THREE AND A HALF MILLION.
16 ITS PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY
17 BUILDING RESOURCES TO CBO'S AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. IN THE
18 MIDDLE, IN LIGHT BLUE IS A 12 MILLION PROGRAM THAT FUNDS
19 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS FROM
20 CBTP'S. THE GOAL HERE IS TO ADVANCE CBTP CONCEPTS TO
21 CONSTRUCTION READY PROJECTS. IMPLEMENTATION FOR THIS COMPONENT
22 IS PLANNED FOR EARLY 2026 THROUGH WINTER OF 2026. ON THE RIGHT
23 IN AQUA IS THE PB COMPONENT WITH UP TO 10 MILLION AVAILABLE
24 FOR PROJECTS. THIS PROGRAM FUNDS AND DELIVERS HIGH PRIORITY
25 NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS IDENTIFIED THROUGH A PARTICIPATORY



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1 BUDGETING PROCESS OR A SIMILAR COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROCESS.
2 IMPLEMENTATION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN WINTER OF 2027 AND
3 CONTINUE ONWARD. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO BEFORE WE MOVE INTO
4 THE MAIN FOCUS OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I'LL PROVIDE A BRIEF
5 UPDATE ON THE PB COMPONENT. THE PB INITIATIVE IS GUIDED BY
6 THREE GOALS CULTIVATING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND
7 TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING FOSTERING INCLUSIVE MULTI-SECTOR
8 PARTNERSHIPS AND ADVANCING COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS. TO
9 ADVANCE THESE OBJECTIVES PB AND E OFFERS A CBO GRANT PROGRAM
10 THAT DIRECTLY FUNDS THREE PROJECT CATEGORIES THAT ARE LISTED
11 ON THE LEFT. IT ALSO PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL
12 ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND IT WILL
13 LAUNCH A LEARNING ACTION LAB IN MID-2026. THE GRAPHIC BELOW
14 ILLUSTRATES HOW CARE EXPANDS ON MTC'S LONG-STANDING LIFELINE
15 PROGRAM. AND WHILE LIFELINE FUNDED COMMUNITY-BASED
16 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FOR MANY YEARS CARE BUILDS ON THAT
17 FOUNDATION BY PROVIDING DEDICATED SUPPORT AND CAPACITY
18 BUILDING FOR CBO'S. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. A CALL FOR PROJECTS
19 PROCESS WAS COMPLETED ON OCTOBER 9TH FOR THE PB AND E GRANT
20 PROGRAM. LAST MONTH THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE ADOPTION OF
21 THE CARE PB PROJECT LIST PROGRAMMING ONE AND A HALF MILLION TO
22 16 PROJECTS GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT DEMAND OF THESE COMPETITIVE
23 FUNDS STAFF PLAN TO RETURN IN EARLY 2026 TO PROGRAMMING AND
24 ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE PROGRAMMING IN ADDITION TO 1
25 MILLION TO SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS UNDER THIS COMPONENT. WITH



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1 THAT UPDATE I'LL TURN TO THE TWO CARE COMPONENTS CURRENTLY IN
2 DEVELOPMENT BEGIN WITH CBT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. NEXT SLIDE.
3 BEFORE DISCUSSING THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FRAMEWORK I WOULD
4 LIKE TO REVISIT WHAT CBTP'S ARE. ESTABLISHED IN 2002 BTTPS ARE
5 COMMUNITY FOCUSED TRANSPORTATION PLANS THAT SEEK TO IMPROVE
6 MOBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH LIMITED OPTIONS. THEY'RE TYPICALLY
7 FOCUSED ON ENGAGING RESIDENTS OF EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES
8 SPECIFICALLY EMPHASIZING MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND
9 ENGAGEMENT WITH THESE COMMUNITIES. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
10 FLEXIBILITY IN THE FORM THAT THESE PLANS CAN TAKE BUT ALL
11 CBTP'S SHARE A BASELINE FRAMEWORK ALL ASSESS EXISTING
12 CONDITIONS, ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, THEY ALSO
13 IDENTIFY COMMUNITY PRIORITIZED SOLUTIONS AND DISCUSS NEXT
14 STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING. THESE PLANS ARE
15 CONDUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CTA'S WHERE MTC PROVIDES FUNDS
16 THROUGH OBAG AND THEY'RE ADMINISTERED ON THE GROUND BY OUR CTA
17 PARTNERS. TO DATE, THE PROGRAM HAS FUNDED PLANS IN MORE THAN
18 40 COMMUNITIES REPRESENTING NEARLY 7 MILLION IN INVESTMENT.
19 SEVERAL PLANS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS RANGING FROM COMMUNITY
20 SPECIFIC PLANS TO A LARGER-WIDE -- LARGER COUNTY-WIDE
21 STRATEGIES. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES
22 MTC HAS DEMONSTRATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR CBTP PLANNING AND AS A
23 RESULT WE NOW HAVE A RICH SET OF COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PLANS ACROSS
24 THE REGION. BUILDING ON THAT FOUNDATION, MTC HAS SET ASIDE 12
25 MILLION THROUGH THE CBTP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OR CBTP



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1 TA TO SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ABOUT
2 PRECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR CBTP IDENTIFIED PROJECTS.
3 HIGHLIGHTED HERE ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES WOULD INCLUDE A RANGE OF
4 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS SUCH AS DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL
5 REVIEW, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO ADVANCE THESE PROJECTS UP TO
6 100% DESIGN. ULTIMATELY, THIS COMPONENT OF CARE IS ABOUT
7 ENSURING THAT COMMUNITY INPUT THAT'S ALREADY BEEN GATHERED
8 THROUGH YEARS OF ENGAGEMENT RESULTS IN REAL ON THE GROUND
9 IMPROVEMENTS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. WITH THAT PURPOSE IN MIND,
10 THE NEXT STEP IS DETERMINING HOW TO BEST DELIVER THE SUPPORT
11 SYSTEM TO DO THAT WE'RE PLANNING TO PURSUE A STREAMLINED
12 IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS TIMELY DELIVERY AND
13 REDUCES ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN FOR OUR PROJECT SPONSORS. A KEY
14 COMPONENT OF THIS APPROACH IS EXCHANGING THE 12 MILLION IN
15 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR NON-FEDERAL FUNDS. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
16 WILL ALSO BE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WHERE MTC WILL ESTABLISH
17 PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND COUNTY FUNDING TARGETS, AND CTA'S WILL
18 ADMINISTER THE CALL FOR PROJECTS IN COORDINATION WITH THEIR
19 UPCOMING OBAG 4 ACCOUNTING PROCESS. BUILDING ON THE SHARED
20 APPROACH CTAS WILL LEAD THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS FOR FUNDING
21 GIVEN DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL PRIORITIES AND COMMUNITY
22 CONTEXT. MTC'S ROLE WILL BE COLLABORATIVE AND FOCUS ON PROGRAM
23 CONSISTENCY. WE EXPECT TO REVIEW PROJECT SUBMISSIONS AND
24 CONFIRM THAT THE PROCESS MEET THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES. AND,
25 FINALLY, PROJECTS WILL BE ASKED TO DEMONSTRATE COMMUNITY



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1 SUPPORT FOR EACH NOMINATED PROJECT TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH
2 COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES. NOW, I'LL TRANSITION TO THE
3 FINAL COMPONENT OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION. PARTICIPATORY
4 BUDGETING OR PG, AND OUR PROPOSED DELIVERY APPROACH. NEXT
5 SLIDE PLEASE. FLUSH BUT FIRST, A QUICK OVERVIEW. PB IS A
6 STRUCTURED COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROCESS WHERE RESIDENTS AND LOCAL
7 CHAMPIONS HELP ALLOCATE A PORTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PROPOSING
8 AND VOTING ON PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THEIR COMMUNITY. WINNING
9 PROJECTS ARE THEN IMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. AS
10 HIGHLIGHTED HERE IN THE PROCESS DIAGRAM, OUR FOCUS FOR CARE'S
11 PB COMPONENT IS ON FUNDING AND DELIVERING PROJECTS WHICH WE'LL
12 DISCUSS MORE IN THE NEXT FEW SLIDES. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. MTC
13 FIRST FUNDING PB PILOTS IN 2018 THROUGH LIFELINE CYCLE FIVE.
14 THESE IN BAYVIEW AND VALLEJO AS PART OF THEIR CBTP PROCESS THE
15 TRANSPORTATION YOU AUTHORITY DELIVERED MULTIPLE CROSSWALK
16 IMPROVEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, ON SILVER AND BAYSHORE AND WILLIAMS
17 IN APOLLO AS WELL AS INSTALLED NEW BUS SHELTERS AT OAKDALE AND
18 PHILLIPS HUDSON AND INGLES CBTP SOLANO TRANSPORTATION
19 AUTHORITY IDENTIFIED AND ADVANCED COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOR
20 EXAMPLE, THE PROCESS DELIVERED BUS STOP MAPS LIGHTING
21 LANDSCAPING SHELTERS BENCHES THROUGH THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH
22 SOLTRANS AND PB PILOTS PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR
23 ADVANCING COMMUNITY SUPPORTED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND THIS
24 EARLY SUCCESS IS A KEY REASON WE WANT TO CONTINUE
25 STRENGTHENING THESE EFFORTS. THIS IS THE PROPOSED PROCESS TO



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1 DELIVER PB AS PART OF THE CARE PROGRAM. THE COMPONENT IS TO
2 FUND AND CONSTRUCT NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN
3 PRIORITIZED THROUGH A ROBUST COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROCESS.
4 ELIGIBILITY WOULD INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORTED
5 PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED EITHER THROUGH A CBTP TA
6 AECOM POINT OR DERIVED FROM AN ELIGIBLE PB OR SIMILAR
7 COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROCESS. UP TO 10 MILLION IS AVAILABLE
8 THROUGH THE COMPONENT WITH COUNTY FUNDING TARGETS BASED ON THE
9 COUNTY'S PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF BAY AREA POVERTY POPULATION
10 ADDITIONAL FUNDING MAY ALSO BE PROVIDED TO FACILITATE ASSISTED
11 PB PROCESSES FOR INTERESTED JURISDICTIONS. PROGRAM
12 IMPLEMENTATION WILL ALSO BE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. STAFF
13 PLANS TO DISTRIBUTE FUND TO CTA'S WHO WOULD NOMINATE A
14 PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST AND PROPOSE PROJECT TEAMS THEN MTC
15 STAFF WOULD HELP SCREEN PROJECTS ESTABLISH COUNTY FUNDING
16 TARGETS AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES AS WELL AS FACILITATE A PB
17 PROCESS AS NEEDED. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, OUR PROPOSED CARE
18 ROLL OUT INTENDS FOR THESE PROGRAM PATHWAYS TO BUILD OFF ONE
19 ANOTHER. BEGINNING AT THE TOP OF THE SLIDE THE POWER BUILDING
20 ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS WAS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER WITH
21 AN ADDITIONAL ROUND OF PROJECTS ANTICIPATED IN EARLY 2026. THE
22 LEARNING ACTION LAB WILL LAUNCH LATER IN 2026 AND IS SCHEDULED
23 TO ALIGN WITH THE OPTIONAL ASSISTED PB PROCESS WHICH IS SHOWN
24 IN THE GREEN TIMELINE. THE CBTP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
25 IS CURRENTLY UNTIL DEVELOPMENT STAGE WITH GUIDELINES PROPOSED



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1 FOR ADOPTION IN FEBRUARY AHEAD OF THE CTA LED CALL FOR
2 PROJECTS. PROJECTS AWARDED CBTP FUNDING WOULD BEGIN DESIGN
3 WORK IN 2027 AND THEN WILL BE BETTER POSITIONED TO COMPETE FOR
4 FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS PARTICIPATORY BUDGET.
5 ACCESS TO PB FUNDS MAY OCCUR AT DIFFERENT POINTS WHICH IS
6 SHOWN IN THE GREEN TIMELINE BELOW. BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON LOCAL
7 READINESS. SOME JURISDICTIONS MAY BE NEW TO PB AND USE THESE
8 FUNDS TO INITIATE A PROCESS WHILE OTHERS MAY HAVE ALREADY
9 COMPLETED A SIMILAR COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROCESS AND PREPARED TO
10 MOVE DIRECTLY INTO PROJECT DELIVERY. MUCH OF THE PB PROGRAM
11 DESIGN, COORDINATION, AND ROLL OUT WILL OCCUR IN THE COMING
12 YEAR. SO, THIS CONCLUDES OUR UPDATE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
13 HEARING YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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15 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. ROMERO, DO YOU HAVE A
16 QUESTION?

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18 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** NOT YET.

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20 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** OKAY. COUNCIL MEMBER ECKLUND?

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22 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE A CARE PROGRAM IN
23 EVERY COUNTY IN THE BAY AREA?

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25 **DAVE VAUTIN:** DAVE VAUTIN PLAN BE DIRECTOR. THIS IS A REGION-



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1 WIDE PROGRAM THERE WOULD BE FUNDING PROVIDED TO EVERY COUNTY
2 IN THE REGION AND WE'LL BE WORKING THROUGH THE NINE CTA'S TO
3 ALLOCATE THOSE MONEYS.

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5 **PAT ECKLUND:** BUT I DIDN'T SEE MARIN COUNTY IN THIS OR SONOMA
6 COUNTY. ARE THERE CURRENT PROJECTS IN EVERY COUNTY IN THE BAY
7 AREA?

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9 **DAVE VAUTIN:** YES. THERE ARE CBTP'S ALL ACROSS THE REGION THERE
10 IS MAPPING YOU SEE THE EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES AND MANY OF
11 THOSE HAVE CBTP'S MANY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN GOING SINCE 2,002
12 IT'S BEEN A PLANNING PROGRAM I THINK WHAT THE CARE EFFORT HAS
13 INITIATED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS GOES BEYOND PLANNING TO HELP
14 FUND DESIGN AND FUND CONSTRUCTION SO THAT'S WHAT THESE
15 COMPONENTS TODAY WOULD BUILD UPON.

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17 **PAT ECKLUND:** SO, WOULD THOSE BUILT PROJECTS OR BUILDING
18 PROJECTS BE ACTIVATE IN EVERY COUNTY OR JUST THESE COUNTIES?

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20 **DAVE VAUTIN:** YES, THE INTENT IS THAT THERE WILL BE AN AMOUNT
21 OF FUNDING FOR ALL NINE COUNTIES. THIS IS THE FIRST CYCLE, OUR
22 PLANS ACROSS THE REGION FOR FUNDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

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24 **PAT ECKLUND:** WE DON'T HAVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN MARIN OR
25 SONOMA?



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2 **DAVE VAUTIN:** NO FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO DATE FOR PHASE
3 ONE. BUT IN EARLY IN 2026 WHEN THIS ITEM RETURNS FOR APPROVAL
4 TO THE COMMISSION THAT'S WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

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6 **PAT ECKLUND:** THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW. THANK YOU.

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8 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** YOU'RE -- OKAY. EXCELLENT. ANY
9 OTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

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11 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** THANK YOU. I'M TRYING TO
12 UNDERSTAND THE CONNECTION OR INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN THE
13 COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGET
14 PIECE. IS THAT A COMMUNITY THAT'S PARTICIPATED TWICE IN 2005
15 AND THEN I THINK IN 2023 IN DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY
16 TRANSPORTATION PLANS. IT'S BEEN HELPFUL IN BOTH ADVOCATES
17 BEFORE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AS WELL AS LOCALLY TO MOVE
18 PROJECTS FORWARD. BUT WILL THE -- IS IT A PREREQUISITE TO HAVE
19 A COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE
20 IN THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS? AND
21 THEN I HAVE A FOLLOW UP.

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23 **THERESA ROMMELL:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. THERESA ROMMEL
24 WITH MTC'S FUNDING POLICY AND PROGRAM SECTION. PARTICIPATORY
25 BUDGETING ELEMENT OF THE CARE PROGRAM LIKELY WOULD FALL UNDER



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1 MY GROUP TO IMPLEMENT. AND WHILE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CBTP
2 PROJECTS DELIVERED WE DO HAVE AN OPTION FOR COMMUNITIES TO
3 DEVELOP A LIST OF PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF THE CBTP PLANS USING THE
4 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS AS WELL. SO, THAT'S A
5 POSSIBILITY.

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7 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** THE COMMUNITIES THAT COULD
8 PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS ARE
9 YOUR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST? OR IT'S THE ENTIRE COUNTY? HOW -
10 - WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE?

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12 **THERESA ROMMELL:** I THINK -- I MEAN, THE PROGRAM IS REALLY
13 FOCUSED ON AS AN EQUITY PROGRAM SO WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT OUR
14 EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES AND LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES. BUT
15 ALSO RELYING ON OUR CTA PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY WHERE
16 THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS TAKE
17 PLACE.

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19 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** WILL THERE BE ANY FOCUS -- OR
20 MAYBE IT'S LEVERAGE -- IF A COUNTY OR A CITY WANTED TO ADD
21 MONEY TO A PARTICIPATORY -- TO A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT
22 WAS IDENTIFIED WITHIN A PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS? IS
23 THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR SOME PROJECTS
24 GIVEN THEY TEND TO BE EXPENSIVE?

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1 **THERESA ROMMELL:** I DON'T SEE A BARRIER WE ARE IN EARLY STAGES
2 OF DEVELOPING PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING KIND OF ELEMENTS WORKING
3 TO PUT TOGETHER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM BUT I DON'T SEE
4 BARRIER TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CONTRIBUTING ADDITIONAL DOLLARS
5 TOWARDS A PROJECT. IF THAT WAS THE QUESTION?

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7 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** YES. THANK YOU.

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9 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS?

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11 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHAIR. MY QUESTION IS IN
12 REFERENCE TO THE PB PLUS E THAT WERE AWARDED. SO, IT LOOKS
13 LIKE IT WAS CLOSED ON OCTOBER 9TH, CORRECT? AND THEN IT WENT
14 TO THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.
15 WILL WE RECEIVE THE LIST OF THE 16 PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN
16 IDENTIFIED?

17

18 **THERESA ROMMELL:** YES. THAT INFORMATION SHOULD ALREADY BE
19 AVAILABLE. SO WE CAN CERTAINLY PROVIDE THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE
20 THAT.

21

22 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** PLEASE. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. BECAUSE
23 I KEPT LOOKING AND I THOUGHT MAYBE I MISSED IT SOMEWHERE IN
24 THE PACKET. BUT I JUST DIDN'T SEE IT. SO, I DIDN'T KNOW. I
25 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT PROJECTS IF WERE -- SOME PRESENTED IN, FOR



1 SOLANO COUNTY, AND THE REST OF THE COUNTIES, I JUST DIDN'T
2 KNOW WHICH ONES THOSE WERE.

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4 **THERESA ROMMELL:** YEAH WE CAN CERTAINLY GET YOU THAT
5 INFORMATION IT WAS PART OF THE MATERIALS PRESENTED WHEN THE
6 GRANTS WERE AWARDED AND AS NOTE IN THE PRESENTATION THERE WILL
7 BE ANOTHER ROUND OF GRANTS AWARDED HOPEFULLY BY JANUARY.

8

9 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE WILL COME BACK TO US. THANK
10 YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

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12 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** COUNCIL MEMBER SILVA?

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14 **CINDY SILVA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU FOR THE
15 PRESENTATION. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING, I HAVE SEEN IT USED AT
16 THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL AS OPPOSED TO THE BROADER COUNTY OR
17 REGIONAL LEVEL. BUT IN ORDER FOR IT TO WORK, WHAT I HAVE SEEN
18 IS YOU DEFINE THE PROJECTS THEN PUT A DOLLAR VALUE ON WHAT IT
19 WILL TAKE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECTS IN ORDER FOR THE COMMUNITY
20 TO REALLY BE ABLE TO PRIORITIZE BASED ON AN UNDERSTANDING OF
21 COST. IS THAT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT? [LAUGHTER]

22

23 **THERESA ROMMELL:** ABSOLUTELY. YES.

24

25 **CINDY SILVA:** WHO WILL DEFINE THE LIST OF PROJECTS, AND FOR



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1 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, WHO WILL DEFINE LIST OF PROJECTS TO
2 CONSIDER AND WHO WILL DEFINE THE DOLLARS VALUES ON THOSE
3 PROJECTS?

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5 **THERESA ROMMELL:** CTA IS WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES AND
6 JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE PROJECTS WOULD TAKE PLACE THAT
7 WOULD BE WHERE THEY GET THAT INFORMATION.

8

9 **CINDY SILVA:** THANK YOU.

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11 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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13 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THIS'S ONE OF THE
14 QUESTIONS I WANTED TO KNOW TOO. BECAUSE WE'RE SAYING IT'S
15 REGIONAL, WITH ALL THE BAY AREA COUNTIES HERE, AND GIVEN THE
16 LAST CARE FUNDING, ONE COUNTY WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED ANY FUNDING,
17 AND I KNOW THAT'S SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. BUT IT WOULD BE GREAT TO
18 SEE THAT THERE IS EQUITY, AND THAT ALL COUNTIES ARE INCLUDED
19 MOVING FORWARD HERE, AND THEN THE DECISION-MAKING IS WHAT'S
20 KEY HERE. BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY WAS INCLUDED IN THE LAST
21 DECISION-MAKING FOR THE CARE THING. SO, I'M HOPING WE CAN DO
22 BETTER. AND THERE IS ADDITIONAL FUNDING LEFTOVER AS WE MOVE
23 FORWARD HERE. SO, I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN SEE MORE OF THAT
24 EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED. THANK YOU.

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1 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** COMMISSIONER ROMERO?

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3 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TO

4 DIRECTOR SILVA'S QUESTION -- COMMISSIONER SILVA'S QUESTION.

5 SO, MY UNDERSTANDING OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IS THAT THE

6 PROJECT'S PRIORITIES ACTUALLY COME FROM BELOW, THAT IS FROM

7 THE COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW, THE ENTITY THAT'S SPONSORING THIS

8 SAYS, WE HAVE X AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PUT FORWARD ON A PROJECT

9 WITH A -- WHATEVER, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY -- A PROCESS, THE

10 COMMUNITY DECIDES WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A, OR B, OR C.

11 AND THOSE PROJECTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY DEFINED WITHIN OUR

12 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, OR WITHIN OUR TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

13 IS THAT THE SAME -- WILL THAT BE THE WAY WE'LL PROCEED? NOW,

14 GRANTED THERE ARE SOME PROJECTS THAT PROBABLY FALL WITHIN OUR

15 TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANS

16 BUT IF THERE IS, LET'S CALL IT AUTONOMOUS TYPE PROJECT THAT

17 COMES UP FROM THE COMMUNITY, IS THAT SOMETHING -- AND IT'S,

18 YOU KNOW, FEASIBLE AND FUNDABLE, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT COULD

19 BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THIS -- THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

20 PROCESS?

21

22 **THERESA ROMMELL:** I BELIEVE SO. I MEAN, I DON'T BELIEVE THE

23 PROJECTS ARE REQUIRED TO COME FROM CBTP'S AND PARTICIPATORY

24 BUDGETING OR ANY OF THE CARE ELEMENTS. SO WE'RE OPEN TO

25 COMMUNITIES BRINGING UP NEW PROJECTS THROUGH THE PARTICIPATORY



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1 BUDGETING PROCESS, AND AGAIN WE WOULD REALLY RELY ON OUR CTA
2 PARTNERS TO HELP IDENTIFY WHERE THESE PROCESSES MIGHT TAKE
3 PLACE AND WHICH PROJECTS MIGHT FLOAT TO THE TOP THROUGH THAT
4 PROCESS AND HOW TO FUND THOSE.

5

6 **V. CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO ABAG AC:** AND AS AN EDITORIAL COMMENT I
7 WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO DO THAT BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY THAT
8 INDEED COMMUNITIES FEEL THAT THEY HAVE SOME CONTROL AND GRANT
9 FROM SOME OF US AS ELECTED IT'S DIFFICULT TO GIVE UP SOME OF
10 THAT CONTROL BUT I THINK CREATES BETTER CITIZENS COMMUNITY
11 MEMBERS NOT JUST CITIZENS AND ACTUALLY POTENTIALLY FOLKS WHOLE
12 EVENTUALLY BE REPLACING US BECAUSE THEY PARTICIPATE IN THIS
13 PROCESS. TOTALLY SUPPORT WHAT YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO DO.

14

15 **PAT ECKLUND:** LAST QUESTION. SORRY. CAN CITIES DO THIS DIRECTLY
16 WITH YOUR ORGANIZATION IF WE HAVE AN AREA IN THE CITY THAT'S
17 ELIGIBLE AND HAS SOME IDEAS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS?
18 OR, LIKE, A BUS SHELTER? OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

19

20 **THERESA ROMMELL:** WE WOULD ASK THAT THEY GO THROUGH THE CTA FOR
21 THE FUNDING, HOW THE FUNDING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

22

23 **PAT ECKLUND:** BUT WE CAN. THE CITY CAN INITIATE IT IN CONCEPT
24 WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE CTA, THEN TO MTC?

25



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1 **THERESA ROMMELL:** YES.

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3 **PAT ECKLUND:** GREAT. THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO GET YOUR
4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OR CARD BEFORE I LEAVE, BEFORE YOU LEAVE.
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **THERESA ROMMELL:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE
10 COMMITTEE. I'LL MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON
13 THIS ITEM AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK
14 ON THIS ITEM.

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16 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT
17 INFORMATION CERTAINLY I THINK THE COMMITTEE WOULD BENEFIT FROM
18 HAVING THE PROJECT LIST HAVING BEEN APPROVED AND IF YOU GO
19 ONLINE YOU CAN ACTUALLY LOOK AT WHAT THE SCHEDULE IS FOR THE
20 LAB DATES AND OTHER THINGS. BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE
21 COMMITTEE TO ALSO HAVE THAT LIST FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY ARE NOT
22 PRIVY TO IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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24 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN MTC PC:** OKAY. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS
25 ITEM? OKAY. WITH THAT AGENDA ITEM 12 THEN. IS THERE ANY



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1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA?

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3 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR
4 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM
5 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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7 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN MTC PC:** OKAY WHICH BRINGS US NOW TO AGENDA
8 ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT. CHAIR RAMOS?

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10 **CHAIR BELIA RAMOS, ABAG AC:** THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABAG
11 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JANUARY 9TH, 2026
12 AT 9:40 A.M., THE BAY METRO CENTER, 375 BEALE STREET, SAN
13 FRANCISCO. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO
14 THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING OF THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
15 IS ADJOURNED AND I GIVE YOU THE REST OF THE YEAR OFF.

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17 **CHAIR, EDDIE AHN MTC PC:** THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MTC PLANNING
18 COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JANUARY 9TH AT 9:40 A.M. AT THE
19 BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET SAN FRANCISCO. ANY
20 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC.
21 THIS MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED AND ALSO GIVING YOU
22 THE YEAR OFF. THANK YOU. [ADJOURNED]