

**METROPOLITAN
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COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2025, 10:05 AM

CHAIR, GINA PAPAN: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS GINA PAPAN, AND I AM HERE WITH MY VICE CHAIR AMBER MANFREE. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE MTC ADMIN COMMITTEE TO ORDER. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9 AND THEY WILL BE CALLED UPON AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. ITEM ONE ROLL CALL PLEASE.

BOARD CLERK, CHAIR PAPAN?

>>CHAIR, GINA PAPAN: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: VICE CHAIRMAN.

V. CHAIR, AMBER MANFREE: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: ABE-KOGA?

V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

BOARD CLERK: EL-TAWANSY?



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1 **DINA EL-TAWANSY:** HERE .

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3 **BOARD CLERK:** FLEMING?

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5 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE .

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7 **BOARD CLERK:** MELGAR?

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9 **MYRNA MELGAR:** HERE .

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11 **BOARD CLERK:** MILEY?

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13 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE RAMOS?

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15 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE .

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17 **BOARD CLERK:** QUORUM PRESENT .

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19 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** WE HAVE OUR FIRST AGENDA ITEM HERE, THE

20 CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2C. ANYBODY HAVE A QUESTION?

21 I DO HAVE A QUESTION. THE TRAVEL? [LAUGHTER] SO, THIS IS, ONE

22 PERSON IS GOING, RIGHT? NICK? WHERE IS NICK? THERE'S NICK.

23 **NICK ROETHEL:** GOOD MORNING.

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25 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** GOOD MORNING. HOW ARE YOU?



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2 **NICK ROETHEL:** I AM WELL.

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4 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** I ASSUME THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN TO
5 BEFORE?

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7 **NICK ROETHEL:** NICK ROETHEL; CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER ACTUALLY
8 BEFORE ME ANDY FREMIER SERVED ON THE IBTTA BOARD. BEFORE ANDY,
9 STEVE HEMINGER SERVED ON THE IBTTA AS A BOARD MEMBER. THIS IS
10 A REQUEST TO GO TO THE INTERNATIONAL TOLLING SUMMIT WHICH IS
11 PART OF THE IBTTA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE ALSO
12 SENT OTHER EMPLOYEES TO THIS IN THE PAST. SO, IT'S SOMETHING
13 THAT MT/BATA HAS DONE, ANDY, FAIR TO SAY, ON A REGULAR BASIS?

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15 **ANDREW FREMIER:** YEAH. AS A BOARD, PRESIDENT MEMBER, WE HAVEN'T
16 DONE MUCH INTERNATIONAL AS STAFF. IF THEY'RE NOT REPRESENTING,
17 SORT OF, A BROADER PART OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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19 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** HOW LONG IS THE CONFERENCE? LOVELY
20 LOCATION.

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22 **NICK ROETHEL:** YEAH, I BELIEVE THE CONFERENCE IS A TOTAL OF
23 FOUR DAYS.

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25 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** FOUR DAYS?



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2 **NICK ROETHEL:** YEAH.

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4 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** HOPEFULLY YOU COME BACK WITH SOME WONDERFUL
5 NEWS. I KNOW YOU WILL, NICK.

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7 **NICK ROETHEL:** I WOULD EXPECT SO.

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9 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** OKAY. JUST A QUESTION ABOUT THAT. WASN'T
10 TOO CLEAR ON THAT FRONT. OKAY. ANYBODY ELSE ON THE CONSENT
11 CALENDAR ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2C? FURTHER COMMENTS? CAN I HAVE A
12 MOTION?

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14 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION.

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16 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** SECOND.

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18 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS?

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20 **BOARD CLERK:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM SPACE
21 AND NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED.

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23 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** EXCELLENT. WE'RE ON A ROLL HERE. ALL IN
24 FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED? ABSTENTIONS? ALL MEMBERS
25 VOTING YES? ALL PRESENT MEMBERS VOTING YES. MOTION PASSES.



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1 OKAY. ROLLING ON. ITEM 3A RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2025, '26
2 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM. EXCITING. DO WE HAVE THEME MUSIC?
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4 **DAVE VAUTIN:** GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. DAVE VAUTIN DIRECTOR
5 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. HAPPY TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO SHARE
6 AN OVERVIEW OF THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR FY 2025, 2026 OVERALL
7 WORK PROGRAM, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE DRAFT FY26OWP. A LINK TO
8 THE DOCUMENT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET. I'M JOINED BY MY
9 COLLEAGUES ARLEICKA CONLEY, OSCAR LOPEZ AND ELIZABETH RAMOS OF
10 OUR BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLANNING TEAM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
11 YOU MIGHT HAVE. TODAY'S PRESENTATION IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE
12 YOU TO THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT
13 AND AS WELL AS WHAT OTHER PRIORITIES ARE FEATURED IN THE OWP
14 WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY OUR FEDERAL AND STATE
15 PARTNERS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, WHAT IS THE
16 OWP? THE OWP IS PRODUCED ANNUALLY BY MTC TO IDENTIFY
17 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES. IT IS A
18 STATUTORILY REQUIRED PROCESS FOR ALL METROPOLITAN PLANNING
19 ORGANIZATIONS, LARGE AND SMALL, ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THAT
20 LEVERAGE FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DOLLARS. IT
21 MAY, AT FIRST, SEEM LIKE A BUREAUCRATIC EXERCISE BUT WE SEE IT
22 AS OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WORK PLANNING,
23 INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF KEY TASKS, TIMELINES, FUNDING
24 SOURCES AND THE WORK. OWP IS PRODUCED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
25 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS, AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY



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1 IMPORTANT GIVEN THE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THESE ACTIVITIES IS
2 PROVIDED BY THE CONSOLIDATED PLANNING GRANT AWARDED BY
3 CALTRANS, THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE FEDERAL
4 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION. LAST BUT NOT LEAST IT IS SYNCED WITH
5 THE BROADER AGENCY BUDGET WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT
6 AS WELL AS DISCRETE WORK PLANING ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE
7 ORGANIZATION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THE OWP CAPTURES A
8 SIGNIFICANT SHARE -- NEXT SLIDE. CAPTURES A SIGNIFICANT SHARE
9 OF MTC'S PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BUT NOT ALL OF THEM. AND WHY IS
10 THAT? THIS IS BECAUSE MTC WRIT LARGE INCLUDES A BROAD SUITE OF
11 AUTHORITIES LIKE BATA AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH SISTER AGENCIES
12 LIKE ABAG THIS MEANS WE HAVE MORE EXPANSIVE PORTFOLIO THAN
13 SMALLER REGIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE
14 PORTFOLIO GOES BEYOND THE NARROW LENS OF TRANSPORTATION
15 PLANNING TO INCLUDE RELATED EFFORTS RELATED TO MOBILITY
16 HOUSING AND OTHER TOPICS. SO WHAT'S IN THE OWP? IT INCLUDES
17 SCOPE AND BUDGET FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THOSE
18 FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MONEYS BOTH HERE AT
19 MTC AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERS AT CALTRANS DISTRICT FOUR IT
20 DEMONSTRATES ALIGNMENT WITH FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS
21 INCLUDING PLANNING FACTORS, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, AS
22 WELL AS OUR CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS. NOW, WHAT'S NOT IN
23 THE OWP? IT DOES NOT REFLECT OTHER TRANSPORTATION RELATED
24 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE
25 PLANNING MONEYS INCLUDING EFFORTS LED BY BATA AND BAIFA THOSE



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1 ACTIVITIES ARE APPROPRIATELY CAPTURED IN THE BROADER MTC
2 BUDGET THAT YOU WILL BE SEE IN COMING WEEKS FURTHERMORE DOES
3 NOT INCLUDE ACTIVITIES LED BY ABAG INCLUDING THE WORK
4 CONDUCTED BY BAYREN AND THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP
5 AGAIN THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE MORE APPROPRIATELY REFLECTED IN THE
6 ABAG BUDGET THAT COMES BEFORE THE NEXT SLIDE. TURNING FROM THE
7 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS TO THE ACTUAL CONTENT OF THE DRAFT
8 OWP WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PRIORITIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION
9 PLANNING SPACE ENVISIONED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, 2026? THERE
10 ARE NOT TOO MANY SURPRISES HERE AND THAT'S BECAUSE PLANNED BAY
11 AREA 2050, ADOPTED IN 2021 CONTINUES TO GUIDE OUR REGIONAL
12 PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND SERVES AS OUR NORTH STAR FOR THE
13 ANNUAL WORK PLANNING PROCESS. NOW THERE ARE DOZENS OF
14 DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FEATURED IN THE DOCUMENT BUT
15 WE WANTED TO SPOTLIGHT FIVE NOTABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL ACTION
16 ITEMS ENVISIONED FOR THE YEAR AHEAD. FIRST IT'S ANTICIPATED
17 THAT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ WILL COME FORWARD FOR ADOPTION
18 THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE TRANSIT 2050+
19 MODAL PLAN, PLAN 2050+'S VISION IS TO SERVE AS THE UPDATED
20 REGIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR TRANSPORTATION HOUSING ECONOMY AND
21 ENVIRONMENT. NEXT WE ANTICIPATE STAFF WILL UPDATE THE
22 FINANCIAL FORECAST RELATED TO TRANSIT OPERATIONS TO INFORM
23 POLICY IS DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO A POTENTIAL 2026 REGIONAL
24 TRANSIT MEASURE. FURTHERMORE IT'S ANTICIPATED THAT WORK WILL
25 CONTINUE ON MAPPING AND WAYFINDING PILOT PROJECTS AND FURTHER



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1 ADVANCEMENTS ON TRANSIT PRIORITY POLICY AND REGIONAL FARE
2 INTEGRATION PROGRAMS WILL OCCUR CONSISTENT WITH THE TRANSIT
3 TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN. NEXT, OVER THE COMING YEAR, WE
4 ANTICIPATE REVIEWING SUBMITTALS FROM LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO
5 DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH MTC'S 2026 DEADLINE FOR THE
6 TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES POLICY OR TOC. AND LAST BUT NOT
7 LEAST, ONE MAJOR EFFORT THAT WILL BEGIN OVER THE COURSE OF THE
8 NEXT FISCAL YEAR IS A REFRESH TO MTC'S EQUITY PRIORITY
9 COMMUNITIES FRAMEWORK OR EPC FRAMEWORK THAT'S USED FOR OUR
10 STAFF TORE REQUIRED PLANNED BAY AREA EFFORT AS WELL AS FOR
11 RELATED PLANNING AND FUNDING PROCESSES NOTE PLANNED BAY AREA
12 2050+ CURRENTLY AROUND DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE BRAND-NEW
13 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT STRETCHES THROUGH THE 2030 THAT CAN
14 GUIDE FUTURE ANNUAL WORK PLANNING AND IDENTIFY NEW ACTION
15 ITEMS FOR THE DECADE AND WE'LL HAVE MORE TO SHARE ON THAT
16 FIVE-YEAR VISION THIS SUMMER. TO CONCLUDE STAFF PROVIDED THE
17 DRAFT OWP FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE CALTRANS FEDERAL HIGHWAY
18 ADMINISTRATION AND FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ON FEBRUARY
19 28TH, 2025 CONSISTENT WITH THE DEADLINE OF THE WE'RE STILL
20 WAITING AT THIS TIME FOR FORMAL FEEDBACK FROM OUR FEDERAL AND
21 STATE PARTNERS AND WILL INCORPORATE COMMENTS AND REVISIONS
22 PRIOR TO THE FINAL OWP MILESTONE. TO ENSURE WE ADHERE TO THE
23 UPCOMING FEDERAL STATE DEADLINES WE'RE ASKING FOR THE
24 COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE THE DRAFT OWP TO THE COMMISSION AS PART
25 OF MTC RESOLUTION 4698 RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS A DRAFT AND



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1 FURTHER REVISIONS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE INTEGRATED PRIOR TO
2 THE COMMISSION ACTION THE ACTION WILL ALSO AUTHORIZE THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE GRANT AGREEMENTS
4 WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES AND TO FILE RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS AND
5 ASSURANCES TYPICALLY WE RECEIVE FEDERAL APPROVALS ON THE OWP
6 IN THE MONTH EVER JUNE BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE FEDERAL
7 TRANSPORTATION POLICY LANDSCAPE IS PARTICULARLY DYNAMIC AT
8 THIS POINT R RIGHT NOW AND WE'LL KEEP YOU APPRISED OF ANY
9 UPDATES IN THAT REGARD. NEXT SLIDE. WITH THAT MY TEAM IS HERE
10 TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THE DRAFT FY 2026OWP
11 AND CORRESPONDING MTC RESOLUTION 4698 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
12 TIME THIS MORNING

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14 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I SEE ONE
15 QUESTION. MELGAR?

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17 **MYRNA MELGAR:** THANK YOU. I'M NOW HERE. I HAVE A COUPLE OF
18 QUESTIONS. FIRST GIVEN WHAT YOU DIPLOMATICALLY CALLED THE
19 SHIFTY UNCERTAIN FEDERAL LAND SCAPE, WHAT IS THE MECHANISM IF
20 THERE IS A CHILD CHANGE IN POLICY, SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, AWARDING
21 TO TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS BASED ON FAMILY SIZE. WHAT IS THE
22 MECHANISM FOR ADJUSTING THE WORKPLAN?

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24 **DAVE VAUTIN:** I THINK AT THIS TIME, SINCE WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED
25 ANY COMMENT FROM OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS THIS TIME, IT MAY BE



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1 PREMATURE FOR US TO SPECULATE ON EXACTLY HOW WE'LL HANDLE
2 THOSE, SORT OF, COMMENTS. WE ANTICIPATE HEARING BACK FROM
3 FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS ANY DAY NOW AND WE'LL GET A SENSE
4 OF WHAT THOSE ARE AND EVALUATE ONCE WE RECEIVE THEM.

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6 **MYRNA MELGAR:** I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OUR ROLE IS IF
7 THERE IS A CHANGE THAT REQUIRES ADJUSTMENT TO THE WORKPLAN
8 WHAT IS THE MECHANISM? REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT HAPPENS OR NOT
9 -- LIKE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] RIGHT?

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11 **DAVE VAUTIN:** WHAT I WOULD SAY THIS ITEM WILL COME BEFORE THE
12 COMMISSION LATER IN THE MONTH WE DO EXPECT TO GET THAT
13 FEEDBACK FROM OUR FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS BEFORE THEN. SO,
14 WHEN WE BRING THAT ITEM FORWARD, WE'LL OBVIOUSLY KEEP YOU AN
15 APPRISED OF WHAT THOSE ARE AND ANY CHANGES WE'RE PROPOSING TO
16 MAKE.

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18 **MYRNA MELGAR:** THANK YOU. MY OTHER QUESTION WAS ABOUT THE
19 THINGS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS WORKPLAN. SORT OF, THE
20 HOUSING STUFF AND THE BAYREN STUFF. SO IS THERE ANY EQUIVALENT
21 TO THAT IN TERMS OF BEFORE IT GETS TO THE BUDGET? IS THERE AN
22 EQUIVALENT PLANNING PROCESS THAT COMES BEFORE US? TO MAKE SURE
23 IT'S COORDINATED WITH ALL THIS OTHER STUFF?

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1 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** SO, WHERE DOES THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET GO
2 TO?

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4 **DEREK HANSEL:** ON BAYREN, BAYREN IS LARGELY FUNDED THROUGH
5 OTHER KINDS OF GRANTS AND IT'S GOT AN ACTIVE KIND OF PROGRAM
6 OF PASS THROUGH MONEY THAT'S ALREADY HAPPENING, FUNDED BY
7 THOSE GRANTS. SO, WHAT YOU WILL BE SEEING IN THE BUDGET, WHAT
8 -- AND I SHOULD SAY WHAT ABAG WILL BE SEEING IN ITS BUDGET
9 THAT'S GOING TO BE COMING BEFORE IT NEXT WEEK, AND THAT'S TO
10 THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR WHAT I'LL SAY IS INITIAL
11 APPROVAL, AND THEN IS ULTIMATELY APPROVED BY THE ABAG GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY IN JUNE, WILL INCLUDE THE BAYREN PROGRAM. AGAIN,
13 THAT'S FINISHED COMPLETELY AWAY FROM FEDERAL MONEYS AND WE
14 DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY CHANGES THERE.

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16 **MYRNA MELGAR:** I YOU UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU KNOW, ASIDE FROM THE
17 TRANSPARENCY AROUND WHERE THINGS ARE FUNDED FROM, WHAT YOU'RE
18 ASKING US TO APPROVE TODAY THROUGH THE RESOLUTION IS, LIKE, A
19 WHOLE PLANNING PROCESS. IT'S A WORKPLAN THAT REFLECTS
20 PRIORITIES AND THE MONEYS, YOU KNOW IN COMPLIANCE, THAT'S PART
21 OF IT. SO, WHAT I'M ASKING IS, IS THERE A CORRESPONDING
22 PROCESS FOR HOUSING AND YOU KNOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL
23 CONSERVATION STUFF?

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1 **MATT MALONEY:** MATT MALONEY DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR METRO
2 PLANNING AND POLICY SO A LOT OF THE HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL
3 WORK, HOUSE, UNDER ABAG THERE IS A PARALLEL PROCESS SO DEREK I
4 THINK WAS MENTIONING A LITTLE BIT OF, SORT OF, THE BUDGETARY
5 STUFF FOR ABAG AS WELL THAT WILL COME BEFORE THEIR EXECUTIVE
6 BODY THIS MONTH AND THEN BEFORE THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
7 JUNE.

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9 **MYRNA MELGAR:** THANK YOU.

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11 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** WE HAVE A LOT OF NEW MEMBERS AND A LOT OF
12 DIFFERENT ASPECTS TO THIS SO I THINK AS THESE QUESTIONS COME
13 UP, I THINK CAN SEE WHERE WE NEED TO HAVE MORE EDUCATION
14 BECAUSE WE THROW OUT THE 2050 PLAN I DON'T KNOW IF THE NEW
15 MEMBERS HAVE EVEN A COPY OF THE PLAN IN THIS PRESENTATION SO
16 WE DO WANT TO BRING EVERYBODY ALONG AND NOT PASS BY AND
17 ASSUME, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOPEFULLY WHERE WE'RE
18 GOING TO BE HEADING SO EVERYBODY KIND OF GETS UP TO SPEED,
19 UNDERSTANDING THINGS MOVE LIGHTENING SPEED HERE I TOTALLY GET
20 THAT AND IF YOU'RE BRAND-NEW IT GOES EVEN FASTER. QUESTIONS?

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22 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS A SIMILAR KIND OF BACKGROUND QUESTION. I'M
23 LEARNING AND STARTING HERE TO WHAT EXTENT OR THE SOURCE OF
24 LIKELY SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THIS PLAN DIVERSIFIED BECAUSE IF
25 WE DON'T HAVE A STABLE BUSINESS PARTNER YOU KNOW AT ANY LEVEL



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1 OR IN ANY PLACE IT'S LIKE YOU NEED A PLAN, SO WHAT FEDERAL
2 MONEY STATE MONEY WHAT OF THE STATE MONEY MIGHT RELY ON
3 FEDERAL AUTHORITY TO COME THROUGH BECAUSE CALIFORNIA IS FACING
4 CHALLENGES WITH SOME OF ITS PROGRAMS AND WHAT IS LIKE A LOCAL
5 MATCH, THAT, SORT OF, THING. AND IF THIS IS AVAILABLE
6 SOMEWHERE, JUST LET ME KNOW WHERE, GO AHEAD AND POINT ME OR I
7 COULD ALSO FOLLOW UP IN A FUTURE MEETING BUT I'M TRYING TO GET
8 MY BEARINGS IN TERMS OF HOW STABLE IS THE LANDSCAPE.

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10 **MATT MALONEY:** I'LL GIVE IT A START THEN MAYBE DEREK CAN CLEAN
11 IT UP. THE OWP THAT DAVE PRESENTED ON PRIMARILY RELIES ON SETS
12 OF FEDERAL FORMULA FUNDS WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS
13 EVERY FOUR YEARS OR FIVE YEARS AND THOSE FUNDS AT THIS POINT
14 HAVE BEEN STABLE OVER THE YEARS THAT BEING SAID, WE'RE ALL
15 LOOKING TO THE NEXT TRANSPORTATION -- BECAUSE THIS'S WHERE
16 THIS STUFF KIND OF PLAYS OUT BUT HISTORICALLY THOSE FUNDS HAVE
17 BEEN PRETTY STABLE FOR US YEAR OVER YEAR. IN THE LAST SEVERAL
18 YEARS WE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM SOME MINOR NEW FUNDING SOURCES
19 IN THE LANDSCAPE AS WELL, ONE OF THOSE SOURCES IS STATE SB1
20 FUNDS THERE ARE A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS THAT COME TO US
21 DIRECTLY VIA FORMULA, ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR THE OWP THAT'S BEEN,
22 SORT OF, ADDITIVE FUND SOURCE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, OTHER
23 IMPORTANT WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OR TWO TIME HAS BEEN THE REAP
24 FUNDS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH HCD AT THE STATE LEVEL WE ALSO
25 ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF THE REAP FUNDS IN THIS DOCUMENT BUT CAN'T



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1 RELY ON THOSE FOREVER THERE'S GOING TO NEED TO BE REUPPING OF
2 THOSE FUNDS. FROM TIME TO TIME WE GO OVER DISCRETIONARY GRANT
3 FUNDING DEPENDING ON WHAT THE WORK IS, THAT'S IN THIS DOCUMENT
4 AS WELL SO FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FROM TIME TO TIME WE GO AFTER
5 THOSE GRANTS IF WE CAN'T FILL THEM WITH OTHER FORMULA FUNDS.

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7 **DEREK HANSEL:** ON THE BUDGET ACTION SIDE WE DO BUDGET FOR THE
8 RECEIPT OF THOSE FUNDS AND THEN THE SORT ASSOCIATED
9 EXPENDITURES. WE'LL GO THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS TO DAVE'S
10 POINT ABOUT THE KIND OF COMMENTS THAT MAY COME BACK AND
11 FRANKLY ABOUT THE CHANGES IN THAT FOOD LANDSCAPE, WE'RE
12 WORKING FROM A BUDGET PERSPECTIVE AND ALSO FROM AN ACTUAL
13 PLANNING PERSPECTIVE TO TRY TO BE AS NIMBLE AS POSSIBLE. WE
14 HAVE STOOD UP AN EXECUTIVE TEAM THAT IS FOLLOWING THESE
15 MATTERS VERY CLOSELY MEETING EITHER EVERY WEEK OR EVERY COUPLE
16 OF WEEKS TO FOLLOW THESE ISSUES AND ENSURE THAT WE'RE
17 POSITIONED TO RESPOND AS NECESSARY. BUT WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO
18 MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP DOING THE WORK AS LONG AS IT'S FUNDED.

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20 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

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22 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA?

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24 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU. I'M
25 NOT SO NEW, BUT STILL LEARNING ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT



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1 PROCESSES. AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT -- I GUESS IS IT TO BE
2 INCLUDED FOR THE STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, WE HAVE TO BE A
3 PART OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050? IS THAT RIGHT? AND JUST
4 WONDERING WHERE WE ARE WITH THAT PROCESS BECAUSE THERE ARE A
5 COUPLE OF MAJOR TRANSIT PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH BAY THAT ARE AT
6 A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT JUNCTURE RIGHT NOW. I'LL JUST NAME THE
7 TWO. THE SAN JOSE AIRPORT CONNECTOR WHICH THE CITY OF SAN JOSE
8 JUST RECENTLY APPROVED AND THEN THE DIRIDON STATION PROJECT
9 WE'RE GEARING UP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK. SO, I BELIEVE THESE
10 PROJECTS WERE IN THE 2050 VERSION BUT WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE
11 2050+ VERSION. BUT I'M TOLD THAT, TO BE ABLE TO BE CONSIDERED
12 FOR STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING, IT HAS TO BE IN THE PLAN. SO,
13 COULD YOU -- I GUESS, COULD YOU SHARE WITH ME, WHAT THAT IS IF
14 THAT'S THE CASE AND, LIKE, HOW WE COULD BE CONSIDERED. AND I
15 GUESS IT'S THE STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN THAT WE REALLY WANT
16 TO BE A PART OF.

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18 **DAVE VAUTIN:** CERTAINLY. ZOOMING IN SPECIFICALLY ON THE PLANNED
19 BAY AREA 2050+ PROCESS, I THINK AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE'RE ABOUT
20 A YEAR AND A HALF INTO THAT PROCESS, MOVING TOWARDS THE FINAL
21 PHASE, WHICH IS GOING THROUGH THE CEQA ANALYSIS AND SEEKING
22 APPROVAL OF THAT PLAN, TARGETING EARLY 2026. THE COMMISSION
23 AND THE ABAG BOARD APPROVED THE FINAL BLUEPRINT IN JANUARY
24 2025. THAT OF THE DID HAVE TO WRESTLE WITH CONSIDERABLY LESS
25 TRANSPORTATION MONEY PROJECTED IN THE FUTURE, ROUGHLY HALF AS



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1 MUCH MONEY FOR TRANSIT EXPANSION AS THE PRIOR PLAN CYCLE,
2 GIVEN THE EMERGING FISCAL REALITIES. AND THAT MAINTAIN THERE
3 HAD TO BE A LOT OF TOUGH TRADEOFF DISCUSSIONS. OBVIOUSLY THERE
4 ARE SOME MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN THE SOUTH BAY INCLUDED IN THAT
5 ACTION, BUT NOT ALL PROJECTS WERE ABLE TO BE INCLUDED. THE
6 PROJECTS THAT YOU'RE REFERENCING, I WANT TO NOTE THAT THOSE
7 PROJECTS CAN PROCEED WITH ALL OF THEIR PLANNING AND
8 ENVIRONMENTAL WORK, SEEK FUNDING FOR PLANNING AND
9 ENVIRONMENTAL PHASES, ALL OF THAT CAN CONTINUE. THE CONSTRAINT
10 THAT EXISTS IS WITH REGARD TO PROJECTS THAT WANT TO MOVE INTO
11 CONSTRUCTION. THEY DO NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FISCALLY
12 CONSTRAINED PLAN. THOSE -- THAT, YOU KNOW, INCORPORATING
13 FURTHER PROJECTS WOULD REQUIRE US REMOVING OTHER PROJECTS AND
14 PROHIBITING THEM FROM MOVING FORWARD TO CONSTRUCTION. SO IT IS
15 A TRADEOFF EXERCISE THAT WAS ENGAGED AND WE WORKED CLOSELY
16 OVER THAT YEAR AND A HALF TIME FRAME WITH VTA OTHER AND
17 TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS. THAT'S WHERE THINGS STAND AT THIS
18 POINT WE'LL REPORT BACK ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ IN THE
19 SPRING INCLUDING DETERMINATION EVER WHETHER IT HITS OR DOES
20 NOT HIT THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED GREENHOUSE GAS TARGET AND
21 SEEK ACTION TO MOVE THAT INTO CEQA.

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23 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. I DO NEED TO CHECK BACK TO SEE
24 WHERE WE ARE WITH THE AIRPORT CONNECTOR. BUT I'LL PROBABLY
25 FOLLOW UP WITH STAFF IF IT'S OKAY TO SEE WHERE THESE PROJECTS



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1 ARE AND IF THERE HAS BEEN MORE HELP WE COULD USE TO FURTHER
2 THE FUNDING APPLICATIONS. THANK YOU.

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4 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER RAMOS?

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6 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. FOLLOWING UP ON COMMISSIONER
7 MANFREE'S COMMENTS IN TERMS OF HOW WE LOOK AT THE FEDERAL
8 FUNDING AND STATE FUNDING. AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD TIME, AS
9 BUDGETS ARE COMING DUE, OF HOW WE LOOK AT OUR RESERVES
10 DIFFERENTLY TO PROVIDE A BACKSTOP TO GRANT FUNDING. MANY OF US
11 HERE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL ARE AT THE UNFORTUNATE POSITION OF
12 HAVING GRANTS THAT WERE PROMISED, BEING REVOKED, TO THE TUNES
13 OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TO REALLY BE VOLATILE
14 FOR ALL OF US. AND SO LOOKING AT THE BUDGET, I DON'T SEE A
15 DELINEATION OF AHOLD OF ANY SORT ON THE RESERVE SIDE. AND I
16 DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. BUT
17 I SEE WE HAVE A RESERVE BALANCE, LIKE, \$70 MILLION. AND SO I'M
18 WONDERING WHAT TYPE OF FISCAL PROTECTIONS ARE WE PUTTING ON
19 HERE TO ENSURE THAT WE DO, IN FACT, HAVE MONEY AVAILABLE
20 SHOULD THESE GRANTS, THE WORK STARTS AND THE GRANTS DON'T
21 FOLLOW-THROUGH, AND HOW IS STAFF PROPOSING THAT WE LOOK AT
22 THAT GOING FORWARD ON THIS HIGH BOND SELL-OFF DAY?

23

24 **DEREK HANSEL:** YES, THANKS FOR -- THERE ARE A COUPLE DIFFERENT
25 QUESTIONS THERE. I'LL START WITH THE LAST ONE ON THE HIGH BOND



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1 SELL-OFF DAY. WE MAINTAIN, FIRST OF ALL, WELL DIVERSIFIED
2 PORTFOLIO ON THE INVESTMENT SIDE, BUT IT'S ALSO NOTABLE THAT
3 WE ARE RELATIVELY SHORT COMPARED TO WHERE THE MOVEMENTS ARE,
4 PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE. SO, WE HAVE TO SAY WITHIN FIVE
5 YEARS, GENERALLY, OF WHERE THOSE ARE. NOT ONLY IS THAT STATE
6 CODE FRANKLY WE SAY WELL SHORTER THAN THAT OUR AVERAGE
7 MATURITY ON INVESTMENT IS PROBABLY SOMEWHERE IN TWO PLUS YEARS
8 SO WHILE THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT SELL-OFF IN THE LONGER AND
9 TEN-YEAR AND 30-YEAR SPOTS ON THE CURVE. THE MOVEMENT IN OURS
10 IS MORE LIKE THREE BASIS POINTS OR 300THS OF ONE PERCENT. SO,
11 OUR EXPOSURE ON THAT IS PRETTY TINY. WHILE IT SOLD OFF LAST
12 WEEK OR SO HERE RELATIVE TO WHERE WE HAVE PURCHASED MOST OF
13 THOSE INVESTMENTS, WE'RE ACTUALLY REASONABLY UP IN TERMS OF
14 OUR POSITIONS. SO, THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS ON THAT SIDE. ON THE
15 BROADER QUESTION OF RESERVES, WE DO HAVE A HEALTHY RESERVE
16 BALANCE SO WE'RE FOR OPERATING PURPOSES CERTAINLY THROUGH
17 FISCAL '26. AND, PROBABLY, FRANKLY INTO '27, IF THERE WERE TO
18 BE CUTS IF FEDERAL FUNDING. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I WOULD
19 PROPOSE WERE THERE BE SIGNIFICANT CUTS IN FEDERAL FUNDING THAT
20 WE WOULDN'T TAKE MATERIAL ACTION, BECAUSE WE WOULD NEED TO IN
21 ORDER TO PRESERVE THAT FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY. AGAIN, ARE WE
22 TRYING TO TAKE THOSE ACTIONS TODAY? NO. AS MATT POINTED OUT
23 EARLIER, MOST OF THIS FUNDING THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH
24 RESPECT TO MTC IS COMING IN BY FORMULA. MOST OF THAT IS
25 PROGRAMMED THROUGH VARIOUS FEDERAL ACTIONS THAT DON'T EXPIRE



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1 FOR ABOUT ANOTHER YEAR AND A HALF. THOSE WOULD REQUIRE EITHER
2 REAUTHORIZATION OR EXTENSION. THAT HAS TYPICALLY HAPPENED ON A
3 REGULAR BASIS. SO, WE'RE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY. BUT NOT TAKING
4 ANY ACTION, PER SE, ON THE BUDGET AT THE MOMENT.

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6 **BELIA RAMOS:** I WOULD JUST REALLY CAUTION US TO NOT TAKE
7 ACTION. WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN 100 DAYS HAS BEEN, LIKE,
8 NOTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN IN 15 YEARS BEHIND THE DAIS. SO, I --
9 I'M -- I AM VERY CAUTIOUS TO SAY THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOOK
10 AT A COMMENSURATE BUDGETARY ACTION TO BACK UP THE WORKPLAN. I
11 AGREE THAT IF THERE ARE FEDERAL FINISHED THAT COME IN AND
12 THOSE ARE REVOKED, THERE NEED TO BE ADJUSTMENTS. I THINK WE
13 NEED TO LOOK AT SPECIFICALLY. I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM STAFF, IF
14 THERE IS NO BACK FILL POLICY, IF WE HAVE A WORKPLAN MOVING
15 FORWARD WE NEED TO LOOK AT NO BACK PHIL POLICY SO THAT THE
16 RESERVES ARE IN FACT INTACT FOR OPERATIONAL COMMITTED USES. AT
17 THE SAME TIME, WE GET IN THE STRANGE SCENARIO -- WE ALREADY
18 DEALT WITH THIS ON THE ABAG SIDE, WELL, NO, DIDN'T DEAL WITH
19 IT WE WERE IN FEAR OF DEALING WITH IT ON THE ABAG SIDE WHEN
20 OUR EPA FUNDING WAS PULLED WE HAD CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING
21 \$765,000 I DON'T NODE TO TELL STAFF THAT WE AT THAT MOMENT IN
22 TIME ABOUT NOT HAVE MONEY TO PAY FOR COMMITTED CONTRACTS OF
23 FUNDING THAT WAS ALREADY PROMISED SO WHAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE
24 IS FROM A CASH FLOW STANDPOINT THAT AT LEAST WE HAVE THE RIGHT
25 FISCAL POLICIES IN MACE ON THE REVENUE SIDE TO ENSURE THAT FOR



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1 THAT GAP IN TIME OF COSTS INCURRED AND GRANT FUNDS COMING IN
2 THAT WE HAVE A SUFFICIENT FISCAL POSITION AND POLICY, NOT JUST
3 -- THERE IS MONEY IN THE BANK. I GET THAT. AND THEY ARE
4 HEALTHY RESERVES. AND I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT. BUT WE NEED
5 TO, IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, BE ABLE TO AT LEAST HAVE A
6 RESTRICTIVE HOLD WHETHER IT'S A CONTINGENCY HOLD FOR FISCAL
7 UNCERTAINTY ON THOSE RESERVES TO BACKUP THOSE GRANTS SHOULD WE
8 ENDS UP IN THAT UNFORTUNATE SCENARIO THAT WAS ALREADY
9 PREVIEWED TO US ON THE ABAG SIDE.

10

11 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** EASY QUESTION. RIGHT? SO, SINCE WE DON'T
12 HAVE THE CRYSTAL BALL THEORY GOING HERE, COMMISSIONER RAMOS IS
13 VERY CORRECT. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT EARMARKS WERE
14 PULLED AND I SUSPECT THAT A LOT OF PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN
15 APPROVED IN THE 2050+ PLAN ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY THOSE.
16 SO, YOU'RE ASKING US TO PASS SOMETHING TODAY, WHICH WE LIKELY
17 WILL, BUT WHAT IS THE FLEXIBILITY HERE? OR WHAT -- DO WE HAVE
18 THESE POLICIES? I SUSPECT WE MAY NEED TO START ESTABLISHING
19 CERTAIN POLICIES MOVING FORWARD.

20

21 **MATT MALONEY:** I'LL GIVE WITH THIS -- THROUGH THE CHAIR, I'LL
22 GIVE THIS A TRY. THE DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU TODAY, I THINK IT'S
23 GOOD TO REMEMBER THAT IT'S -- IT REFLECTS A STATEMENT OF THE
24 WORK WE INTEND TO DO IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITH THE PORTION
25 OF FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVE. MOST OF THEM HAVE TO DO WITH THE



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1 PLANNING SIDE OF THE HOUSE. I WOULD SAY IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A
2 REFLECTION OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO ALL THE WORK. SO THE
3 QUESTION DID COME UP ON, YOU KNOW, SPECULATIVELY, WHAT IF THE
4 FEDS DO A, B, OR C NEXT YEAR, HOW WILL WE COURSE CORRECT THAT.
5 I WOULD SAY THAT'S UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT,
6 IT'S MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN THROUGH OTHER PROCESSES THAT THE
7 COMMISSION CONSIDERS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, PLANNED BAY AREA BEING
8 A BIG DOCUMENT, THERE IS A LOT OF PROJECTS IN THAT PLAN IF WE
9 SEE CHANGES ON THE FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL W
10 WE GO BACK AND POTENTIALLY TAKE A LOOK AT THAT PLAN AND WE MAY
11 HAVE TO AMEND THAT PLAN. BUT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE, SORT OF,
12 MORE OF A PLANNED BAY AREA ACTION AS OPPOSED TO AN OWP ACTION.
13 HOPEFULLY THAT'S MAKING SENSE. THAT'S JUST A PROCESS WE WOULD
14 GO THROUGH AS A COMMISSION IF WE START TO SEE BIG CHANGES THAT
15 WE HAVE TO REACT TO.

16

17 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** I THINK WE WOULD ALL FEEL BETTER HERE -- WE
18 UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE THIS PLAN AND YOU HAVE A DATE TO SUBMIT
19 HERE BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME FLEXIBILITY OR
20 MANEUVERABILITY TO SEE THINGS HAPPEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
21 GOING TO HAPPEN HERE. BUT WE ALL HAVE PROJECTS. AND IT WOULD
22 BE GOOD TO KNOW, YES, YOU'RE GOING THROUGH WITH THIS PLAN,
23 PROBABLY, BUT WOULD THINGS CHANGE WE NEED TO KNOW WE CAN GET
24 TOGETHER AT THIS COMMITTEE AND STAFF TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS ON
25 THESE PROJECTS.



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2 **MATT MALONEY:** YES, AND I WOULD SAY WE DO AMEND THIS DOCUMENT
3 FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE YEAR. TYPICALLY, WE DO THAT WHEN
4 NEW GRANT MONEY COMES ONLINE OR IF THERE IS OTHER ADJUSTMENTS
5 WE NEED TO MAKE. BUT FOR SURE WE WOULD BRING THIS DOCUMENT
6 BACK TO YOU FOR AMENDMENT, JUST LIKE WE WOULD DO ON THE LARGER
7 BUDGET.

8

9 **DEREK HANSEL:** YEAH, AND WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN THE NEXT ITEM,
10 FRANKLY, IS A TRUE-UP OF EXACTLY THOSE KINDS OF THINGS WHERE
11 THE OWP HAS GOTTEN TRUED UP OVER THE YEAR AND WE MAKE CERTAIN
12 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO ADDRESS THAT. THAT'S TYPICAL.

13

14 **ANDREW FREMIER:** MAYBE I COULD ADD ONE THING, COMMISSIONER, ONE
15 THING YOU'RE MISSING OR WE'RE MISSING HERE IS THIS'S
16 SEPARATION BETWEEN PROJECTS, I THINK ACTUALLY ARE AT RISK
17 THEY'RE EVEN PROJECTS THAT THE COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA BROUGHT
18 UP THEY'RE PROJECTS THAT ARE UNDERWAY LIKE BART TO SAN JOSE
19 AND PORTAL IN PARTICULAR, THAT ARE MOST AT RISK. STAFF WAS
20 IDENTIFYING EARLIER THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY INDICATION FROM THE
21 FEDS YET THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET INTO THE FORMULA WHICH FEED
22 THE WORK THAT WE DO MOVING THE PLAN FORWARD. IF THOSE
23 DECISIONS CHANGE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE RADICAL CHANGES
24 TO THE OWP. IT WON'T BE, I THINK, EXTENDING OUR RISK BEYOND
25 OUR RESERVES TO COVER WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE, IT WILL BE



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1 COMING BACK TO YOU AND SAYING THERE IS WORK THAT WE CANNOT DO
2 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES COMING TO US TO ALLOW US
3 TO DO IT. THERE IS A BIG DISTINCTION HERE AS PART OF THE
4 TRAINING THAT I BELIEVE WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO WE HAVE
5 REFLECTED ON THE FACT THAT BECAUSE OF A LOT OF NEW EXPERIENCE
6 ON THE BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BRING ITEMS FORWARD WITH
7 A LOT MORE BACKGROUND AND HISTORY TO MOVE THEM PROPERLY AT THE
8 RIGHT SPEED SO THAT WE'RE GIVING YOU THE INFORMATION YOU NEED.
9 BUT, THIS IS A COMPLEX CHALLENGE THAT'S IN FRONT OF US, BUT
10 AGAIN THERE IS A SEPARATION BETWEEN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN
11 WASHINGTON WITH PROJECTS AND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH FORMULA
12 FUNDS THAT MOVE THE PLANNING PROCESS FORWARD.

13

14 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. AND IT MIGHT BE
15 HELPFUL, TOO, IF WE HAD SOME, SORT OF, BOOK OF FORMULAS, OR
16 BOOK OF FUNDS. NOT LIKE THE BOOK OF MORMON HERE, BUT SOMETHING
17 THAT PEOPLE CAN JUST TAKE A LOOK AT OR RESOURCE THAT THIS IS
18 WHAT --

19

20 **ANDREW FREMIER:** YEAH, WE'RE BUILDING A FILE FOR YOU, BOX
21 FOLDER KIND OF THING AND THERE IS ABC'S OF MTC MONEY THAT WE
22 WILL DEFINITELY INCLUDE IN THAT EXISTS IT'S COMPLICATED BUT
23 DOES DESCRIBE ALL OF THE VARIOUS MECHANISMS OF ALL FEDERAL AND
24 STATE LOCAL FUNDING RULES THAT ARE OUT THERE.

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1 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** SOMETHING AT ONE OF OUR RETREATS ON MTC'S
2 AUTHORITY, I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TOO, WHERE WE GET OUR
3 AUTHORITY FROM HOW WE USE IT AND WHAT'S ON THE BOOKS ALL KINDS
4 OF FUN STUFF HERE. CHAIR RAMOS.

5

6 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU CHAIR. JUST TO CLARIFY MY COMMENTS ARE
7 REALLY GEARED TOWARDS THAT PORTION OF THE RESOLUTION THAT
8 GRANTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR GRANTS AND EXECUTE
9 AGREEMENTS SO IT IS DIRECTLY TIED TO THE MONEY IT'S RELATED IN
10 YOUR AUTHORITY THAT WE ARE GIVING YOU BY THIS RESOLUTION. AND
11 I THINK WHAT IS INCUMBENT UPON US IS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT
12 DOES HAPPEN IF ONE OF THOSE GRANTS THAT WE GIVE YOU THE
13 AUTHORITY TO APPLY AND RECEIVE FALLS THROUGH THAT'S THE REAL -
14 - I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT FORMULA MONEY, I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE
15 IN FORMULA MONEY ANYTHING I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN ANYTHING
16 RIGHT NOW WHEN IT COMES TO DOLLAR BILLS WHEN IT COMES TO THESE
17 GRANTS AND AUTHORITY WITHOUT GIVING THAT AUTHORITY FOR YOU TO
18 APPLY AND RECEIVE THOSE GRANTS WHAT I'M SAYING IS IF THOSE
19 GRANTS COME IN THERE NEEDS TO BE COROLLARY POLICY REGARDING
20 WHETHER WE WILL BACK FILL OR NOT. I THINK TO ACTUALLY LOOK AT
21 THE PLAN THAT'S BEING DONE HERE, THE AUTHORITY THAT'S BEING
22 SOUGHT FROM US IS IN FACT OBLIGATING THIS ORGANIZATION,
23 WITHOUT A FISCAL BACKSTOP, SHOULD THOSE GRANTS FALL THROUGH.
24 THAT'S WHERE MY COMMENTS ARE REALLY HEADED TOWARDS. IF WE'RE
25 GIVING YOU AUTHORITY, WE GOT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A BACKUP



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1 PLAN. AND, SO, I -- I AGREE THAT I DON'T THINK IT'S
2 NECESSARILY WITHIN THE WORKPLAN, BUT IT DOES EXTEND THE
3 AUTHORITY THAT WE'RE GIVING THROUGH THIS RESOLUTION 4698.

4

5 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** SO THE CONCERNS ARE CLEAR HERE. ALL RIGHT.
6 I'M GOING TO BACK TRACK REAL QUICK TO SLIDE FOUR. YOU HAVE GOT
7 DELIVERING ADDITIONAL MAPPING WAYFINDING PILOT PROGRAMS
8 ASSISTING JURISDICTIONS WITH THE TOC DEADLINES. ARE WE GETTING
9 ANYWHERE NEAR THE INCLUSION HERE HOW FAR ARE WE ON THESE
10 PROJECTS AGAIN WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS AS WE PROGRESS HERE BUT
11 WE CONSTANTLY THROW THESE THINGS OUT AND THESE PILOT PROGRAMS
12 ARE LIKE FIVE YEARS OLD SO IT WOULD BE NICE TO -- THERE'S AN
13 ENDGAME WE'RE ACTUALLY SUCCEEDING. I KNOW THIS IS PART OF THE
14 BLUE RIBBON TRANSFORMATION PLAN HERE SO WHEN YOU PUT THINGS
15 LIKE THIS DOWN, AND BELIEVE ME, THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE REALLY
16 HELPS A LOT. AND THE MAPPING AND ALL OF THAT, AS WE ARE
17 LOOKING AT REGIONAL FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION, PEOPLE WANT TO
18 SEE POSITIVES. SO, ALL THESE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT. I DO HOPE -
19 - I'M NOT EVEN SURE. DO WE HAVE THE FUNDING TO PROGRESS THOSE
20 THINGS AND KEEP THEM GOING HERE? HOPEFULLY THAT'S IN THE OWP?

21

22 **ANDREW FREMIER:** COMMISSIONER I CAN TALK ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE
23 BEEN UPDATING THE FRIDAY COMMITTEES, THE REGIONAL NETWORK
24 MANAGEMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PILOTS AND THE PILOTS ARE
25 MEETING WHAT THEIR GOALS ARE, WE HAVE THE EL CERRITO PLAZA



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1 PILOT WE HAVE THE SANTA ROSA PILOT OUT WE'RE WORKING BUILDING
2 THE ONE IN SAN FRANCISCO. SO THE PILOT PROGRAM IS WORKING AS
3 PRODUCED AND IT'S GOT A BUDGET, OBVIOUSLY IT'S AT RISK IF THE
4 FEDERAL MONEY GETS PULLED TO CONTINUING BUT IT'S A PILOT PHASE
5 THERE'S NO IDENTIFY COMMITMENT TO A LARGER PROGRAM THAT THE
6 PILOT IS SUPPOSED TO ADVISE US ON WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SET
7 UP THE REGIONAL FOOTPRINT FOR IT THAT'S A CHALLENGE AND PART
8 OF THE IDEA OF BRINGING IN SOME TRANSFORMATIONAL REVENUE FROM
9 THE MEASURE TO KEEP THAT PROGRAM MOVING.

10

11 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** SO WE NEED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT PILOTS
12 BUT WE DON'T HAVE INSURANCES THAT THESE ARE ALL GOING TO BE
13 REGIONAL IMPLEMENTED IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

14

15 **ANDREW FREMIER:** WELL THE PILOT, WE'RE REASONABLY COMFORTABLE
16 WE CAN FINISH THE PILOT WHICH HAS GOT IMPROVEMENTS ALL AROUND
17 THE REGION BUT IT'S NOT A COMPLETE PROGRAM.

18

19 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** OH THAT'S SAD. I THOUGHT WE WERE HEADING --
20 I THOUGHT WE WOULD GO PILOTS AND THEN IMPLEMENTATION REGION-
21 WIDE.

22

23 **ANDREW FREMIER:** WE WOULD LOVE TO THAT REQUIRES QUITE A LOT OF
24 REVENUE IN ORDER TO DO SO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS ARE TIED TO



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1 THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE IN GETTING REVENUE TO DO THE WORK THAT
2 YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO.

3

4 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** WE GET THE REVENUE STUFF FOR SURE. OKAY.
5 ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO
6 APPROVE AND THEN WE'LL LOOK AT QUESTIONS. DON'T ALL JUMP AT
7 ONCE.

8

9 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** I'LL MOVE APPROVAL.

10

11 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER FLEMMING. MOVE TO
12 APPROVE. IS THERE A SECOND?

13

14 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** SECOND.

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16 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** ALL IN FAVOR -- OH SORRY.

17

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

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22 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE.

23 [AYES]

24



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1 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** AYE. OPPOSED ABSTENTIONS? NONE. MOTION
2 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT MOVING ON, WE HAVE
3 ITEM -- DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ELSE HERE? WHERE AM I? 3B.
4 RESOLUTION REVISED, FISCAL YEAR '24/'25 OPERATING CAPITAL
5 BUDGET AMENDMENTS. MR. LOPEZ?

6

7 **OSCAR QUINTANILLA LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME
8 IS OSCAR QUINTANILLA LOPEZ, MTC STAFF. THE MATERIALS FOR THIS
9 ITEM ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET. I DON'T HAVE A POWERPOINT
10 PRESENTATION THIS IS REQUESTING TO YOU APPROVE MTC AMENDMENT
11 NUMBER TWO FOR '24/'25 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL
12 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS TIED TO
13 PRIOR ITEM. THROUGH PROCESS TWICE A YEAR WE GET UPDATED
14 REVENUE PROJECTIONS FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WE ADJUST BOTH
15 THE OWP AND OUR BUDGET ACCORDINGLY WE ARE SLIGHTLY REDUCING
16 OUR BUDGET TO TRUE-UP THOSE SOURCES AND ALSO DOCUMENTS
17 CHANGING FUNDING SOURCES FOR TWO PROGRAMS ACTIVE
18 TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PRIORITY CONSERVATION
19 AREA GRANT PROGRAMS FROM FEDERAL FUNDING TO LOCAL FINISHING AS
20 APPROVED BY THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS. THAT CONCLUDES MY
21 REMARKS. I'M HERE FOR QUESTIONS.

22

23 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. QUESTIONS. OKAY.
24 ITEM 3B IS -- DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE?

25



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

2

3 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** ABE-KOGA. RAMOS. ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?

4

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

7

8 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. ITEM 3B. ALL IN
9 FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED? ABSTAIN? SEEING NONE. MOTION
10 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THANK YOU. AND
11 MOVING ON. WE HAVE GOT NOTHING ELSE HERE. OKAY. ITEM FOUR IS
12 PUBLIC COMMENT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? THIS IS FOR
13 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

14

15 **BOARD CLERK:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED, NO ONE IN THE ZOOM
16 SPACE AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM.

17

18 **CHAIR, GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM FIVE ADJOURNMENT.
19 OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE ADMIN COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY
20 MAY 14TH, 2025 AT 9:40 A.M., BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE
21 STREET. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO
22 THE PUBLIC. THIS MEETING ADJOURNED. THANK YOU, EVERYONE FOR
23 YOUR PARTICIPATION. [ADJOURNED]

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