



**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION JOINT MTC ABAG**

2 **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

3 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020, 9:45 AM**

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6 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JULIE PIERCE.

7 I AM THE CHAIR OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. I

8 WANT TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND REQUEST THAT THE

9 BROADCAST TEAM PLEASE ROLL THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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11 **SPEAKER:** DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A

12 ZOOM WEBINAR. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S

13 EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

14 OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING WILL BE WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB

15 SITE. I WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND

16 OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND

17 RESTATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS

18 PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM AND WEBCAST WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED

19 ARE REMINDED THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS.

20 COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM,

21 WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL

22 STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

23 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR

24 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBERS. AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC

25 SPEAKERS RESTATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS, BUT PROVIDING



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1 SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING
2 TO ADDRESS THIS BODY WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING
3 AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE
4 POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT
5 WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN
6 CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO ON THE
7 REFERENCED AGENDA ITEM OR ANY TOPIC THEY CHOOSE. SPEAKERS
8 SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND, AND I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
9 APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL
10 ACTION ITEMS. THE CHAT FEATURE IS ACTIVE, HOWEVER, PLEASE BE
11 AWARE THAT ANYTHING TYPED INTO THE CHAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO
12 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO
13 ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE
14 MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE WE TAKE THE ROLL, I
17 WILL JUST COMMENT THAT IN LIGHT OF THE HOUR AND THAT ALL OF
18 TODAY'S ITEMS ARE INFORMATIONAL, ALL OF THE DETAILS ARE IN
19 YOUR PACKET, WE'RE GOING TO EXPEDITE OUR PROCESS A LITTLE BIT
20 AND ALLOW FOR QUESTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THESE. SO IF
21 YOU HAVE COMMENTS BE READY FOR THOSE. STAFF WILL JUST
22 INTRODUCE AND GIVE US A QUICK UPDATE. SO WITH THAT, MAY I ASK
23 THE CLERK TO PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AHN? ARREGUIN?



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2 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** HERE.

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

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8 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER CORTESE?

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12 **DAVID CORTESE:** HERE.

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

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16 **PAT ECKLUND:** HERE. GIOCAPINI NON-VOTING?

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18 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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

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22 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** HERE.

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

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1 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** DID YOU HEAR ME?

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YEAH. I HEARD YOU, COMMISSIONER. HUDSON?
4 LICCARDO? MACKENZIE?

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6 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** PRESENT.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MAR? MITCHOFF?

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10 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. PEDROZA? PIERCE?

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14 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. RABBIT?

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18 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** HE HAD TO GO TO A FIRE MEETING.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. RAMOS?

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22 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SLOCUM? SPERING?

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1 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** STRACNER, NON VOTING? WE ARE ONE SHY OF A
4 QUORUM. OH WAIT, MEMBER HUDSON IS HERE. COUNTING HUDSON, WE
5 HAVE A QUORUM.

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7 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM TWO, CONSENT
8 CALENDAR. IS THERE ANYTHING WITHIN WISHES TO PUT FOR COMMENT?

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10 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** MOVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR MADAM
11 CHAIR.

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13 **PAT EKLUND:** AND CONSENT A SECOND. PAT ECKLUND.

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15 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** MOTION BY MACKENZIE. SECOND BY EKLUND.
16 ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS MARTHA? OR ANY ITEMS RECEIVED?

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM
19 AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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21 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU
22 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL CALL VOTE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] IT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY
25 MEMBERS PRESENT.



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2 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD MARTHA. THANK YOU MEMBERS. NEXT
3 ITEM IS TO DEAL WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDER N7920, A VERY BRIEF
4 OVERVIEW. VERY BRIEF REBECCA, PLEASE.

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6 **REBECCA LONG:** YES. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. GOOD AFTERNOON
7 COMMISSIONERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. REBECCA LONG. THE
8 ITEM IS ATTACHED TO THE MEMO. THE DECARBONIZATION OF THE
9 TRANSPORTATION SECTOR. THE FLEET OF 100 PERCENT NEW PASSENGER
10 CARS AND TRUCKS BE ZERO-EMISSION BY 2035 WITH SIMILAR GOALS
11 FOR HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS BY 2045 IT'S NOT BINDING, THE GOVERNOR
12 CAN'T JUST MAKE THE STATEMENT AND -- IT'S REQUIRED ARB ADOPT
13 REGULATIONS AND ONE COULD IMAGINE THAT LITIGATION MAY FOLLOW.
14 SO IT'S UNCLEAR WHEN IT WILL BECOME FINDING, BUT A BIG
15 STATEMENT. AND THEN WE DID JUST WANT TO NOTE IT'S ALSO NOT
16 CLEAR YET HOW IT WOULD INTERSECT WITH SB 375 TARGETS IN SOME
17 WAYS IT COULD GO EITHER WAY IT COULD MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO
18 GET CREDIT FOR EV STRATEGIES OF OUR OWN IN OUR PLAN. BUT IN
19 THE BIG PICTURE PERHAPS THERE WILL BE LESS OF A BURDEN THAT SB
20 375 HAS TO CARRY TO REACH OUR GHG GOALS. SO WE'LL BE TRACKING
21 IT CLOSELY. WE WERE HAPPY TO SEE SOME REFERENCE TO CLEAN
22 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS AS WELL NOT JUST FOCUSED ON THE
23 VEHICLE FLEET AND WE'LL BE TRACKING THAT AND ENCOURAGING THE
24 DEPARTMENT TO USE EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER AND TO EXPEDITE



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1 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS AND OTHER THINGS THAT CAN HELP
2 REDUCE GHGS. WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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4 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS REBECCA. THIS IS AN INFORMATION
5 ITEM. NO ACTION REQUIRED. ANY DISCUSSION FROM THE COMMITTEE. I
6 DON'T SEE ANY HANDS RAISED. I WILL ASK MARTHA DO WE HAVE ANY
7 PUBLIC COMMENTERS.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED THERE ARE TWO
10 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED. HOW MUCH TIME
11 WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THEM?

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13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** TWO MINUTES.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIRST UP IS ALETA. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
16 YOURSELF.

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18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU JULIE PIERCE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS. WHEN I
19 READ ABOUT THIS, IT WAS BOMBHELL. VISIONARY. I'M SUPPORTIVE.
20 I LIKE THE IDEA OF A VISIONARY STATEMENT THAT IS GOING TO MOVE
21 US AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS. OF COURSE I'M COGNIZANT OF THE FACT
22 THAT LEGALLY THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE AND THIS IS STILL 15
23 YEARS OUT. IT IS CERTAINLY, HOPEFULLY, WILL START THE
24 CONVERSATION MOVING, IN BEING ABLE TO DEVELOP NOT JUST THE
25 VEHICLES, BUT ALL OF THE INTENDED INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS



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1 NECESSARY TO POWER AND CHARGE THEM, WHICH I HOPE WILL ALSO BE
2 RENEWABLY POWERED. I CERTAINLY THINK THIS HAS TO DEMAND A
3 REGIONAL CONVERSATION IN THE WEST, OTHERWISE THERE ARE MANY
4 WHO MAY GO TO NEIGHBORING STATES AND PURCHASE FOSSIL FUEL
5 VEHICLES, IF THOSE STATES HAVE NOT ADOPTED SUCH A MANDATE. SO,
6 WHILE MANDATES CAN BE TRICKY, I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE VISION.
7 I WOULD ASK OF YOU ALL, AS A BOARD, TO CONTINUE THE WORK IN
8 BUILDING OUR ALL ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION ECONOMY GOING
9 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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11 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT UP IS ROLAND, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
14 YOURSELF.

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16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, IT'S GENERALLY
17 ACCEPTED THAT 80 PERCENT OF ALL PACKAGES BEING DELIVERED WEIGH
18 LESS THAN TEN POUNDS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS THE
19 INTRODUCTION OF SOME KIND OF LEGISLATION THAT MANDATES
20 DELIVERY OF THESE PACKAGES VIA, YOU KNOW, SOME KIND OF
21 ELECTRICAL VEHICLE, AND IF THIS FAVORS, AN AMAZON DRONE. SO BE
22 IT.

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24 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHERS,
25 DO YOU MARTHA?



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
3 THEIR HANDS RAISED AND I DON'T SEE ANY COMMISSIONERS WAVING
4 THEIR ARM.

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6 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL THIS WAS INFORMATIONAL.
7 LET'S GO TO ITEM 3B. 2020 LEGISLATIVE SCORE CARD. WHERE ARE WE
8 REBECCA?

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10 **REBECCA LONG:** WE'RE BREATHING KIND OF A BREATHING A SUING OF
11 RELIEF AND DISAPPOINTMENT. THIS IS PART OF OUR ADVOCACY PLAN
12 BIG PICTURE GOALS ACROSS DIFFERENT POLICY AREAS WITH WHAT WE
13 ACCOMPLISHED OR WHAT DEPOSIT ACCOMPLISHED BY OUR PARTNERS.
14 AND, YOU KNOW, YOU WILL SEE A LOT OF ITEMS THERE THAT WE'RE
15 GOING TO BE BRINGING BACK TO YOU NEXT MONTH AS STILL ON OUR
16 AGENDA BECAUSE REALLY THEY WERE NOT ACHIEVED THIS PAST YEAR,
17 AND MUCH OF THAT IS DUE TO COVID OF COURSE, AND SORT OF THE
18 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT THAT RESULTED FROM THE PANDEMIC AS WELLs
19 AT CONSTRAINED TIME TABLE THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAD TO CONDUCT
20 HEARINGS AND THE LIKE. SO I THOUGHT I WOULD START WITH THE
21 GOOD NEWS. I AM GOING TO KEEP THIS QUICK, BUT JUST NOTE THAT
22 TWO BILLS THAT I THINK HAD REACHED THE GOVERNOR'S DESK WHEN WE
23 LAST MET, THAT WE SUPPORTED, AND WERE ACTIVE ON, DID GET SIDE
24 BY SIDE THOSE ARE SB146 BY SENATOR BEALE BASICALLY HONORING
25 OUR VIRTUAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT THAT'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH



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1 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 THAT MEANS WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE A
2 SCRAMBLE TO DUCT DOZENS OF IN-PERSON MEETINGS JUST TO MEET THE
3 STATE'S ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS. SO THAT'S A TWO-YEAR BILL
4 THAT WILL CARRY US THROUGH PLANNED BAY AREA, AND SB288 BY
5 SENATOR WIENER IS A TWO YEAR CEQA EXEMPTION FROM PROJECTS IT
6 DOESN'T INCLUDE RAIL BUT IT INCLUDES BUS, TRANSIT, AND RAPID
7 TRANSIT AND BIKE TRAIL. SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT
8 TODAY ABOUT THE QUICK BUILD BIKE PED PROJECTS HOPEFULLY CAN
9 GET EXPEDITED BY THAT BILL. MOVING QUICKLY TO WASHINGTON OF
10 COURSE WE DIDN'T PUT COVID RELIEF IN OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM BUT
11 THAT WAS CERTAINLY WELCOME AND WE DID DO WELL BY THAT SO FAR
12 WE'RE WORKING ON GETTING MORE MONEY THERE. BUT THE BIG THEY
13 THINK WE'RE ANTICIPATING IS REACTION ON AUTHORIZE, WHILE THAT
14 DIDN'T HAPPEN AS A MULTI- YEAR ACT WE DID GET AN EXTENSION
15 THAT CARRIES US THROUGH NEXT SEPTEMBER SO FUNDING WILL BE
16 STABLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROGRAM AT THE CURRENT
17 YEAR LEVELS. AND THEN IN TERMS OF OTHER SORT OF DISAPPOINTMENT
18 IN SACRAMENTO OF COURSE HOUSING BILLS WERE VERY LIMITED THIS
19 YEAR EVEN BILLS BY PRO TEMPORE DID NOT REACH THE GOVERNOR'S
20 DESK WE EXPECT THOSE TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR. THE TWO BILLS WE
21 SUPPORTED ON HOUSING HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MEMO ALSO DID NOT
22 REACH THE GOVERNOR'S DESK AND THEN OF COURSE ON
23 TRANSPORTATION, THERE WAS A LOT OF ACTIVITY EARLIER THIS YEAR
24 ABOUT A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION REVENUE MEASURE GIVEN THE
25 ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND WHAT NOT, THAT MEASURE INSTALLED. BUT WE



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1 DO EXPECT SOME CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT TO RESUME NEXT YEAR.
2 SIMILARLY ON SEAMLESS TRANSIT WE EXPECT THAT CONVERSATION TO
3 PICK BACK UP AGAIN GIVEN OF THE BLUE RIBBON CONVERSATION. I
4 WANT TO MENTION ONE BILL THAT WE WERE INVOLVED IN SB 664 THE
5 BILL THAT'S TRYING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES IN THE LAW
6 RELATED TO TOLL ENFORCEMENT AND HOW WE USE PEOPLE'S
7 INFORMATION IN OTHER WORDS TO BASICALLY COLLECT BASIC TOLLS,
8 AND PENALTIES, AND SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE HAD WITH
9 THAT. SO THAT BILL REALLY DID JUST FALL VICTIM TO COVID AND
10 THE TIME TABLE AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH OUR OTHER
11 TOLL AGENCIES STATEWIDE ON THAT AND EXPECT TO PURSUE A NEW
12 BILL NEXT YEAR. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. AND AS YOU CAN SEE
13 THERE IS GOING TO BE PLENTY FOR US TO WORK ON NEXT YEAR. HAPPY
14 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU REBECCA. ANY QUESTIONS FROM
17 BOARD MEMBERS? OKAY. SEEING NONE. MARTHA DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC
18 COMMENTS OR HANDS RAISED? I DON'T SEE ANY.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I DON'T SEE AS WELL AND THERE WAS NO
21 PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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23 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD THEN. WE WILL PROCEED ON
24 TO ITEM 3C WHICH IS TOM BULGER'S REPORT. REBECCA.

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1 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** MADAM CHAIR. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS WITH
2 SOME REPUTATION, I WEIGHED INTO A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
3 THERE ARE TWO THINGS I WANT TO MENTION. ONE IS, WE ARE CLOSELY
4 FOLLOWING THE ON AGAIN OFF AGAIN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A SECOND
5 ROUND OF FUNDING, WE CALL IT A SECOND ROUND OF THE CARES ACT.
6 ONE OF THE SUBJECTS THIS COMMUNITY CARES A GREAT DEAL ABOUT IS
7 ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SIDE AND PUBLIC TRANSIT IS VERY WELL
8 POSITIONED RIGHT NOW IF THIS WERE TO BE REVIVED. I THINK WE
9 SHOULD KEEP OUR EXPECTATIONS LOW, HOWEVER, AND THE SECOND ITEM
10 WE MENTIONED LAST MONTH BART DID RECEIVE A \$1.2 BILLION GRANT
11 FOR FTA, FOR THEIR CORE CAPACITY AND THEY SIGNED A CONTRACT
12 RECENTLY FOR THEIR TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM. THESE THINGS ARE
13 RELATED, AND I JUST WANT TO MENTION THOSE ITEMS FOR YOU MADAM
14 CHAIR, AND THAT'S IT. THE.

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16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU RANDY. ANY QUESTIONS OF -
17 - FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABOUT THE FEDERAL SIDE OF THINGS?
18 AMY?

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20 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
21 THE FACT THAT THIS IS -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE OPINION -- BEEN SO
22 FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN ADVOCATE ALL THESE YEARS IN TOM BULGER.
23 AND IT'S SAD, I KNOW THIS IS THE LAST COMMITTEE REPORT, AND I
24 LOVED HIS APPROACH TO THE COMMITTEE REPORTS THEY'RE INSIGHTFUL
25 AND ON POINT BUT I ALSO HAVE A GREAT PERSPECTIVE ON THEM. AND



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1 I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MINUTE TO, YOU KNOW, THANK TOM FOR HIS
2 INCREDIBLE WORK. YOU KNOW, HE STARTED DOING LEGISLATIVE
3 ADVOCACY WHEN MTC AND ABAG WERE IN THE CLAREMONT HOTEL IN
4 THOSE BACK ROOMS WITH THE -- YOU KNOW, AND HE HAS JUST DONE A
5 PHENOMENAL JOB ADVOCATING ON OUR BEHALF AND I DO THINK THE
6 WORK ON THE CARES ACT IS THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THE
7 TREMENDOUS COORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION HE HAS BROUGHT TO
8 WASHINGTON, D.C. SO I JUST REALLY WANT TO EXTEND DEEPEST
9 APPRECIATION TO HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, TENACITY, AND HIS IN
10 DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WASHINGTON, D.C. WORKS, AROUND THE
11 CAPITAL. AND HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES
12 THAT HAVE ADVOCACY EFFORT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SO THE BAY AREA
13 IS REALLY ABLE TO COME TOGETHER WITH A UNIFIED VOICE ON THESE
14 FEDERAL INITIATIVES. SO, JUST THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO TOM, AND
15 I WILL MISS HIS MONTH WE REPORTS IMMENSELY IN HIS ENGAGEMENT.

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17 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS AMY. JIM THEN JAKE.

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19 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ECHO AMY'S COMMENTS BUT
20 ON ANOTHER NOTE AND MAYBE FOR THERESE. THERESE WITH THE SHORT
21 FALL THAT ALL OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE GOING TO BE FACING, IS
22 MTC GOING TO BE PUTTING TOGETHER A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND
23 BRINGING ALL OUR PARTNERS TOGETHER SIMILAR TO WHAT WE USED TO
24 DO WHEN WE WOULD GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C.? SOMEONE IS GOING TO
25 HAVE TO BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER AND START CONTACTING OUR



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1 LEGISLATORS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
2 TRANSIT. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION AMONG THE STAFF ABOUT PUTTING
3 TOGETHER THIS COALITION AND ADVOCACY THAT WE BRING ALL OF OUR
4 TRANSIT PARTNERS TOGETHER, INCLUDING ABAG TOO, TO PUT A PUSH
5 ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TRANSIT?

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7 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I CERTAINLY WILL WORK WITH RANDY TO PUT
8 SOMETHING TO THAT. I THINK AS WE WERE ALLUDING, WE WERE
9 WAITING POST ELECTION TO SEE HOW THAT FEDERAL PICTURE WOULD
10 SORT OUT. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, FROM A TACTICAL STANDPOINT, WE
11 WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE KNOW WHERE WE STOOD IN THAT REGARD, BUT
12 OF COURSE TO YOUR POINT WE WOULD WANT TO MOVE QUICKLY TO
13 MOBILIZE, YOU KNOW, A PLATFORM, IF YOU WILL, ON WHAT THAT
14 WOULD LOOK LIKE. SO RANDY, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING
15 ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD TO THAT?

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17 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** THERE IS A FEW THINGS. COMMISSIONER FIRST
18 THING IS, WE HAVE NEVER STOPPED GOING BACK TO THE CARES ACT,
19 DOING THE EXACT THING THAT YOU'RE DISCUSSING. WE HAVE WORKED
20 CLOSELY WITH ALL THE BAY AREAS'S TRANSIT OPERATORS BUT
21 PROBABLY MORE CRITICALLY, TO WORK WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN NEW
22 YORK, WHERE THE VOTES ARE ON THE SENATE SIDE, AND IN CHICAGO
23 WHICH WE HAVE CALLED THEM NUMEROUS TIMES. SO I THINK PART OF
24 WHAT WE'RE DOING IS, WE'RE DOING IT BEHIND THE SCENES AND
25 PERHAPS WE SHOULD BE DOING IT A LITTLE MORE UPFRONT WITH YOU



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1 ABOUT ALL THE WORK WE'RE DOING WITH YOU ON THIS. AND WE WILL
2 CONTINUE TO DO. THIS HAS BEEN A FULL COURT PRESS FOR TOM, OUR
3 NEW LOBBY TEAM, FOR GEORGIA, MYSELF, FOR REBECCA, FOR THE
4 ENTIRE YEAR, AND LOOK, WE HAVE HAD ONE INCREDIBLY POSITIVE
5 OUTCOME, THAT HAS POST POSTPONED A RECKONING THAT WE'RE ALL
6 FEARING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT AND WE'RE HOPEFUL TO GET ANOTHER
7 CRACK AT THIS. AND WE ARE VERY WELL POSITIONED IN THIS HOUSE
8 BILL RIGHT NOW. AND WE'RE WELL POSITIONED IN THE POLITICS OF
9 THE SENATE. THEY HAVE A LOT OF NEEDS THEY'RE TRYING TO
10 ADDRESS. AND I CAN ASSURE THAT YOU WE TAKE THIS WITH THE
11 UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

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13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** JAKE:

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15 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** QUICKLY. TOM BULGER, ECHO
16 COMMISSIONER WORTH'S REMARKS AND INSTITUTION, HISTORICAL
17 MONUMENT, WHAT CAN WE SAY? ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A FORMAL
18 VIRTUAL FAREWELL TO MR. TOM AT SOME POINT IN TIME? IS THIS ALL
19 IT IS?

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21 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** LOOK. I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN IN ON
22 THIS EARLIER THIS IS TOM'S LAST REPORT TO THIS COMMITTEE AND
23 IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE. COMMISSIONER MACKENZIE WE'RE
24 GOING TO DO SOMETHING AT YOUR OCTOBER COMMISSION MEETING. WE



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1 WILL HAVE A FEW THINGS, NOT JUST A RESOLUTION, BUT OTHER
2 THINGS.

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4 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** THAT'S ALL I NEEDED MADAM CHAIR.
5 THANK YOU. THANK YOU RANDY. BYE. [LAUGHTER]

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7 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I BIG THANK YOU
8 TO TOM FOR ALL THESE YEARS. THAT'S BEEN TERRIFIC. OKAY. I
9 DON'T SEE ANY OTHER COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS. SO I WILL ASK
10 IF THERE ARE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED OR ANYBODY WITH
11 THEIR HAPPENED RAISED THEY DON'T SEE?

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM
14 AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.
15 WONDERFUL. SO THAT WAS AN INFORMATION ITEM. WE WILL THEN GO TO
16 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY OTHER BUSINESS. I DO SEE ONE
17 HAND RAISED THERE. MARTHA?

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE TWO. KEN BUKOWSKI. KEN, GO AHEAD
20 AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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22 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. HI, IT'S ME AGAIN. HOW DO WE MAKE FREE PUBLIC
23 TRANSIT A PRIORITY? WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HANGING AROUND WHO
24 CAN'T BE PRODUCTIVE, THAT COST CITIES LOTS OF MONEY. WHEN YOU
25 STOP AND THINK ABOUT IT, IF YOU COULDN'T AFFORD TO GO



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1 SOMEWHERE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO? A LOT OF PEOPLE GET IN TROUBLE
2 AND WORRY PAYING FOR T I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD MAKE IT A
3 PRIORITY. THANK YOU.

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5 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KEN. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER
6 HANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC. SO, WITH THAT, WE ARE ADJOURNED TO
7 THE NEXT JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG
8 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH AT 9:45 A.M.
9 AGAIN BY ZOOM

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11 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

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13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** YES, THERE SCOTT?

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15 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** MARTHA FOR THE NEXT MEETING, DO WE STAY ON
16 THIS CALL?

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YOU WOULD STAY ON THE SAME ZOOM.

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20 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH. HAVE A GREAT WEEK. [ADJOURNED]

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