METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020**

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5 **SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE METROPOLITAN
6 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF AUGUST 26TH TO ORDER. I WOULD ASK
7 THAT WE PLEASE RUN THE ANNOUNCEMENT. DUE TO COVID-19, THIS
8 MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE
9 PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH
10 SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING
11 IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL
12 UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY
13 NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES
14 BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA
15 WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT
16 THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK,
18 SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE
19 CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.
20 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR
21 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC
22 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING
23 SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
24 RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL
25 BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD,

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BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO, AND 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 SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS ACTIVE, HOWEVER PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANYTHING TYPED INTO THE CHAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE TO ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY: OKAY. I NOTICED -- FIRST, WHY DON'T WE DO THE ROLL CALL THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I NOTICED.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR HAGGERTY.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: VICE CHAIR PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER BRUINS?

JEANNIE BRUINS: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER CONNOLY.

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER CORTESE?

DAVID CORTESE: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER GIACOPINI, NON VOTING?

DOREEN GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER GLOVER?

FEDERAL GLOVER: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER LICCARDO? OKAY. ABSENT. MEMBER MACKENZIE? MEMBER MACKENZIE. ABSENT. MEMBER PAPAN.

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER RONEN? MEMBER RONEN? ABSENT. MEMBER SCHAFF? MEMBER SCHAFF. ABSENT. MEMBER SLOCUM. MEMBER SLOCUM ABSENT. MEMBER SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER STRACNER, NON-VOTING.

JIM STRACNER: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MEMBER TAVARES, NON-VOTING. MEMBER TAVARES? AND MEMBER WORTH?

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AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE A QUORUM.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I NOTICED ON TODAY AGENDA, AND MAYBE I'M WRONG --

JEANNIE BRUINS: EXCUSE ME. MR. MACKENZIE IS HERE. SEEMS LIKE HE'S HAVING SOME AUDIO ISSUES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SEEMS LIKE THAT'S GOING ON TODAY.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: HE'S STILL KIND OF TALKING. WE CAN'T HEAR. WE HEAR YOU KNOCKING.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YOU'LL BE MARKED AS PRESENT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THAT'S GOOD JAKE'S ON MUTE. WE SHOULD GET THIS MEETING DONE QUICK. I NOTICED THAT ON TODAY AGENDA, THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT, AND I THOUGHT WE READ THAT AT EVERY COMMITTEE, NO?

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: ONLY AT THE FIRST MEETING, MR. CHAIR.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: MY SUGGESTION IS YOU MAY WANT TO ADD THAT COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE ADMONISHMENT OF COVID AND IT ROLLS RIGHT IN. JUST MY THOUGHT. WE HAVE A CONFIRMED QUORUM WE'RE NOW GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM TWO, WHICH IS THE CHAIR REPORT, WHICH IS THE BLUE RECOVERY -- WHOO I'LL TALK ABOUT IS THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT TASK FORCE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN UPDATE. GIVEN THE COMMISSION'S DISCUSSION LAST MONTH ON THE TRANSIT OPERATORS EFFORT TO COORDINATE ON THE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN I ASKED STAFF TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE COMMISSION TODAY THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM AS IT'S IMPORTANT FOR STAFF TO GIVE DIRECTION ON NEXT STEPS AND MTC'S ROLES. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THERESE MCMILLAN TO GIVE THE UP WITH DATE ON THE WORK OF MTC TRANSIT STAFF OVER THE LAST MONTH AND THE ROLE OF MTC GOING FORWARD.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR, AND GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I'M GOING TO TAKE MYSELF OFF VIDEO GIVEN IT SEEMS TO BE RUNNING WITH BANDWIDTH CHALLENGES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THAT'S OKAY. YOUR VIDEO WASN'T WORKING ANYWAYS.

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1 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** WELL THERE WE GO. NOW YOUR -- AS YOU
2 MENTIONED, IN JULY, I HAD PROVIDED A STATUS REPORT ON A
3 CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE, WHICH WAS
4 ONGOING DETERMINE THE OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS, WRITING
5 TOGETHER BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN. THAT HEALTHY TRANSIT
6 PLAN WAS COMPLETED WAS PUBLICLY RELEASED ON AUGUST 18TH AND IS
7 INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENT A IN MY REPORT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
8 TO NOTE, STARTING OUT, THAT THE PLAN IS BUILT AROUND U.S. AND
9 INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AGENCY GUIDANCE BY HEALTH AGENCY EXPERTS
10 FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, U.S. CENTERS
11 FOR DISEASE CONTROL, AND PREVENTION, AND THE WORLD HEALTH
12 ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS THE TRANSIT AGENCY'S OWN COORDINATION
13 EFFORTS WITH BAY AREA PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES. AND IT'S
14 ON THIS FOUNDATION, THAT THE PLAN ESTABLISHES THE OPERATORS
15 COMMON HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITMENTS FOR BOTH TRANSIT
16 EMPLOYEES AND TRANSIT PASSENGERS. VERY IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE
17 COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN INDIVIDUALLY AND
18 COLLECTIVELY, WITH AN EYE TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING AND
19 ADJUSTING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PANDEMIC, WHICH ARE
20 CHANGING ALL THE TIME, THEREFORE THIS HAS TO CHANGE AS WELL. I
21 JUST NOTE THEY HAVE ASKED SPECIFICALLY, IN A REQUEST THAT EACH
22 TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE
23 HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN, THE TEMPLATE WAS ATTACHED AS ATTACHMENT
24 B, AND I AM ANTICIPATING THAT THE AGENCIES WILL ADOPT SUCH
25 RESOLUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER. I

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1 WOULD ALSO NOTE, IMPORTANTLY, THAT A BAY AREA WIDE PUBLIC
2 COMMUNICATIONS EFFORT WAS LAUNCHED ALONGSIDE THE PLAN'S
3 RELEASE AT A PRESS EVENT ON AUGUST 19TH. CHAIR OF THE BLUE
4 RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE, SPERING WAS PRESENT AT
5 THAT EVENT, AND MTC WILL BE PROVIDING ONGOING SUPPORT TO
6 OPERATOR IN THAT SITUATION. -- EXCUSE ME, WITH THAT
7 COMMUNICATION'S PLAN. NOW WE ALSO NOTE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF
8 THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE AND THE PUBLIC
9 HAVE URGED MTC TO ENSURE AND OVERSEE A LIST OF SPECIFIC HEALTH
10 STANDARDS, THAT THEY HAVE OUTLINED AS WELL AS LABOR
11 STIPULATIONS, TO -- THAT THEY RECOMMEND BE INCLUDED IN THE
12 HEALTHY PLAN, AND ATTACHMENT C TO THIS REPORT, INCLUDED THAT
13 CORRESPONDENCE. TO DO SO WOULD EXTEND THE COMMISSION BEYOND
14 ITS EXPERTISE AND AUTHORITY. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST
15 TAKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY RATHER I RECOMMEND AND SUPPORT
16 MTC'S ROLE AS A PARTNERSHIP ALONGSIDE, AND COMPLIMENTING THE
17 REGION'S TRANSIT AGENCY POLICY BOARDS, PUBLIC HEALTH
18 PROFESSIONALS IN THE REGION, AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS.
19 I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, IN CONCLUSION, THAT MTC WILL
20 CONTINUE TO PLAY A COORDINATION AND SUPPORTING ROLE TO BETTER
21 BENEFIT OUR TRANSIT PARTNERS DURING THIS CRISIS, IT'S EXTENDED
22 FURTHER THAN ANY OF US ANTICIPATED. TO THAT END, OUR ROLE IN
23 THE COMING MONTH, BEYOND THE POINTS THAT I IDENTIFIED BEFORE,
24 WILL BE, AGAIN, THE RESOLUTIONS THAT WE'LL BE COLLECTING,
25 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE HEALTH INFORMATION THAT IS PART OF THE

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HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED AS A DASHBOARD, INFORMATION ON THAT WAS ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. THERE WILL BE A ONE STOP LINK ON OUR WEB SITE TO THE TRANSIT OPERATORS HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORTING DASHBOARD UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND WE WILL BE ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO SAFETY MESSAGING AS RIDERS RETURN TO THEIR JOBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAS AND WILL BE TRACKED WITH STATE AND LOCAL DIRECTORS ON LIFTING SHELTER-IN-PLACE. WE ALSO FINALLY ARE AGGRESSIVELY ADVOCATING FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL AND THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN IMPORTANT ROLE THAT MTC WILL LEAD. WITH THAT, MR. CHAIR, THAT CONCLUSION MY REPORT AND I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANKS THERESE. I APPRECIATE THE REPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE CHAIR SPERING THE OPPORTUNITY, HE'S CHAIR OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. WHICH BY THE WAY, I'M SUPER PROUD OF. I THINK THEY ARE DOING GREAT WORK IT'S A COLLABORATION. IT SEEMS TO ME IN MY OPINION EVERYBODY'S AT THE TABLE AND I AM PLEASED WITH THE WAY CHAIR SPERING IS OPERATING THROUGH THE WATERS OF TRANSIT, IN THESE TIMES. SO GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN, GIVEN THAT HEALTH AND SAFETY HAS BEEN A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE TASK FORCE DISCUSSIONS TODAY.

JAMES P. SPERING: THANK YOU SCOTT, MR. CHAIRMAN. YOU KNOW, AS THERESE SAYS, AND YOU KNOW, I AGREE WITH WHAT SHE HAS LAID OUT

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1 FOR DIRECTION FOR MTC, I THINK AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, A LOT OF
2 DISCUSSION ABOUT MTC SHOULD PLAY SOME OVERSIGHT ROLE, AND I'M
3 CERTAINLY NOT IN SUPPORT OF THAT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE
4 SOME OF THE REASONS. AS THERESE HAD MENTIONED, WE HAD THAT
5 TOGETHER BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN ON AUGUST 19TH, THE
6 PRESS CONFERENCE MANY OF THE TRANSIT OPERATORS, EXECUTIVE
7 DIRECTOR SPOKE, VERY MEANINGFUL PRESENTATION, REALLY TALKED
8 ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS WE'RE DOING, JUST A TREMENDOUS STEP
9 FORWARD ON PROVIDING HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS, YOU KNOW,
10 THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. AND, BUT THE ISSUE, FOR US, MTC, IS
11 THAT, FIRST MTC DOESN'T HAVE THE SKILL SET TO JUDGE ANY
12 ADEQUACY OF SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS. I MEAN IT'S JUST NOT
13 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH, OR OUR STAFF REALLY DEALS
14 WITH, IN ANY DEPTH. MTC HAS NO DESIGNATED AUTHORITY, SO WHAT
15 IT REALLY WOULD DO IS PUT US IN A POSITION WHERE WE'RE ASKING
16 FOR SOMETHING, WHERE REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO EITHER
17 ENFORCE IT OR REQUIRE IT. AND EVERY TRANSIT AGENCY, AS WE ALL
18 KNOW, HAVE POLICY BOARDS, BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED, AND
19 THEY'RE REALLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES AND TO THE
20 PUBLIC, AND HOW THESE SAFETY PLANS ARE IMPLEMENTED. AND THEIR
21 EVALUATION OF THE TRANSIT AGENCIES, WELL, WE DON'T HAVE
22 AUTHORITY, REALLY UNDERMINES THE COLLABORATION AND
23 COORDINATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BUILD WITH THE TRANSIT
24 OPERATORS, AND MTC HAS, YOU KNOW, BEFORE, SOME LARGE
25 TRANSFORMATIVE PLANNING AHEAD, AND WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE THAT

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1 STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP, AND A TRUST BETWEEN US AND THE
2 TRANSIT OPERATORS. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, THE OPERATORS ARE KEENLY
3 AWARE THAT THEY HAVE TO FIGHT THE HIGH PRIORITY UNDER THE
4 SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS, THAT THEY KNOW THE RIDERS ARE NOT
5 GOING TO COME BACK IF THEY DON'T HAVE THAT SENSE EVER SECURITY
6 AND IT HAS TO BE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM IF YOU GET ON A BUS IN
7 SLOB -- SOLANO COUNTY THAT YOU TRANSFER IN THE VARIOUS
8 OPERATIONS, THAT YOU KNOW, IT'S GOING TO BE CONSISTENT. AND
9 THERE IS RECOURSE, FOR THE RIOTERS, AND THE RIOTERS AND
10 EMPLOYEES. BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, I THINK MOST OF YOU HAVE
11 SEEN THE LETTER WE GOT FROM TRANSFORM AND URBAN HABITAT AND
12 WAS SIGNED ON BY SEVERAL OF THE UNIONS THAT REPRESENT THE
13 TRANSIT OPERATORS, AND IT REALLY WOULD BE VERY INAPPROPRIATE
14 FOR MTC TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF THOSE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
15 DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS. SO WE HAVE CAL OSHA HAS REGULATORY
16 AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ANY OF THE COMPLAINTS, INCLUDING
17 PUBLIC TRANSIT. RIDERS CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE DESIGNATED
18 BOARDS, AND REALLY, I THINK, HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
19 CONDITIONS OF THE, YOU KNOW, THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. AND IF ANY
20 AGENCY IS NOT RESPONSIVE INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTACT COUNTY HEALTH
21 OFFICERS AND CAL OSHA AND FILE A COMPLAINT. WE CAN HOLD MTC
22 DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS, IN THE EVENT THAT IF DEEMED AN
23 EFFECTIVE TODAY TO PROTECT TRANSIT RIDERS, IF THERE ARE THINGS
24 THAT MTC CAN CLEARLY IDENTIFY THAT REALLY NEEDS TO BE DONE.
25 AND, YOU KNOW, THERE REMAINS A LOT OF WORK AHEAD FOR THE BLUE

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RIBBON COMMITTEE, WE HOPE TO DEVELOP A TRANSFORMATIVE PLAN AS I MENTIONED FOR THE REGION'S PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM, AND THE TRANSIT OPERATORS ARE AN IMPORTANT PARTNER IN THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THAT PLAN. AND MTC NEEDS TO PUT OUR ATTENTION, YOU KNOW, WHERE OUR ROLE, AS A REGIONAL PLANNER, FUNDER, AND COORDINATOR FOR PUBLIC THOUGHT IS USED. AS THERESE MENTIONED WE'RE REALLY GOING TO PUT A STRONG EFFORT INTO RAISING REVENUE TO HELP WITH THE TRANSIT OPERATIONS, AND WE REALLY SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE FOREFRONT. IT REALLY IS JUST TAKING UP A LOT OF TIME IN ON AN AREA WHERE WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A TRUE AUTHORITY. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO, IS WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION AS TO WHAT MTC SHOULD DO, AND YOU KNOW, WHEN THE TIME IS APPROPRIATE, OR YOU WANT TO HAVE A MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I WOULD ALLOW IT NOW. I MEAN, WE DO HAVE SOME DISCUSSION, BUT I THINK FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SPEAKING TO. SO I'LL ALLOW THE MOTION NOW.

JAMES P. SPERING: OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD MOVE THAT MTC SHOULD SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS AROUND HEALTH AND SAFETY ALONGSIDE OUR TRANSIT PARTNERS IS MAKE AVAILABLE MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC. NEXT WOULD BE MTC

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WILL NOT BE SETTING HEALTH STANDARDS OR PLAY AN ENFORCEMENT ROLE AS IT RELATES TO THE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, AND THIRD, MTC -- WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE TRANSIT OPERATORS TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN THE BAY AREA TRANSIT NETWORK. AND THAT REALLY REFERS TO THAT WORK PROGRAM THAT THERESE JUST LAID OUT. SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. SO --

JEANNIE BRUINS: I WOULD LIKE TO SECOND IT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING, JIM, BECAUSE I SIT ON THE BOARD, AND WE HAD A COMMITTEE MEETING THE OTHER DAY WHICH WAS NOT NORMAL, WE PRETTY MUCH HAD AN URGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING, THE ONE ITEM ON IT WAS THE RESOLUTION, HOW DOES THE RESOLUTION, THE RESOLUTION THAT ALL THE TRANSIT BOARDS, HOW DOES THAT PLAY IN THIS MOTION? WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT WE'RE REQUIRING EVERYBODY TO SIGN THAT RESOLUTION?

JAMES P. SPERING: YOU KNOW, THAT IS A PART OF THIS, BUT, SCOTT, THAT WAS A REQUIREMENT -- IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, I THINK THAT MTC HAD BROUGHT FORTH. I THOUGHT IT WAS IN OUR LAST MEETING. MAYBE THERESE OR ALIX CAN --

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I GUESS ALIX IS GOING TO SAY THAT'S ALREADY BEEN HANDLED.

ALIX BOCKELMAN: I WAS GOING TO SAY AT YOUR JULY MEETING YOU TOOK THAT ACTION AND GAVE US THAT DIRECTION.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. GOOD. I GUESS I FEEL GOOD ABOUT THAT. SO, I GUESS, BEFORE TURNING IT OVER TO OUR VICE CHAIR AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE DIRECTION THAT BOTH YOU AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCMILLAN HAS LAID OUT, I'M A BIG PROPONENT OF MTC BEING BOLD AND UNFLINCHING, HOWEVER I'M ALSO -- AND PEOPLE HAVE HEARD ME SAY THIS MANY TIMES -- THAT TO BE EFFECTIVE, I THINK WE NEED TO STAY IN OUR LANE. AND IN AREAS WHERE WE HAVE EXPERTISE, AND OUR AUTHORITY. I WANT TO TURN THE COMMISSION'S ENERGIES AT THIS POINT, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO STAY IN OUR LANE, BUT I WANT TO TURN OUR ENERGIES, OF THE COMMISSION, TO PHASE THREE OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE TO TACKLE THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM INTO ONE CUSTOMER FOCUSED CONNECTED AND RELIABLE FOR THE BAY AREA, WE NEED TO ALLOW TRANSIT OPERATORS TO IMPLEMENT THE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN, AND THEY HAVE COMMITTED TO, AND SUPPORT THEM IN SPECIFIC AREAS THAT THERESE AND CHAIR SPERING HAVE OUTLINED. SO WITH THAT I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER -- SORRY, VICE CHAIR ALFREDO PEDROZA, IF THERE

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ARE ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS I SEE ONE CHECKING IN AND THEN GO AHEAD AND WE'LL TURN IT TO THE PUBLIC.

ALFREDO PEDROZA: WE ARE BEING BOLD AND UNFLINCHING, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TASK FORCE SHOWS THAT WE'RE WILLING TO BE BOLD AND UNFLINCHING AND I AGREE WITH YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT STAYING IN YOUR LANE LET'S TALK ABOUT THE COUNTIES IMPACTED BY FIRE THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS REALLY UNDERSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AND WHAT THE AGENCY ROLES PLAY AND HOW WE NEED TO LET THOSE THAT HAVE EXPERTISE LIKE FIRE FIGHTERS FIGHT FIRES AND THAT PROVES VERY EFFECTIVE. BUT TO THE POINT SOME OF THE E-MAILS WE HAVE RECEIVED MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE COORDINATION, MAKING SURE OUR EFFORTS ARE COORDINATED, MAKING SURE THE PLAN PROTECTS THAT WORKERS AND RIDERS, THERE IS A LOT OF CHECKS AND BALANCES, EVERY COUNTY HAS A LOCAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY, WHERE YOU HAVE LOCAL ELECTED'S ON THOSE BOARDS THAT ARE HEARING FROM THEIR CONSTITUENTS THOSE RIDERS RIDING THOSE SYSTEMS THEY'RE ADVOCATING AT THAT LEVEL AND CHAIR YOUR COMMENT ABOUT EACH LOCAL AGENCY PROVIDING THAT RESOLUTION SHOWS THAT THERE IS THAT COMMITMENT FROM EACH COUNTY. AND THEN THE OPERATORS ALSO HAVE BOARDS. SO I SEE A LOT OF CHECKS AND BALANCES THAT GIVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE DIRECTION THAT WAS LAID OUT BY OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIR SPERING AND AGAIN WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE STAY FOCUSED AND IT DISCIPLINED TO ACCOMPLISH SOME OF THESE BIGGER OBJECTIVES THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED TO. I

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WOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT CHAIR SPERING FOR LEADING US IN THESE TIMES, AND I COMPLIMENT OUR OPERATORS LOOKING AT IT GLOBALLY FROM BIG AND SMALL OPERATORS THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE AS MTC ARE FACILITATING THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND INCENTIVIZING THAT COORDINATION, WHICH I THINK WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. VERY SUPPORT OF THE DIRECTION LAID OUT MR. CHAIR.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WITH THAT I'M GOING TO GO TO THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS AND JUST TO GIVE MARTHA A HEAD'S UP, WE HAVE, AT THIS .11 -- WELL, 10, 9, 11 -- BOUNCING ALL OVER THE PLACE SOMEWHERE AROUND 11 SPEAKERS, NOW WE'RE UP TO 12 -- 13, WE -- IF IT GOES MUCH HIGHER. I'M GOING TO WAIT BECAUSE IF IT GETS MUCH HIGHER I'M ONLY GOING TO GIVE A MINUTE TO SPEAK. I'LL HOLD OFF. WE'RE AT 22 NOW. WITH THAT I'M GOING TO GO TO COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI, THEN PAPAN.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: MY QUESTION, BECAUSE SOMEBODY'S PHONE WENT OFF AS JIM WAS GIVING THE THIRD POINT OF THE MOTION. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS SINCE I DIDN'T HEAR THE FIRST PART OF THAT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I'LL HAVE HIM READ BACK THE MOTION BEFORE WE VOTE.

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CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: SOUNDS GOOD. THANK YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. SO THAT, I WILL MOVE TO PAPAN.

GINA PAPAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THE WORK OF EVERYBODY ON THIS, ESPECIALLY THE TASK FORCE, THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN REALIZING THE DIRECTION WE NEED TO MOVE INTO. WILL WE BE NOTICED IF THEY DON'T PASS THE RESOLUTION, AND AT A FEW OF DATE, WE MAY HAVE TO IF CAL OSHA IS CONFUSED, TO DEFINE THE COMMITMENTS MORE RELATING TO THE AUGUST LETTER, THAT WE GOT SOME MORE DETAILS ON THAT IN CASE SOME OF THE PROVIDERS ARE NOT SPECIFIC IN THE SAFETY MEASURES THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING. AND WE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING, TOO, PLEASE NOTE, WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, THAT IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET, WE HOPE TO SEEK SOME SORT OF OVERSIGHT AS FAR AS THE PROVIDERS. THANK YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. THERESE, DO I WANT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

THERESE MCMILLAN: I CAN ANSWER THE FIRST ONE, YES. YES, WE ABSOLUTELY CAN REPORT BACK ON THE RESOLUTION. AND WHEN THEY'RE ADOPTED BY THE RESPECTIVE TRANSIT BOARDS. IN FACT, AFTER TODAY'S MEETING, I WILL SEND A FOLLOW UP, YOU KNOW, NOTIFICATION TO ALL THE TRANSIT OPERATORS THAT THE COMMISSION

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IS VERY EAGER TO RECEIVE THOSE RESOLUTIONS AS I HAD REQUESTED PREVIOUSLY. ON THE THIRD POINT, I'M NOT SURE, COMMISSIONER PAPAN, I WOULD LIKE SOME CLARITY ON WHAT THE EXPECTATION IS, BUT TO THE DEGREE THAT WE WILL BE SETTING UP A DASHBOARD WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMON METRICS OF THE TRANSIT AGENCY HAS SAID THAT THEY WILL REPORT ON, ON AN ONGOING BASIS AS PART OF THE HEALTH TRANSIT PLAN, AND I BELIEVE -- I NEED TO GET BACK WITH -- I BELIEVE YOU'RE ASKING WHETHER THERE WOULD BE SOME REPORT TO US ON ANY REQUESTS OR INVESTIGATIVE INQUIRIES THAT WERE ADVANCED TO CAL OSHA, WAS THAT THE QUESTION?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YEAH. I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE IF THERE IS A GLITCH THERE, CERTAIN COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, COMMON STANDARDS HERE, IF THEY'RE NOT BEING MET, I HOPE THAT WE CAN -- AT LEAST PASS THEM ON TO CAL OSHA, WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS WERE.

GINA PAPAN: AND THEY CAN PROBABLY EXPAND ON THAT.

THERESE MCMILLAN: I SEE. YES. WE WILL REPORT BACK AND SET UP THE DASHBOARD ON PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES. THERESE, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND IT, ON THE RESOLUTION, MTC WROTE THAT, RIGHT? IS.

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THERESE MCMILLAN: WE PROVIDED A TEMPLATE, THE COMMON TEMPLATE FOR THE TRANSIT OPERATORS AND THAT'S THE ATTACHMENT IN THE REPORT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHETHER THEY PASSED OUR RESOLUTION THAT WE'RE ASKING THEM TO PASS. I WANT TO KNOW WHO PASSED IT, WHO HAS NOT PASSED IT, AND IF SOMEBODY WATERED IT DOWN. IF THEY ADJUSTED IT. I WANT TO KNOW IF IT'S BEEN CHANGED. OKAY?

THERESE MCMILLAN: OKAY. YES. WE CAN REPORT ON THAT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER RABBIT.

DAVID RABBIT: YEAH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT. AND AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE, AND CHAIR SPERING FOR HIS WORK. I AGREE WITH WHAT'S BEEN SAID, AND I AGREE WITH THE MOTION COMING FORWARD. I DO THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THERE ARE COORDINATION OF SHARING OF INFORMATION, THE BEST MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICES, PROTOCOLS THAT ARE ALREADY OUT THERE BE SHARED, AND I THINK THEY HAVE BEEN QUITE FRANKLY, AS A MEMBER OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE DISTRICT, THE SMART BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SMART COUNTY TRANSIT AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, I CAN TELL YOU THE BOARDS ARE ENGAGED ON

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1 THIS SUBJECT AND HAVE BEEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING I CAN ALSO
2 TELL YOU AS A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE COUNTY OFFICIALS
3 HAVE -- THE TRANSIT OFFICIALS HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
4 WITH OUR COUNTY HEALTH PROVIDES, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS TO
5 ENSURE WE'RE STAYING ON TOP OF THINGS AS WELL. I DO THINK THAT
6 STAYING IN LANES IS IMPORTANT, THE FIRING ANALOGY WAS
7 IMPORTANT WE'RE EXPERIENCING THE SAME THING IN SONOMA COUNTY
8 AND THAT MTC DOESN'T NEED TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF SUBJECTS IT
9 DOESN'T NEED TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT CAN BE THE CONVENER,
10 COORDINATOR AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION, I THINK WE DO WELL
11 ABOUT THAT BUT I AM SUPPORTING THE MOTION AND THANK YOU FOR
12 THE LUXURY OF SERVING ON THAT COMMITTEE.
13
14 **SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. GINA YOU'RE BACK IN OR
15 YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR HAND LOWERED? OKAY. SO WITH THAT, I HAVE
16 26 ATTENDEES THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY. I AM GOING TO ASK
17 THAT WE GIVE THEM A MINUTE AND A HALF TO SPEAK, BECAUSE WE
18 HAVE A LOT TO DO, AND WITH SO MANY SPEAKERS, I'M TRYING TO
19 MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE BUSINESS OF THE
20 COMMISSION TODAY. SO MARTHA IF YOU COULD SET YOUR LITTLE CLOCK
21 FOR ONE MINUTE, 30 SECONDS, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. AND GO
22 AHEAD AND START CALLING ON THE SPEAKERS.
23
24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO. FIRST SPEAKER IS JAMES LINDSAY.
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SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS JAMES LINDSAY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION AND SERVE ON THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. LET ME BE CLEAR AND QUICK. I DISAGREE WITH CHAIRMAN SPERING WHOLEHEARTEDLY, IF YOU GUYS DON'T WANT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO ANYTHING THEN WHY ARE YOU TAKING THIS MOTION TO BEGIN WITH? THIS PLAN IS TOTALLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S SAFE TRANSIT PLAN. SO, IF YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE PLAN, HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO THINK YOU HAVE MY MEMBERS, 13,000 MEMBERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT YOU HAVE OUR BEST INTEREST? THE GENERAL MANAGERS DID NOT DO ANYTHING AT THE BEGINNING OF COVID, BACK IN MARCH. IT TOOK THE UNION TO TURN AROUND AND PUSH THEM INTO GETTING PPES FOR OUR MEMBERS. IT TOOK US TO PUSH THEM TO PROVIDE SANITIZED -- SANITIZING THE BUSES. THEY DID NOTHING TO PROTECT US. WE HAVE FIVE MEMBERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT HAVE DIED FROM COVID IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, AND NOW YOU WANT TO WATER DOWN? THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. EXPECT THAT WE ARE GOING TO TURN AROUND AND WE WILL FIGHT EVERY TRANSIT AGENCY THAT DECIDES TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN. WE WILL FIGHT YOU. AND UNDER OUR CONTRACTS, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHUT THE SERVICE DOWN BECAUSE OF SAFETY. GUARANTEED THAT WILL HAPPEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SIR.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS --

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THERESE, I'M SORRY, MARTHA AT SOME POINT, THERESE, I WILL ASK THAT WE ADDRESS THE THOUGHT THAT WHAT WE'RE SAYING IN THIS HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN, THAT IT DOES CONFLICT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I'M NOT SURE THAT WE WANT TO DO THAT, BUT I THINK WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ADOPTING THE STRICTEST STANDARDS OF BOTH. SO, I'M JUST GOING TO NEED SOME UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THAT. GO AHEAD, MARTHA.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS JOHN COURTNEY.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: SORRY KIMBERLY, I JUST NOTICED YOU'RE THE ONE CALLING PEOPLE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS CAN YOU HEAR ME.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES.

MY NAME IS JOHN LOCAL 265 IN SAN JOSE OUR AGENCY IS VTA AND I WANT TO KIND OF BACK TRACK A LITTLE BIT ON TO AN APRIL WEB SITE FROM THE MTC IN WHICH YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY. EXPENSES NEEDED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF RIDERS AND TRANSIT

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WORKERS SUCH AS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR OPERATORS AND CLEANING OF TRANSIT VEHICLES AND STATIONS. NOW FOR YOU TO SHIRK THIS RESPONSIBILITY NOW BECAUSE THE WORK IS GETTING HARDER, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ALIGN ALL THE AGENCIES AND PUT EVERYBODY ON THE SAME PAGE IT'S AN ABSOLUTE DISRESPECT TO THE MTC AND TO THE WORK YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE BAY AREA. SO I WOULD SAY THAT YOU'RE WAY OFF BASE BY SHIRKING THIS RESPONSIBILITY. AND THE PLAN THAT YOU DID COME OUT WITH, THAT FALLS FAR SHORT OF WHAT THE REALITY FOR BRINGING SAFE TRANSIT BACK IS GOING TO BE. WE'RE HERE TO HELP BRING TRANSIT BACK, AND WE WANT SAFE TRANSIT AND WE DEMAND SAFER TRANSIT AND YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP US AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE IN THE POSITION YOU'RE IN. THANK YOU. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

>>CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS JIOVANKA BECKELS. UNMUTE YOUR PHONE PLEASE.

SPEAKER: OKAY. GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS JIOVANKA FORMER TWO TERM RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AND RUNNING FOR A SEAT ON AC TRANSIT FOR FOUR MONTHS PEOPLE WHO RIDE AND COOPERATE WITH TRANSIT ARE ASKING YOU TO SET STRONG UNIFORM STANDARDS TO PROTECT TRANCE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS AND RIDERS. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO PROVIDE A MASK TO EVERY RIDER WHO NEEDS ONE WE ASKED FOR REAR-DOOR BOARDING ON BUSES WE ASKED FOR EVERY TRANSIT WORKERS TO RECEIVE ALL PPE INCLUDING GLOVES AND SANITIZER YOUR

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HEALTHY PLAN ALLOWS FOR NONE OF THESE IT ALLOWS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING OF THREE FEET IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE RIDERS ARE WEARING UNSAFE MASKS OR NO MASKS AT ALL. THERE HAS BEEN A SURGE IN THE BAY AREA INCLUDING IN TRANSIT AGENCIES THIS IS AN INSULT TO THOSE WHO WORK AND RELY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. IT'S IRRESPONSIBILITY TO MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ELDERLY AND DISABLED WHO ARE MOST DEPENDENT ON PUBLIC TRANSIT, THE GENERAL MANAGERS MAY FEEL THEY HAVE A DEAL BUT THERE IS NO DEAL UNTIL FRONTLINE TRANSIT WORKERS AND RIDERS HAVE THEIR CONCERNS ADDRESSED WE'RE ASKING TO YOU REJECT THIS PLAN AND REVISE IT TO INCLUDE DEMANDS THAT TRANSIT WORKERS AND RIDERS HAVE BEEN ASKING AND MAKING. WORKERS DESERVE NOTHING LESS. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS -- SORRY -- THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MIGUEL NAVARRO. UNMUTE YOUR PHONE. MIGUEL NAVARRO. NEXT SPEAKER IS MICHAEL GLICKSON.

SPEAKER: HELLO. THIS IS MICHAEL GLICKSON. I AM A MEMBER OF THE RICHMOND PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE. AND I REPRESENT THE ALLIANCE IN THE COALITION CALLED VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. AND I AM A TRANSIT RIDER MYSELF, AND I AM -- I HAVE CALLED TODAY TO URGE YOU TO TAKE A MORE AGGRESSIVE RESPONSE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR RIDERS AND OPERATORS. I HAVE BEEN RIDING ON BART FOR 47 YEARS AND HAVE USED IT FOR RECREATION AND DOCTOR'S

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APPOINTMENTS. MTC HAS DISBURSED. MONEY FROM THE COVID RESPONSE. MTC SHOULD BE SETTING STANDARDS AND ENSURING ALL THE OPERATORS ARE COMPLYING AND CERTAINLY WE NEED GLOVES, MASKS SANITIZER FOR ALL THE WORKERS, EVERY RIDER SHOULD BE PROVIDED A MASK, AND THERE SHOULD BE HAND SANITIZER ON EVERY VEHICLE THAT WE RIDE. PLEASE DO YOUR JOB. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS MIGUEL NAVARRO. ARE YOU THERE?

SPEAKER: I AM HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS MIGUEL NAVARRO JUNE YOUR PRESIDENT OF -- [INDISCERNIBLE] CITY -- I REPRESENT -- I REJECT THIS PLAN -- WITH RIDERSHIP -- [INDISCERNIBLE] PROPOSED THREE-FOOT DISTANCING POLICY ON A BUS OR A TRAIN -- SEEMS TO BE UNFORESEEABLE -- GOVERNOR'S -- WHEN MEMBERS AND [INDISCERNIBLE] OPERATORS AND PUBLIC SAFETY [INDISCERNIBLE]

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: MIGUEL, YOU CAN MOVE CLOSER TO YOUR PHONE?

SPEAKER: YES. I'M SORRY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: BARELY.

SPEAKER: YOU CAN BARELY HEAR ME? OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE CAN HEAR YOU. NOW WE CAN HEAR YOU, YES.

SPEAKER: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO -- ELECTED OFFICIAL'S OFFICE THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH FOR GROUND FOR SUBJECT -- EXISTING POLICY ON BUSSES AND TRAINS [INDISCERNIBLE] SIX FEET SEEMS TO BE WORK WILLING ON THE STREET AND [INDISCERNIBLE] AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, THAT'S WELL AND GOOD AND NECESSARY, BUT [INDISCERNIBLE] RIDERSHIP IS ALREADY SHARPLY DOWN, AND SPACING OUT EVEN MORE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A PUBLIC VEHICLE SEEMS LIKE AN UNREASONABLE BURDEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS VICTORIA FIERCE.

VICTORIA FIERCE: HI MY NAME IS VICTORIA FIERCE AND I LIVE NO DOWNTOWN OAKLAND, AND I AM A LONG TIME TRANSIT RIDER AND ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR AC TRANSIT AT LARGE. I THINK THIS PLAN IS INCOMPLETE AND BELIEVE MTC IS SELLING ITSELF SHORT ON THIS. EARLIER THE COMMENTS WERE THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR SOMETHING WE CAN'T ENFORCE. OF COURSE MTC YOU'RE NOT REALLY PASSING A LAW HERE THAT'S TRUE BUT YOU'RE ENDORSING A PLAN OF ACTION. COURT OF PUBLIC VIOLATORS WILL PASS JUDGMENT. YOU ARE THE FORCE WITHIN THE BAY AREA IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER IT'S A LAW OR BUDGETING OR FINANCE WHAT MTC IS GENERALLY WHAT THE TRANSIT AGENCIES DO, AND YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU HOPE YOU DON'T WASTE TO REQUIRE AGENCIES PROVIDE MASKS TO RIDERS AND DRIVERS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY WE'RE SUPPORTING STATE REQUIREMENTS BY HAVING DRIVERS SUPPLY THEM BUT WITHOUT ASKING FOR COMPLIANCE YOU'RE JUST REITERATING THE LAW AND STATING T THE BEST COMPLIANCE FOR RIDERS MEANS GIVING THEM THE MEANS FOR WHICH THEY CAN COMPLY GIVE RIDERS AND TRANSIT OPERATORS MASKS, SANITATION AND ALL THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR. YOU'RE NOT PASSING A LAW BUT YOU'RE ENDORSING A PLAN OF ACTION FOR US ORGANIZERS TO TAKE AND WE'LL USE THIS TO HOLD THESE AGENCY'S ACCOUNTABLE. I PROMISE YOU, WE WILL FOLLOW-THROUGH. THANK YOU.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS JP. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: AM I UNMUTED?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS JOHN PASMASHEK. I AM AN OPERATOR FOR VTA. MY CONCERN IS THAT ALL BAY AREA TRANSIT AGENCY BE HELD TO THE SAME HIGH SAFETY PROTOCOLS STANDARDS TO KEEP FROM CROSS INFECTION BETWEEN THE AGENCIES. THIS IS REAL. WHEN ONE AGENCY HAS A LOWER STANDARD AND THEN THAT RIDER GETS ON MY BUS, WHICH VTA, WE'RE DOING A GREAT JOB AND HAVE HIGH STANDARDS, BUT YOU'RE CROSS INFECTING THAT. SO THE BAY AREA MUST ENFORCE AND ENSURE JOB, WHEN YOU SAY STAY IN YOUR LANE THAT'S RIDICULOUS YOUR JOB IS SAFETY FOR ALL BAY AREA TRANSIT. SO WHEN YOU SAY WE GOT TO STAY IN OUR LANE, JIM SPERING, THIS MOTION IS RIDICULOUS. YOU SAY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE OVERSIGHT ON THIS. IF THE AGENCY'S DON'T COMPLY, YOU SHOULD PULL THEIR FUNDING. OKAY. THEY HAVE TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. YOU KNOW, THE DIFFERENT STANDARDS FROM THREE-FOOT TO SIX FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING, DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE AT IN THE BAY AREA WHAT BUS YOU GET ON PROVIDE MASKS FOR LOW OR NO INCOME PASSENGERS EVERYBODY SHOULD GET A MASK. SOME PEOPLE JUST NEED NEW FRESH

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MASKS, HAND SANITIZER ON ALL BUS. CLEANING SPLICE MUST BE ON ALL BUSES. YOU'RE SHIRKING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ALFREDO BY STAYING WE NEED TO STAY IN OUR LANE. THIS IS YOUR LANE BRO. OKAY. THANK YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE LAST SPEAKERS, AND IF THEY DON'T COMPLY WITH WHAT WE'RE ASKING OF THEM OR THE STATE THAT WE SHOULD WITHHOLD THEIR FUNDING. I DON'T THINK IT'S THE CARES FUNDING BUT GOING FORWARD THERE SHOULD BE CONSEQUENCES. SO I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE SPEAKER.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP IS ARTURO AGUILAR.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ARTURO AGUILAR. I AM ASKING TO YOU REJECT THIS PLAN AND SEND IT BACK FOR REVISIONS INCLUDING THE TEN DEMANDS ATU HAS BEEN DEMANDING FOR MANY MONTHS. MONTHS AGO MTC SAID YOU'RE COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS TO HELP PROTECT TRANSIT RIDERS AND WORKERS YET I DON'T SEE ONE ITEM BEING ADDRESSED TRANSIT RIDERS AND WORKERS HAD TEN REQUESTS TO PROVIDE ALL WITH PPES PROVIDING MASK AND HAND SANITIZER, LIMITING THE LOADS TO TEN PASSENGERS, ON THE BUSES, AND PARATRANSIT, ONE PER VEHICLE. ALSO SOCIAL DISTANCING OF SIX FEET, WHICH YOU GUYS ARE ALREADY DISREGARDING. INSTALL PLEXIGLASSES FOR PROTECTED AREAS FOR

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DRIVERS AND RIDERS. YOUR PLAN DOESN'T ADDRESS A SINGLE ONE OF THESE ITEMS. THIS PLAN ALLOWS FOR THREE-FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING WHICH THE CDC AND GOVERNOR ARE SAYING SIX FEET DISTANCING. THIS IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND IT'S PUTTING YOUR EMPLOYEES AND PASSENGERS AT RISK FOR WHAT? ATU AND OTHER UNIONS FOUGHT HARD TO GET YOU 25 BILLION OF THE CARES ACT FOR TRANSPORTATION. THIS IS OUR THANK YOU? FINAL WARNING FAIL TO PLAN IS A PLAN TO FAIL. THIS IS ALL ABOUT -- THIS WILL ALL BE ON YOUR HANDS. LABOR HAS COME TO YOU WITH THE POTENTIAL --

CLERK OF THE BOARD: TIME.

SPEAKER: AND YOU'RE CHOOSING NOT TO -- AND I REMEMBER YOU OUR MEMBERS ARE ON VENTILATORS RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: TIME. NEXT UP IS MONICA MALLON.

I LIVE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY AND AM VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. WORKER AND RIDER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I AM A TRANSIT RIDER MYSELF. VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PLAN. A FEW MONTHS AGO YOU COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING REGIONAL STANDARDS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AND MONTHLY REPORTING AND PROTECTING TRANSIT WORKERS AND RIDERS. WE HAD TEN SPECIFIC REQUESTS INCLUDING PROVIDING EVERY WORKER WITH GLOVES, MASKS, SANITIZER, AND ALSO PROVIDING RIDERS WITH MASKS AND SANITIZER,

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BUT THIS PLAN DOESN'T ADDRESS ANY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE REQUESTS. IT ALSO FAILS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE STANDARDS OR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS. SO I REALLY WANT YOU TO RETHINK THIS AND REALLY LISTEN TO WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. BECAUSE THIS PLAN IS NOT DONE. WE DON'T HAVE A DEAL, AND YOU NEED TO DO YOUR JOB. THANK YOU.

>>CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP IS DAVE CAMPBELL.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, DAVE CAMPBELL ADVOCACY DIRECTOR WITH BIKE EAST BAY ECHOING COMMENTS FROM PEEVES SPEAKERS, WE NEED TO KEEP TRANSIT SAFE POPULAR FOR KEEPING SAFE FOR BIKING AND WALKING THANK YOU COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ONE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S REQUESTS THAT THESE PPE REQUIREMENTS BE ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. COULD I ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVITE YOUR FELLOW COMMISSIONERS TO A CONVERSATION AFTER THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS TO CAPTURE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THAT COMMENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT HERE AT BIKE EAST BAY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL COMMISSIONERS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN YOU SEND YOUR KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL IF THESE HEALTH STANDARDS WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN ARE ATTENDING WOULD BE SAFE. IF THEY'RE WITHOUT MASKS AND OF THE TEACHER ALLOWS THEM INTO A CLASS IS THAT OKAY? IF A TEACHER IS SICK AND NEEDS PAID SICK LEAVE AND NEEDS TO KEEP EARNING MONEY

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WOULD THAT BE OKAY WITH YOU? SUPPORT MR. HAGGERTY IN SUPPORT OF THIS PLAN. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS ELLIE CLEVENGER IN. NEXT SPEAKER IS BONNIE LOCKHARD.

SPEAKER: I'M A VOLUNTEER WITH VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. AND I'M A COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR TEACHING WORKERS. THEY CAN'T BE HERE BECAUSE THEY'RE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND THEY RIDE TRANSIT SO OTHERS CAN PROVIDE SERVICES THAT WE ALL NEED. LIKE THE TRANSIT WORKERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY. WE ALL NEED SYSTEM WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS, THAT ARE NOT MET IN THIS REPORT. WE'RE NOW IN A MESS WHERE WE HAVE TOTAL NEW CASES OF COVID IN OUR NINE COUNTIES, FREQUENTLY TOPPING 2,000 PEOPLE. ONLY RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS AND WE CAN'T CREATE THAT LEADERSHIP TODAY BUT YOU CAN YOU MUST TAKE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP. SADLY THIS REPORT TOO OFTEN MIRRORS PASS THE BACK NOT MY PROBLEM MENTALITY FOR INSTANCE YOU PUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIDER PPE ON INDIVIDUALS. ITEM THREE, IN OUR PETITION THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED BY NOW, THE RIDE SAFE PETITION REQUIRES EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIDER PPE. YOU HAVE GOT TO LISTEN TO DRIVERS AND RIDERS TODAY TO CREATE A BETTER PLAN THAT HEARS OUR CONCERNS AS VOIDS IN OUR RIDE SAFE PETITION SHIFTING

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PANDEMIC PREVENTION ON TO INDIVIDUALS WITH NO LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY IS A RECIPE FOR FURTHER DISASTER. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS HALEY CURRIER.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS HALEY CURRIER POLICY ADVOCACY TRANSFORM AND BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE. WHILE I DO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORT MADE BY THE TRANSIT AGENCIES IN RESPOND TO GET DEMANDS OF OUR COALITION THAT WE HAVE BEEN MAKING FOR MONTHS FOR UNIVERSAL STANDARDS FOR WORKER AND RIDER SAFETY THE BAY AREA HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN FAILS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE STANDARDS OR SPECIFICS AND STILL LEAVES MOST OF THE DECISIONS UP TO EACH INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT COVID GLOBALLY IS THAT INCONSISTENT RESPONSE LEADS TO INCREASE IN CASES. DOCUMENT CLAIMS TO GIVE TRANSIT CUSTOMERS SPECIFIC EXPECT EDUCATIONS WHILE STILL ASKING EACH OPERATOR TO COME UP WITH THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS, OWN PPE AND JOBS HAZARD ANALYSIS. ADDRESSING MASKS AND HYGIENE WHICH WE KNOW IS IMPORTANT TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COVID BUT IT DOESN'T ADDRESS HAND SANITIZER AND HAND WATERING STATIONS. IT PROVIDES IF SANITIZER AND HAND WASHING IS AVAILABLE. THAT'S NOT A STANDARD. WORKERS DESERVE TO FEEL SAVE AND WILL NOT RETURN IN THIS IS IMPLEMENTED. YOU MUST -- MTC MUST HOLD TRANSIT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR STRONG CONSISTENT SAFETY STANDARDS THIS IS NOT DONE DON'T TELL US

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WHAT YOU CAN'T DO TELL YOU WHAT YOU CAN DO. THIS IS A LIVING DOCUMENT PLEASE TELL US WHAT THE NEXT STEP IN HOW YOU'RE COORDINATING DEVELOPING THE PLAN WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR COLLECTING PAST CURRENT AND FUTURE RIDERSHIP INFORMATION FOR RIDERS INDICATE WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO START THE MONTHLY REPORTING WHY AND YOU AREN'T REPORTING THIS MONTH. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP IS JESSE HUNT. JESSE, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: HI, GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS JESSE HUNT PRESIDENT AND BUSINESS AGENT OF LOCAL 55 REPRESENTING BART TRANSPORTATION WORKERS APPRECIATE YOUR TIME IN ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES FIRST OFF CLEANING AND DISINFECTING OF COACHES AND TRAINS MTC MUST DO MORE DEEP CLEANING AT THE END OF THE LINES AND ENSURE PASSENGER SAFETY FOR EACH RUN ALL PASSENGERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POTENTIAL INFECTED AND CLEANING DONE WITH THAT RISK IN MIND. WE NEED RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE TO ENFORCE CRITICAL COMPONENT OF KEEPING TRANSIT MOVING. SECOND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ILL AND AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR JOB BECAUSE OF AGENCIES TO PUNISH EMPLOYEES WILL SHOW UP FOR WORK ILL. THOSE WHO COME TO WORK ILL RISK INFECTING WORKERS AGGRAVATING THE PROBLEM. CURRENT MANAGE POLICIES CONCERNING ATTENDANCE MUST BE A BARGAINING UNIT. FACE COVERINGS TEND TO BE AN ONGOING ISSUE. AGENTS AND OPERATORS CONTINUE TO BE PLACED AT INCREASED RISK

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AND FACE ASSAULT WHICH ATTEMPTING TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS WEAR A MASK TO USE THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. OUR AGENTS AND OPERATORS SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PUT THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY IN ENFORCEMENT OF THE POLICIES. WE NEED MTC TO ENSURE ON CONSISTENT COORDINATED POLICY THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA AGENCIES TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF THE MASK REQUIREMENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AND OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS RICHARD MARK ANTONIO.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. RICHARD MARK ANTONIO WITH PUBLIC ADVOCATES AND VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COALITION. ENSURING THAT TRANSIT IS SAFE IS NOT JUST SOMETHING MTC IS AUTHORIZED TO DO. IT'S MTC'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. THREE-FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING WITHOUT PROVIDING MASKS TO RIDERS IS COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED, AND PEOPLE ARE SICK ON TRANSIT. TRANSIT WORKERS, THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA, ARE EXPERIENCING UNACCEPTABLY HIGH RATES OF INFECTION AND DEATH. FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM WITH THE WHOLE PROCESS, I MEAN, THIS IS A FUTILE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENT. MTC IS THE MONARCH. YOU HAVE GOT YOUR FUTILE LORDS, THE GENERAL MANAGERS AT THE TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND YOU MAKE THE DECISIONS WITHOUT TALKING TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY INFECTED BY THOSE DECISIONS, WITHOUT LISTENING TO THEM, THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH YOUR PROCESS

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RESPECTFULLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY. THEY HAVE SAID THERE IS TEN THINGS WE REALLY WANT TO SEE IN THIS PLACE. WE HAVE GOT THOSE IN THE PETITIONS YOU RECEIVED THIS MORNING. YOU HAVE HAD THEM FOR MONTHS AND NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THOSE ITEMS IS REFLECTED IN YOUR PLAN. NOT A SINGLE ONE. OF THE THIS PLAN NEEDS TO BE REJECTED. YOU SHOULD BE DIRECTING STAFF TO GO BACK AND ACTUALLY SIT DOWN WITH THE WORKERS AND THE RIDERS WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES, WHO ARE IN HARM'S WAY, AND FINALLY, MS. MCMILLAN, I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT EARLIER THAT NOBODY COULD SEE THAT THIS PANDEMIC WOULD LAST THIS LONG.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: TIME IS UP.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS CAROLE TAYLOR.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS CAROLE. MEMBER OF SIU. AND WE ARE CONVALESCENT WORKERS. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE PEOPLE ON TRANSIT TODAY ARE ESPECIALLY IN A HIGH VULNERABILITY CATEGORY. THIS IS NOT YOUR NORMAL BUS POPULATION. WE'RE ESSENTIAL WORKERS. RETAIL WORKERS ARE BEING EXPOSED MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE. CONVALESCENT WORKERS ARE COMING OUT OF THE HOT SPOT OF THE STATE. YOU KNOW THAT MANY OF THE CASES ARE COMING OUT OF THE CONVALESCENTS, OUR WORKERS ARE ON YOUR BUSES WE NEED TO GO

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INTO THE HOMES OF THE VULNERABLE. I APPRECIATED WHAT THE GENTLEMAN FROM ATU SAID ABOUT JUST ASSUMING THAT EVERY PASSENGER IS CONTAGIOUS. WE REALLY NEED THAT. PEOPLE -- A MEMBER OF MINE IN SAN FRANCISCO SAID OH I DON'T RIDE THE BUS ANYMORE. I JUST WALK A FEW EXTRA MILES A DAY. MOST OF OUR WORKERS ARE ELDER WOMEN AND WE DON'T REALLY HAVE THE OPTION OF WALKING A COUPLE OF EXTRA MILES A DAY EVEN IF OUR SCHEDULES PERMITTED IT. ANOTHER THING IS THAT THE REQUEST TO SUPPLY RIDERS MASKS WHEN THEY NEED THEM HAS BEEN UNIVERSAL. THIS IS ONE THING ON WHICH WE ALL AGREE. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE RESISTANCE IS HERE WHY THIS HADN'T BEEN AN ELEMENTARY PART OF THE PROGRAM. I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HEARING. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS EMILY WHEELER.

SPEAKER: HI. MY NAME IS EMILY WHEELER, AND I AM A MEMBER OF VPT AND PUBLIC ADVOCATES. WORKER AND RIDER HEALTH AND SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IT REALLY SHOULD BE CRITICAL TO EVERYONE. I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHY -- WELL, I GUESS I DO UNDERSTAND WHY MTC WANTS TO ADVOCATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK AND RIDER SAFETY BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT IT TO BE ON YOUR HEADS WHEN PEOPLE DIE, BUT I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT PEOPLE WILL DIE AND IT WILL BE ON YOUR HEADS. SO IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE MURDERERS I WOULD SUGGEST YOU VAMP UP YOUR

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1 HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THEY'RE
2 ABIDED BY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.
3
4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT SPEAKER IS PETER STRAUSS. PETER
5 STRAUSS, ARE YOU THERE? OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS YVONNE WILLIAMS.
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7 **SPEAKER:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HELLO COMMISSIONERS MY NAME
8 IS YVONNE WILLIAMS PRESIDENT BUSINESS AGENT OF THE AMALGAMATED
9 TRANSIT UNION LOCAL 192. WHILE THE ADMINISTRATORS OF TRANSIT
10 AGENCIES AND MTC HIDE BEHIND YOUR COVID-19 SHIELDS AT HOME
11 TRANSIT WORKERS CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES. COMMUNITIES
12 WE LIVE IN, AND THE COMMUNITIES WE LOVE. AT AC TRANSIT,
13 NATIONAL EXPRESS, AND PARATRANSIT, WE CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE
14 INCREASED POSITIVE TESTING FOR COVID-19. IN FACT, AT ONE OF
15 THE TRANSIT AGENCIES, IN JULY, WE HAD 19 POSITIVE CASES.
16 TODAY, WE HAVE OVER 31. WE NEED ONSITE FULLY PAID COVID-19
17 TESTING FOR WORKERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS, WE NEED
18 WHAT THE TRANSIT AGENCY -- WHAT THE TRANSIT UNIONS AND
19 ADVOCACY GROUPS HAVE BEEN ASKING YOU FOR, AND YOU KNOW WHAT
20 THEY ARE. YOU HAVE THE WHOLE LIST OF ITEMS THAT WE HAVE
21 REQUESTED THAT YOU HAVE IGNORED. AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT
22 WE ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, AND WE ARE NOT EXTENDIBLE WORKERS.
23 AND EXTENDIBLE IS AN ADJECTIVE OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE WHEN
24 COMPARED TO AN OVERALL PURPOSE AND THEREFORE ABLE TO BE
25 ABANDONED. WE ARE NOT GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO SHIRK YOUR

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RESPONSIBILITY, AND ABANDON US AS WORKERS WHILE YOUR CONTINUING TO SAY THAT WE'RE EXTENDIBLE. THEREFORE, WE REFUSE TO CONTINUE TO BE YOUR TEST SUBJECTS. JIM LINDSAY, ATU INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT SAID IT CLEARLY. MOST OF OUR CONTRACTS IF NOT ALL HAVE LANGUAGE IN OUR CONTRACTS THAT PROVIDE FOR A SAFE WORKPLACE. IF THE MTC PASSES --

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MS. WILLIAMS YOUR TIME IS UP, MS. WILLIAMS.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT CALLER IS THE CALLER WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS, 2295. 2295, UNMUTE YOURSELF. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS LISTED AS ATU LOCAL -- OKAY. KEVIN MA.

SPEAKER: I AM A MEMBER OF VOICES FOR EVERYONE IS VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COALITION. BEING AWARE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CONDITIONS DURING THE EFFECTS THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO INFLAME THE SITUATION IF IT CONTINUES AS IS, MTC HAS COMMITTED IN JULY TO DEVELOP STANDARDS AND INFORM ON THEM BUT THE PLAN FAILS TO PROTECT RIDERS IS WORKERS. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT HEALTH AND PROTECTED HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS. YOU MAY NOT HAVE LAW MAKING AUTHORITY BUT YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY OVER MONEY AND PEOPLE -- AND TRANSIT AGENCIES WOULD DEFER TO YOUR EXPERTISE

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BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE PLANS TO BE MADE FOR THEM. AND WE DO NEED STRONGER EXPLICIT SPECIFIC REQUESTS SUCH AS GIVING WORKERS PPE AS WELL AS PROVIDING PASSENGERS WITH PPE, BECAUSE, AS WE CAN SEE FROM THIS WILDFIRE SEASON, IT IS SOMETIMES VERY DIFFERENTIAL TO BE ABLE TO GET RESOURCES VERY QUICKLY. AND, ALL THE BURDEN OF THE PLAN CURRENTLY ON THE WORKERS. THIS PANDEMIC IS PROBABLY GOING TO LAST MUCH LONGER AND WE A PLAN THAT IS GOING TO ADDRESS THAT AND BE MUCH MORE SPECIFIC IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS STEVE ONGERTH. UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES I CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: HIGH NAME IS STEVE O. I AM A MEMBER OF THE BOAT MAN'S UNION. I WORK ON FERRY BOATS. I DON'T NEED TO REITERATE REQUESTS FOR PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND PRACTICES IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 AS OTHERS HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS SO WELL. BUT I DO NEED TO REEMPHASIZE YOUR PLAN FAILS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE STANDARDS OR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND THE SHIRKING OF RESPONSIBILITY WILL ALLOW THE BOSSES OF THE TRANSIT AGENCIES TO BASICALLY SHIRK THEIR RESPONSIBILITY WHICH CREATED THIS

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MESS IN THE FIRST PLACE. CURRENTLY BURNING WILDFIRES AND LOOMING CLIMATE CRISIS ARE A STARK REMINDER THAT PUBLIC TRANSIT IS ESSENTIAL AND FOR THOSE THAT DEPEND ON IT FOR THEIR JOBS AND LIVES THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. WE MUST HAVE A SAFE RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM NOW MORE THAN EVER. WE MUST HAVE THE TEN DEMANDS WE HAVE BEEN MAKING FOR MANY MONTHS WE'RE THE ONES YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT AND YOU'RE SAYING NO DEAL. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS ARMANDO BABOZO.

SPEAKER: HI MY NAME IS ARMANDO GARCIA BARBOZA, AND I AM A REPRESENTATIVE AND TRUSTED SERVANT TO OUR AT LOCAL 265 BUT TODAY A COME TO SPEAK AS A PUBLIC SERVANT WHO IS OUT IN THE FIELD PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO OUR SANTA CLARA COUNTY RESIDENTS. AS AN OPERATOR MY BIGGEST HEARTFELT CONCERN IS MY PUBLIC SAFETY. MY EXPOSURE ON A DAILY BASIS TO COVID-19 AND MY HIGH PROBABILITY OF OPERATING A COVID-19 SUPER SPREADER OR SPREADERS. LET ME SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME. A SUPER SPREADER. IF SAFETY POLICIES ARE NOT HELD TO A HIGH STANDARD, AND MADE A PRIORITY, I STAND WITH OUR TRUSTED LEADERSHIP WHEN WE AS A 13,000 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP, IN TRUTH AND SOLIDARITY SAY WE STRONGLY REJECT YOUR PLAN ISSUE PROPOSE AM, AND DIRECTION. PROTECT THE MEMBERS, PROTECT THE COMMUNITY. IN

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CLOSING, A SIGNED PETITION OF 2500 SIGNATURES THUS FAR AND GROWING IS AN ACTION. A DEMAND FOR SAFETY. GRACIAS.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THE NEXT SPEAKER IS DEREK SAYHORN.

SPEAKER: THIS IS DEREK S WITH EAST BAY TRANSIT RIDERS UNION. I TAKE BART AND AC TRANSIT NEARLY EVERY DAY AND I WANT TO SAY THIS HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN IT PRETENDS THAT RIDERS STAY IN A BUBBLE OF ONE TRANSIT AGENCY IS NEVER LEAVE IT. THIS ISN'T HOW IT WORKS IN REALITY. TRANSIT RIDERS TRANSFER FROM ONE TRANSIT TO ANOTHER. THEY COUNTY AC TO MUNI, COUNTY CONNECTION TO BART THERE IS RECOGNITION THAT SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR EACH AGENCY ARE THE BEST SAFETY WE CAN COME UP WITH AS A REGION, SO WHY SHOULD RIDERS HAVE TO HAVE THESE RADICALLY DIFFERENT SAFETY PROTECTIONS FROM ONE BUS TO ANOTHER JUST BECAUSE ONE BUS IS A DIFFERENT COLOR? WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE REGIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS THAT PROTECT BOTH RIDERS AND TRANSIT OPERATORS. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS YUSEF JAVIER.

SPEAKER: HEY GOOD MORNING. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES.

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SPEAKER: MY NAME IS YUSEF HAVIER. AND I SPEAKING IN SOLIDARITY WITH VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COALITION AS WELL AS THE AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION PETITION PUT FORTH. AND I SUPPORT THAT PETITION AND I URGE TO YOU REJECT THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE REPORT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T ADDRESS THE DEMANDS TRANSIT WORKERS HAVE MADE TO KEEP RIDERS AND WORKERS SAFER. SO JUST LOOKING AT SOME OF THE LANGUAGE ON THE REPORT, WHAT I'M NOTICING IS THAT JUST A VAGUENESS WITH THE LANGUAGE. AND WHAT I THINK ABOUT THAT, IS THAT I THINK IT WILL SERVE MORE DAMAGE THAN IT WOULD SERVE GOOD WITH THIS SORT OF ABSTRACT SORT OF LANGUAGE. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PPE, IT REALLY JUST SAYS PPE WOULD BE PROVIDED TO OPERATORS, INCLUDING MASKS, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE REALLY NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN AND BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THESE THINGS, GIVEN THE SORT OF OVERARCHING DISSEMINATOR OF INFORMATION THAT THIS AGENCY IS, AND HAS THE POWER TO BE. SO WE REALLY NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN ON LOGISTICS SUCH AS PROVIDING GLOVES, PROVIDING SANITIZER AND SAY THESE WORDS SO THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO BE HEARD BY THESE SPECIFIC AGENCIES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MR. JAVIER, THAT'S YOUR TIME.

SPEAKER: ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS MARC MADDEN AINO.

SPEAKER: HELLO THERE. I PRESUME YOU HEAR ME NOW. HI THERE. MARC MADDEN. I AM WITH COMMON GROUND CALIFORNIA, SILICON VALLEY USA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COALITION. YES I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM DISMAYED TO HEAR THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE FEEL THAT DURING THE COVID CRISIS TRANSIT IS UNSAFE, CANNOT BE USED, BUT THIS IS NOT AN OPTION. TRANSIT IS A BACKBONE. IT'S A LIFELINE FOR MANY PEOPLE. IT HAS CONTINUE TO BE USED AND WE HAVE TO MAKE IT SAFE. I AM VERY DISMAYED THAT A LOT OF OUR LARGER RESPONSES HAVE TREATED CAR USE AS NORMATIVE AND HAVE NOT REALLY CONSIDERED THE REPERCUSSIONS OF MAKING TRANSIT SAFE AND I THINK IT'S UNACCEPTABLE. SO I THINK IN GENERAL, IF YOU LOOK AT HOW WE RESPOND HERE, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO CHANGE PERCEPTION THAT TRANSIT IS SAVE, AS WE CAN MADAM CLERK IT. AND THIS IS NOT BEING REACTIVE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES, I THINK THIS IS PUSHING NEW BOUNDARIES AND ACTUALLY BEING EXTREMELY PROACTIVE TO SAY WE'LL GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE IT SAFE. SO WHILE I THINK THERE ARE GOOD THINGS IN THIS DOCUMENT, I DON'T THINK IT NEARLY GOES FAR ENOUGH, AND I TRUST YOU HAVE THE TEN DEMANDS OF THE ATU VDT. I THINK THE COSIGNING THIS WOULD BE A GREAT STEP TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC TRUSTS MTC. AND WHILE YOUR STATEMENTS MAY BE NON-BINDING IN SOME SENSE, THEY OFFER

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POWERFUL GUIDANCE AND I THINK IT'S REALLY NECESSARY THAT YOU DO ALL YOU K THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS ROGER MARENCO.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS ROGER M, LOCAL 258. ON THE CALL WE HAVE ADMINISTRATION 238U, ATU, SCLU, PUBLIC ADVOCATES TRANSIT RIDERS, VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. EVERYBODY ON THE LINE ENCOURAGING YOU NOT TO VOTE FOR THIS NOT TO SELL OURSELVES SHORT AND TO GIVE OURSELVES WHAT WE ARE DUE AND OWED AND WE ARE ACTUALLY IN NEED OF. THREE-FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCE IS AN ABSOLUTE SLAP IN THE FACE SO I'M NOT GOING TO ENTERTAIN THAT LUDICROUS IDEA OF ANYTHING TRYING TO SAY THAT THREE-FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING ON A BUS IS FEASIBLE IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM. JUST THIS WEEK WITH THE DEBACLE OF THE RAIL SYSTEM HERE ONCE AGAIN HERE IN MUNI, IN THE SUBWAYS, WHEN THE DEBACLE OCCURRED AND THE TRAINS HAD TO BE SHUT DOWN AGAIN YOU KNOW WHO WAS ON THE FRONT LINES IT WAS THE TRANSIT WORKERS, TRANSIT OPERATORS THAT WERE FILLING IN THE GAPS OF SERVICE. IT WAS NOT ANYBODY ON THE MTC COMMISSION. IT WAS NOT ANY OF THE MEMBERS THAT ARE ON THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. IT WAS FRONTLINE WORKERS, FRONTLINE EMPLOYEES, IT WAS UNION MEMBERS, TRANSIT WORKERS, TRANSIT OPERATORS THAT WERE OUT THERE FIXING THE PROBLEM, YET AGAIN. NOW WITH THAT BEING STATED, I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW THAT THE BLUE-COLLAR TASK FORCE IS AN

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ORGANIZATION THAT WAS REALLY CREATED JUST THIS MONTH IN A RESPONSE TO THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. LACK OF -- ISSUES. SO PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE BLUE-COLLAR TASK FORCE COMING FORWARD REAL SOON.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS ATU LOCAL 1575.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME 12347 YES. WE CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. I AM PRESIDENT OF ATU LOCAL 1575 REPRESENTING 250 OF THE BRAVEST BUS OPERATORS. I ASK YOU TO REJECT THIS DANGEROUS PLAN THAT'S FORTH COMING AND THAT YOU GUYS HAVE PROPOSED AND I THINK IT'S PRE POST ROUSE MTC IS GOING TO LOOK AT A EUROPEAN MODEL, ONE OF WHICH THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BANNED COMING IN. HERE AT OUR LOCAL WE HAVE EIGHT POSITIVE OPERATORS WHO HAVE COME UP, AND ONE OF THOSE UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY. SO IF THAT DOESN'T KIND OF HIT HOME, AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS THREE FEET -- SIX FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, PPE FOR EVERY OPERATOR, AND CLEAN BUS OPERATOR CABS. THAT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK, THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE TOO COSTLY. I ASK TO YOU TAKE THIS SAFE IS PROPER STEP TO KEEP OUR TRANSIT RIDERS AND OPERATORS SAFE. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP IS BENJAMIN ZENKE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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2 **SPEAKER:** HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GREAT. SO MY NAME IS BENJAMIN Z. I AM A LEADER WITH
7 THE EAST BAY DEMOCRAT SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA AND VOICES FOR
8 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COALITION AS WELL. I THINK IT'S REALLY
9 CRITICAL RIGHT NOW THAT WE MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AS SAFE
10 AS POSSIBLE FOR RIDERS AND FOR THE WORKERS. THERE IS A VERY
11 CLEAR FEELING AMONGST THE PUBLIC THAT IT'S NOT SAFE TO TAKE
12 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND THESE SORTS OF PLANS ARE NOT
13 HELPING TO CHANGE THAT VIEW. PEOPLE ARE RENTING CARS, THEY'RE
14 CHANGING HOW THEY GET TO WORK TO AVOID PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION,
15 EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE AND WE'RE LEAVING
16 THOSE PEOPLE TO HAVE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES. IF WE WANT PUBLIC
17 TRANSPORTATION TO SURVIVE THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC AND GROW
18 STRONGER AND BE A MODE FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE THEN IT'S
19 CRITICAL THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO ENSURE
20 DRIVERS AND RIDERS ARE SAFE AND THIS PLAN DOESN'T COME CLOSE
21 TO IT RIGHT NOW. YOU ALL HAVE SEEN THE REQUESTS FROM WORKERS
22 AND RIDERS, PPE, GLOVES, MASKS, SANITIZER FOR EVERYONE, LIMIT
23 BEING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE. I URGE YOU TO MAKE OUR PUBLIC
24 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SAFE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS ALETA DUPREE.

SPEAKER: CHAIR HAGGERTY, AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A BIG PLAN. THERE IS A LOT TO IT. AND I AM LEARNING NEW THINGS EVERY DAY BUT THE FACT IS WE HAVE TO MOVE THE PLAN FORWARD AND GET IT OUT THE DOOR. I ATTEND EVERY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS. I AM A TRANSIT RIDER SPEAKING FOR MYSELF BUT I AM SURE MANY WILL AGREE WITH ME I VALUE THE REASONS SPEAKING THAT I FIND FROM SPERING. I HAVE BEEN COMING TO YOUR MEETINGS FOR THREE YEARS AND YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO MY CONCERNS. I KNOW THE INTENT OF THIS BODY IS NOT TO WRITE LEGISLATION. SO LET'S PASS THIS PLAN. IT'S NOT PERFECT. BUT THERE IS 30 PAGES OF IT, AND CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS CALLER LAST FOUR DIGITS, 6262.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS ROLAND. SO IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'M GOING TO BE REALLY BLUNT HERE. GETTING BACK INTO YOUR LANE, AFTER THE HORSE HAS LEFT THE BARN IT'S TOO LATE. AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE, THE THREE-FOOT DISTANCING CAME FROM BART WHO IN TURN GOT IT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, WSP. WE WARNED YOU FROM THE BEGINNING WHAT WAS GOING

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HAPPEN. WHAT YOU HAVE GOT TO DO NOW, IS TO BASICALLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY, TAKE LEADERSHIP, AND LISTEN TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO JUST SPOKE TO YOU, AND COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT EVERYBODY AGREES ON. NOT THOSE INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS CALLER LAST FOUR DIGITS 5142. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS JOYCE. JOYCE, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: HI. THIS IS JOYCE WILLIS, FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR ATU LOCAL 192, I HAVE LISTEN TO THESE CALLS, AND A LOT OF THE SPEAKERS, AND I AGREE WITH WHAT THEY SAY. ONE OF THE ISSUES THEY HAVE, AND WHAT KIND OF MAKES ME ANGRY IN THIS IS THAT IT SEEMS LIKE PEOPLE IN TRANSIT ARE NOT TREATED AS WELL AS WHAT THEY CONSIDER ESSENTIAL WORKERS, THE NURSES AND DOCTORS, BUT WE ARE VITAL TO THE COMMUNITIES, AND JUST SO HAPPENS A LOCAL THAT I'M A PART OF IS IN ONE OF THE THREE ZIP CODES WITH THE HIGHEST CASES, HIGHEST INFECTION RATES IN THE COUNTRY, BASICALLY, AND THAT'S ZIP CODE 94601, 94621 WHICH I'M SITTING IN RIGHT NOW AND 94603 AND THAT'S AC TRANSIT'S BIGGEST DIVISION AND RIGHT NOW THEY'RE GETTING HIT WITH COVID. AND WE'RE THE ONES THAT WE PICK UP ON OUR BUSES THE ONES WE CARRY EVERY DAY AND I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR MORE PEOPLE, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE SAFELY, AND OUR OPERATORS ARE

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1 STARTING TO FALL. OUR OPERATORS, SERVICE EMPLOYEES, MECHANICS
2 WE'RE STARTING TO HAVE HIGHER RATES OF COVID INFECTION
3 OURSELVES AND IT'S GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY. IF THEY'RE GOING
4 TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT THEN THEY HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT AND
5 THE PUBLIC IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE MADE TO WEARING THE MASKS,
6 THEY SHOULD HAVE HAND SANITIZERS ON THE BUSES ALL THE THINGS
7 THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW SHOULD BE DONE AND SHOULD BE
8 ENFORCED AND IT SHOULD BE ENFORCED WITH ALL TRANSIT AGENCY IN
9 THE U.S. ATU IS FALLING VICTIM TO THIS AND WE SHOULD BE
10 TREATED THE SAME AS ALL ESSENTIAL WORKERS. I'M HOPING THEY
11 DON'T DO THIS RIGHT NOW AND THEY COME BACK WITH A BETTER PLAN
12 WHERE THEY CAN BE ENFORCED WITH ALL THE AGENCIES DOING THE
13 SAME THING BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE.
14
15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS EDUARDO
16 GONZALEZ.
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18 **SPEAKER:** HI COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS EDUARDO G PROGRAM MANAGER
19 OF LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
20 COALITION. WORKERS AND RIDERSHIP CONTINUE TO RELY ON PUBLIC
21 TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO WORK AND FOR ESSENTIAL NEEDS BECAUSE
22 THEY DON'T WANT HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR. MONTHS AGO YOU COMMITTED
23 TO DEVELOPING REGIONAL STANDARDS FOR REGIONAL AND PUBLIC
24 SAFETY TO PROTECT RIDERS AND WORKERS. TRANSIT RIDERS HAVE
25 REQUESTED PROVIDING EVERY WORKER WITH PPE GLOVES, MASKS

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SANITIZER AND PROVIDING DRIVERS WITH SAME. YOUR PLAN DOESN'T ADDRESS A SINGLE ONE OF THEM FAILING TO PROVIDE CONCRETE STANDARDS OR REQUIREMENTS ONLY REQUIREMENTS IN THE PLAN ARE IMPOSED ON US RIDERS AND WORKERS WITH NO AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY MAKING SURE WE CAN MEET THEM THIS PROVIDES FOR THREE FEET BUT DOESN'T PROVIDE MASKS OR SANITIZER THAT'S IRRESPONSIBLE AND IS PUTTING US AT RISK. WITH COVID CASES IN THE BAY AREA AND CONTINUING OUTBREAKS AMONG BAY AREA TRANSIT WORKERS WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE STRONG SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE SET FOR EACH TRANSIT SYSTEM TO KEEP RIDERS AND WORKERS SAVER. PLAN IS NOT DONE WE'RE REJECTING THIS PLAN AND ASKING TO YOU SEND IT BACK FOR CONCRETE STANDARDS WE HAVE REQUESTED FOR MANY MONTHS. WE RESPECTED YOUR PROCESS AND WE HAVE BEEN IGNORED. WE ARE THE ONES YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT. WE'RE SAYING NO DEAL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS PETER STRAUSS.

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW, THIS TIME?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. I CAN HEAR YOU.

SPEAKER: THIS IS PETER STRAUSS I'M ON THE BOARD OF SAN FRANCISCO TRANSIT RIDERS AND VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT ALL OF THE OPERATORS THAT HAVE DONE IN PUTTING THIS FIRST DOCUMENT

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TOGETHER. AND STARTING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INSISTENCE THAT WE HAVE PLACED ON SETTING UNIFORM STANDARDS BUT IT DOES HAVE FAR TO GO, AND THE PLAN INDICATES THAT IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS, AND THAT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE VIEW IT THAT WAY. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS TWO THINGS IN PARTICULAR. FIRST OF ALL ON PAGE THREE, THERE IS THE LOGOS OF ALL OF THE BAY AREA TRANSIT OPERATORS AS AUTHORS GLARING IN ITS ABSENCE IS MTC'S LOGO. IN WHATEVER ROLE MTC PLACE CLEARLY YOU HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS AND SHOULD BE A MUCH STRONGER ROLE. MTC'S LOGO NEEDS TO BE ON HERE. AND NAME NEEDS TO BE ON HERE AS THE CENTRAL COORDINATING AGENCY. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE, YOU, MTC ARE THE ONLY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY WE HAVE GOT. SO YOU HAVE GOT TO ASSUME WHATEVER REGIONAL ROLE THERE IS TO PLAY AND THAT IS ONE FOR TAKING RESPONSIBLE, MANAGING THIS ROLE AND BEING THE POINT OF CONTACT. IN ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS HAVE SPOKEN TO, WHICH IS THE NEED FOR MASKS. PORTLAND TRIMET FOR INSTANCE HAS PROVIDED MASKS ON ALL BUSES AND THE PLAN IS SINGULARLY ABSENT FOR PROVIDING MASKS WHICH IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS THE RECENT DUKE UNIVERSITY STUDY SHOWED NOT ALL MASKS ARE EQUAL SO WE NEED TO PROVIDE MASKS BUT MAKE SURE WE HAVE EFFECTIVE --

CLERK OF THE BOARD: TIME IS UP.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: TIME IS UP.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS ELLIE --

SPEAKER: WHY ARE YOU --

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ELLIE C.

SPEAKER: WHY ARE YOU --

SPEAKER: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS RAJ SINGH.

SPEAKER: HELLO COMMISSIONERS. I JUST WANTED TO GO OVER A COUPLE OF NAMES. JESSE DE LA CRUZ, JOSE MELANO, FRANCISCO MONTREOL, LARRY WADE, DAVID PEREZ AND DARYL WILLIS. THESE ARE FIVE OPERATORS THAT IT WERE OUT PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE THAT FAILED TO RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF PPE AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS THAT THE DISTRICT FAILED TO PROVIDE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COMMISSIONERS IF WE CAN PLEASE HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE. THANK YOU. AND I URGE THAT YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR MOTION. SAFETY NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS NICHOLE WONG.

SPEAKER: YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

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4 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. WONDERFUL. HI MY NAME IS NICHOLE WONG
5 TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR DREAM CORE OAKLAND
6 RESIDENT AND HAVE ACTIVELY USED AC TRANSIT, MUNI THROUGHOUT MY
7 LIFE. NO ONE SHOULD RISK THEIR LIFE TO REACH DESTINATIONS
8 DURING THIS PANDEMIC WITH NO OTHER WAY TO REACH JOBS AND
9 HEALTH CARE AT THIS TIME. A LACK OF CLEAR UNIFORM STANDARDS
10 FOR ALL OF US HITS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THE HARDEST. WALKING
11 TO GET GROCERIES BECAUSE THEY FEEL FOR SAFETY ON TRANSIT.
12 THERE IS CROWDING ON TRANSIT WITH LACK OF PROTECTION. OUR
13 WORKERS DESERVE BETTER. YOU PROMISED UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR
14 SAFETY AND REPORTING MONTHLY HOWEVER THE PLAN FAILS TO DELIVER
15 ON THIS SERVICE. FOR INSTANCE THE -- THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
16 THAT TRANSIT AGENCIES MUST PROVIDE PPE FOR WORKERS OR -- FOR
17 RIDERS [INDISCERNIBLE] WORKERS AND RIDERS TO FEND FOR
18 THEMSELVES, IF YOU ACCEPT THIS PLAN AS WRITTEN, YOU ARE GIVING
19 THE GREEN LIGHT TO INCREASED RISK OF COVID EXPOSURE AND UNSAFE
20 RECOVERY NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS CALLER LAST
23 FOUR DIGITS 5142. OKAY. THEY HUNG UP. NEXT CALLER, THIS IS THE
24 LAST SPEAKER. ADINA LEVIN.

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ADINA LEVIN: GOOD AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS. ADINA LEVIN WITH SEAMLESS BAY AREA. CONSOLIDATED REPORT FROM ALL THE TRANSIT OPERATORS IS A GOOD START IN PROVIDING A SINGLE SOURCE ON HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. IT SAYS IN THE REPORT ITSELF, THAT THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS, AND THIS IS CLEARLY FROM ALL THE FEEDBACK THAT YOU ARE GETTING, NOT THE END OF THE STORY. THERE IS GOING TO NEED TO BE CONTINUING WORK ON REFINING THIS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ON SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT, AND SO THANK YOU FOR MTC FOR ENCOURAGING THIS TO BE BROUGHT ABOUT. IT WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS ABOUT WANTING TO HAVE A SINGLE REGIONAL SOURCE. IF NOT, MTC THEN WHO? IF IT IS THE TRANSIT OPERATORS WORKING TOGETHER, CAN THERE BE A SINGLE SOURCE COMING OUT OF THAT. PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED THAT PEOPLE -- AGENCY TO AGENCY TO GET TO WHERE THEY'RE GOING SO HAVING AN AGENCY BY AGENCY ACCOUNTABILITY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR RIDERS AND FOR WORKERS SO MORE PROGRESS IS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY WHO AND WHAT THAT CENTRAL SOURCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY WILL BE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY. AND CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARD A HEALTHIER AND SAFE --

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. MR. CHAIR, THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKERS AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ACTUALLY, I AM GOING TO GO, AT THIS POINT, TO CHAIRMAN SPERING.

JAMES P. SPERING: THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. YOU KNOW, FIRST, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS. AND, YOU KNOW, FOR CLARIFICATION, YOU KNOW MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED ARE CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE. I MEAN, WE SHARE. NOTHING IN MY MOTION IS TO APPROVE ANY PLAN. AND SO IF YOU HAVE FOLLOWED MY COMMENTS AND MANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS, WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT THE WORKERS HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND THOSE PROTOCOLS FOR WORKERS IS A HIGH PRIORITY. A REAL HIGH PRIORITY FOR IT. I THINK THE REAL QUESTION S HOW DO WE GET TO WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN THIS PLAN. AND ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN, MANY OF THE COMMENTS WE HAVE HEARD, MTC DOESN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY, WE CAN URGE THE OPERATORS TO DO ANYTHING AS ALL OF THE SPEAKERS HAVE ASKED TO DO, AND IT JUST PUTS US IN A POSITION WHERE IT'S JUST AN ONGOING DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON HOW BAD TRANSIT IS, AND I THINK IT'S SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE. AND IN MY MOTION AND IN MY COMMENTS, I DID SAY WE CAN WITHHOLD MTC DISCRETIONARY DOLLARS. AND IF WE'RE IN AGREEMENT WITH MANY OF THE COMMENTS THAT THE SPEAKERS HAVE SAID, YOU KNOW, AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOLLARS WE HAVE THAT ARE DISCRETIONARY TO US, BUT WE CERTAINLY CAN PUT THE PRESSURE, YOU KNOW, ON THE TRANSIT OPERATORS AS PARTNERS WITH, YOU KNOW, MANY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES HERE TODAY. AND A LOT OF

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1 THE SOCIAL ADVOCACY GROUPS. YOU KNOW, SO TODAY, YOU KNOW, IN
2 MY MOTION, I'M NOT -- YOU KNOW, APPROVING A PLAN, ADOPTING A
3 PLAN, THAT'S NOT WHAT'S IN THE MOTION. WHAT I'M REAL CONCERNED
4 ABOUT IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO, YOU KNOW, DO
5 ENFORCEMENT. WE DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE TOW SET THESE
6 STANDARDS, BUT YOU KNOW, WORKING TOGETHER, WE'RE CAN IDENTIFY
7 WHAT SOME OF THESE BASIC STANDARDS ARE, AND REQUEST THAT THAT
8 BE IMPLEMENTED. AND, YOU KNOW, SO IT -- YOU KNOW, MY COMMENTS,
9 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS, WE WANT TO WORK WITH MOST
10 OF THE SPEAKERS. YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH
11 YOU ON THESE ISSUES. AND THIS, IN MY COMMENTS AT THE PRESS
12 RELEASE, THIS IS A FIRST STEP. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, AS ALETA
13 DUPREE, WHICH I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THERE, IS THAT THIS IS
14 A FIRST STEP. THIS PLAN IS GOING TO GET DEVELOPED. AND YOU
15 KNOW, THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES IS NUMBER ONE. AND SO IT'S
16 JUST HOW WE'RE APPROACHING THIS. IT'S NOT WE'RE NOT HEARING
17 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BECAUSE WE ARE HEARING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
18 IT'S JUST HOW WE GET THERE. APPROACH I WAS PROPOSING IN
19 DISCUSSION WITH OUR STAFF AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS IS THAT WE
20 DO IT IN A COOPERATIVE WAY, WORKING WITH THE TRANSIT
21 OPERATORS, TO IMPLEMENT MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING
22 ASKED FOR. AND YOU KNOW, THIS IS A LONG JOURNEY THAT WE'RE ON,
23 AND, YOU KNOW, THE TRANSIT OPERATORS UNDERSTAND THAT MANY OF
24 THESE THINGS HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO GET RIDERS BACK INTO
25 THEIR SYSTEM. SO, YOU KNOW, I SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT WAS

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MADE. I'LL CERTAINLY CLARIFY T I WILL, AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN, MANY OF THE COMMENTS, I AGREE WITH, BUT IT'S HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR, AND I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE DO IT MORE OF A COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP WAY WORKING WITH THE TRANSIT OPERATORS TO GET MANY OF THESE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTED. AND YOU KNOW AS I SAID, THIS REALLY IS A FIRST STEP. AND TO JUST CONSTANTLY SAYING THAT PUBLIC TRANSIT ISN'T SAFE, THEY'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING, IS REALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO US GETTING THESE RIDERS BACK INTO THE SYSTEM. POSITIVE IS TO SAY THAT WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER UNIFYING THESE STANDARDS, AND WHAT I SAID IN MY COMMENTS NEEDS TO HAPPEN, IT'S GOT TO BE UNIFORM FROM MY COUNTY TO SAN FRANCISCO, AND THAT IS THE GOAL. AND SO, YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO DISMISS THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE HEARD. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE HEARD YOU, BUT WE HAVE TO BE, YOU KNOW, REALISTIC ABOUT HOW WE CAN GO FORWARD. YOU KNOW, IMPLEMENTING MANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING ASKED FOR. AND SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANTED TO PUT IT IN THAT CONTEXT IN MY MOTION, I AM NOT APPROVING ANY PLAN TODAY. THAT IS NOT PART OF THE MOTION. AND SO, YOU KNOW JUST FOR CLARITY, I REALLY WANT TO JUST IDENTIFY WHAT MTC'S ROLE IS, WHEN IT COMES TO DEVELOPING HEALTH STANDARDS, WHICH IS REALLY, YOU KNOW, OUT OF OUR LANE, SO TO SPEAK, AND BEING AN ENFORCEMENT. WE DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY. I WOULD IMAGINE, LIKE MR. LINDSAY SAID, THEY DO HAVE A LOT OF AUTHORITY, BUT THAT COMES TO THOSE TRANSIT AGENCY BOARDS, THAT'S WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE DIRECTED

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AND IF WE NEED TO GO SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THEM TO GO TO THOSE BOARDS THEN WE NEED TO DO THAT. BUT PUT MTC IN THAT POSITION, THIS IS JUST GOING TO BE AN ONGOING DEBATE AND DISCUSSION. AND YOU KNOW, AUTO -- IT'S REALLY I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN BUILDING THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE AND GETTING BACK INTO PUBLIC TRANSIT. THERE IS GOING TO NEED TO BE MORE DISCUSSIONS IF WE NEED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS AT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE, THERE WAS MENTION OF THE STATE STANDARD MAYBE THAT'S THE MINIMUM THAT NEEDS TO BE AT LEAST IMPLEMENTED BUT THIS IS WORTHY OF MORE DISCUSSION. LET'S AT LEAST IDENTIFY WHAT OUR ROLE IS, AND THEN JUST ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THIS IS A FIRST STEP IN A JOURNEY OF MAKING THIS A HEALTH AND SAFETY SYSTEM THAT WE CAN ALL RELY ON.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. ONE OF THE THINGS THEY WOULD ASK, THAT IF PEOPLE WOULD BE AMENABLE, IS TO -- I REALIZE THE BULLET THAT SAYS MTC WILL NOT BE SET SUGGEST STANDARDS OR PLAY ENFORCEMENT ROLE AS IT PLAYS TO THE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. FIRST OF ALL, I KIND OF FEEL LIKE WE WILL. BECAUSE IF THEY'RE NOT OPERATING SAFELY WE'RE GOING TO PENALIZE THEM WITH MONEY. WE HAVE SAID THAT OVER AND OVER. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS. WOULD WE BE OKAY TO DO AN AMENDMENT THAT SAYS, HOWEVER WE SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTHY TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION, AND/OR STATE STANDARDS, WHICHEVER IS STRONGER. I'M ASKING THE MAKER AND THE SECONDED

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WOULD THEY ACCEPT SOMETHING LIKE THAT. BUT I DON'T WANT TO ASK UNTIL WE HAVE MORE DISCUSSION AND IT'S REALLY JUST TO SAY WE SUPPORT IT. I WILL GO TO JEANNIE BRUINS AND THEN TO GINA PAPAN.

JEANNIE BRUINS, VICE CHAIR: THANK YOU CHAIR. AND I WANT TO START BY SAYING IT TO ALL THE TRANSIT OPERATORS WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY, STAFF, AND TO THE CHAIR OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. AFTER LISTEN TO OTHER COMMENTS, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. BUT LET ME FRAME IT. I DO AGREE. WE DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE OR AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, I THINK WE COULD GO A STEP FURTHER AND SO MUCH IN THE SAME VEIN AS THE CHAIR, I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT WE LOOK AT WHY THE REPORTING THAT WE'RE SAYING THE REPORTING WE'RE SAYING WE'RE GOING TO DO ON A MONTHLY BASIS, ALL THAT DOES IS SAY IS, DID THEY ALL MARK THE BOXES ON TERMS OF WHAT THE PLAN IS. BUT I THINK THE GOAL IS, OF SETTING UP THE PLAN, WAS REALLY TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR PASSENGERS AND OUR OPERATORS, AS BEING OUR PRIMARY GOAL. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, CAN THE REPORTING AND SHOULD THE REPORTING ALSO INCLUDE CARESS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATH BY AGENCY. SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE WE HAVE MAYBE PROBLEM AREAS AND WHERE MTC MAY BE PROACTIVE AND IT CAN BE PUNITIVE IN TERMS OF WITHHOLDING MONEY BUT YOU WOULD ALSO SAY IT COULD BE IN TERMS OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE BARRIERS ARE OR WHAT CAN BE DONE TO BRING ALL THE TRANSIT

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AGENCIES UP TO A HELPFUL HEALTHY STANDARD PENDING PEOPLE MOVING THROUGH THE SYSTEM. ONE QUESTION IS, CAN WE DO THAT. AND THE SECOND ONE IS, WHEN THIS PLAN WAS PUT TOGETHER, DO YOU KNOW WHETHER OR NOT EACH COUNTY HAS WEIGHED IN ON THIS AS WELL? WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE STATE STANDARDS, BUT THE WAY THESE THINGS CASCADE IS THE STATE STANDARDS AND THEN AT THE COUNTY, WE HAVE -- WE CAN GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE STATE. SO LEAVING IT AT THE STATE STANDARD MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT BASED ON WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING WITHIN EVE COUNTY. SO HAS THIS BEEN RUN BY EACH OF THEIR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: SO THE FIRST ONE JEANNE I'M JUST NOT QUITE SURE THAT THE TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT DATA. YOU KNOW, IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO GET IT OUT OF MY COUNTY BECAUSE OF HIPPAA LAWS. SO I DON'T THINK THAT IS GOING TO START BEING RELEASED. I'M NOT SURE HOW THEY DO THAT. I THANK THAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT YOU'RE COUNTY IS DOING REPORTING, MY COUNTY IS DOING REPORTING. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU BLAME THE BUS. AND, YOU KNOW, SO I -- I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO THAT. SO THAT'S TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION. AS FAR AS THE SECOND ONE, I REALLY DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT. SO WITH THAT, I WILL GO TO GINA PAPAN.

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1 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. AND I THINK WE HAVE A BUILT
2 IN FLAW IN OUR SYSTEM HERE. WE ARE REVIEWING THIS PLAN, BUT WE
3 DO WANT TO BE CLEAR, THAT THIS IS NOT THE END-ALL. BECAUSE
4 WHAT HAPPENS IS PLANS LIKE THIS GO THROUGH AND THE PROVIDES
5 SAY HEY WE COMPLIED WITH YOUR PLAN THEREFORE WE DON'T HAVE TO
6 DO ANYTHING ELSE AND THAT'S WHAT'S DEEPLY CONCERNING TO ME AND
7 WE ALSO SEND RESOLUTIONS TO THE LOCAL JURISDICTION OF THE
8 BOARDS AND THEY THINK OH WELL WE HAVE TO SIGN THIS BECAUSE. I
9 REALLY WANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE DO ATTACH, I GREATLY RESPECT
10 OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUT THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT
11 ARE BEING ASKED FOR BY THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING IN THESE
12 TRANSIT AGENCIES. AND WE ENCOURAGE THOSE LOCAL BOARDS TO ADD
13 TO THE RESOLUTION. MAKE THOSE REQUIREMENTS. SOLIDIFY THEM IN
14 THERE. BECAUSE WE SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE. WE JUST -- I KNOW,
15 BECAUSE THE TRANSIT AGENCIES WILL SAY OH MTC MAKING US SIGN
16 THIS AND THERE IS NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO. YEAH. YOU CAN DO
17 BETTER. AND WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT. SO, PLEASE MAKE THE
18 RESOLUTIONS BETTER, AND THEN THAT HOLDS THEM MORE ACCOUNTABLE.
19 I GET WORKING WITH THE PROVIDERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BUT
20 OBVIOUSLY, WE GET ONE STORY FROM THE PROVIDERS, AND WE GET
21 ANOTHER ONE FROM THE PUBLIC. AND THAT'S DEEPLY CONCERNING TO
22 ME. SO I REALLY WANT TO SUGGEST, HERE, IN THE PUBLIC FORUM, BY
23 LOOKING AT THIS PLAN, THIS IS NOT THE END-ALL. WE EXPECT MORE.
24 AND WE EXPECT IT FROM THOSE PROVIDERS AND THOSE AGENCIES THAT
25 DON'T WANT THEM JUST TO SAY WHAT WAS IN YOUR PLAN. I HOPE THAT

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MAKES SENSE AND I HOPE WE CAN -- I WOULD SUGGEST WE DO SEND THE OTHER ATTACHMENT ALONG WITH THE RESOLUTION AND ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS. PLEASE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. SO, I SEE FEDERAL, RAISE YOUR HAND INSTEAD OF THE OTHER WAY, AND THEN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO US, SO I'M GOING TO GO TO HER NOW. THERESE.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THANKS. I JUST WANTED TO OFFER ONE -- I SEE CLARIFICATION EXPECTATION THAT MAY NOT BE CLEAR, HAVE BEEN CLEAR PRIOR. OUR RESOLUTION THAT WE HAVE ASKED ALL OF THE TRANSIT AGENCIES TO ADOPT IN SOME FORM AND REQUESTED AT THE BEGINNING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO WATERING DOWN OF THE PROVISIONS THAT WERE THERE. ? AND AGAIN THAT'S ATTACHMENT B FOR THE COMMISSIONERS THAT WAS IN THE REPORT. IT'S ASKED WITH EACH TRANSIT AGENCY TO COMMITMENT WITH IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. INCLUDED IN THAT PLAN ARE A SET OF COMMON METRICS THAT COVER A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT AREAS. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, BY EXTENSION, I THINK THERE IS MAGNIFICATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN EACH AVERAGES HAS TO HAVE AGENCY SPECIFIC PLANS AND PROTOCOLS IN THE AREAS THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THAT PLAN. WE HAVE NOT -- YOU KNOW, STIPULATED WHEN AND HOW THOSE ARE DONE, BUT I THINK THAT IS CLEARLY A COMMON EXPECTATION. AS SPERING POINTED OUT, EACH BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE

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PROVISION OF SERVICE AND THE HEALTH CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THAT IN EACH AGENCY. SO THIS OVERALL REGIONAL HEALTHY PLAN IS A BROAD GUIDANCE DOCUMENT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSLATED ON AN AGENCY BY AGENCY BASIS IN SOME WAY. SO, YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY WE COULD REQUEST TO SEE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. YOU KNOW, AS EACH AGENCY PULLS THAT TOGETHER, SO I JUST WANTED TO OFFER THAT'S THE BEST -- AND WITH MULTIPLE AGENCIES, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE PLAN WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO IS RECOGNIZE THIS A RAIL AGENCY FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD NEED TO HAVE VERY DIFFERENT CLEANING PROTOCOLS THAN JUST A BUS AGENCY BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT, DIFFERENT SIZES OF VEHICLES WOULD REQUIRE DIFFERENT DISTANCE METRICS THAT MAY BE ATTACHED TO IT, AND LOADING METRICS THAT MAY BE, YOU KNOW, PUT FORWARD. SO GIVEN THE DIVERSITY OF THE SYSTEMS, AND THE SERVICES THAT ARE PUT OUT THERE, AND IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT WE DISTINGUISH -- AND WHAT WAS DISTINGUISHED IN THIS PLAN WAS PARATRANSIT WAS A FIXED ROUTE, EACH AGENCY IS NEEDING TO DEVELOP SOMETHING THAT ALIGNS WITH A SPECIFICS OF THEIR OWN SERVICES. AND SO, PART OF OUR RESOLUTION, I THINK, IS BUILT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT EACH AGENCY IS IN FACT PUTTING TOGETHER THOSE SPECIFICS THAT ALIGN WITH THE NEEDS OF THEIR PARTICULAR SERVICES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO GO TO DAMON CONNOLY.

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DAMON CONNOLLY: THANK YOU CHAIR. AND REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, AND ALSO OF THE SPEAKERS THIS MORNING. I THINK ONE OF THE KEY ROLE -- KEY ISSUES THAT HAS EMERGED IS REALLY THE PROPER ROLE OF MTC AND IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING I'M GRAPPLING WITH. STARTING WITH THE PREMISE THAT MTC'S PRIMARY ROLE THROUGH THIS PROCESS REALLY WAS, AS A CONVENER, AND COORDINATOR OF ALL THE LOCAL TRANSIT AGENCIES IN THE REGION, AND STAKEHOLDERS, SEEKING TO COME UP WITH SOME COORDINATED BEST PRACTICES, AND AS BEEN NOTED TODAY REALLY SERVING AS A MINIMUM SET OF GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY THAT SHOULD BE MET BY ALL THE OPERATORS IN THE REGION. I GUESS WHAT I'M STRUGGLING WITH THOUGH IS THE WORDING IN THEY PROPOSED MOTION, WHICH SAYS THAT MTC WILL NOT SET STANDARDS. NOW, ON ONE HAND I THINK THAT DOES REFLECT THAT THE ROLE THAT I JUST OUTLINED FOR MTC, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE ESSENTIALLY PUTTING FORWARD A PLAN, AND WE WANT THE LOCAL AGENCIES TO, IN FACT, AGREE TO IT, WHICH IS PRESUMED, BASICALLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE WORKED TO COME UP WITH IT, THEY WILL BE PASSING RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF IT, SO I'M NOT SURE IT'S QUITE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO -- NO SETTING OF STANDARDS BY MTC. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MORE DESCRIPTIVE SET OF STATEMENTS ON EXACTLY WHAT THE ROLE IS, BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS WHERE THE CONCH TODAY HAS BEEN REALLY HELPFUL. THERE ARE EXPECTATIONS THAT THESE STANDARDS WILL BE MET. NOW WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT LOCAL CONDITIONS ARE DIFFERENT. SO THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT STANDARDS, POTENTIALLY

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IN DIFFERENT LOCALITIES. BUT WITH THE STARTING POINT, AND AGAIN, RECOGNIZING THIS IS A LIVING DOCUMENT. SO I GUESS I WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN, YES, MTC IN EFFECT WILL NOT BE AN ENFORCER, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WILL BE PART OF THE PROCESS TO ENSURE, AND THAT INCLUDES THROUGH TRANSPARENCY, COMMITTED TO THROUGH THE DATA AND METRICS PROCESS, AND REPORTING, BUT THAT WE MORE ACCURATELY CAPTURE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. I THINK IT'S JUST TOO BLACK AND WHITE TO SAY NO ROLE IN SETTING STANDARDS.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I THINK WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS -- I THINK I WOULD ASK THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, AND THE SECONDER, IF THEY WOULD ADD THE PART WHERE IT SAYS THAT WE WILL NOT BE SETTING HEALTH STANDARDS OR PLAY THE ENFORCEMENT ROLE AS IT RELATES TO A HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN HOWEVER STRONG POLICEMEN -- IMPLEMENTATION HOWEVER SUPPORT THE HEALTHY STANDARDS TRANSIT PLAN -- I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ACCEPT THAT.

JAMES P. SPERING: YEAH. I WOULD SCOTT.

JEANNIE BRUINS, VICE CHAIR: I'LL ACCEPT THAT AS A SECOND, IF WE COULD ADD STATE/COUNTY BECAUSE SOME OF THE COUNTIES ARE STRONGER THAN THE STATES.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I DON'T THINK COUNTIES HAVE STANDARDS AS FAR AS TRANSIT GOES. WE DON'T. I THINK STAGES IS APPROPRIATE. AND IN FACT STATE --

THERESE MCMILLAN: IN SANTA CLARA THEY HAVE IN FACT ESTABLISHED --

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: STATE WILL TRUMP THE COUNTIES ANYWAYS.

JEANNIE BRUINS: ONLY WHEN THE STATE IS MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE COUNTIES, BUT THE COUNTY TRUMPS STATE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: AND WE WANT THE MORE RESTRICTIVE.

JEANNIE BRUINS: WHICH IS WHY COUNTY CAN BE STRICTER THAN THE STATE, MR. HAGGERTY. AND THAT WOULD BE THE --

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THAT'S A GOOD POINT BUT I'M TRYING TO GET TO A STANDARDIZATION. AND I REALLY DOUBT -- I MEAN, UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO READ VTAS, BUT I'M SURE IT'S PROBABLY THE SAME AS THIS HEALTHY TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND THE COMBINATION OF THE STATE. I -- YOU KNOW, MY COUNTY DOESN'T RUN TRANSIT. BRUINS BROWNS --

JEANNIE BRUINS: NO BUT OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE RESPONSIBLE --

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SAY EACH TRANSIT AGENCY THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH WHAT YOU'RE DOING. YOU'RE SAYING EACH TRANSIT AGENCY. LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THE STATE AND WITH THE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN. BECAUSE WHAT DO WE HAVE IN 26 DIFFERENT TRANSIT AGENCIES AND THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. AND OF COURSE THEY'RE CAN GO STRONGER, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS DISCUSSION TODAY, IS MOVING THIS THING ON BECAUSE WE'RE STILL ON THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, I THINK TO JUST HAVE STATE AND HEALTHY TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS APPROPRIATE. BECAUSE MY COUNTY DOESN'T RUN TRANSIT.

JEANNIE BRUINS: THAT'S FINE. I WILL ACCEPT THAT, BUT JUST IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, WE'LL NEED THE TIGHTER -- SET BY THE COUNTY VERSUS THE STATE. SO AS LONG AS THAT'S UNDERSTOOD, WE WILL BE DOING THAT BECAUSE WE'RE LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO DO THAT THEN WE'RE FINE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. THAT'S THE MOTION. AND NOW COMMISSIONER NICK JOSEFOWITZ.

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THANK YOU CHAIR. -- I JUST WANTED TO ASK STAFF, OR THE TRANSIT OPERATORS IF THEY HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE HERE. WHY THEY SETTLED ON NOT OFFER -- NOT REQUIRING TRANSIT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE PPE TO RIDERS WHO NEED IT. AND YOU KNOW,

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THAT'S JUST MY FIRST QUESTION, AND IT'S PRETTY BASIC, AND IT FEELS LIKE I HAVEN'T GOTTEN AN ANSWER AROUND THAT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: ANYBODY WANT TO HELP US OUT HERE.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THIS IS THERESE MCMILLAN. MR. JOSEFOWITZ, MY RECOLLECTION WAS IT WAS DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN LARGE OPERATORS AND SMALL OPERATORS, AS WELL AS WHAT WOULD BE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE MAP WOULD BE PROVIDED WOULD OPERATORS THEMSELVES BE THE ONES PROVIDING IT, OR WOULD IT BE OTHER MECHANISMS? AND THERE WAS ENOUGH VARIANCE OF CONSIDERATIONS THAT IT WAS LEFT AS AN OPTION FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT. BUT WHAT WAS CLARIFIED IN THE PLAN IS THAT BECAUSE THE STATE NOW REQUIRES EVERYONE OUTSIDE TO HAVE A MASK, THAT RIGHT -- THAT THAT CARRIES OVER TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RIDING TRANSIT TO THEN HAVE A MASK.

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: SO I, YOU KNOW, I JUST GOT TO BE HONEST, I DON'T FIND THAT PARTICULARLY COMPELLING. LIKE, I THINK IT'S -- IT'S NOT TOO HIGH OF A BAR TO ASK TRANSIT OPERATORS TO HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE TO FOLKS. AND MAYBE THEY RUN OUT OF MASKS ONE DAY, AND YOU KNOW, WE COULDN'T EXPECT PERFECTION, BUT WE CAN EXPECT, I THINK, A LOT MORE -- FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE MASK SEEMS TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTION THAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN ASKED TO MAKE, AND THAT'S SORT OF, THAT WE'RE

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TRYING TO PROMOTE, AND WE HAVE DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF GETTING -- YOU WALK AROUND SAN FRANCISCO AND LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE WEARING MASKS EVEN PEOPLE YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT TO BE WEARING MASKS, BUT NOT EVERYBODY S AND THAT JUST SEEMS LIKE A FAIRLY STRAIGHT FORWARD THING TO ASK FOR. THAT ALL TRANSIT AGENCIES PROVIDE MASKS, NOT PERFECTLY, BUT, YOU KNOW, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO ALL THE RIDERS WHO NEED THEM.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: CAN I ASK, DOES THE STATE STANDARD REQUIRE MASKS?

THERESE MCMILLAN: THE STATE REQUIRES AND I WILL AT THIS POINT IF I GET THIS WRONG, BUT IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE, AND CERTAINLY IN ANY PUBLIC SPACE, THAT YOU AS A PERSON, HAVE TO HAVE A MASK NOW.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I UNDERSTAND THAT. QUESTION --

THERESE MCMILLAN: AND THEREFORE THAT MEANS IF YOU'RE ON A PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLE, YOU WOULD THEN HAVE TO HAVE A MASK AS WELL.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: SO I KNOW THAT, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO GO BACK TO WHAT CHAIRMAN SPERING WAS TALKING ABOUT I DON'T WANT TO PUT OUT THE FEELING THAT TRANSIT IS UNSAFE. IN FACT I

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SAW A VIDEO ON MONDAY OF ONE OF OUR BUSES BEING FOGGED AT LAFTA WHICH THEY DO THAT EVERY NIGHT, THEY'RE FOGGING THE BUSES, THEY'RE ALSO PROVIDING MASKS. I THINK THERE IS A LOT OF THEM THAT ARE DOING THIS. SO WHAT MY QUESTION REALLY WAS, NOT THAT -- I MEAN, I REALIZE WHEN I STEP OUTSIDE, I NEED TO PUT ON A MASK. I UNDERSTAND THAT. SOMETIMES I CATCH MYSELF IN MY CAR ALONE STILL WEARING MY MASK. SO I'M WEARING MY MASK. THAT WASN'T THE QUESTION. QUESTION WAS, WELL I GUESS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING THERESE, DE FACTO, THEY HAVE TO HAVE A MASK ON THEY'RE OUTSIDE, TO GET ON THE BUS, BUT MY QUESTION IS, DO THEY HAVE A MASK IN CASE THAT PERSON DOESN'T HAVE ONE.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THAT'S THE CLARIFICATION OF THE QUESTION, DOES THE STATE NOT REQUIRE TRANSIT AGENCIES AT THIS POINT TO PROVIDE MASKS. THAT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TODAY. IF YOU'RE ASKING WHAT THE STATE REQUIRES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: WELL I COULD ASK.

THERESE MCMILLAN: IT DOESN'T REQUEST THE PROVISION. IT REQUESTS THE WEARING OF IT. THAT'S THE DISTINCTION.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. THAT'S MY PERSPECTIVE. I'M NOT A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS SOMETHING LIKE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR TRANSIT AGENCY PARTNERS TO

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1 SEE HOW THEY CAN DO THAT. OTHER THING THAT, YOU KNOW, I WOULD
2 REALLY APPRECIATE TO HAVE SOME PERSPECTIVE ON FROM STAFF, IS,
3 IT SAYS THINGS LIKE, IN THE PLAN, THAT, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC
4 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS WILL DETERMINE AND SUPPLY MINIMUM
5 LEVELS OF PPE INCLUDING THE REQUIRED FACE COVERINGS IF IT'S
6 IMPLYING TO THEIR WORKERS. THAT DOESN'T REALLY TELL ME WHAT'S
7 GOING TO HAPPEN. SAYING THAT LIKE A TRANSIT AGENCY IS GOING TO
8 DETERMINE WHAT LEVEL OF PPE IS APPROPRIATE AND THEN PROVIDE
9 IT. I MEAN, LIKE, ANYBODY COULD MEET THAT STANDARD. YOU KNOW,
10 AND, LIKE, THERE IS JUST A LOT OF LANGUAGE IN THIS PLAN, WHICH
11 DOESN'T -- WHICH WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD ANY PUBLIC
12 TRANSIT AGENCIES TO IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WHETHER THEY
13 COMPLIED WITH IT BECAUSE IT'S A LOT OF DETERMINE, AND BASED ON
14 YOUR DETERMINATION, DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT. AND, I
15 UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE HAVE -- DIFFERENT TRANSIT AGENCIES HAVE
16 DIFFERENT WAYS OF ORGANIZING THEIR SHOPS AND BREAK ROOMS AND
17 STUFF LIKE THAT, BUT A BUS IS A BUS IS A BUS. LET'S GET REAL
18 ABOUT THAT TOO. YOU KNOW. AND I'M -- I'M -- SO, I JUST -- I
19 DON'T WANT -- YOU KNOW, I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE PERSPECTIVE
20 THAT A LOT OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE THE
21 ONES SETTING THE STANDARDS. BUT I'M NOT PARTICULARLY TAKEN BY
22 THESE STANDARDS. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF, YOU KNOW, SO
23 THAT'S JUST THE -- THAT'S THE DILEMMA THAT I FIND MYSELF IN.
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1 **SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THE PROBLEM, NICK, AND I
2 TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. I CAN GET UP RIGHT NOW, WALK OVER TO
3 THE CORNER OF MY OFFICE AND BRING BACK A CASE OF MASKS, NOT
4 THAT HARD FOR ME TO GET, DIDN'T COST A LOT, GIVING THEM OUT TO
5 THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT. OKAY? I DON'T KNOW WHY A TRANSIT
6 AGENCY CAN'T DO THAT. AND THEY SHOULD. MORALLY, ETHICALLY, ALL
7 THE REASONS. THEY SHOULD HAVE PAPER MASKS, ON THE BUS
8 AVAILABLE, IF SOMEBODY GETS ON, THEY DON'T HAVE ONE. PROBLEM
9 WITH THAT THEN IS NOW THE DRIVER IS NOW INTERFACING WITH THE
10 PASSENGER THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET THEM TO BOARD IN THE REAR
11 AND KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE DRIVER SO I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW
12 WE GET THEM THE MASK UNLESS WE LEAVE THEM IN THE BACK AND SAY
13 TAKE THEM IF YOU NEED IT WHICH AGAIN IS NOT HEALTHY. I'M NOT
14 SURE HOW YOU MANAGE T AND TO THE POINT WHERE WE SAY WE'RE NOT
15 SETTING HEALTH STANDARDS, WELL NOW WE'RE DOING IT. I THINK
16 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE FORWARD TODAY WITH THE MOTION AS
17 IT IS. AND YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE UNIONS --
18 WE'RE GIVING THEM THE ABILITY TO SAY, YOU KNOW, WE SUPPORT
19 STATE STANDARDS IF IT'S STRONGER, WE'RE GIVING THAT ABILITY TO
20 THEN BE ABLE TO GO TO THEIR BOARDS, WHICH ARE LOOKED --
21 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SAY WE WANT YOU TO START SUPPLYING MASKS
22 ON THE BUS. BUT AGAIN I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WOULD DO THAT. IF
23 I WAS A DRIVER I WOULDN'T WANT SOMEBODY COMING UP ON ME
24 COUGHING, SAYING HEY CAN YOU HAND ME A MASK. THAT'S WHY WE'RE
25 HAVING THEM BOARDING IN THE REAR TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE

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DRIVERS. AGENCIES SAYING WE'RE NOT GOING TO SET HEALTH STANDARDS LET'S GET THIS GOING AND TRY TO MOVE FORWARD AND LET THE DIALOGUE CONTINUE. AS IT'S BEEN SAID MANY TIMES TODAY. THIS IS NOT THE END. THIS IS THE BEGINNING. AND I THINK THE COMMISSION HAS MOVED A LOT TODAY TO SHOW THE COMMUNITY THAT CAME AND TALKED TO US, THAT, YOU KNOW, WE DO SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE ASKING. AND WE'RE GOING TO TELL THE TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND THEIR BOARDS, WHO MAKE THE DECISIONS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND I'M VERY CLEAR. VERY CLEAR, THAT AS LONG AS I'M CHAIRMAN, IF WE HAVE GOT AN AGENCY THAT'S NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING, I HAVE NO PROBLEM TAKING MONEY FROM THEM. NONE. SO WITH THAT I'LL GO WITH ALFREDO.

ALFREDO PEDROZA: CHAIR, I ECHO YOUR COMMENTS.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I HAVE NO SPEAKERS AT THIS POINT. I THINK THAT DUTRA-VERNACI ASKED THAT WE STATE THE MOTION EARLIER TODAY BECAUSE MY PHONE WENT OFF WHILE WE WERE READING THE MOTION. JIM CAN YOU GO AHEAD AND REREAD THE MOTION?

JAMES P. SPERING: YEAH AND THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. AND TO COMMISSIONER'S JOSEFOWITZ'S COMMENTS, ANYTHING WE'RE PROPOSING DOESN'T STOP US FROM ADVOCATING FOR THE VERY THING THE CHAIR IS TALKING ABOUT. AND THE COMMENTS ON SOME OF THESE THINGS MTC SHOULD PARTNER WITH, FROM MANY OF THE SPEAKERS WE HEARD FROM

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TODAY SO WE WILL BE A STRONG ADVOCATE HERE IS THE MOTION MTC SHOULD SUPPORT COMMUNICATION AROUND HEALTH AND SAFETY ALONGSIDE OUR TRANSIT PARTNERS AND MAKE AVAILABLE MONTHLY REPORT TO THE PUBLIC MTC WILL NOT BE SETTING STANDARDS FOR PLAY IN ENFORCEMENT ROLE AS IT RELATES TO HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND MTC WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE TRANSIT OPERATORS TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN THE BAY AREA'S TRANSIT NETWORK. AND THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION, MR. CHAIR. OH, AND INCLUSION WITH THE STATE STANDARD, MR. CHAIR, THAT --

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: RIGHT THAT WE WOULD SAY THAT HOWEVER WE SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTHY TRANSIT PLAN OR STATE STANDARDS WHICHEVER IS STRONGER.

JAMES P. SPERING: YEAH.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. SO WITH THAT, WE HAVE A MOTION. AND I HAVE NO SPEAKERS. SO WE'RE GOING TO CALL THE ROLL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. [ROLL CALL] [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES WITH 13 AYES AND TWO ABSTENTIONS.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WITH THAT, THAT WAS THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. LONGEST EVER, I THINK. BEFORE I MOVE ON FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY WE HAVE

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A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, OUR COMMISSION MEETING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, IT'S TIME SENSITIVE. LET'S BE AWARE OF THAT. THE ONE THING I WANTED TO SAY I'M SURE I'M GOING TO MISS SOMEBODY BUT AS WE KNOW THE COMMUNITY SONOMA SOLANO SAN MATEO CONTRA COSTA NAPA ARE ALL WORKING WITH OTHERS OUTSIDE THIS AREA, AS I SIT IN MY OFFICE ON THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, I SIT BY THE WINDOW AND SEE FIREFIGHTERS WALK BY ME AS WE'RE THE BASE CAMP FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS I'M SEEING THEM COME FROM ALL OVER INCLUDING LA, THAT ARE HELPING WITH THIS I HAVE SEEN ORANGE COUNTY, I HAVE SEEN COUNTLESS FIREFIGHTERS GOING BY ME AND I HAVE ALSO SEEN PRISONERS. THEY ARE OUT THERE ON THE FRONT LINES TRYING TO HELP US WITH THESE FIRES. SO I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. AND JUST SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, TO MY -- I KNOW THAT I HAVE CALLED A COUPLE OF COMMUNITIES, AND ALTHOUGH PART OF ALAMEDA COUNTY IS ON FIRE, I HAVE OFFERED SUPPORT. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW GREAT IT IS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT WHEN THINGS LIKE THIS DO HAPPEN, AND THESE FIRES AND THE LIGHTENING WAS THE LAST THING THAT WE NEEDED, WE PULLED TOGETHER AND WE WORK TOGETHER AND DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY SO THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HELPING ALAMEDA COUNTY, I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND JUST TON WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER. I WANT TO THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND ALSO THE PRISONERS, MEN AND WOMEN PRISONERS THAT ARE OUT THERE FIGHTING THE FIRES TOO. AS I SAID EARLIER WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THE PLEDGE BUT IN ANY CASE A FIREFIGHTER. I SINCERELY MEANT

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THAT. THEY ARE UP AGAINST SOME DANGEROUS THINGS AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE LOST COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ALSO LOST FIREFIGHTERS IN THE LAST TEN DAYS. IT'S TRULY A TRAGEDY AND IT'S ONE THING THAT I DON'T THINK THE BAY AREA NEEDED OR EITHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEEDED BUT WE ARE DEALING WITH IT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I AM PROUD ON HOW WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. SO, WITH THAT, IF NOBODY HAS -- WANTS TO ASK ME ANY QUESTIONS ON THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. I THINK I'LL MOVE TO RANDI KINMAN WHO HAS BEEN VERY DILL JEN THE -- DILIGENT IN WAITING. WHERE DID YOU GO?

RANDI KINMAN: I'M REALTIME HERE CHAIR HAGGERTY. AND I DON'T BELIEVE YOU HOLD THE LONGEST RECORD FOR THE CHAIR'S REPORT. BECAUSE I REMEMBER COMMISSIONER CORTESE CHAIR'S REPORT GOING FROM ABOUT 2 TO 3 IN THE AFTERNOON DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ABAG AND OUR CONSOLIDATION.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: DARN IT DAVE.

RANDI KINMAN: YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SET A RECORD.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: NO. WE DON'T.

RANDI KINMAN: THE COUNCIL DID NOT MEET THIS MONTH SO I DO NOT HAVE A REPORT FOR THEM. FARE INTEGRATION SUBCOMMITTEE WAS

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LAUNCHED WITH ADINA LEVIN CHAIRING AND WENDI KALINS VICE CHAIRING. AND WE'LL BE BRINGING OUR WORK PLAN TO YOU NEXT MONTH. THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ADD ANYTHING OR SUBTRACT ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK WE MIGHT NEED TO BE ON TOP OF. I WILL TELL YOU THAT IF THE BATA CONVERSATION, THE DISCUSSION ON EQUITY IN CONTRACTING, KIND OF SET ME UP FOR PROBABLY SENDING THAT OVER TO OUR EQUITY AND ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE. BECAUSE THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN. AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE FIREWORKERS. YOU HAVE, IN YOUR AREA, ONE OF MY INSTRUCTORS FOR OUR FIRE ACADEMY AT OUR FIRE COLLEGE SO I'M HOPING ALL STAY SAFE AND WELL. THANK YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. GREAT. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

THERESE MCMILLAN: GIVEN THE TIME, MR. CHAIR, I WOULD JUST ASK THE COMMISSION TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE REPORT AND I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? ANYBODY? RAISE YOUR HAND. NOBODY? OKAY. YOU'RE DOING GREAT. ALL RIGHT. I HAVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, DO I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE OUR CONSENT CALENDAR THAT'S BEFORE US.

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SPEAKER: MOVED.

SPEAKER: SECOND BRUINS.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I GOT WORTH AND BRUINS. ANY QUESTIONS. ANYBODY WISHING TO SPEAK? KIMBERLY?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. HAGGERTY?

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: NO. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY --

CLERK OF THE BOARD: OH SORRY. NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AND NO RAISED HANDS IN THE PUBLIC.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. [LAUGHTER] [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES WITH 13 AYES. BACK TO YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: LORRY. -- THANK YOU. WITH THAT I'LL NOW MOVE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIR GLOVER?

FEDERAL GLOVER: THANK YOU. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MET REMOTELY ON AUGUST 12TH WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOU

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FOR APPROVAL. FIRST BEING MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 1058, REVISED. THE COMMISSION PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATE. I'M GOING TO ASK IF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANTS TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS. THIS WAS IN THE ITEM THAT THERE WAS SOME AMENDMENTS BEING MADE TO.

THERESE MCMILLAN: YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMMISSIONER GLOVER. THERESE MCMILLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. ON AUGUST THE 12th, THE ADMIN COMMITTEE DID TAKE UP A SERIES OF CHANGES TO THE COMMISSION PROCEDURES MANUAL TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. IT WAS NOTED AT THAT TIME, THOUGH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE INITIAL RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE 11 VOTING MEMBERS FROM ABAG AND MTC WOULD TRIGGER A QUORUM OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS. SO WE WERE ASKED TO GO BACK AND PURSUE MODIFICATIONS WITH BOTH CHAIR HAGGERTY AND PRESIDENT ARREGUIN TO ADDRESS THAT AND A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT WERE FLAGGED. SO THAT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE ATTACHED REVISIONS THAT ARE NOW PART OF RESOLUTION 1058 REVISED. SPECIFICALLY, A VOTING MEMBERS ARE LIMITED TO NINE FROM MTC AND NINE FROM ABAG. AND SO THAT ADDRESSES THAT PARTICULAR CONCERN. IN ADDITION ENSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF MTC CURRENT'S LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ARE INCLUDED ON THE JOINT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, CHAIR HAGGERTY, AND PRESENT ARREGUIN AGREED THAT THE TWO NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF MTC'S CURRENT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE

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INCLUDED AS NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE JOINT MTC AND ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IN THE APPOINTMENTS THAT FOLLOW IN 7B BUT AGAIN IMPORTANTLY THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP IS STILL IN PARODY BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES. THAT WAS OF THE MAIN RESPONSES THAT WE MADE TO QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED AT YOUR COMMITTEE, CHAIR GLOVER, AND SO, WITH THAT, I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

FEDERAL GLOVER: OKAY THANK YOU. WITH THAT IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS OR COMMENT, I WOULD MOVE TO APPROVE MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 1058 REVISED. AGAIN, THE COMMISSION'S PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATE.

JEANNIE BRUINS: SECOND BY BRUINS.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I HAVE A QUESTION AND COMMENT. AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING, I JUST WANT -- I'M JUST BEING REALLY HYPERSENSITIVE RIGHT NOW, THERESE. YES. I JUST WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR, THAT THERE WAS A FEW THINGS THAT WERE SAID THAT GOING FORWARD THAT A MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO SEE. THOSE WEREN'T INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION, WERE THEY? BECAUSE THEY WERE JUST LIKE, THAT WE WOULD STRIVE TO HAVE A CITY COUNTY BALANCE AND THAT THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR WOULD ALTERNATE BETWEEN CITIES AND COUNTIES. THOSE WERE ASPIRATIONAL GOALS, CORRECT?

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THERESE MCMILLAN: THOSE WERE, RAISED AT THE ABAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHEN THEY TOOK IT UP, RIGHT?

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: YES.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THOSE WERE GUIDANCE IF YOU WILL FOR GOING FORWARD AND DIDN'T EITHER AFFECT ABAG RESOLUTION OR GENERAL PROCEDURES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: LIKE I SAID JUST BEING SENSITIVE TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THE MOTION. WITH THAT, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC SPEAKERS? I SEE NONE. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL CALL FOR THE VOTE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GO AHEAD COMMISSIONER GLOVER.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: NEXT APPOINTMENT IS COMMISSIONERS OF JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. AGAIN, THIS IS THE ITEM THAT

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THE APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE. DID YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCMILLAN?

THERESE MCMILLAN: NO. I'M FINE. THANK YOU.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: OKAY. SO I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF THE MTC MEMBER TO THE JOINT -- MTC MEMBER TO THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I HAVE A MOTION.

JEANNIE BRUINS, VICE CHAIR: I'LL SECOND IT.

GINA PAPAN: SO MOVED.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. YOU GUYS ARE MAKING BRUINS WORK TOO HARD. I WANT EVERYBODY TO MAKE THEIR STIPEND GO TO BRUINS THIS WEEK.

JEANNIE BRUINS: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE --

JAKE MACKENZIE: NO WAY.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: HOLD ON. BRUINS GO AHEAD.

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JEANNIE BRUINS: THERESE, IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE FACT THAT THE ABAG COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THERE ARE NO REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTH BAY, AS WELL AS NONE FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY IN TERMS OF HOW WE GOT TO THAT, AND WHAT'S GOING TO BE HAPPENING GOING FORWARD.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I ACTUALLY THINK I CAN HANDLE THAT.

JEANNIE BRUINS: OKAY GOOD.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: FIRST OF ALL, IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME, BECAUSE WE HAVE FRIDAY COMMITTEES, ABAG CAN JUST PICK PEOPLE, AND FOR ME, I WANTED TO TRY TO KEEP THE FRIDAY COMMITTEE INTACT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS COMMITTEE REALLY ONLY GOES UNTIL FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR. SO WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? 5, 6 MONTHS, AND SO WHEN -- I THINK -- I THINK, AND THERESE MAYBE THIS IS WHERE THERESE CAN TALK, BUT WHAT I THINK ARREGUIN WAS TRYING TO DO IS TRYING TO KEEP HIS COMMITTEE INTACT TOO. I DON'T THINK THAT THE COMMITTEE IS AS UNBALANCED AS YOU'RE SAYING. I GUESS I COULD GO TO THE AGENDA AND LOOK AT T BUT THERE IS SOME AREAS IN WHICH PEOPLE HAD TO MOVE A LITTLE BIT. FOR EXAMPLE, COMMISSIONER GIOCAPINI HAD TO DROP OFF, AND SHE ACCEPTED THAT. YOU KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE YOU, DORENE FOR DOING THAT. AND THERE HAS BEEN OTHER AREAS WHERE CORTESE AND MYSELF -- OR

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CORTESE HAD TO MOVE OVER TO ABAG WHICH WAS A SOUTH COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE. SO I THINK THEY'RE RELATIVELY BALANCED FOR NOW. I AM SURE THAT WHEN WE REDO EVERYTHING IN FEBRUARY, THAT'S WHEN WE CAN REALLY TRUE-UP THE BALANCE OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, AND CITY AND COUNTIES. AND THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT'S BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED. BRUINS.

JEANNIE BRUINS: AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT ASSUMPTION I'M TRYING TO LOOK AT THE HOUSING SIDE, THE ABAG SIDE, WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THE REPRESENTATION, COME THAT TIME FRAME.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THERESE, DID YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING?

THERESE MCMILLAN: YES. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, IN FACT, BOTH OUR NON-VOTING MEMBERS, COMMISSIONER GIOCAPINI, AND COMMISSIONER STRACNER, ARE IN FACT INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS. IT WAS AN AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, IF YOU REMEMBER, CHAIR HAGGERTY, THAT WE WANTED TO ACCOMMODATE ALL EXISTING MEMBERS, BUT ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR NON-VOTING STATUS DIDN'T UPEND THOSE VOTING PARODY. FOR NOW UNTIL NOTED IN FEBRUARY WHEN ALL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ON MTC WILL BE REASSESSED, THINGS CAN BE RELOOKED AT AT THIS POINT.

JEANNIE BRUINS: BUT AGAIN I'M HOPING THE SAME IS TRUE FOR ABAG BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT ABAG'S REPRESENTATION AGAIN, WHICH IS

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THE HOUSING SIDE OF THE HOUSE HERE, THERE ARE THREE NORTH BAY, FIVE EAST BAY, ZERO SOUTH BAY, AND ONE WEST BAY, WHERE THAT ONE BAY IS SAN FRANCISCO. SO THAT'S WHAT THAT'S -- I THINK ON THE MTC SIDE THERE IS BALANCE BUT I WOULD SAY WE'RE NOT BALANCED WHERE WE NEED TO BE ON THE ABAG SIDE SO I'M HOPING THAT SIDE OF THE HOUSE WILL GET RECTIFIED.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THAT'S TRUE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: ANYBODY ELSE?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY, IF I COULD JUST SAY THAT THE RUMORS OF MY DEMISE ARE EXAGGERATED.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: RUMORS OF YOUR DEMISE ARE EXAGGERATED?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: SORRY. I WAS JUST MAKING A JOKE ABOUT YOU SAYING I WAS GOING TO BE OFF THE COMMITTEE WHEN ACTUALLY I'M NOT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. I HAVE MADE A MISTAKE ON THAT, BECAUSE I ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THERESE, BUT I HAVE GOT TO CLARIFY THAT.

DOREEN GIACOPINI: I'M SORRY. I WAS JUST MAKING A JOKE.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: YEAH. I JUST -- TRY RUNNING THESE ZOOM MEETINGS, JOKES DON'T ALWAYS WORK. YOU WERE FUNNY THOUGH. THANK YOU DORENE. I'M GOING TO CALL THE QUESTION. YES, I VOTE YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM, AND I SEE NO RAISED HANDS. AND WITH THAT: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES YOUR REPORT, CHAIR GLOVER?

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: YES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I'LL MOVE TO ITEM 8A AND 8B, PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS CHAIR.

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: JOSEFOWITZ PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 12TH AND REFERS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION. AGENDA 8A REVISES REGIONAL MEANS-BASED FARE PROGRAM FRAMEWORK. I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION 4323 REVISED.

DAMON CONNOLLY: SECOND.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: I CAN'T HEAR YOU MR. HAGGERTY. BUT THERE WAS --

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I THINK HE WAS SUGGESTING --

ALFREDO PEDROZA: IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE FORWARD.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM. THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH A RAISED HAND. ALETA DUPREE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I COULDN'T GET MY MUTE OFF.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU COMMITTEE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ, AND BOARD HAGGERTY. THIS IS REALLY A HUGE DAY. AND I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT THIS PROGRAM FOR MONTHS, TAKING IT BEYOND THE BIG FOUR AND MAKING IT TRULY REGIONAL IN NATURE. A HALLMARK OF HEALTH TRANSIT IS AFFORDABLE TRANSIT. AND THIS IS A WAY TO HELP SATISFY TITLE SIX TERMS. AND HELP PEOPLE TO GET CLIPPER CARDS. KEEP THEIR MONEY SAFE AND REGISTERED. IT'S -- I WANT MORE CREDIT UNION AND LESS COFFEE CAN. SO THIS IS A GOOD START. THIS IS AN EFFORT OF THE REGIONAL COLLABORATION THAT THIS AGENCY IS ALL ABOUT. SO I ASK THAT YOU PASS IN ITEM. SO THAT WE CAN START HELPING MORE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS ADINA LEVIN. ADINA LEVIN, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

ADINA LEVIN: HI THERE. ADINA LEVIN. A MEMBER OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAD RECOMMENDED IN COMMENTING ON THE MEANS-BASED FARE PROGRAM WAS WANTING TO SEE PROGRAM EXPANDED TO MORE AGENCIES. SO, PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE EXPANSION IS NOW MOVING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE LAST SPEAKER. BELUEL NAZKI.

SPEAKER: HI. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: YES. WE K BUT YOU HAVE AN ECHO.

SPEAKER: ONE SECOND. I AM THE POLICY ASSOCIATE AT THE NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WE STRONGLY AFFIRM THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO LINK TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO IMPROVEMENTS IN HOUSING AND OUR LAND USE OUTREACH. COMMISSIONERS AGREED THAT THIS FRAMEWORK WAS -- OBAG FUNDS AND MEMORIALIZING FUNDS IS THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP. TRANSPORTATION FUND SUGGEST A

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CRITICAL LEVER THAT MTC SHOULD UTILIZE FOR OBAG AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDING SOURCES TO TAKE RHNA JURISDICTION AND HOUSING SOURCES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: WE'RE ON 8A BUT WE'LL MOVE THOSE COMMENTS TO 8B WHICH I THINK IS WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE. SAM LICCARDO.

SAM LICCARDO: I HAVE A QUESTION. AND FORGIVE ME IF YOU ALREADY OFFERED THIS REPORT AND I MISSED IT, DATA OF FEEDBACK WE'RE GETTING FROM THE FOUR AGENCIES ABOUT WHAT IS HELPING TO BOOST RIDERSHIP OF THOSE AGENCIES, AND BETTER SERVING TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS.

ALIX BOCKELMAN: COMMISSIONER LICCARDO THIS IS ALIX BOCKELMAN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY. WE HAVE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON WHO IS SIGNING UP FOR CLIPPER START AND WE CAN CERTAINLY BRING THAT TO THE COMMISSION MUCH WE LAUNCHED THE PROGRAM IN JULY. SO IT'S A BIT EARLY TO SEE ANY CHANGES IN TRANSIT RIDERSHIP BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY COME BACK AND REPORT ON THE UPTICK IN APPLICATIONS, AND GETTING PEOPLE SIGNED UP, WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE.

SAM LICCARDO: YEAH. BUMMER TIME TO LAUNCH A PROGRAM. FORGIVE ME. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT LAUNCHED LAST YEAR.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: ANYBODY ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK. NO OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS. I ASSUME YOU HAVE NOTHING IN WRITING KIMBERLY? WHERE DID YOU GO KIMBERLY?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THAT IS CORRECT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I CAN'T KEEP UP.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I'LL CALL THE -- THANK YOU. [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CHAIR.

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: JOSEFOWITZ AGENDA 8B TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND HOUSING LINK MEMORIALIZES CONSENSUS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING ACTIONS TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVEMENTS AND HOUSING OUTCOMES. ITEM HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCORPORATE FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE AUGUST MEETING CHANGES MADE TO THE COMMITTEE VERSION ARE SHOWN IN RED STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. I MOVE APPROVAL OF HOUSING LINKAGES AND CHANGES.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: I SECOND THAT.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: MOTION AND SECOND. ANY SPEAKERS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NONE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS? ROLL CALL PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: GREAT. SO THANK YOU CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. I'M NOW GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 9A WHICH IS A CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT. COMMISSION WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 54957B TO REVIEW GENERAL COUNSEL RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES. COMMISSIONERS PLEASE USE YOUR ZOOM DETAILS PROVIDED BY MARTHA SILVER FOR THIS CLOSED SESSION, AND AT THE END OF THE CLOSED SESSION, RETURN TO THIS ORIGINAL ZOOM. SO, WE ARE RIGHT ON TIME. SEE YA. [CLOSED SESSION] [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES] [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES] [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES] MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: GIVE ME A SECOND. I NEED TO DO SOMETHING. DO WE NEED TO GIVE 30 SECONDS TO THE BOYS IN THE BOOTH. ARE THE BOYS IN THE BOOTH WITH US?

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: I DON'T KNOW BUT THEY'RE --

AMY R. WORTH: YES THERE'S JESS. I SEE JESS.

SPEAKER: WE'RE READY TO GO WHEN YOU ARE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: GIVE ME A SECOND. I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING. I APOLOGIZE. I RECEIVED A LOT OF STUFF ABOUT MTC.

AMY R. WORTH: I'M LOOKING AT DENISE'S BACKGROUND. HER BACKGROUND IS BEAUTIFUL.

DENISE RODRIGUES: THAT'S [INDISCERNIBLE] BEACH.

AMY R. WORTH: I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED IT. UNFORTUNATELY THE AIR IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ISN'T QUITE AS CLEAR AS PICTURED IN THIS PAINTING BEHIND ME.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I APOLOGIZE EVERYBODY. I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO. I APOLOGIZE. THERE WAS SOME --

JAKE MACKENZIE: DO WE GET OVERTIME?

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: I THINK WE'RE WAITING FOR SOME OF THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS TO JOIN. WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I DON'T NEED A QUORUM TO CLOSE OUT THE MEETING.

JAKE MACKENZIE: LET'S GO.

AMY R. WORTH: HE'S JUST LOOKING FOR HIS MATERIALS.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I HAVE --

JAMES P. SPERING: ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS MAKES THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: NO. THEY WANT ME TO READ SOMETHING SPECIFIC.

JAKE MACKENZIE: YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE US.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY JAKE. DROP OFF. I'M SORRY. I WAS ALWAYS PRETTY PATIENT WITH YOU.

JAKE MACKENZIE: YEAH, YEAH, PATIENT WITH ME. [LAUGHTER] COME ON.

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JAMES P. SPERING: THAT WAS ALMOST FUNNY.

JAKE MACKENZIE: I TELL YOU, REVISIONIST HISTORY RISES ITS HEAD.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: LISTEN, DO WE HAVE AN ATTORNEY ON?

AMY R. WORTH: I THINK ADRIAN IS ON.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THE COMMITTEE HAS MET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE, AND WE HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD A CANDIDATE, AND THE COMMITTEE HAS DIRECTED THE CHAIR AND THE VICE CHAIR ALONG WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT. ADRIAN, DID I MISS ANYTHING?

ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL: I THINK YOU DID A GOOD JOB, CHAIR.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ATTORNEY. SO, HAVING SAID ALL OF THAT, WE ARE, I THINK -- LET'S OF PAPER TODAY. MAKE SURE THAT DENISE IS HAPPY WE DID EVERYTHING SHE WANTS.

NALUNGO CONLEY: [LAUGHTER]

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: INFORMATION. PUBLIC COMMENT. DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR TODAY?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS, AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. SO WE ARE ADJOURNED, THE NEXT MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2020 AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER, BEALE STREET OR REMOTELY AND YOU WILL NOTE ANY SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS. THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR THE LONG DAY IT. [ADJOURNED]

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