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JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 9:45 AM

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU. WE WILL CALL TO ORDER THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. AND I BELIEVE, LET'S GO TO ROLL FIRST.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: BUT FIRST, BROADCASTING TEAM, CAN YOU ROLL THE ANNOUNCEMENT? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS, BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT, PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS

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VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. THEY SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU MARTHA FOR GOING TO VIDEO. LET'S GO TO ROLL NOW.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR ARREGUIN? IS ABSENT. VICE CHAIR LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

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DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING?

VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER HALLIDAY? MEMBER HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER MAR? MEMBER MITCHOFF?

KAREN MITCHOFF: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: WHO IS HERE?

KAREN MITCHOFF: I'M SORRY. I REPEATED MYSELF TWICE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: OKAY. MEMBER PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. MEMBER RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SCHAFF?

LIBBY SCHAAF: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE A QUORUM.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: WONDERFUL. LET'S GO TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEM TWO, THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4TH. IS THERE A MOTION?

DAVID RABBIT: MOTION RABBIT.

DAVID E. HUDSON: SECOND.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: I SEE NO COMMENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH A HAND RAISED. VEDA, DID YOU WANT TO GIVE COMMENT ON THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING? GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

VEDA FLOREZ: NO. I DIDN'T. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ASKING.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. LET'S VOTE THEN.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR ARREGUIN IS ABSENT. VICE CHAIR LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: AYE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER AHN?

EDDIE AHN: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

DAVID CANEPA: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING?

VICTORIA FLEMING: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. MEMBER HALLIDAY? MEMBER HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER MAR? MEMBER MITCHOFF?

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KAREN MITCHOFF: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: ARE WE ON A YES?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YEAH.

BELIA RAMOS: [LAUGHTER] OKAY. YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SCHAFF?

LIBBY SCHAAF: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SPERING?

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JAMES P. SPERING: YES. PRESENT.

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

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: WE'RE PRESENT, AND WE'RE AFFIRMATIVE.

DAVID RABBIT: UNANIMOUS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU. NEXT UP REBECCA IS GOING TO GIVE US AN UPDATE. I HEARD WE JUST HAD AN ELECTION.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR LICCARDO, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. REBECCA LONG, MEMBER DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION AND AFFAIRS. WE HAD A RECENTLY ELECTION, FEELS LIKE A LONG TIME AGO ALREADY. WE ARE GOING TO SEE SOME CHANGES IN DC, IN CONGRESS DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTROL OF THE SENATE AND DESPITE THE CHANGE ANNOUNCED JUST WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS WITH RESPECT TO SENATOR SINEMA WHO IS NOW GOING TO BE AN INDEPENDENT, THAT DOESN'T CHANGE DEMOCRATS HAVING CONTROL OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS. SO JUST SOME INTEL THERE. LOOKING AT OUR CONGRESSIONAL AND BAY AREA DELEGATIONS. WE HAVE ONE CHANGE IN CONGRESS, AND THAT IS FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER KEVIN MULLIN WHO

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MANY OF YOU KNOW DID SERVE ON THE COMMISSION AT ONE TIME IS NOW MOVING TO CONGRESS TO FEEL IN THE ESTEEMED SHOES OF HIS MENTOR, FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPIER. AND WE HAVE FIVE NEW MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, INCLUDING ASHA WAHAB WHO WAS ON THE HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL, ON THE SENATE SIDE REPLACING WHAT WAS LARGELY - OF COURSE WE HAVE REDISTRICTING NOW -- SENATOR WOCHOWSKI SEAT. AND THEN, OF COURSE, OUR OWN DAMON CONNOLY MOVING TO REPLACE ASSEMBLYMEMBER LEVIN'S SEAT IN MARIN COUNTY AND SOUTH PENINSULA, LIZ ORTEGA, ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 20; SHE WAS SERVING AS THE STATEWIDE POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR ASK ME. DINA PAPAN, SISTER TO OUR COMMISSIONER GINA PAPAN, DISTRICT 21, AND GAIL PELLERIN WHO WAS THE FORMER SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CLERK ON SOUTHERN PORTION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 28. CONGRATULATIONS. WE HAVE SENT LETTERS TO NEW MEMBERS. DEFINITELY LOOKING TO DO SOME EARLY OUTREACH TO INTRODUCE THOSE WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH MTC AND ABAG AND GET OUT THERE SHARING OUR ADVOCACY PRIORITIES TO THEM. WITH THE MEASURES WITH THEM. THE REST HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL MEASURES. WE HAVE A LOT OF MEASURES ON THE BALLOT, BOTH ON THE POLICY AND FUNDING SIDE. CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR SCHAFF, ON THE CITY OF OAKLAND, BOND MEASURE, SIGNIFICANT INFUSION OF NEW FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION MEASURE U. AND OUR PRESIDENT OF ABAG IS NOT WITH US TODAY, BUT CONDOLENCES ON THE HARD LOSS IN THE CITY OF BERKELEY, DESPITE 59% SUPPORT THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE BOND COULD NOT PASS DUE

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TO THE TWO THIRD'S THRESHOLD. MAYBE WE'LL FIX THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS. SAN FRANCISCO HAD A BIG WIN WITH THEIR SALES TAX. IT'S A TOUGH TIME TO PASS THINGS WITH OVER 2/THREES. BUT THEY DID GET 72% SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF HALF CENT SALES TAX AND THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS ESPECIALLY FOR DOWNTOWN CALTRAIN EXTENSION DTX AND BART CORE CAPACITY. THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AUTHORIZATION THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION WERE ALL PASSED IN BERKELEY, OAKLAND, AND SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, ARTICLE 34, AND THEN ALSO I THINK A SIGNIFICANT MEASURE THAT TOOK A LOT OF ADVOCACY IN MENLO PARK, THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO BASICALLY REQUIRE THAT ANY KIND OF CHANGES IN THE ZONING WITH RESPECT TO SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING WITH RESPECT TO VOTER APPROVAL, THAT WAS NOT PASSED WITH 62% OF MENLO PARK VOTERS REJECTED THAT RETAINING THE ZONING AT THE CITY COUNCIL LEVEL. ONE BIG DISAPPOINTMENT SPLIT VOTE AT MTC AND ABAG A CONTROVERSIAL MEASURE BUT WE DID ENDS UP ENDORSING IT PROP 30 WHICH WOULD HAVE POURED A LOT OF RESOURCES INTO THE 0 EMISSION TRADITION DID FAIL WITH 58% OF VOTERS REJECTING IT INTERESTING LOOKING COUNTY BY COUNTY BREAK DOWN SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS DID SUPPORT IT ALONG WITH SANTA CRUZ AND MONTEREY COUNTIES AND THEN SOME INTERESTING ONES KIND OF UP NORTH AND EAST. AND THEN A LOT OF GENERAL FUND MEASURES PASSED THAT ARE ONLY SUBJECT TO A SIMPLE MAJORITY. AND, SO MANY OF THESE REFERENCED STREET REPAIRS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES SO WE DID HAVE QUITE A FEW OF THOSE

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ATTACHMENT TO THE MEMO HAS A SUMMARY OF THOSE. AND I THINK, WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE AND SEE IF FOLKS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: GREAT. THANK YOU, REBECCA. ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC FIRST AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK TO THE PANEL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU MARTHA. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? I DON'T THINK WE NEED A MOTION, DO WE? ALL RIGHT WE'LL MOVE RIGHT ALONG THEN. ITEM 4A IS -- I'M SORRY -- [LAUGHTER] THAT IS THE PROPOSED FINAL JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM. AND GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WILL TELL US MORE.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GOOD MORNING VICE CHAIR LICCARDO, COMMISSIONERS, ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SO, TODAY, THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ACTION ITEM, I'LL BE PRESENTING A PROPOSED FINAL 2023 STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM, WHICH IS INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENT A TO THIS ITEM IN YOUR PACKET. I WILL FIRST PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT, THEN I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH ATTACHMENT A FOCUSING ON REVISIONS AND CHANGES FROM THE DRAFT THAT YOU REVIEWED LAST MONTH AT THIS COMMITTEE

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MEETING. AND THEN, SINCE THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM, I WILL BE SEEKING THAT YOU RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM FOR APPROVAL TO THE DECEMBER COMMISSION AND ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS. SO, JUST A REMINDER BEFORE WE JUMP IN, THIS IS A VERY HIGH-LEVEL DOCUMENT THAT GUIDES STAFF'S PRIORITIZATION AS WE REVIEW THE HUNDREDS OF BILLS THAT ARE INTRODUCED IN SACRAMENTO AND DC EVERY YEAR. SO, WE DO BRING BACK TO THIS BODY FOR DIRECTION ANY FORMAL POSITIONS ON LEGISLATION. AGAIN, THIS IS JUST TOP LINE. SO, THIS ITEM SHOULD LOOK QUITE FAMILIAR. AGAIN, WE BROUGHT THE DRAFT TO YOU LAST MONTH FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. AND WHAT'S DIFFERENT? WE INTEGRATED THAT FEEDBACK INTO YOUR PROGRAM. WE CONDUCTED OUTREACH WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS WE PRESENTED TO THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL A FULL RANGE OF BAY AREA AGENCY PARTNERS TRANSPORTATION HOUSING PARTNERS FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE STATE, AND THEN ALSO FROM NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING GROUPS. AND THEN YEAR WE ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO SEEK INPUT FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF IN SACRAMENTO. SO, THE REVISIONS FROM THE FINAL TO THE DRAFT THAT REFLECT A LOT OF THAT INPUT ARE SUMMARIZED IN YOUR COVER MEMO. AND THEN IN YOUR ATTACHMENT, THE ADDITIONS TO THE DRAFT ARE SHOWN IN ITALIC, AND WHAT WE REMOVED IS SHOWN IN STRIKE THROUGH. THIS IS A LONG DOCUMENT. SO I'M GOING HIT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF REALLY WHAT'S CHANGED. AND WITHIN THAT TO SHARE THE FEEDBACK THAT WE HEARD FROM STAKEHOLDERS AS I WALK THROUGH THE ITEMS. SO I'M GOING TO ASK THE TEAM, TO BRING UP

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ATTACHMENT A TO THIS ITEM, I THINK IT WILL HELP WALK THROUGH. THANK YOU SO MUCH ALIX. OKAY. SO, WHAT I WANT TO FOCUS ON FIRST IS THAT WE HEARD, PRETTY LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THIS COMMITTEE, AND ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY FROM OUR TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS THAT TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND REBUILDING RIDERSHIP SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY THIS YEAR, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN YOUR FINAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IN THIS COMMITTEE MEETING IS GOING TO DELVE INTO THAT STRATEGY. SO HERE I WANT TO SHARE THE INNER OUTREACH. IT'S BEEN ENCOURAGING TO HEAR, FIRST, THAT THERE IS A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR MTC TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS EFFORT. AND THAT WE HAVE, ALSO HEARD FROM MANY PARTNERS THAT THEY'RE GEARING UP TO ALSO MAKE THIS A TOP PRIORITY. WHICH OF COURSE IS REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE AN UPHILL BATTLE. THAT'S ITEM 3A ON THIS AND IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING WE EXPECT WILL TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME AND ADVOCACY ENERGY THIS YEAR. COULD WE PLEASE MOVE TO PAGE TWO? WHILE WE'RE MOVING TO PAGE TWO -- OH THERE WE ARE. THANK YOU. SO I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO ITEM E, THE TOLLING AUTHORIZATION CLARIFICATION. WE DID NOT CHANGE TEXT HERE, JUST A REMINDER THAT ARE THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO THE ONGOING EXPLORATION OF EQUITY-BASED TOLLING, AS A MEANS TO HELP FUNDS IMPROVEMENTS ON STATE ROUTE 37. AND I DID WANT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ON THIS ITEM THAT THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION JUST, EARLIER THIS WEEK, PUBLICLY INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN THE BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE

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CONVERSION OF EXISTING ROADWAYS, LIKE STATE ROUTE 37 TO A TOLLED ROAD, AND WE'RE PROPOSING TO BE WORKING WITH THEM TO SUPPORT AUTHORIZING TOLL DISCOUNT FOR LOW-INCOME MOTORISTS. SO, JUST SOME GOOD NEWS ON THIS ITEM. NEXT ITEM THAT WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS IS THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCING AUTHORITY. WE DID HEAR SOME REALLY STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROPOSAL THAT WE AT MTC AND ABAG SPONSOR A BAHFA CLEAN-UP BILL. ITEM A HERE. IT'S JUST A REMINDER ON THIS, SINCE STANDING UP BAHFA, STAFF HAVE IDENTIFIED NUMEROUS STATUTORY CHANGES THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED IN ADVANCE OF A 2024 REGIONAL REVENUE MEASURE TO MAXIMIZE BAHFA'S FINANCING POTENTIAL. SO, IN THIS ITEM, WE'RE CONTINUING TO RECOMMEND THAT WE SPONSOR THIS CLEAN-UP BILL, AND THEN ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE FROM WHAT YOU REVIEWED IN THE DRAFT PROGRAM IS THAT WE'RE PROPOSING TO ADD A SPECIFICATION THAT'S BILL SHOULD AUTHORIZE BAHFA TO HAVE THE SAME ABILITY AS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PURCHASE LAND AND/OR BUILDINGS. I THINK, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT BAHFA'S ABILITY WOULD BE LIMITED TO ONLY WHERE THOSE LANDS PURCHASES OR BUILDING PURCHASES WOULD ADVANCE BAHFA'S STATUTORY OBJECTIVES TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THEIR REASON FOR THIS IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM LOCAL PARTNERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE LAND WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE, BUT THAT IT MIGHT TAKE TOO MUCH TIME FOR THEM TO PULL THOSE RESOURCES TOGETHER SO THE LANDS MIGHT GET SNAPPED UP BY SOMEBODY ELSE. THIS CHANGE WOULD ALLOW BAHFA ONCE WE'RE

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RESOURCED TO DO THINGS LIKE STEP IN AND HOLD THAT LAND UNTIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR NON-PROFIT DEVELOPERS CAN GET THE FINANCINGS TOGETHER AMONG OTHER THINGS. ONE IMPORTANT NOTE IS THAT IT DOES NOT GIVE BAHFA LAND USE AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASING SIDE OF THINGS. PLEASE MOVE TO PAGE SEVEN. THANK YOU. I'LL CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO ITEM B HERE, THE BAY AREA REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION. YOU WILL SEE THERE ARE BIG CHANGES ON THIS SPACE AND THE FIRST ONE I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO IS THE FIRST BULLET IN THERE, WHICH IS ADDITION RELATED TO THE BUILDER REMEDY ISSUE THAT'S BEEN SURFACING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND COULD BEGIN IMPACTING THE BAY AREA THE BUILDERS REMEDY STREAMLINING TOOL THAT LIMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ABILITY TO DENY CERTAIN HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND STREAMLINING TRIGGERED BY HOUSING ELEMENT NON-COMPLIANCE THE CITY'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HOUSING ELEMENT ELEMENTS THIS CYCLE HAS REQUIRED A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH PROVING CONCERN FOR HOUSING ELEMENTS APPROVED ON TIME OPENING UP MANY JURISDICTIONS TO BUILDERS REMEDY EVEN THOUGH WE'RE PURCHASING AS HARD AS WE CAN TO GET HOUSING ELEMENTS DONE, A PROVISION THAT WILL RECOMMEND SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO ENABLE STATE DEPARTMENT HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROVIDING EXTENSION TO DEADLINE IF THE DETERMINATION THAT THE EXTENSION IS JUSTIFIED THIS IS IMPORTANT IN SEEK LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR THAT WE HAVE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THAT THEY CANNOT EXTEND DEADLINES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE

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THEY HAVE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO DO SO. SO THAT'S THE REASON FOR THAT CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM. AND IF WE CAN MOVE TO PAGE TEN, PLEASE? SO, LASTLY, ON THE STATE ITEM, I WANTED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO ITEM TEN, ON BROWN ACT REFORM. OH THANK YOU. YEAH. IT'S AT THE VERY TOP OF THIS. SO, ON THE BROWN ACT REFORMS, A COUPLE OF UPDATES THERE. 50 WE HAVE MADE A SLIGHT REVISION TO THIS. AS YOU SEE IN THE SECOND LINE HERE, BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, THAT WOULD EXPAND THE AIMS TO INCLUDE FLEXIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN MEETING FROM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS IN ANTICIPATION FOR ABAG AND MTC BOARD MEMBERS IN THE PUBLIC THAT'S ONE IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION. GOOD NEWS CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS GOVERNMENT OR CALCOG IS GEARING UP TO LEAD ON BROWN ACT REFORM EFFORTS THIS YEAR IN LINE WITH WHAT OUTLINED IN OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM. THAT'S GREAT NEWS. AND I'M GOING TO MOVE QUICKLY TO THE FEDERAL PIECE. JUST TWO REALLY IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHT THERE IS. AND WE CAN STOP SHARING THERE BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO DIG THROUGHOUT WHOLE THING, IF YOU DON'T MIND. THANK YOU. IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS ON THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY SPACE THE FIRST IS THAT WE HAVE ADDED TRANSIT OPERATIONS ADVOCACY TO THE FEDERAL PROGRAM TO COMPLEMENT THE ADVOCACY EFFORT THAT IS HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO AND THEN THE SECOND PIECE, I WANTED TO JUST HIGHLIGHT IS THAT WE HAVE ADDED A NEW FEDERAL ADVOCACY ITEM RELATED TO ENSURING THAT THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITIES, TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SUBSIDY PAYMENTS FROM THE FEDS

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CAN CONTINUE INTO THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. THIS ISN'T A NEW ISSUE. IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT THAT WASN'T INCLUDED IN YOUR DRAFT SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALL KNOW THAT WAS THERE NOW. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE FOR QUESTIONS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANKS GEORGE A ALL RIGHT, MARTHA COULD WE GO TO THE PUBLIC AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SURE. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: I'M SORRY. I ASSUME, THE STANDARD TIME IS TWO MINUTES? FORGIVE ME. I DON'T KNOW.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: OKAY. THAT WORKS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANKS.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FIRST UP WE HAVE JUSTINE MARCUS. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JUSTINE MARCUS POLICY DIRECTOR WITH ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS I WANT TO SPEAK TODAY TO THANK STAFF FOR THEIR REALLY THOUGHTFUL EFFORT ON PUTTING TOGETHER THE PLATFORM WITH THE AFFORDABLE HOURS

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ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING OUR BAY AREA HOUSING FOR ALL COALITION WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO SEE HOUSING ALONGSIDE TRANSPORTATION REALLY FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN THE PLATFORM FOR THIS YEAR. I WANTED TO SHARE THAT WE ARE REALLY EAGER AND READY TO WORK WITH YOU ALL ON THE BAHFA CLEAN-UP LEGISLATION THIS YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH STAFF AND HEAR FROM THE BUSINESS PLAN CONSULTANT TEAM WAYS TO KIND OF NARROWLY BUT IMPORTANTLY TWEAK THE LEGISLATION TO MAKE SURE THAT BAHFA HAS THE CORRECT TOOLS AT ITS DISPOSAL. WE THINK THAT THIS KIND OF NARROW SET OF CHANGES CAN REALLY HELP A FUTURE BALLOT MEASURE BE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE AND MAINTAIN THE SPIRIT OF THE BILL, WHICH WAS ALWAYS TO ELEVATE A REGIONAL APPROACH WHILE RESPECTING LOCAL NEEDS AND FLEXIBILITY. SO, WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU ALL AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS CLEAN UP BILL THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS ABRAMS DIAZ FOLLOWED BY KENNETH RUSSELL. ABRAMS. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE.

SPEAKER: HEY EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS ABRAMS DIAZ DIRECTOR OF THE NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA. AS REPRESENTATIVES AND PART OF THE BAHA TEAM WE'RE SUPER EXCITED TO SEE THE PRIORITIES AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING SESSION. WORKING WITH ENTERPRISE TO COSPONSOR THIS LEGISLATION

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THE FIRST TIME AROUND AND WE ARE INTERESTED AND HOPEFUL TO PARTNER WITH MTC AND ABAG AND BAHFA AGAIN IN 2023. WE FIND THE PROPOSED CLEAN UP POSITIONS ARE TARGETED TO BE IMPACTFUL AND ARE MERITED AND FEEL THEY UPHOLD THE INTENTIONS OF THE NEXT BILL. GRATEFUL TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AND THE COMMUNITY COALITION WE'RE DOING WITH COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEASURES AND WORKING IN COLLABORATION TO GET IT ACROSS THE FINISH LINE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. OUR LAST SPEAKER FOR THIS ITEM IS KENNETH RUSSELL. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: THANKS. MY NAME IS KENNETH RUSSELL, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF SAN FRANCISCO. I WANTED TO COMMENT TODAY JUST TO THANK MTC FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON FUNDING TO ADDRESS OUR TRANSIT FISCAL GAP AND THIS WORK LOOKING AHEAD TO PREVENT SERVICE CUTS, LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MEASURE IS REALLY CRUCIAL AND I JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THAT AND APPLAUD IT. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE MORE SPEAKERS. SO, ADINA, YOU ARE FIRST UP. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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ADINA LEVIN: YES. LIKE THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, I WANTED TO REALLY THANK MTC FOR STEPPING UP AND TAKE A LEAD ROLE AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH TRANSIT AGENCY PARTNERS TO REALLY BE PROACTIVE IN SEEKING FISCAL GAP FUNDING. AND THEN WORKING WITH A DIVERSE ARRAY OF STAKEHOLDER GROUPS IN SUPPORTING THAT, WHICH IS REALLY GOING TO BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SECURE THAT GAP FUNDING, SAVE THAT TRANSIT SERVICE, WHICH IS SO ESSENTIAL FOR OUR CLIMATE AND HOUSING NEEDS AND START LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. SO, THANKS AGAIN. KUDOS. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. BUT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU, ADINA. AND THEN WE HAVE GEORGE SPECIES. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: HI. WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A PARTY HERE. I WANT TO JOIN PREVIOUS COMMENTERS TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS WORK ON THE FISCAL GAP FUNDING FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS. AS A CAR-FREE PERSON WHO'S -- WHO REALLY DEPENDS ON TRANSIT, I HAVE GREAT CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO BE HAPPENING AS FEDERAL FUNDING STARTS TO ROLL OFF. SO I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THERE IS A LOT OF PROACTIVE WORK GOING ON. I ENCOURAGE THAT. AND I SUSPECT, AS ADINA MENTIONED, THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE NEED FOR A REGIONAL MEASURE COMING UP. SO, HAPPY TO SEE THAT'S ALSO IN CONSIDERATION HERE. SO, THANK YOU

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VERY MUCH FOR THIS PROACTIVE WORK. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BAY AREA HAS TOP QUALITY TRANSIT, OR AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, HEALTHY TRANSIT SYSTEMS THAT WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. TRANSFORM VIDEO TWO. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: THANKS MARTHA THIS IS ZACK DEUTSCH-GROSS POLICY DIRECTOR WITH TRANSFORM CALLING IN TO VOICE APPRECIATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IN PARTICULAR TRANSFORM IS EXCITED TO WORK WITH MTC AND STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE REGION ON ADDRESSING THE FISCAL CLIFF WE KNOW THAT TRANSIT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO MEETING OUR CLIMATE GOALS, OUR EQUITY GOALS OUR MOBILITY GOALS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. BUT ALSO IMPACTING OUR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND PRODUCTION GOALS SINCE CALIFORNIA'S PROGRESS ON THESE GOALS IS TIED TO HIGH QUALITY TRANSIT. SO, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO WORK WITH MTC TO ADDRESS THE FISCAL CLIFF AND IDENTIFY MECHANISMS THAT HELP TRANSIT THRIVE MOVING OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, SINCE IT'S ESSENTIAL TO OUR THEORY ABOUT WHAT THE BAY AREA CAN AND SHOULD BE. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU, ZACK. AND THERE ARE NO MORE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

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SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU MARTHA. ALL RIGHT. DIRECTOR MITCHOFF?

KAREN MITCHOFF: THANK YOU. BACK TO THE BAHFA -- OR THE LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO GIVING BAHFA THE SAME AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND AS MUNICIPALITIES. IS THERE ANY WAY TO WRITE IN THERE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO OFFER IT TO OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES? I HAVE HAD -- I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THAT, BUT, I HAVE JUST GONE THROUGH -- MY CAN'T HAS JUST GONE THROUGH YEARS OF LITIGATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AGENCIES AND SINCE BAHFA IS, YOU KNOW, WANTING TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THAT MAY BE A THIRD RAIL, BUT I JUST WANTED TO BRING IT UP AS MAYBE A CONCEPT, NOT TO CHANGE THE CURRENT LAW RELATIVE TO PUBLIC AGENCIES OFFERING LAND THAT THEY OWN. MAYBE I HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD IT, GEORGIA. MY RECOLLECTION OF YOUR COMMENT WAS TO GIVE BAHFA THE SAME AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE. AND, SO, PERHAPS THAT DOESN'T COME INTO IT. BUT, IF -- CAN YOU RID ME OF MY CONFUSION?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: THROUGH THE VICE CHAIR.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: YES.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: ARE YOU DISCUSSING LANDS ACT?

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KAREN MITCHOFF: IF A PUBLIC AGENCY WERE TO PUT LAND UP FOR SALE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE OFFERED TO BAHFA FIRST. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE, SO THE CURRENT BAHFA AUTHORITY DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ABILITY FOR BAHFA TO ACTUALLY PURCHASE LAND. SO, THE BAHFA AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION SPELLS OUT VERY SPECIFICALLY WHAT BAHFA CAN DO AND ANYTHING THAT'S NOT SPELLED OUT, THE ASSUMPTION IS BAHFA CANNOT DO IT. AND SO THIS CHANGE IS TO SPECIFICALLY ALLOW THAT BAHFA MAY PURCHASE LAND AND MAY PURCHASE BUILDINGS.

KAREN MITCHOFF: OKAY. SO THE SURPLUS LAND ACT WOULD NOT COME INTO IT UNLESS THEY WERE PURCHASING IT FROM ANOTHER PUBLIC ENTITY?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: I THINK YOU -- THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE NOT REALLY DUG -- AT LEAST WE HAVE NOT DUG INTO EXACTLY HOW -- YOU KNOW, BAHFA IS NOT CONSIDERED A -- ANYWAYS -- I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU.

KAREN MITCHOFF: I'M JUST RAISING IT AS, YOU KNOW, PUTTING IT OVER IN THE PARKING LOT -- NO PUN INTENDED -- FOR, IF IT SHOULD COME UP. I HOPE IT DOESN'T. BECAUSE IT'S JUST HORRIBLE. THANK YOU.

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GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: WE ACTUALLY DO HAVE OUR BAHFA DIRECTOR HERE WHO JUST RAISED HER HAND. IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE KNOWS MORE ABOUT THIS THAN I DO.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: HI KATE.

KATE HARTLEY: THROUGH THE VICE CHAIR, OUR HOPE IS TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH JURISDICTIONS WHEN PROPERTIES COME ON THE MARKET THAT COULD BE A GOOD AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITES. AND, SO, WE ONLY WANT TO BE WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH NON-PROFIT PARTNERS AND JURISDICTIONS SO THAT IF THERE IS A DESIRE FOR THAT SITE TO BE POTENTIALLY DEVELOPED AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ACT QUICKLY WHEN THE JURISDICTION MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS OR THE PROCESSES TOO LONG, THAT WE COULD STEP N BUT OUR INTENT WOULD ONLY BE TO WORK CLOSELY IN COOPERATION WITH JURISDICTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.

KAREN MITCHOFF: AND THAT WOULD BE MY HOPE. BECAUSE BAHFA'S GOAL IS LAUDABLE TO BUILD THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WE ALL NEED. I JUST DON'T WANT BAHFA HAMSTRUNG, I GUESS, BY OTHER LEGISLATION. SO, THANK YOU. GOOD JOB.

KATE HARTLEY: THANK YOU.

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SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THANK YOU. I WOULD REALLY, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, REALLY LIKE US TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS IN THIS DOCUMENT AND ACTUALLY SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO ALLOW US TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH OUR TOLL PAYERS AND NOT BE RESTRICTED BY A BUNCH OF NONSENSE, PRIVACY RULES WHICH ARE HAVE IMPACT ON LOW-INCOME DRIVERS WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE OF DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THEM THROUGH OUR NEW TOLLING POLICY. AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE GOT TO BE DELICATE AROUND THIS, BUT MINDING IS THAT, FROM A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS IS THAT WE CAN -- NOW IS THE TIME WHERE WE CAN ACTUALLY BE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND I WANT TO MAKE THIS A TOP PRIORITY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE USING OUR SERVICE EVERY DAY.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: ALL RIGHT. ANY RESPONSE FROM STAFF? OR SHOULD I MOVE ON? REBECCA.

REBECCA LONG: THROUGH THE CHAIR, I'LL TAKE A STAB AT A RESPONSE. THANK YOU VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. THIS ISSUE DOES REMAIN A CHALLENGING ONE IN THE CONTEXT OF ONGOING LITIGATION ESPECIALLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. EVERYONE ON THIS COMMITTEE

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WILL RECALL JUST WHAT A HEAVY LIFT IT WAS TO NAVIGATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER TING'S LEGISLATION THIS PAST YEAR RELATED TO TOLLS. AND WE REALLY DO TRY TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR OTHER TOLL AGENCIES BECAUSE ANY LEGISLATION THAT TOUCHES ON OUR TOLL FACILITIES IS GOING TO AFFECT OTHERS, AS WELL. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE THAT WE PURSUE MAKING THESE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES BUT THAT WE DO IT OVER A MULTI-YEAR BASIS SO THAT WE TAKE THE TIME TO REALLY SIT DOWN WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO THIS, INCLUDING SOME SIGNIFICANT PLAYERS IN SACRAMENTO, LIKE THE ACLU, AND OTHERS, TO REALLY FIND THAT SWEET SPOT. I THINK WE'RE COMPLETELY IN AGREEMENT ON THE NEED. IT'S REALLY A QUESTION OF TIMING AND NOT WANTING TO RUSH, GIVEN ALL OF THE OTHER VERY SUBSTANTIAL PRIORITIES THAT GEORGIA JUST OUTLINED. SO, I DO THINK, IN MY BEST JUDGMENT, THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DO IN 2023, BUT THIS OVER THE TWO-YEAR SESSION IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE COULD ATTEMPT.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I THINK I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE THAT REFLECTED IN OUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. BECAUSE OTHERWISE THAT'S NOT WHAT IT SAYS NOW. AND I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE -- YOU KNOW I KNOW THERE IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMEONE SUING SOMEONE ABOUT SOME PRIVACY THING RELATED TO TOLLS. AND IF WE WAIT UNTIL ALL OF -- LIKE, THE LAWYERS DECIDE TO STOP SUING, LIKE, ALL AGENCIES FOR SENDING TEXTS TO PEOPLE

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BECAUSE THEY WANT TO HELP THEM NOTIFY THEM ABOUT PROGRAMS, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO RUN A BILL AND WE'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP GETTING SUED SO I THINK WE NEED TO BITE THIS BULLET, AND YOU KNOW, I'M FINE DOING IT OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD IF YOU THINK THAT'S GOING TO GIVE US THE BEST CHANCE AT SUCCESS BUT WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE TRIAL LAWYERS TO STAND DOWN AND STOP SUING US TO, SORT OF, ACT ON THIS.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU. YEAH. WE RECOGNIZE THAT. AND WE CAN MAKE THAT CHANGE TO REFLECT THAT IT'S, YOU KNOW, A PROPOSED SPONSORING FOR 2024. THANK YOU.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU. I SHARE THE VICE CHAIR'S CONFIDENCE AND THE PERSISTENCE OF OUR LOCAL BAR. DIRECTOR DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YES. THANK YOU CHAIR LICCARDO. BACK TO BAHFA, AND UNDERSTANDING IT, AND THINKING ABOUT CITIES WHO ARE TRYING TO GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD. IS THIS LEGISLATION SOMETHING WHERE IT WOULD BE A CITY THAT WOULD APPROACH BAHFA OR A DEVELOPER ALSO APPROACH BAHFA AS THEY'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE FUNDING?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI, THE LEGISLATION WOULDN'T PRESCRIBE WHO IS ALLOWED TO CONNECT WITH

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BAHFA OR NOT. THE LEGISLATION WOULD STICK TO PROVIDING BAHFA WITH THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE LAND OR BUILDINGS, BUT THEN THE WAY WE ENVISION IT WOULD WORK OUT IS THAT A CITY OR A LOCAL DEVELOPER, WOULD BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH BAHFA ABOUT THE INTEREST. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, I JUST THINK GIVEN OF THE REAL FOCUS AND IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FOR BAHFA, THAT, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, MY EXPECTATION WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD BE EXITED TO CONTINUING TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT FOR MAKING ANY DECISIONS.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: EXCELLENT. THANK YOU.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: KATE YOU HAD YOUR HAND UP. DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND?

KATE HARTLEY: GEORGIA COVERED IT FOR ME.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. GREAT. DIRECTOR HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: I WOULD SUPPORT BEING A LITTLE BIT MORE CAUTIOUS ON TRYING TO RUN THESE PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME. OUR GOAL IS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF CARS, PARTICULARLY THE SINGLE-OCCUPANCY CAR, AND STAYING FOCUSED ON THAT AND GETTING PEOPLE INTO TRANSIT. IF ALL YOU'RE DOING IS CHANGING WHO IS DRIVING IN THE LANE FROM THE LOW-INCOME OR TO THE LOW-INCOME

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AND YOU'RE NOT CHANGING TRAFFIC PATTERNS WE'RE NOT REALLY ACHIEVING WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE. I KNOW IT'S A NICE FEELING AND A NICE THOUGHT, BUT IF THE FREEWAYS ARE STILL CLOGGED AND NOBODY'S MOVING WE'RE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING LIKE WE ARE AND INNOVATE 680 AND EVEN THE TRANSIT IS NOT MOVING WE'RE REALLY NOT ACHIEVING WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS? I WANT TO JUST OFFER ONE MORE RELATED TO AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT, WE HAVE BEEN BEATING OUR COLLECTIVE HEADS AGAINST THE WALL FOR SOMETIME I APPRECIATE STAFF WE JUST UNFORTUNATELY HAD OUR 61st TRAFFIC RELATED FATALITY IN SAN JOSE, HIGHEST NUMBER IN A QUARTER CENTURY SEEING HIGHEST NUMBER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. FREE MAN HAS WHO IS A CHAMPION OF THIS EFFORT POTENTIALLY HAS A CONGRESSIONAL RACE ON HER MIND, AND MAYBE A CHANGE OF HEART IN HER CITY, WITH ASSEMBLY WHETHER IT'S TIME TO TIME TO LOOK AT A STRATEGY IN THE SENATOR GIVEN WE HAVE NANCY SKINNER WHO DAVE CORTESE WHO ARE IN THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE SENATE SIDE, IS THIS MAYBE A SIG FOR THAT FOR US TO START IN THE OTHER BODY?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: VICE CHAIR LICCARDO, I THINK GIVEN CHAIR FRIEDMAN'S STATED INTENT TO LEAD ON THIS, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT SHE'S PUBLICLY STATED, CONNECTING DIRECTLY WITH THE TEAM, AND THE PLAN WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO, GIVEN THE

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CHANGE OF HEARD HEART, I THINK THAT'S CERTAINLY A STRATEGY WE CAN PURSUE AND PASS ALONG TO FOLKS. WHAT WE'RE THINKING MIGHT BE AN ADDED ARGUMENT THAT MIGHT HOPEFULLY CHANGE SOME HEARTS AND MINDS IS ADDING ON THE CLIMATE ELEMENT AND THE GHG REDUCTION ELEMENT AND AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT WE'RE SEEING ACROSS THE STATE HOW IMPORTANT THE TO THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING GHG TARGETS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: CERTAINLY THE MATTER GETTING TO SACRAMENTO, I UNDERSTAND THE POINT. I APPRECIATE IT GEORGIA. WE DON'T WANT TO UNDERMINE THE LEADERSHIP CHAIR FRIEDMAN HAS BEEN GREAT ON IT MIGHT WE CONSIDER AS WE'RE IN CONVERSATION WITH HER STAFF PERHAPS RUNNING DUAL BILLS; DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: YEAH. I THINK THAT DOES.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING MY THOUGHTS. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. IF NOT, THEN, DO WE NEED A --

DAVID E. HUDSON: WE DO. I'LL MOVE. HUDSON.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU.

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DAVID E. HUDSON: FINAL 2023 JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR MTC AND ABAG.

KAREN MITCHOFF: SECOND FROM MITCHOFF.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU BOTH. VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I WAS WONDERING IF THE MOTION AND SECONDER WOULD BE OPEN TO AMENDING IT PER REBECCA LONG'S COMMENTS AROUND SPONSORING THE TWO-YEAR BILL, OR BILLS OVER THE NEXT -- REBECCA, YOU SAID IT BEST. BUT ANYWAY.

DAVID E. HUDSON: I WILL DO WHATEVER NICK JOSEFOWITZ SAYS.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THE FEELING IS MUTUAL. THE FEELING IS MUTUAL.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: IT'S ON THE RECORD. DOES THE SECONDER FEEL SO INCLINED.

KAREN MITCHOFF: SECOND.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: [LAUGHTER] MARTHA LET'S VOTE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR ARREGUIN IS ABSENT. VICE CHAIR LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

DAVID CANEPA: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: AYE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: AYE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR MAKING THOSE CHANGES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: OKAY. MEMBER FLEMING?

VICTORIA FLEMING: YES.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: HALLIDAY? HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MAR? MITCHOFF?

KAREN MITCHOFF: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF? OKAY.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: SHE SAID SHE HAD TO STEP OUT.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: YES.

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

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. REBECCA GOING TO TAKE US THROUGH 4B STATE STRATEGY TO ADDRESS OUR AGENCY FISCAL CLIFF WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE BUYING A LOT OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU VICE CHAIR LICCARDO. SO WE ALREADY HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS GEORGIA'S SUMMARY ON THAT THIS PROPOSED STRATEGY TO SEEK STATE FUNDING TO ADDRESS OUR SIGNIFICANT FUNDING NEEDS FOR TRANSIT AT A STATEWIDE LEVEL IS OUR TOP PRIORITY AND IS LINKED TO OUR CLIMATE GOALS AS WELL AS EQUITY. SO WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A MEMO UPDATING YOU ON THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING TO DATE. AS WELL AS KIND OF A POSITION PAPER OUTLINING OUR MESSAGING AND THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE ASK. WE DON'T YET HAVE ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN HERE AS FAR AS SPECIFIC THERE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR BECAUSE WE ARE CONTINUING TO REALLY SCRUB THE NUMBERS THAT WE'RE GETTING FROM THE TRANSIT OPERATORS AS WELL AS REALLY IMPORTANTLY CONNECTING WITH OUR

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STATEWIDE PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION SO THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER THAT WE'RE TARGETING IN UNISON. AND, SO, JUST TO KIND OF REITERATE SOME OF THE COMMENTS YOU HEARD FROM PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF COORDINATION WITH OUR BAY AREA PARTNERS AND HAVE SET UP KIND OF A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE THAT INCLUDES OUR LARGE AND SMALL TRANSIT OPERATORS, BUSINESS COMMUNITY ADVOCATES SO THAT WE ARE REALLY SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE. THIS GOING TO BE A VERY HEAVY LIFT SO WE NEED THAT STRONG COALITION AND WE'RE ALSO DEVELOPING THAT COALITION WORK IN SACRAMENTO AND THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION IS LIKEWISE SETTING UP A COMMITTEE ON THIS. SO, JUST A LOT GOING ON COMMUNICATION WISE AND TRYING TO SYNC UP OUR MESSAGING. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH THE STATE LEGISLATIVE STAFF AS WELL AS FOLKS IN THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THIS TOO. SO, IS YOU KNOW, THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A SURPRISE TO ANYBODY, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT WE'RE MAKING THIS ASK. AND THE FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE ARE TARGETING IS CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUE. THERE IS A PORTION OF CAP-AND-TRADE THAT IS SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION EVERY YEAR. IT'S NOT PART OF WHAT WE'RE RECEIVING FOR TRANSPORTATION OR HOUSING TODAY. IT'S NOT PART OF THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PORTION. IT'S REALLY A JUMP BALL, IF YOU WILL. AND THAT HAS BEEN GENERATING SOMEWHERE AROUND ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS. YOU KNOW, IT'S BASED ON AUCTION PROCEEDS SO. THERE IS NOT, YOU KNOW, CERTAINTY ABOUT EXACTLY HOW MUCH GOING TO BE RAISED IN

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ANY GIVEN YEAR. BUT THE BEST INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE IS THAT IT'S LIKELY TO STAY IN THAT BALLPARK, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AND CAP-AND-TRADE, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE LEGISLATURE IS THINKING ABOUT THEIR OVERALL FISCAL CONDITION IS SEPARATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF SEEKING CAP-AND-TRADE IS THAT YOU COULD SECURE MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS FROM THAT FUNDING SOURCE IF YOU HAVE A TRAILER BILL THAT MAKES THOSE ADVANCED COMMITMENTS. THAT'S NOT TO SAY, YOU KNOW, YOU MIGHT NEED TO DEFEND IT IN ANY GIVEN BUDGET YEAR BUT YOU CAN KIND OF LOCK THAT INTO THE BASELINE. SO THAT'S OUR PREFERRED APPROACH. OBVIOUSLY WE'RE OPEN TO WHATEVER SOURCES OF REVENUE WE CAN GET. I WILL SAY, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE THAT THE ENORMITY OF THE FISCAL CLIFF THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ON THE HORIZON IF A COUPLE OF YEARS IS NOT GOING TO HIT IMMEDIATELY IN FISCAL YEAR 2023, 2024 BUT IT GETS DEEPER AS YOU GO OUT TO '24, '25, AND '26, BUT FRAMING THE CONVERSATION AS A MULTI-YEAR ASK WE FEEL WE HAVE A BETTER ON SHOT PROTECTING THE LONG-TERM PLANNING WORK THAT THE OPERATORS NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF HIRING AND SERVICE PLANNING AND THE LIKE. THE NEXT KEY STEP IS GOING TO BE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL BE IN THERE. MAYBE THERE WILL BE A REFERENCE TO THE NEED TO ADDRESS IT. SOMETHING WE HAVE TO SECURE THROUGHOUT COMMITTEE PROCESS GOING INTO THE MAY REVISE. WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO YOU IN FEBRUARY PROBABLY WITH SOME MORE DETAILS ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE ASK AND ONCE WE GET

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FEEDBACK FROM THE STATEWIDE PURPOSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION. ATTACHMENT A TO THIS ITEM 4B WALKS THROUGHOUT KEY ARGUMENTS. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS AS CLIMATE AND AN EQUITY STRATEGY. I THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS THAT DESPITE THE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS AND ACCELERATION OF ZERO-EMISSIONS TRANSMISSION, WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO GET THERE ON ELECTRIFICATION AND ZERO-EMISSIONS BY ITSELF. THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S MOST RECENT SCOPING PLAN UPDATE PROJECTS A SIGNIFICANT NEED TO REDUCE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED BECAUSE IF YOU THINK ABOUT HOW LONG IT TAKES TO TURN OVER THE FLEET, RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF GAS POWERED VEHICLES OUT THERE FOR SOMETIME. SO THEY ARE FORECASTING ON THE SECOND PAGES OF THE ATTACHMENT NEED TO REDUCE PER CAPITA VMT BY ABOUT 20% SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND 2045 SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE RIDING BIKES, WALKING, MICROMOBILITY WILL PLAY A ROLE THERE ARE LONGER TRIPS AND SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING RELY UPON A TRANSIT SYSTEM. THAT'S KEY HERE, AND OF COURSE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CLIMATE FUNDS THAT'S GOING TOWARDS EXPANDING OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM, YOU KNOW, NONE OF THOSE INVESTMENTS WILL MEAN ANYTHING IF WE DON'T HAVE A TRANSIT SYSTEM TO OPERATE. AND THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE THAT WOULD OCCUR IF YOU HAD TO WATCH SIGNIFICANT LAYOFFS HAPPEN AND THEN BRING THOSE WORKERS BACK THAT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, REALLY A SCENARIO THAT WE DON'T WANT TO SEE. AGENCIES ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING WITH MASSIVE VACANCIES AND SO HAVING A WORKFORCE

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DIMINISH AND THEN BRINGING IT BACK WOULD BE REALLY A DISASTER TO PUT IT MILDLY. SO THE NEXT PIECE IS REALLY AROUND EQUITY. AND THAT'S BEEN A HUGE EMPHASIS AT THIS AGENCY AND AT THE STATE. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT ARE LOWER INCOME. THOSE WHO ARE LOWER INCOME ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY NOT TO OWN A CAR. AND TRANSIT, YOU KNOW, LIKE ANY MOBILITY, IS THE KEY OPPORTUNITY, WHETHER IT'S EDUCATION OR JOBS. AND SO WE JUST CAN'T KIND OF LET OUR EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES DOWN BY LETTING THE TRANSIT SYSTEM FALL APART. SO, MOVING TO, REALLY, THE ASK AND THE STRATEGY. IT'S THIS TWO-PRONG APPROACH THAT WE ENVISION AND THAT IS ONE PORTION WOULD BE FOCUSED ON PRESERVING TRANSIT SERVICE THAT'S OUT THERE TODAY. YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT BE THAT SOME AGENCIES DO NEED TO RETOOL TO SOME EXTENT. BUT WE KNOW WE HAVE TO PROVIDE, CERTAINLY, OUR MAJOR TRUNK LINE SYSTEMS THAT ARE LOOKING AT THE GREATEST FISCAL CLIFF, LIKE BART, LIKE MUNI, LIKE CALTRAIN, THOSE SYSTEMS ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT REVENUES TO SUSTAIN AND THAT FIRST PORTION OF FUNDING WOULD BE BASED ON NEED AND WOULD BE VERY TRANSPARENT, SORT OF, FINANCIAL FACTORS DETERMINING WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THAT. AND THEN THE SECOND PIECE WOULD REALLY BE MORE ABOUT TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION AND RETOOLING AND PROVIDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN IN THE BAY AREA. YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED TO ATTRACT NEW RIDERS

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BECAUSE THE CLIMATE IS GOING TO DELIVER ON BENEFITS. THE PORTIONS OF THE POLITICAL COMPONENT NOT EVERYBODY'S GOING TO HIT THE FISCAL CLIFF AT THE SAME TIME AND THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING IN THIS FOR ALL TRANSIT OPERATORS TO BE SUPPORTIVE AND RIDERSHIP CITIZEN UNDERLYING REASON TO HAVE TRANSIT IN THE FIRST PLACE SO FUNDING SOURCES TO HELP AGENCIES FUND THOSE TOP PRIORITY RIDER-FOCUSED IMPROVEMENTS IS WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND FOR THIS SECOND CATEGORY AND WE LIST OUT A WIDE RANGE OF POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES THERE. MUCH MORE SO ON THE OPERATING SIDE IS WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND HERE. YOU KNOW, SO FOR SOME AGENCIES, YOU KNOW, RESOURCES TO HELP ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS ON THE SYSTEM THAT IS SERVING AS A DETERRENT TO RIDERS COULD BE ONE ELIGIBLE EXPENSE. OTHER CASES IT MIGHT BE TRANSIT FARE INTEGRATION OR INCREASED SERVICE FREQUENCIES FOR OPERATORS THAT KNOW THAT THERE IS A DEMAND THERE IF THEY COULD JUST PROVIDE GREATER FREQUENCY. SO THAT IS A HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF OUR APPROACH. WE'RE KIND OF USING THIS DOCUMENT AS A BASIS FOR HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING WITH LETTERS WITHIN THIS NEXT MONTH, BUILDING THAT COALITION THAT I DESCRIBED AND SO ANY FEEDBACK THAT YOU HAVE, IF YOU THINK THERE IS ARGUMENTS THAT WE NEED TO LIFT UP OR ADD, VERY OPEN TO HEARING THAT. THANK YOU.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANKS REBECCA. OKAY. MARTHA, LET'S HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: FIRST UP IS GOING TO BE MONIQUE WEBSTER. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS MONIQUE WEBSTER, THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MANAGER WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY AND WE'RE EXPRESSING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE STATE BUDGET STRATEGY THAT WAS JUST PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY. WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH MTC STAFF ON THIS, AND WE REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND WORKING TO FRAME UP THIS IMPORTANT ADVOCACY INITIATIVE TO SECURE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT BRIDGE THAT WILL SUPPORT TRANSIT SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC AND SUPPORT CLIMATE AND EQUITY GOALS. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS CLAUDIA BURGOS FOLLOWED BY BOB ALAN. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS KATIA, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITIES RELATIONS IT'S AC TRANSIT. ON BEHALF OF AC TRANSIT AND THE EAST BAY COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE I'M CALLING TO REGISTER OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE FISCAL CLIFFS BEING FACE SAID BY BAY AREA TRANSIT AGENCIES. AC TRANSIT IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THE NEED TO SECURE FUNDING TO KEEP TRANSIT RUNNING SHOULD BE OUR NUMBER ONE SHARED PRIORITY. WE

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ARE FACING A FISCAL CLIFF WITH STEEP FINANCIAL LOSSES BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, 20,025 IF WE AND OTHER TRANSIT AGENCIES FACINGS SIMILAR DEFICITS DON'T SECURE FUNDING TO HELP STAVE OFF THESE DEFICITS, OUR RELY SYSTEMS AND COMMUNITIES THAT RELY ON US COULD SUFFER SIGNIFICANT LONG-STANDING HARM INCLUDING CUTS TO SERVICE AND POTENTIAL LAYOFFS. DEEP CUTS TO SERVICE IMPACT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AT AC TRANSIT 65% OF RIDERS ARE LOW-INCOME AND 75% ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR FOR THIS REASON WE SUPPORT STAFF'S STRATEGY TO SECURE OPERATIONS FUNDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND THANK YOU TO MTC STAFF FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR MAKING TRANSIT FUNDING A PRIORITY IN YOUR '23 ADVOCACY PROGRAM AND FOR WORKING IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TRANSIT OPERATORS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN THE REGION. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU CLAUDIA. NEXT, WE HAVE BOB ALAN.

SPEAKER: BOB ALAN URBAN HABITAT AND MEMBER OF VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COALITION. JUST WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EFFORT REBECCA AND STAFF'S WORK ON ENSURING THAT WE WORK TOGETHER ON A CLEAR MESSAGE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. I HAVE BEEN DISTURBED WITH CONVERSATIONS I HAVE HAD REGIONALLY WITH FOLKS AT THE STATE LEVEL WHO LOOK SKEPTICALLY AT PUBLIC TRANSIT RIDERSHIP IT'S

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MIND-BLOWING IT'S TIME MEDICATE CASE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT IN THE STATE FOR CLIMATE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS AND PROMOTION OF THOSE BUT STILL SKEPTICAL TIMES OF NEED TO ADDRESS INSTRUCTS RALLY OPERATING GAPS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION SINCE 2007 BANGING THE DRUM IN OPERATIONS AND WE NEED TO GET THAT STRUCTURALLY WORKED OUT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO RAISE MEASURES IN MANY OF YOUR COMMUNITIES, COUNTIES AND CITIES. WE HOPE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AT THE REGIONAL MEASURE IN THE FUTURE. IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, WE GET A REGIONAL MEASURE TOGETHER. BUT WE NEED BOTH SHORT-TERM INSTANCE TO BRIDGE AND OPEN UP CONVERSATIONS MOVING MONEY AWAY FROM ROADS AND HIGHWAYS INTO TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AND PARTICULARLY TO THINK ABOUT INCREASED OPERATIONS BUT WE HAVE A BIG HILL TO CLIMB ON THIS. I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF SKEPTICISM WE KNOW THAT THE BAY AREA'S NEEDS ARE DIFFERENT THAN L.A.'S NEEDS, SAN DIEGO AND CENTRAL VALLEY AND RURAL COMMUNITIES. WE'RE LOOK FORWARD TO PULLING TOGETHER THAT WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN THE SHORT-TERM AND TACKLE LONG-TERM OPERATING NEEDS THAT -- YOU KNOW, AND THAT WE ALSO THINK ABOUT A WAY TO DEPLOY TRANSIT IN WAYS WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO TRYING TO SERVE COMMUNITIES WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED FOR THIS ITEM.

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SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU MARTHA. ANY COMMENTS FROM COLLEAGUES. SEEING NONE. THEY THINK MEANS WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TO ITEM D3. FORGIVE ME. I JUST LOST MY PATH. I'M SORRY. 4C. WOW. WE HAVE EXOTIC TRIPS PLANNED TO SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, ABAG MTC STAFF. WE HAVE GUN PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR VISIT TO SACRAMENTO AND WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 2023. FIRST DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27TH TO INTRODUCE ADVOCACY PRIORITIES AND THEN AGAIN IN MID-TO LATE MAY AFTER THE GOVERNOR RELEASES THE MAY REVISE GIVEN RANGE OF OUR BUDGET FOCUSED PRIORITIES IT'S GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE IN SACRAMENTO IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION AND DURING THE PRIME BUDGET NEGOTIATION WINDOW SO WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU CAN GIVE US MORE OF YOUR TIME THAN USUAL FOR SACRAMENTO THIS YEAR. AND THEN REGARDING THE WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVOCACY TRIP WE ARE RECOMMENDING THE COMMISSION AND ABAG GO TO WASHINGTON DC IN MARCH, LAST WEEK OF MARCH, 26th TO 29th IS OUR PREFERRED OPTION. IT IS LATER THAN USUAL. BUT BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WE ARE HEARING THAT IT'S MORE LIKELY THAT A LOT OF THE ITEMS WE TYPICALLY SCHEDULE OUR VISITS AROUND LIKE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS ARE GOING TO BE SHIFTED A COUPLE OF WEEKS BACKWARDS SO THE FEEDBACK FROM FOLKS IS THAT THIS IS THE PRIME TIME TO VISIT. JUST ANOTHER NOTE ON

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THERE IS THAT THE DATE ALSO ALIGNS WITH THE NATIONALLY LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY WORKS WELL FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERS WHO TYPICALLY HOST THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION RECEPTION WITH US. SO WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE A ROBUST SHOWING THERE. WITH THAT, JUST AN INFORMATION UPDATE. I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU GEORGE A. ALL RIGHT. DO WE TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, AS WELL?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. AND THERE ARE NO --

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. THERE ARE NO COMMENTS. OKAY. ANY COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. IF NOT, LET US GONNA THEN FINALLY TO 4D WHICH IS THE WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. GEORGIA?

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: THIS ITEM MEMO FOR YOUR REVIEW, ONE BIG HIGHLIGHT FOR THIS ITEM IS YOUR TEAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IS WORKING REALLY HARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATIONS BILL REMINDER THERE ARE TWO, SORT OF, BIG PARTICULATE ITEMS IN THERE THAT MTC AND ABAG ARE WORK ON. ONE IS THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM. WE ARE REALLY HOPES THAT CONGRESS COMES THROUGH WITH SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ADDRESS COST OVERRUNS FOR BART AND CALTRAIN'S BIG PROJECTS WITH FULL

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FUNDING GRANTS AGREEMENTS FOR THE CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION AND THE BART TRANSBAY CORE CAPACITY PROJECTS. THAT'S ONE ITEM THAT'S WAITING WITH BAITED BREATH DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN AND HOPING WE GET TO SEE A FULL YEAR BILL. AND THE OTHER PIECE IS WORK RELATED TO CREATING A NEW PROGRAM FOR WHICH BAHFA WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HUD -- FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR. SO WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED AS WE KNOW MORE. THAT'S IT.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THANK YOU GEORGIA. ALL RIGHT ANY -- LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC FIRST MARTHA.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS ITEM. BUT COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ HAS A HANDS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: YES I'LL GO HIM NOW.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: FOR THE NEXT ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS? CHAIR PEDROZA HAD TO STEP AWAY. PRESIDENT ARREGUIN ALSO HAD TO STEP AWAY. THIS IS COMMISSIONER LICCARDO'S LAST MEETING CHAIRING THIS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. I'M NOT -- YOU KNOW, HE'S TRIED TO CONVINCE US MANY TIMES THAT SAN JOSE IS THE HEART OF SILICON VALLEY. AND, SO, I THOUGHT, AS A WAY OF KIND OF SENDING HIM ON HIS WAY, I WOULD ASK AN AI CHAT BOT TO WRITE A FEW WORDS ABOUT HIS TIME ON MTC.

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SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OH LORD.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: AND YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TON IT DID CRACK A JOKE ABOUT BART TO SAN JOSE BEING DELAYED.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OH GOOD.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THIS IS WHAT THE CHAT BOT WOULD LIKE TO SAY OF YOUR TIME ON THE COMMISSION, IT'S WITH MIX SAID EMOTIONS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE STEPPING DOWN OF SAN JOSE MAYOR LICCARDO. WE ARE EXCITED TO SO WHAT HE WILL ACCOMPLISH IN HIS NEXT CHAPTER I'M READING VERBATIM WHAT IT IS AI BOT HAS SAID. DURING HIS TIME MAYOR LICCARDO WORKED TIMELY TO ADVANCE INITIATIVES INCLUDING ADVANCEMENT OF LIGHT RAIL BUS SERVICE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS AND ROADS IN DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS TO HELP ALLEVIATE CONGESTION AND IMPROVE SAFETY BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BART EXTENSION TO SAN JOSE AFTER YEARS OF DELAYS THE PROJECT IS FINALLY MOVING FORWARD AND SAN JOSE RESIDENTS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO FINAL BEING ABLE TO TAKE BART TO SAN FRANCISCO WHICH I'M SURE IS THE PURPOSE OF WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DO. MAYOR LICCARDO'S DEDICATION TO IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION IN THE REGION HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED AND HE'S RECEIVED ACCOLADES AND AWARDS FOR HIS WORK AS HE STEPS DOWN AS POSITION OF CHAIR WE EXPRESS OUR

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SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR SELFLESS SERVICE AND WISH BEST IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS. YOU HAVE DONE INCREDIBLE WORK FOR THE CITY AND REGION ON A PERSONAL LEVEL IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND I ADS MY THE COLOR OF YOUR SWEATERS.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU, NICK. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU AND WE'RE GOING TO STAY IN CONTINUED COMMUNICATION. I'LL BE AROUND. IN ANY EVENT, THANK YOU, IT'S BEEN A TRUE PLEASURE SERVING WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. THANK YOU, NICK. ALL RIGHT. SO WE ARE NOW ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THAT RIGHT? OKAY. MARTHA?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THAT WAS PUBLIC COMMENT.

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: THAT WAS PUBLIC COMMENT. THAT WAS IT? OKAY GOOD. THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED. HOT DIGGETY DOG. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 13TH AT 9:45 A.M. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTED TO THE PUBLIC. EVERYBODY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND TAKE CARE. [ADJOURNED]

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