

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

2 **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026, 9:45 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** WE'RE CALLING TO ORDER THIS MEETING
6 OF THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE. THIS MEETING IS
7 WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. MY NAME IS VICTORIA FLEMING I'M
8 JOINED BY MY VICE CHAIR MYRNA MELGAR, AND TOGETHER WE WILL GET
9 THIS DONE, HOPEFUL WE NOT TOO MUCH DELAY. LET'S SEE. WE'LL
10 HAVE REMOTE PARTICIPATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO SO USING
11 ZOOM, YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND OR DIAL STAR NINE.
12 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR
13 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBERS AND WE'LL START WITH ROLL CALL
14 VOTE PLEASE.

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

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18 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MELGAR?

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22 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ABE-KOGA?

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1 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING AMBUEHL?

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5 **DAVID AMBUEHL:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LEE IS ABSENT. MANFREE?

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9 **AMBER MANFREE:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY? HAS STEPPED AWAY. PAPAN? PAP HERE.

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

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15 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING SCHAFF?

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19 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** HERE.

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

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23 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CLERK THAT

24 TAKES US TO AGENDA ITEM TWO OUR CONSENT CALENDAR WHICH

25 INCLUDES 2A THROUGH 2G ARE THERE COMMISSIONERS WISHING TO PULL



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1 AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? SEEING NONE. CAN I HAVE A
2 MOTION AND SECOND.

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4 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS:** RAMOS MOVES.

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6 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** SECOND MELGAR.

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8 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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10 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** I'M SORRY. LAUGH LAST I FORGOT TO RAISE MY
11 HAND.

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13 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA?

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15 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ITEM F
16 REGARDING THE FINISHING FOR THE FIFA EVENT COMING UP. AND I
17 JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW APPRECIATIVE VTA IS OF THE FIFA
18 DISTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATION, AND I JUST APPRECIATE THE
19 RECOGNITION OF VTA'S SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THIS EVENT. I'M NOT
20 SURE IF ALL OF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT VTA EXPECTS ITS TOTAL COST
21 TO DELIVER SERVICE DURING THE GAME AND RELATED EVENTS TO BE
22 ABOUT 44 TO \$45 MILLION MAINLY BECAUSE WE'RE RUNNING OUR FULL
23 FLEET THERE IS LATE NIGHT SERVICE SOME OF THE GAMES ARE
24 STARTING AT 9:00 [LAUGHTER] SO WE'RE GOING TO BE RUNNING
25 TRAINS INTO THE WE HOURS OF THE MORNING AND THEN HAVE TO TURN



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1 AROUND AND START SERVICE AGAIN EARLY IN A FEW HOURS AFTER
2 THAT. SO IT'S REALLY QUITE A LIFT FOR OUR OPERATORS AND
3 MAINTENANCE STAFF. SO, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
4 SUPPORT TO HELP DEFRAY SOME OF THESE COSTS. THANK YOU.

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6 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA FOR
7 YOUR COMMENTS. IT'S REALLY QUITE A THING THAT ALL OF THE
8 LOGISTICS THAT ARE GOING TO GO INTO MOVING SO MANY PEOPLE
9 AROUND, AND WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THAT. SO, WE HAVE A
10 MOTION AND A SECOND. BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE, DO WE HAVE ANY
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MAKE COMMENT?

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS IN THE ZOOM SPACE WITH THEIR
14 HAND RAISED, NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING SPEAK AND NO
15 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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17 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU. WILL YOU CALL FOR ROLL
18 VOTE PLEASE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLEMING?

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22 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MELGAR?

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1 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** AYE.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ABE-KOGA?

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5 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LEE IS ABSENT. MANFREE?

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9 **AMBER MANFREE:** YES.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY? PAPAN? RAMOS?

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13 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
16 PRESENT.

17

18 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** EXCELLENT ITEM 3A PUBLIC HEARING
19 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL MEASURE THREE ALSO KNOWN AS
20 RM3 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE
21 SECTION 3094.7 E, MTC PROPOSES MODIFYING THE SCOPE OF FIVE
22 EXISTING PROJECTS IN THE PROJECTS IN THE REGIONAL MEASURE
23 THREE CAPITAL PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY TO -- THIS IS A LOT OF
24 STUFF. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MR. KAO TO TELL US MORE.

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1 **KENNETH KAO:** THANK YOU GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS KENNETH KAO
2 WITH MTC STAFF. AS MENTIONED REGIONAL MEASURE THREE WAS
3 APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2018 AND IDENTIFIES 35 CAPITAL PROJECTS
4 TO BE FUNDED BY INCREASED BRIDGE TOLLS. STATE STATUTE ALLOWS
5 THE COMMISSION TO MODIFY THE RM3 PROGRAM CONDUCTING PUBLIC
6 HEARING. TODAY STAFF RECOMMENDS MODIFYING FIVE CAPITAL
7 PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY, MODIFYING SCOPE OF THE TRANSBAY RAIL
8 CROSSING RM3 PROJECT 13 TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION OF ADDITIONAL
9 BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT RAIL SERVICE BAY BRIDGE
10 CORRIDOR AND REMOVE REFERENCE TO SECOND TRANSBAY CROSSING;
11 MODIFY SCOPE OF RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
12 RM3 PROJECT 25 UPDATE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION AFFECTING MARIN
13 COUNTY MODIFY SCOPE OF THE BYRON HIGHWAY VASCO ROAD AIRPORT
14 CONNECTOR RM3 PROJECT 32 TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND ELIGIBLE PHASES
15 OF WORK; MODIFY SCOPE OF VASCO ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS RM3
16 PROJECT 33 TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND ELIGIBLE PHASES OF WORK AND
17 MODIFY SCOPE OF EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TRANSIT INTERMODAL
18 CENTER RM3 PROJECT 34 TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND POSSIBLE PHASES OF
19 WORK; FOR RM3 PROJECT 13, REQUEST REVISING SCOPE OF TRANS BAY
20 RAIL CROSSING AND TO INSTEAD FOCUS ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO
21 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RAIL CAPACITY INCREASED RELIABILITY AND
22 IMPROVE RESILIENCE ALREADY REFERENCED IN THIS STATUTORY
23 LANGUAGE. THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE WOULD ENABLE ALLOCATION OF RM3
24 FUNDS TO THE TRANSBAY CORRIDOR CORE CAPACITY PROGRAM WHICH
25 WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY BY RUNNING LONGER TRAINS MORE



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1 FREQUENTLY THROUGH TRANSBAY TUBE AND WILL INCREASE RELIABILITY
2 AND IMPROVE RESILIENCE AS RESULT OF NEW MODERN TRAIN CONTROL
3 SYSTEM AND IN ADDITION TO ADDITIONAL RAIL CAR STORAGE AND
4 TRANSACTION POWER SUBSTATIONS. FOR RM3 PROJECT 25 TAM REQUESTS
5 DELETING REFERENCES TO DIRECT CONNECTOR AND REPLACING WITH
6 IMPROVED REGIONAL RAIL CONNECTIVITY AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS IN
7 THE AREA WITH NO OTHER CHANGES. TAM REQUESTS THIS CHANGE AS TO
8 NOT PRESUPPOSE THE OUTCOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AS
9 WELL AS RECOGNIZING THAT CONSTRUCTING A DIRECT CONNECTOR MAY
10 NOT BE FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE WITHOUT FEASIBLE SUBSTANTIAL
11 EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING. FOR RM3 PROJECTS 32 THROUGH 34CCTA
12 REQUESTS FLEXIBILITY TO USE RM3 FUNDS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION
13 PHASES FOR THREE PROJECTS THEREFORE REQUEST DELETION OF
14 REFERENCES TO CONSTRUCTION IN THE PROGRAM LANGUAGE WHICH NOTE
15 OTHER CHANGES MTC CONSULTED WITH THE PROJECT SPONSORS TOGETHER
16 AGREE TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION
17 FOR CONSIDERATION IN JUNE UPON CLOSING OF PUBLIC COMMENT
18 PERIOD NOTE THE COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES MAY 29TH. THAT CONCLUDES
19 MY PRESENTATION I'LL TURN THE MICROPHONE BACK TO THE CHAIR.

20

21 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH DO WE HAVE
22 ANYBODY ON THE COMMISSION WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS?
23 WELL YESTERDAY WHEN I WAS GETTING MY BRIEFING WITH THERESE IT
24 WAS SO INTERESTING TO ME THAT WE THIS DOCUMENT ESPECIALLY
25 ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL CROSSING ADDITIONAL RAIL CROSSING ACROSS



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1 THE BAY BRIDGE THAT HOW PLANS CHANGE OVER TIME AND JUST WHAT A
2 MONUMENTAL SHIFT THAT THIS IS AND WOULD HAVE BEEN I MEAN THANK
3 YOU TO STAFF FOR UPDATING THIS TO REFLECT OUR MODERN SITUATION
4 AND IF WE DON'T HAVE ANYBODY ELSE WISHING TO ASK QUESTIONS
5 WE'LL MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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7 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THROUGH THE CHAIR IF I MIGHT ASK IF WE
8 CAN NOTE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING IS OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR THE
9 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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11 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** I WILL OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING AND WILL
12 TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN THE
15 ZOOM SPACE HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE?

16

17 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** TWO MINUTES PLEASE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROLAND LEBRUN IF YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE
20 YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

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22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE
23 DOING THIS, BUT THE ISSUE IS WE HAVE A PATTERN IN THE BAY AREA
24 OF MAKING PROMISES TO THE VOTERS. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, JUST
25 DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT. AND THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, IS VERY



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1 PROBLEMATIC WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO GET THE VOTERS TO APPROVE A
2 MEASURE ABOUT SENATE BILL 63. BUT I'M ALSO GOING TO FOCUS
3 ABOUT THE SECOND TRANSBAY CROSSING. THIS IS REALLY
4 PROBLEMATIC. BECAUSE WE'RE NOT JUST TRYING TO INCREASE
5 CAPACITY. WE NEED TO INTRODUCE RESILIENCY. BECAUSE IF ANYTHING
6 HAPPENS TO THESE TWO, THE ENTIRE BAY AREA IS BASICALLY TOAST.
7 WE'RE FINISHED. I MEAN, WE HAVE GOT TO FACE THAT. SO, MOVING
8 FORWARD, I REALLY WISH WE DIDN'T GO THERE. BECAUSE WE HAVE GOT
9 MULTIPLE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED, SPECIFICALLY HOW WE'RE GOING
10 TO BE CONNECTING THIS NEW TUBE TO THE OTHER END OF THE PHASE
11 FOUR TRANSIT CENTER, RIGHT UP THE ROAD FROM WHERE YOU ARE IN
12 BEALE STREET. THIS HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. THAT NEEDS TO BE
13 ADDRESSED BY THE ENTIRE REGION, LED BY MTC AS A MATTER OF
14 URGENCY. NOW, IF THE FUNDING IS NOT GOING TO BE COMING FROM
15 RM3, IT'S GOT TO BE COMING FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. BECAUSE THAT
16 ENTIRE PROJECT, BOTH THE APPROACH, AND HOW WE'RE COMING OUT
17 THE OTHER END OF THE TRANSIT CENTER OVER THERE, IS BASICALLY A
18 DISASTER IN THE MAKING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS A MATTER
19 OF URGENCY. THANK YOU.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE ALETA DUPREE. IF
22 YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, THROUGH THE CHAIR, ALETA DUPREE FOR THE
25 RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. I CAN SEE WE HAVE TO MAKE



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1 SOME CHANGES. A LITTLE WHILE AGO I WENT TO A MEETING OF LINK
2 21, AND THERE IS A WHOLE PROCESS IN BART IN WHICH THE STAGE-
3 GATE WAS REACHED, THAT ANY LINK 21 TO PROJECT GOING FORWARD
4 WOULD BE STANDARD GATE RAIL SO THAT OBVIOUSLY MEANS THAT BART
5 WOULD NO LONGER BE INVOLVED WITH THAT. AND I SUPPORT THAT
6 DECISION. SO, I SEE THAT THIS CHANGE WE'RE MAKING IS SOMETHING
7 THAT'S GOING TO BE HELPFUL TO BART, IN HELPING TO IMPROVE THE
8 QUALITY OF SERVICE IN THIS ONE TRANSBAY TUBE THAT WE HAVE. AND
9 BART IS MAKE INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVE SERVICE IN THAT TUBE WITH
10 ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THERE WAS A SEISMIC PROJECT
11 RECENTLY COMPLETED, ALL THESE THINGS ARE NECESSARY TO BE ABLE
12 TO BRING 30 TRAINS PER HOUR THROUGH THIS TRANSBAY TUBE. YES,
13 WE ONLY HAVE ONE TUBE. IT'S NOT LIKE NEW YORK CITY WHERE YOU
14 HAVE ABOUT OVER A DOZEN OF THEM. THAT'S JUST THE WAY THINGS
15 ARE. AND THIS IS ABOUT CLEANING UP AND BRINGING TO DATE THE
16 WORK OF RM3. BECAUSE, WHILE I DON'T KNOW WHEN LINK 21 IS GOING
17 TO HAPPEN, BART IS DOING AND NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO DO
18 IMPROVEMENTS NOW. I WOULD RATHER WE USE THAT MONEY FROM THE
19 BRIDGE TOLLS NOW TO IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN OUR
20 REGION. THANK YOU. FLUSH.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ADINA LEVIN, IF YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW. ADINA ARE YOU STILL THERE?
24 OKAY. THAT LOOKS LIKE THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE
25 ZOOM SPACE. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WERE RECEIVED AND THERE



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1 IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK.

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3 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'LL NOW GO AHEAD
4 AND CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BRING IT BACK TO THE
5 COMMISSION FOR COMMENTS. SEEING NONE. WE WILL MOVE ON TO A
6 ROLL CALL VOTE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** INFORMATIONAL.

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10 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** OH IT'S INFORMATIONAL. I ASSUMED
11 SINCE WE HAD A PUBLIC HEARING YEE NEED TO VOTE ON IT, BUT WE
12 JUST DID A HEARING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT TAKES US TO OUR
13 NEXT ITEM 3B. THANK YOU MR. KAO. MTC RESOLUTION 4758 FISCAL
14 YEAR '26/'27 REGIONAL MEASURE THREE OPERATING PROGRAM ADOPTION
15 OF 6360, 1.3 MILLION FISCAL YEAR 2026, 2027 RM3 OPERATING
16 BUDGET WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO JACK McDOWELL WHOLE PRESENT THIS
17 ITEM FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL. WELCOME MR. McDOWELL.

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19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS JACK McDOWELL
20 WITH MTC FUNDING POLICY PROGRAM STAFF HERE TODAY TO PRESENT
21 MTC RESOLUTION 4758 FISCAL YEAR 2026, 2027 REGIONAL MEASURE
22 THREE OPERATING PROGRAM. NEXT SLIDE. QUICK OVERVIEW REGIONAL
23 MEASURE THREE RM3 WAS PROVED BY BAY AREA VOTERS IN JUNE 2018
24 THE MEASURE INSTITUTED \$3 TOLL INCREASE ON BATA BRIDGES WHICH
25 WAS PHASE SAID IN OVER 3, 1 THERE INCREMENTS RM3 STATUTE



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1 SPECIFIES THAT MAXIMUM OF 16% OF ANNUAL RM3 REVENUES WILL GO
2 TOWARD OPERATING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT EXISTING OR EXPANDED
3 TRANSIT OPERATIONS THE PAR CHART ON THE RIGHT SUMMARIZES MAKE
4 UP OF OPERATING PROGRAM SO 16% OF TOTAL RM3 REVENUE 58%
5 DISTRIBUTED TO SF BAY FERRY OR WETA FOR EXPANDED FERRY SERVICE
6 8% DISTRIBUTED TO TJPA FOR OPERATIONS OF TRANSBAY TERMINAL 34%
7 DISTRIBUTED TO EXPRESS BUS OPERATORS FOR REGIONAL EXPRESS BUS
8 SERVICE, UNLIKE PORTIONS FOR TRANSBAY TERMINAL AND FERRY
9 OPERATIONS RM3 STATUTE DOES NOT IDENTIFY SPECIFIC SPONSORS OR
10 FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR EXPRESS BUS INSTEAD LEAVING THIS
11 DISCRETION TO MTC SO TODAY'S PRESENTATION WILL SUMMARIZE THE
12 METHODOLOGY USED TO ARRIVE AT OUR PROPOSED EXPRESS BUS
13 PROGRAMMING LEVELS FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. NEXT SLIDE.
14 IN FY 2026, 2027 ESTIMATED \$18.4 MILLION IS AVAILABLE FOR THE
15 PRESS BUS PORTION OF THE RM3 OPERATING PROGRAM PREVIOUSLY
16 FUNDS WERE APPORTIONED ACCORDING TO OPERATING NEEDS AND
17 STANDARDIZED SHORTFALLS BUT STARTING THIS YEAR WE'RE
18 ESTABLISHING FORM LAKE APPROACH TO ALLOW FOR MORE CONSISTENT
19 PREDICTABLE PROGRAM GOING FORWARD IN LINE WITH RM3 STATUTE
20 THIS METHODOLOGY APPORTIONS EXPRESS BUS FUNDS BY PRIORITIZING
21 ROUTES WITH HIGHEST RIDERSHIP FULL METHODOLOGY IS DETAILED IN
22 THE SUMMARY SHEET IN YOUR PACKETS BUT THE TABLE ON THE RIGHT
23 SHOWS ON RESULTING PROGRAM WITH FUNDING AMOUNTS IN PROPORTION
24 TO ESTIMATED RIDERSHIP ON EACH OPERATOR'S ELIGIBLE PRESS BUS
25 ROUTES. NEXT SLIDE. SEPARATE FROM \$18 MILLION ON THE PREVIOUS



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1 SLIDE MTC ALSO HAS 14.5 MILLION REMAINING FROM PRIOR YEAR
2 EXPRESS BUS FUNDS THESE ARE FUNDS THAT WERE COLLECTED BUT NOT
3 DISBURSED WHILE RM3 WAS UNDER LEGAL CHALLENGE IN 2019 THROUGH
4 2022 SO FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR STAFF ARE PROPOSING TO
5 PROGRAM 6.7 MILLION OF THESE FUNDS TO REPLACE FUNDING THAT WAS
6 PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO FOUR EAST BAY OPERATORS UNDER THE BART
7 FEEDER BUS FUNDING AGREEMENT THESE FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED AS
8 ZERO INTEREST RATE LOAN EQUAL TO MOST RECENT FEEDER BUS
9 AMOUNTS FOR THESE OPERATORS ADDITIONALLY MTC IS CONTRIBUTING
10 500,000 PER YEAR'S FUNDS FOR GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT TO HELP
11 SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SERVICE CHANGES REMEMBERED
12 MASCOT'S PLAN PRIOR YEAR'S FUNDS ARE SUMMARIZED IN THE TABLE
13 ON THE RIGHT JUST TO CLARIFY THESE FUNDS ARE PROGRAMMED AS ONE
14 IN ADDITION TO SEPARATE FROM ANNUAL REVENUES PROGRAMMED ON THE
15 PREVIOUS SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. TO CONCLUDE STAFF RECOMMEND
16 REFERRAL OF MTC RESOLUTION 4758 FY 2026, 2027 RM3 OPERATING
17 PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES MY
18 PRESENTATION. AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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20 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE HAVE ANY
21 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO WOULD LIKE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS?
22 COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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24 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. YEAH, BECAUSE I DON'T SEE MY COUNTY
25 ANYWHERE IN THERE. SO SAMTRANS IS NOT UP TO THE NUMBERS YOU



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1 WERE REQUIRING? OR HOW DOES THAT WORK? WELL DON'T ALL JUMP AT
2 ONCE.

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4 **JACK MCDOWELL:** [LAUGHTER] MTC HAS SET REQUIREMENTS FOR
5 ELIGIBLE SERVICES THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE RM3
6 STATUTE. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT TYPICALLY CROSS THE BRIDGES
7 OR CONNECT TO SERVICES THAT CROSS THE BRIDGES FOR THE PURPOSE
8 OF ALLEVIATING CONGESTION ON THE BRIDGES SO RIGHT NOW SAMTRANS
9 DOESN'T HAVE ANY SERVICE THAT MEETS THOSE REQUIREMENTS.

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11 **GINA PAPAN:** SO FOR MY CLARIFICATION THE ONES THAT COME ACROSS
12 SAN MATEO OR DUMBARTON THEY'RE COMING FROM EAST BAY?

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES DUMBARTON SERVICE IS OPERATED BY AC TRANSIT WHO
15 RECEIVES FUNDING.

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17 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.

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19 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS
20 WITH ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT THAT TAKES US TO PUBLIC COMMENT
21 DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO MAKE COMMENT.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE DO HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HOW
24 MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE.

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1 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** TWO MINUTES PLEASE.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ALETA DUPREE PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF YOUR
4 TIME BEGINNING NOW.

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6 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER
7 WITH TEAM FOLDS A LOT OF GOOD IMPORTANT THINGS HERE. DON'T
8 KNOW THAT I HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH EXPRESS BUSES BUT THEN AGAIN
9 PERHAPS I DO, BECAUSE I USE THE F-BUS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO
10 AND USUALLY EMERYVILLE, THOUGH SOMETIMES ALSO TO BERKELEY,
11 WHICH IS OPERATED BY AC TRANSIT, AND IT RUNS EVERY HALF HOUR,
12 SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT ROUTE FOR ME TO USE
13 THAT BASICALLY OFFERS CONSISTENT CLOCK BASED SCHEDULING. SO, I
14 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE F KEEPS GOING. IT'S VERY HELPFUL
15 BOTH AS A ROUTE ACROSS THE BAY BUT ALSO IN SERVING USERS
16 WITHIN THE EAST BAY GOING THROUGH EMERYVILLE, OAKLAND, AND
17 BERKELEY. AND THE FERRY SYSTEM IS VERY IMPORTANT, KEEPING UP
18 WITH THAT. WETA, WHICH RUNS SAN FRANCISCO FERRY IS DOING VERY
19 WELL. LAST I CHECKED, I THINK THEY ARE AT OR ABOVE PRE-
20 PANDEMIC RIDERSHIP. AND THEY'RE WORKING AT BUYING ELECTRIC
21 BOATS. BUT EVEN WITH THAT, IT IS THE SERVICE OF WETA THAT IS
22 CRITICAL, WHICH I USE AT TIMES, WHICH HELPS ME GET TO THE
23 FERRY BUILDING, WHICH I VISIT SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK. AND
24 DOWNTOWN OAKLAND, WHICH THERE IS A NUMBER -- A LOT OF ACTIVITY
25 THAT HAPPENS IN THAT AREA, INCLUDING A CONNECTION WITH THE



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1 CAPITAL CORRIDOR RAIL SERVICE. SO, LET'S STAY ON TOP OF THESE
2 THINGS. BECAUSE SERVICES HAVE TO KEEP RUNNING. THANK YOU.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE
5 ZOOM SPACE NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND NO ONE IN
6 THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK.

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8 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH DO I HAVE ANYBODY
9 WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A MOTION AND SECONDS FOR THIS
10 ITEM?

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12 **MYRNA MELGAR:** SO MOVED. MELGAR.

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14 **AMBER MANFREE:** SECOND MANFREE.

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16 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLEMING?

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20 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

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

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24 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** AYE.

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3 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LEE IS ABSENT. MANFREE? MILEY? PAPAN?

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7 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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

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11 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
14 PRESENT.

15

16 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.
17 WE'RE ON TO ITEM 4A, OUR ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE 2026 TRANSIT AND
18 INNER CITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS TRSIP. WE'LL
19 WELCOME CRAIG BOSMAN TO INFORM US ABOUT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
20 FOR THE 2026 CYCLE ALSO KNOWN AS CYCLE EIGHT.

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22 **CRAIG BOSMAN:** GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. CRAIG BOSMAN WITH
23 MTC STAFF. THANK YOU FOR THIS INTRODUCTION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
24 SO, THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM OR TIRCP IS
25 A DISCRETIONARY STATE GRANT PROGRAM THAT FUNDS RAIL, BUS, AND



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1 FERRY EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION PROJECTS. THE CALL FOR
2 PROJECTS AND PROJECT SELECTION IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
3 CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY. THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED
4 THROUGH BOTH SENATE BILL ONE REVENUES AND THE GREENHOUSE
5 REDUCTION FUND VIA CAP-AND-TRADE, NOW CAP AND INVEST AUCTION
6 REVENUES. THIS CURRENT CALL FOR PROJECTS IS TO UPDATE TIRCP
7 FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AND ADDS APPROXIMATELY \$950
8 MILLION IN NEW PROGRAMMING CAPACITY STATEWIDE. NEXT SLIDE. MTC
9 TRADITIONALLY TAKES TWO ROLES WITH THIS PROGRAM FIRST IS PART
10 OF THE REQUIRED APPLICATION PACKAGE WHERE MTC CONFIRMS
11 CONSISTENCY OF APPLICATIONS FROM THE REGION WITH THE
12 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+. STAFF
13 HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PROJECT SPONSOR FROM THE REGION TO
14 COMPLETE THESE LETTERS OF CONSISTENCY AS APPLICATIONS ARE
15 FINALIZED. SECOND IS OPPORTUNITY TO ENDORSE PROJECTS THROUGH
16 RESOLUTION 4130 THE COMMISSION HAS ADOPTED A REGIONAL CAP-AND-
17 TRADE FRAMEWORK MOST RECENTLY UPDATED IN 2022 ALONG WITH THE
18 ADOPTION ASSIST MAJOR PROJECT ADVANCEMENT POLICY OR MAP THIS
19 FRAMEWORK INCLUDES SPECIFIC NAMED PROJECTS AND SPONSORS
20 ALIGNED WITH THE MAP IT ALSO INCLUDES ABILITY TO ENDORSE OTHER
21 PROJECTS CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN UP TO \$25 MILLION
22 PER PROJECT THIS FRAMEWORK IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET AS
23 ATTACHMENT B. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ONLY ONE NAMED PROJECT IN THE
24 FRAMEWORK PLANS TO APPLY DURING THIS ROUND TRANSBAY JOINTS
25 POWERS AUTHORITY APPLICATION FOR THE PORTAL. WHILE THIS



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1 PROJECT IS INCLUDED IN THE FRAMEWORK AT THE \$500 MILLION LEVEL
2 TJPA WILL APPLY FOR \$750 MILLION IN THIS CALL FOR PROJECTS
3 IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE TIRCP INCLUDES OPTION FOR PROJECT
4 SPONSORS TO APPLY FOR MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AWARDS THAT GO BEYOND
5 THE FIVE-YEAR CYCLE. PREVIOUS MAP LEVEL ONE PROJECTS NAMELY
6 B.A.R.T. TRANSBAY CORRIDOR CORE CAPACITY AND VTA, BART TO
7 SILICON VALLEY PHASE TWO HAVE RECEIVED MULTI-YEAR TIRCP
8 FUNDING AWARDS TIED TO MAJOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
9 CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT FUNDING ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE
10 TIRCP PROJECTS GENERALLY ONLY GET ONE BITE AT THE APPLE FOR
11 MAJOR AWARD THIS MULTI-YEAR AWARD IS WHAT TJPA IS SEEKING IN
12 CYCLE EIGHT THEY HAVE PROJECTED \$100 MILLION NEAR-TERM FUNDING
13 NEED TO ADVANCE PRECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE TOWARD A FULL
14 FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FTA. FOLLOWED BY ADDITIONAL \$167
15 MILLION OF THROUGH 2031 WHICH WILL BE TIED WITH EXECUTION OF
16 FULL FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH FTA THEN \$483 MILLION FOR WHICH
17 THEY'RE SEEKING MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT BEYOND CYCLE
18 EIGHT NEXT SLIDE. CONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES WE FIND OURSELVES
19 WITHIN THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION CURRENT CHANGE IN FUNDING
20 PRIORITIES INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, WHICH ARE BOTH INCREASING
21 IN NEED FOR EARLY STATE INVESTMENT IN PORTAL PLUS OTHER
22 SPONSORS NAMED IN THE MTC FRAMEWORK NOT PURSUING TIRCP THIS
23 ROUND OF STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR THE
24 PROJECT IN LIGHT OF FACTORS STAFF RECOMMENDS FROM SUPERSEDING
25 THE ADOPTED 500 MILLION ENDORSEMENT LIMIT ENDORSING IT. JPA



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1 FOR FULL \$750 MILLION REQUEST PHASED ACCORDING TO APPLICATION
2 WITH CRITICAL EARLY INVESTMENT AND MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREE.
3 THERE ARE HOST OF EXCITING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION THAT
4 STAFF RECOMMENDS ENDORSING UP TO \$25 MILLION EACH AS DETAILED
5 IN ATTACHMENT A OF YOUR TACT THESE INCLUDE REGIONAL ELEMENTS
6 OF MEGA RAIL APPLICATIONS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
7 PROJECTS ZERO-EMISSIONS BUS FACILITIES AND FLEETS AND BICYCLE
8 PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCESS TRANSIT PROPOSED
9 ENDORSEMENTS FOR ELEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH PLANNED BAY AREA
10 2050+ I WANT TO NOTE THIS ITEM WAS GOING TO PRESS STAFF BECAME
11 AWARE OF ONE OTHER SMALL APPLICATION IN THE REGION THAT ARE
12 WORKING WITH PROJECT SPONSOR TO GAIN FURTHER INFORMATION IF
13 TIME PERMITS STAFF MAY RECOMMEND AMENDING THIS ITEM FOR THE
14 COMMISSION CONSIDERATION TO INCLUDE FURTHER ENDORSEMENT
15 CONSISTENT WITH THE FRAMEWORK FOR THIS AND OTHER SIMILAR LATE
16 BREAKING APPLICATIONS FINALLY TO ADDRESS THE RECENT CAP AND
17 INVEST PREMEDITATE EXTENSION AS PART OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+
18 IMPLEMENTATION STAFF FURTHER COMMITS TO REVISITING THE
19 FRAMEWORK AND PROPOSING UPDATES TO THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE
20 NEXT TIRCP CYCLE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TODAY IS TO REFER
21 ATTACHMENT A WHICH IS TIRCP ENDORSEMENT LIST TO THE COMMISSION
22 FOR APPROVAL THANK YOU HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
23
24 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** EXCELLENT THANK YOU CRAIG,
25 COMMISSIONER PAPAN?



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2 **GINA PAPAN:** EXCITING THIS MONEY AT ALL IN QUESTION IS IT GOING
3 TO BE BECAUSE WE'RE HEARING ALL KINDS OF. DIFFERENT --

4

5 **CRAIG BOSMAN:** CERTAINLY WE ARE MONITORING AS STAFF VERY
6 CLOSELY PROPOSAL IN LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD CHANGE THE WAY CAP-
7 AND-TRADE CREDITS ARE ALLOCATED WHICH COULD IMPACT THE
8 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND I MIGHT LOOK TO COLLEAGUES IF
9 THERE IS ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION WHERE WE'RE AT ON THE
10 LEGISLATIVE SIDE?

11

12 **THERESA ROMMELL:** I DON'T REALLY HAVE UPDATE FOR YOU OTHER THAN
13 OUR LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM IS WORKING ACTIVELY TO
14 ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES ACROSS THE
15 STATE TO ENSURE THAT OUR CAP AND INVEST PROGRAM IS PROTECTED.

16

17 **GINA PAPAN:** SO IF WE SPEND IT REAL QUICK THEY CAN'T TAKE IT?
18 THAT KIND OF -- WE'RE HOPEFUL NO I WILL SAY THAT FOR BEING
19 OPEN IN THE FUTURE HERE BECAUSE MANY OF US ARE HOPING THAT
20 MEGA PROJECT WILL BE GRADE SEPARATIONS ALL ALONG THE CORRIDOR
21 BECAUSE YOU CAN'T FINISH ONE END AND THEN ANOTHER END THEN
22 EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN, SO I DO HOPE SOMEHOW STAFF MTC CAN
23 START TO LEAD THE WAY ON THAT WE HAVE TO BE WAY MORE EFFICIENT
24 AND A LOT BETTER AT THAT KIND OF THING BUT IT DOES NEED TO GET
25 DONE. SO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THAT.



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2 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** COMMISSIONER MELGAR?

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4 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** THANK YOU. I THINK MANY OF US,
5 COMMISSIONER PAPAN, ARE LOBBYING, AND WAITING [LAUGHTER] -- ON
6 THE STABILITY OF THE CAP AND INVEST PROGRAM, ALONG WITH OUR
7 FRIENDS IN LABOR, BECAUSE IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THAT BE A
8 STABLE PROGRAM. I JUST WANTED TO JUST SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH
9 TO STAFF FOR HAVING THE FLEXIBILITY TO UPDATE PROJECTIONS AND
10 RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ESCALATING COSTS, AND ALSO, JUST, YOU
11 KNOW, LIFE CHANGES. AND, SO, AND THE NEED FOR MULTI-YEAR
12 PLANNING IN THE FUTURE. SO, I JUST, YOU KNOW, AS A
13 REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE THE PORTAL IS
14 LOCATED, I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH, THIS IS GREAT.

15

16 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ANY OTHERS WITH QUESTIONS OR
17 COMMENTS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. BOSMAN. CAN WE TURN OUR
18 ATTENTION TO PUBLIC COMMENT?

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTINUE
22 WITH TWO MINUTES?

23

24 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** I THINK THAT WE WILL DO TWO MINUTES.
25 BUT FIRST I THINK I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND GET A MOTION AND A



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1 SECOND ON THE FLOOR FROM COMMISSIONERS?

2

3 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** I WILL LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE APPROVE
4 THIS, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

5

6 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU. MELGAR, AND A SECOND FROM
7 -- COME ON.

8

9 **AMBER MANFREE:** SECOND FROM MANFREE.

10

11 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** ALL RIGHT. MOVING ALONG. [LAUGHTER]
12 LET'S HEAR FROM OUR LISTENING PUBLIC.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIRST WE RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
15 FROM TJPA AND 17 LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM CALIFORNIA STATE
16 SENATOR DISTRICT 11, CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER DISTRICT
17 17, PARDON ME -- CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER DISTRICT 19,
18 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR, DANIEL LEERY.

19

20 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT ASK YOU TO
21 SPEAK CLOSER INTO THE MICROPHONE.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TRYING NOT TO COUGH INTO IT.

24

25 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** TAKE A MOMENT.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TJPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BART CAPITAL
3 CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY SFMTA, BAY AREA COUNCIL, BUILD
4 IT FRIENDS OF DTX SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAN
5 FRANCISCO SOUTH BAY RECKON MISSION BAY NEIGHBORHOOD
6 ASSOCIATION SOUTH OF MARKET BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SPUR SEAMLESS
7 BAY AREA TRANSBAY COALITION BEAR BOTTLE BREWING COMPANY, INC.
8 FINANCE SF AND SALESFORCE. NOW WE'LL GO TO MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC AND BOARDROOM FIRST UP WE HAVE AMBER CRABBE, IF YOU CAN
10 PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS I'M AMBER CRABBE
13 SENIOR PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER AT SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY
14 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IS A
15 PROUD PARTNER WITH TJPA AND MTC AND MANY OTHER AGENCIES IN
16 ADVANCING THIS KEY REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITY HOPEFULLY, TO
17 FRUITION SOMETIME SOON JUST WANT TO THANK MTC STAFF FOR YOUR
18 RECOMMENDATION AND FOR THIS BODY FOR YOUR MOTION. THIS IS A
19 PIVOTAL YEAR TO CLOSE THE FUNDING GAP ON THIS PROJECT THIS
20 WILL ALLOW US TO ACCESS 3.4 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING AND
21 REALLY THE TIRCP REQUEST 750 MULTI-CYCLE REQUEST IS A KEY PART
22 OF CLOSING THAT GAP. SAN FRANCISCO AND THE REGION HAVE BEEN
23 STEPPING UP TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS AND IT'S REALLY TIME NOW
24 TO GET THE STATE TO JOIN US IN THAT EFFORT THIS PROJECT ISN'T
25 JUST SAN FRANCISCO PROJECT OR BAY AREA PROJECT OR BAY AREA



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1 PROJECT IT'S A CRITICAL STATE PROJECT KEY ELEMENT OF THE STATE
2 RAIL PLAN ALSO KEY PROJECT TO BRING THE BENEFITS OF HIGH SPEED
3 RAIL PROJECT TO LIFE IT'S BEEN A REGIONAL EXPANSION PROJECT
4 FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS AND REALLY EXCITED TO SEE IT MOVING
5 FORWARD TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND
6 YOUR SUPPORT.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT WE HAVE CHARLIE LAVERY, IF YOU CAN
9 PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM?

10

11 **CHARLEY LAVERY:** YEAH MY NAME IS CHARLIE LAVERY I REPRESENT
12 OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL THREE I'M ALSO DIRECTOR ON TRANSIT
13 WAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY I WANT TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE
14 TJPA REQUEST FOR \$750 MILLION IN CYCLE EIGHT FOR TIRCP I
15 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE STAFF'S
16 RECOMMENDATION AND ENDORSE \$750 MILLION FOR TJPA AND GIVE SOME
17 PERSPECTIVE ON MY INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT IT PROCEEDS TO
18 DEMOLITION OF THE OLD TRANSBAY TERMINAL I HELPED NEGOTIATE THE
19 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS FOR PHASE ONE WHICH PUT OVER 600
20 OPERATING ENGINEERS TO WORK AS WELL AS THOUSANDS OF OTHER
21 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. THROUGH THIS THE TIRCP FUNDING TJPA WILL
22 BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ADVANCE THE PORTAL PROJECT AND BRING US
23 STEPS CLOSER TO UNLOCKING THE FEDERAL COMMITMENT FOR THIS
24 PROJECT THAT WILL HELP BRING WORLD CLASS RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO
25 THE CITY, REGION, AND STATE AND CREATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS FOR A



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1 NEW GENERATION OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 CONSIDERATION FOR THIS REQUEST.

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE'LL MOVE TO OUR PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE
5 ZOOM SPACE ROLAND LEBRUN IF YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF
6 YOUR TWO MINUTES BEGINS NOW. ROLAND ARE YOU THERE?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. IT WORKS A LOT BETTER WHEN I GET THE UNMUTE.
9 THANK YOU. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE
10 APPROPRIATION HERE. BUT WE ALWAYS HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THE
11 ISSUE WITH THE TRANSIT CENTER IS NOT JUST THE APPROACH, WHICH
12 IS WHAT YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE HERE, BUT ALSO THE OTHER
13 END, HOW DO WE COME OUT THE OTHER WAY AND CONNECT THE TRANSIT
14 CENTER AT SACRAMENTO. BUT AS MANY OF YOU MENTIONED, SOME
15 FUNDING IS AN ISSUE. THURSDAY I'M HAVING REAL PROBLEMS TO SEE
16 HOW TIRCP IS GOING TO WORK WITH THE WAY THE BUDGET IS GOING ON
17 RIGHT NOW. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, CAP AND INVEST, WE CANNOT
18 HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO INVEST
19 WITH, WE NEED SOMETHING TO CAP. AND IF YOU MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
20 FOR, YOU KNOW, GROSS PRODUCERS, REICH REFINERIES, ET CETERA,
21 TO OPERATE IN CALIFORNIA, WELL THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE
22 ANYTHING TO CAP, THEREFORE THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANYTHING
23 TO INVEST. AND AT SOME POINT IN TIME, WE NEED TO COME TO
24 REALITY IN CALIFORNIA AND SEE WHAT WE WANT TO DO WITH CAP AND
25 INVEST. THANK YOU.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT WE HAVE ADINA LEVIN. IF YOU CAN
3 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I THINK YOU UNMUTE PERIOD ME BY MISTAKE SO I'LL STAND
6 BY FOR ADINA TO SPEAK.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU, ALITA.

9

10 **ADINA LEVIN:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. ADINA LEVIN WITH
11 SEAMLESS BAY AREA, SO I WANTED TO SUPPORT THE STAFF
12 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INVESTMENT IN THE PORTAL, WHICH HAS
13 LONG BEEN AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT FOR THE REGION AND THE CITY
14 AND THE STATE. AND WE'RE PART OF A LOT OF DIFFERENT
15 ORGANIZATIONS, SUPPORTING MOVING PROJECTS FORWARD AND ALSO
16 PART OF THE LARGE COALITION THAT IS ADVOCATING IN SACRAMENTO
17 TO MAINTAIN THE IMPORTANT PRIORITIES IN THE CAP AND INVEST
18 PROGRAM, WHERE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS OUR EMISSIONS,
19 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RAIL AND TRANSIT SYSTEM
20 CONTINUES TO EXIST AND IMPROVE. AND, SO, THANKS VERY MUCH.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ALETA DUPREE, IF YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN CHAIR FLEMING. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE



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1 RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. I COME TO YOU SIMPLY AS
2 AN ORDINARY USER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. WITH 56 YEARS OF
3 EXPERIENCE HAVING STARTED IN NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY IN EARLY
4 1970. I HAVE SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN THESE MATTERS,
5 BECAUSE I REFLECT ON ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, THE OPENING OF THE
6 GRAND CENTRAL MADISON TERMINAL, WHICH IS A LONG ISLAND
7 RAILROAD EIGHT TRACK TERMINAL LOCATE AROUND THE HISTORIC GRAND
8 CENTRAL TERMINAL IN NEW YORK CITY. YES, I USE THE WORD
9 TERMINAL QUITE A FEW TIMES, BECAUSE THIS'S WHAT IT IS. AND I
10 EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTIVITY. WHEN I TRAVEL FROM
11 THE EAST BAY, IT IS CUMBERSOME FOR ME TO GET BETWEEN BASICALLY
12 EMBARCADERO OR MONTGOMERY POWELL, OVER TO CALTRAIN. AND, YES,
13 MUNI OFFERS A CONNECTION. BUT THE MORE CONNECTIONS YOU MAKE,
14 THE MORE WAITING TIME THAT YOU HAVE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE
15 CONNECTIONS AREN'T ALWAYS SYNCED. BECAUSE CALTRAIN GENERALLY
16 ONLY RUNS EVERY HALF HOUR. AND, SO, BRINGING THIS ELECTRIC
17 RAILWAY RIGHT UNDER THE TRANSBAY TERMINAL WILL MAKE IT EASIER
18 WITH A SHORT WALK FROM BART AND FROM THE FERRY AND HAVING AC
19 TRANSIT UPSTAIRS. AND, YES, THIS IS AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT.
20 IT COSTS, I THINK, ABOUT \$11 BILLION TO BUILD GRAND CENTER
21 MADISON. BUT 40% OF NEW YORK CUSTOMERS ON LONG ISLAND RAILROAD
22 ARE USING GRAND CENTRAL MADISON OVER PENN STATION BECAUSE IT
23 WORKS. SO WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS WORK GOING. THANK YOU.

24

25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENTS IN ZOOM --



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1 NO. WE HAVE ONE MORE HAND RAISED. PARDON ME. MIKE RIEKER, IF
2 YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS MIKE I'M THE
5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EAST CUT COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT WHICH
6 PROVIDES CLEANING SAFETY AND PLACE MAKING SERVICES FOR EAST
7 CUT NEIGHBORHOOD OF WHICH THE PORTAL PROJECT IS FIRMLY WITHIN
8 I'LL ALSO NOTE THAT MTC OFFICES ARE ALSO WITHIN EAST CUT
9 NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CUT WAS ENVISIONED AS SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRST
10 HIGH DENSITY MULTI-MODAL MIXED USE NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR
11 MISSION IS TO SUPPORT THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S TRANSIT ORIENTED
12 DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PUBLIC REALM STEWARDSHIP AND FUNDING OF
13 PARKS INCLUDING PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE TRANSIT
14 CENTER'S OPEN SPACE PROGRAM THE PORTAL BEING FINAL PHASE OF
15 TRANSBAY PROGRAM WILL EXTEND CALTRAIN AND FUTURE CALIFORNIA
16 HIGH SPEED RAIL INTO SALESFORCE TRANSIT CENTER INTO DOWNTOWN
17 SAN FRANCISCO'S EAST CUT NEIGHBORHOOD AND WILL HELP LINK
18 EVERYONE IN THE STATE TO SAN FRANCISCO AND BEYOND THE EAST CUT
19 COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE \$750
20 MILLION TIRCP FUNDING REQUEST. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ZOOM
23 SPACE FOR THE RECORD I RECEIVED TWO ADDITIONAL WRITTEN
24 CORRESPONDENCE ONE FROM ANDREW ROBINSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
25 EAST CUT FROM JOSHUA ARSE, SENIOR ADVISOR AT REBUILD



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1 CALIFORNIA. THERE IS NO FURTHER WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE AND NO
2 FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE BOARDROOM.

3

4 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BELIEVE WE
5 HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR COMMISSIONER SCHAFF.

6

7 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** I JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY DISCLOSE THAT I'M
8 EMPLOYED BY THE BAY AREA COUNCIL WHICH SUBMITTED A LETTER ON
9 THIS ITEM SO I WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS DISCUSSION.

10

11 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DISCLOSURE AND
12 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR POSITION. THE DO WE HAVE OTHER
13 COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION BEFORE WE GO ON TO OUR ROLL CALL
14 VOTE? ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD WITH THE VOTE PLEASE.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR FLEMING?

17

18 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR MELGAR?

21

22 **V. CHAIR, MYRNA MELGAR:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA IS ABSENT.

25 COMMISSIONER LEE IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER MANFREE? IS ABSENT.



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1 COMMISSIONER MILEY? COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

2

3 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

4

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

6

7 **CHAIR, BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
10 PRESENT.

11

12 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGENDA ITEM FIVE
13 IS OUR PUBLIC COMMENT ON OTHER BUSINESS. MADAM CLERK DO WE
14 HAVE ANY ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATE WITH
15 THIS ITEM?

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD
18 LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT.

19

20 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** TWO MINUTES PLEASE.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROLAND LEBRUN, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS TWO MINUTES. I WOULD LIKE



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1 TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE
2 HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY. WHICH TRIGGERED BY LEGISLATURE'S
3 REJECTION OF THE LATEST BUSINESS PLAN, AFTER HNTB REVISED COST
4 ESTIMATES TO 231 BILLION -- REPEAT, \$231 BILLION, THIS IS JUST
5 LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO BART TO SAN JOSE IN THE SOUTH BAY. THE
6 GOVERNOR IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED BOTH THE CHAIR AND THE VICE
7 CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY AND REPLACED THEM WITH FORMER STAFFERS
8 WHEN HE WAS MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO. JASON ELLIOTT, WHO WAS ON
9 THE CTC, AND STEVE KARMER WHO IS KNOWN IN SAN FRANCISCO AS THE
10 MOST POWERFUL INDIVIDUAL NO ONE HAS EVER HEARD OF. I THINK IT
11 CAN BE READ FROM THIS THAT RIGHT NOW, AS IT STANDS, HIGH SPEED
12 RAIL WILL BE COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE IT GOES TO FRESNO.
13 BUT THEN AGAIN THAT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE OUTCOME OF THE
14 ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT WE HAVE ALETA DUPREE. IF YOU CAN
17 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN, CHAIR FLEMING AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE
20 FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. I APPRECIATE YOUR
21 FOCUS ON THE BASICS. AND IT IS COMMITTEE WORK THAT IS REALLY
22 THE HEART OF WHAT ANY PUBLIC AGENCY DOES, WHERE THE DEEPER
23 WORK OF GETTING THINGS DONE HAPPENS AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL.
24 AND IN OUR CHALLENGES, I ASK THAT NONE OF YOU GET COLD FEET.
25 I'M A FIRM BELIEVER IN ZERO-EMISSIONS VEHICLES. AND I BELIEVE



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1 THAT THEY WILL GET BETTER OVER TIME. AND THEY'RE PROVING
2 THEMSELVES. AND THEY WILL SAVE MONEY OVER TIME. SO, WE WANT TO
3 CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE BASICS WITH THAT. AND, YES, BIG
4 PROJECTS ARE IMPORTANT, SUCH AS WHAT WE JUST DID WITH THE
5 PORTAL. AND SMALL PROJECTS AS WELL. THERE IS A WHOLE MIX OF
6 THAT. AND WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THE PURPOSES OF CLIPPER, OF
7 WHICH, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN MEETINGS. AND I'M SURE
8 SOME OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY, YOU KNOW, READ THE MINUTES OR MAYBE
9 EVEN WATCHED SOME OF THEM. BECAUSE CLIPPER IS REALLY -- TIES
10 IT ALL TOGETHER. IT'S HOW WE PAY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION,
11 FOR THE MOST PART, AT LEAST I DO. HOPEFULLY WE'LL GO TO
12 COMPLETELY TO CLIPPER ACROSS THE BOARD. SO, WE HAVE ALL THESE
13 COMPETING INTERESTS THAT COME TOGETHER WHEN YOU HAVE 27
14 DIFFERENT AGENCIES, THAT ALL IT NEEDS, AND THIS IS WHERE WE
15 CAN BALANCE THESE TOGETHER. I CAN ONLY SHARE WITH YOU THINGS
16 AS I KNOW THEM, AS AN ORDINARY USER OF TRANSPORTATION, SHARE
17 MY EXPERIENCES, AND HOW THE WORK OF MTC IS ABLE TO HELP ME TO
18 GET AROUND OUR BELOVED BAY AREA. THANK YOU.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE
21 ZOOM SPACE. NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK AND NO
22 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

23

24 **CHAIR, VICTORIA FLEMING:** WONDER BAR THAT TAKES US ON TO ITEM
25 SIX OUR ADJOURNMENT WHICH IS OUR PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS



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1 COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD NEXT AT 9:45 A.M. AT THE BAY
2 AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET SAN FRANCISCO WEDNESDAY
3 JUNE 10TH, 2026. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY
4 NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT
5 WE'RE GETTING I LITTLE LIGHT ON QUORUM WE STILL HAVE TWO MORE
6 MEETINGS INCLUDING BAHFA WHERE I CAN SEE MY COLLEAGUES.
7 [ADJOURNED]