



**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION JOINT MTC ABAG**
2 **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**
3 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020, 10:15 AM**
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5 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** I'M JULIE PIERCE, I'M THE CHAIR OF THE
6 JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. I WANT TO CALL THE
7 MEETING TO ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE AND ASK STAFF TO
8 RUN THE BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE. DUE TO COVID-19, THIS
9 MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR, PURSUANT TO THE
10 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN
11 REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST
12 ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS,
13 PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME, AND ASK THAT
14 THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING
15 COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND
16 ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR
17 ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS
18 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD
19 USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR
20 WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE
21 ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
22 PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR
23 NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS
24 VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
25 INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO



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1 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE
2 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD
3 LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO, AND SHOULD RAISE THEIR
4 HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM ON THE APPROPRIATE
5 TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS.
6 PANELISTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE TO
7 ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE
8 MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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10 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY I ASK THE CLERK
11 TO CALL THE ROLL AND CONFIRM THE QUORUM, PLEASE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILL DO. AHN?

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15 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARREGUIN?

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** HERE.

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

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23 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CORTESE?



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2 **DAVID CORTESE:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EKLUND?

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6 **PAT EKLUND:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GIOCAPINI NON-VOTING?

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10 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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

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14 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HALLIDAY.

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18 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

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

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22 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MAR? MEMBER MITCHOFF? IS HERE. I

25 JUST SAW HER. PEDROZA?



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2 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HI. IT'S KAREN. I'M SORRY. MY INTERNET FROZE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. LET'S SEE. COMMISSIONER PEDROZA IS
5 ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. PIERCE?

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

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

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11 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS? MEMBER RAMOS? SLOCUM? SLOCUM?
14 SPERING?

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16 **JAMES P. SPERING:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** STRACNER, NON-VOTING? STRACNER? WE HAVE A
19 QUORUM.

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21 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MARTHA, WE APPRECIATE
22 THAT. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. DO
23 I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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25 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** SO MOVED. HUDSON.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** SECOND ARREGUIN.

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4 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** MOTION BY HUDSON AND SECOND BY ARREGUIN
5 FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MARTHA ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS FOR
6 THIS ITEM.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS
9 RAISED AND NO COMMENT SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM.

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11 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE CALL THE
12 ROLL.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL
15 MEMBERS PRESENT.

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17 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MARTHA A NEXT ITEM ON THE
18 AGENDA 3A UPDATE ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION. REBECCA,
19 YOU'RE GOING TO HANDLE THIS ONE FOR US.

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21 **REBECCA LONG:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING
22 BOARD MEMBERS, COMMISSIONERS. SO, WE ALL ARE WAITING FOR MORE
23 CERTAINTY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, FOR SURE, BUT WE DO HAVE A LOT
24 OF RESULTS THAT WE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED IN KIND OF A VIRTUAL HAND
25 OUT, IF YOU WILL, THAT WAS SENT TO YOU LAST NIGHT BUT MARTHA A



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1 SO IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN T YOU MIGHT FIND THAT IN YOUR INBOX.
2 I'M NOT GOING TO WALK THROUGH ALL THE DETAILS BUT WHAT WE HAVE
3 TRIED TO DO THERE IS HIGHLIGHT THE RESULTS OF THE STATEWIDE
4 BALLOT MEASURES THAT SEEM MOST RELEVANT TO ABAG AND MTC, AS
5 WELL AS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE MEASURES, AND
6 THEN A LITTLE BIT OF A SNAPSHOT ON NATIONAL MEASURES WITH
7 RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION, AND THEN OUR BAY AREA DELEGATION
8 RACES. SO STARTING AT THE TOP, ON THE BALLOT MEASURES, YOU
9 KNOW, MOST NOTABLY, THE ONE BALLOT MEASURE THAT WE DID TAKE,
10 BOTH BOARDS TOOK A SUPPORT POSITION ON PROP 16 WAS DEFEATED. I
11 THINK, PROBABLY NOT A BIG SURPRISE, IF FOLKS WERE TRACKING THE
12 POLLING, BUT THAT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT, IT RECEIVED 44 PERCENT
13 SUPPORT STATEWIDE. ONE OF THE THINGS WE NOTED IN A NUMBER OF
14 THESE MEASURES IS HOW THE BAY AREA VOTED VERSUS THE STATE AS A
15 WHOLE AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE JUNKIES ABOUT THIS STUFF
16 YOU MIGHT ENJOY LOOKING AT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WEB SITE
17 WHERE THEY HAVE MAPS BY COUNTY OF ALL THE RESULTS THAT ARE
18 STATEWIDE MEASURES. AND YOU CAN SEE, AGAIN, WHERE THE BAY AREA
19 DIFFERS FROM THE REST OF THE STATE. SO, A NUMBER OF BAY AREA
20 COUNTIES DID SUPPORT PROP 16, BUT OBVIOUSLY NOT ENOUGH FOR IT
21 TO WIN STATEWIDE. PROP 15, I'M SURE WAS VERY MUCH ON MANY OF
22 YOUR MINDS, GIVEN THE POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL AND
23 SCHOOL FUNDING. THAT ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE LOST. IT HAD ABOUT
24 48 PERCENT SUPPORT, STATEWIDE, BUT BAY AREA COUNTIES SUPPORTED
25 IT THROUGHOUT THE NINE COUNTIES, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF



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1 NORTHERN COUNTIES. AND THEN IN THE REST OF THE STATE, IT WAS
2 ONLY SUPPORTED BY LA, ALPINE, AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES. OTHER
3 PROPERTY TAX MEASURE THAT HAS FISCAL IMPACTS TO LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENTS THAT DID PASS WAS PROP 19. IT WAS ALSO A NARROW
5 DECISION, ABOUT 51 PERCENT IN SUPPORT. AND LET'S SEE. AND THEN
6 MOVING ALONG THE OTHER TWO MEASURES THAT WE HIGHLIGHTED HERE
7 WAS THE RENT CONTROL, WHICH WAS INTERESTINGLY A VERY SIMILAR
8 RESULT TO THE LAST EFFORT, ABOUT 59 PERCENT AGAINST THE RENT
9 CONTROL MEASURE. VERY CLOSE TO WHAT IT WAS IN PROP 10, 2 YEARS
10 AGO, ON THERE, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, LOOKING AT THE MAP, THERE
11 WAS JUST ONE COUNTY STATEWIDE THAT SUPPORTED IT, AND THAT WAS
12 SAN FRANCISCO. AND, SORRY -- THAT WAS IN THE BAY AREA, AND
13 THEN IT ALSO WANT SUPPORTED -- OR IT CAME CLOSE TO BEING
14 SUPPORTED IN LA COUNTY. AND THEN PROP 22, THE TRANSPORTATION
15 NETWORK COMPANY GIG WORKER MEASURE, I THINK EVERYONE IS
16 PROBABLY WELL AWARE THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THAT
17 STATEWIDE, YOU KNOW, MAYBE NOT THAT SURPRISING GIVEN THE
18 AMOUNT OF RESOURCES PUT INTO THAT CAMPAIGN. SO, LOOKING, NOW
19 MORE REGIONALLY, THE TWO MEASURES THAT MTC SUPPORTED, THE
20 CALTRAIN MEASURE, AND SONOMA COUNTIES, SALES TAX RENEWAL, BOTH
21 APPEAR TO HAVE WON. THEY'RE BOTH AROUND 70 TO 72 PERCENT. SO
22 THAT'S LOOKING PRETTY SOLID, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE OF
23 WHO YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THOSE MEASURES. A LOT OF DIFFERENT
24 MEASURES RELATED TO HOUSING. I THINK, YOU KNOW, A BIT OF THE
25 MIXED BAG THERE, AND THE ZONING SIDE OF THINGS, BUT SAN



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1 FRANCISCO VOTERS APPROVED A SIGNIFICANT GENERAL OBLIGATION
2 BOND OF 487 MILLION, AND THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR HOMELESS
3 SHELTERS AND OTHER, ALSO, TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, SO
4 THAT WAS A GO BOND THERE. AND THEN IN ALAMEDA COUNTY THERE WAS
5 A SUPPORTED NEW HALF CENT SALES TAX FOR GENERAL COUNTY NEEDS
6 ALSO HIGHLIGHTING HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. AND THEN
7 IN BERKELEY, VOTERS SUPPORTED A TENANT PROTECTION MEASURE, SO
8 THAT WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT WE WERE AWARE OF THAT WAS SPECIFIC
9 TO TENANT PROTECTION IN THE REGION, AND THAT DID PASS. AND
10 THEN, I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL OF THESE, BUT THESE SOMEWHAT
11 IMPORTANT ONES, I DID WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SONOMA COUNTY ALSO
12 VOTERS APPROVED BY 16 PERCENT A NEW HALF CENT SALES TAX FOR
13 LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AND, AGAIN, HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. SO I'LL
14 LEAVE IT TO YOU TO READ THE REST OF THIS, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU
15 DO HAVE A BUSY MORNING TODAY, AND WHAT WE WANT TO FOCUS ON IS
16 THE NEXT ITEM, OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM, BUT HOPEFULLY IT'S A
17 USEFUL DOCUMENT FOR YOU TO GET AN OVERVIEW, AND THEN JUST
18 FINALLY TALKING ABOUT OUR DELEGATION, NO CHANGE IN WASHINGTON,
19 D.C. EXCEPT THAT WE MAY HAVE A NEW SENATOR, BUT ON THE
20 LEGISLATIVE SIDE OF COURSE WE'RE EXCITED TO HAVE A NEW STATE
21 SENATOR, CONGRATULATIONS COMMISSIONER BOARD MEMBER CORTESE.
22 AND WE ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER NEW STATE SENATORS, ONE IS
23 A FAMILIAR NAME, FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN LAIRD WHO WAS AN
24 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FOR MANY YEARS, AND THEN WAS SECRETARY OF THE
25 RESOURCES AGENCY UNDER GOVERNOR BROWN, HE IS RETURNING TO



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1 REPRESENT THAT SOUTHERNMOST DISTRICT CURRENTLY HELD BY SENATOR
2 MONNING AND NEW MEMBER JOSH BECKER WILL BE FILLING THE SEAT BY
3 JERRY HILL AND SIMILARLY ALEX LEE IN THE SOUTH BAY. THOSE ARE
4 THREE NEW FACES FOR US AND ONE GOOD FRIEND WHOLE BE JOINING
5 OUR SACRAMENTO DELEGATION. AND, YEAH, I THINK THAT CONCLUDES
6 MY REPORT ON THE ELECTION, AND YOU WILL BE HEARING MORE
7 INSIGHTS UNDER OUR FEDERAL UPDATE WITH OUR DC LOBBYISTS LATER
8 IN THIS AGENDA. BACK TO YOU MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS REBECCA, THIS IS AN INFORMATION
11 ITEM. SO THERE IS NO ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS TIME. BUT ARE
12 THERE ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ABOUT ANYTHING GOING
13 ON IN PARTICULAR? JIM, YOU HAD YOUR HAND UP?

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15 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I WANT TO THANK MAYOR LICCARDO, HIS EFFORTS
16 HELPED GET THIS OVER THE FINISH LINE VERY IMPORTANT, GOOD JOB
17 SAM. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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19 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** SAM?

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21 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** COMMISSIONER SPERING, I WANT TO
22 SAY THANK YOU, AS YOU KNOW, THERE WERE A LOT OF FOLKS PUSHING
23 ON THAT ONE AND MANY DOING MUCH MORE PUSHING THAN I WAS, IN
24 PARTICULAR FOLKS LIKE SUPERVISOR DAVE PINE, SUPERVISOR
25 [INDISCERNIBLE] IN SAN FRANCISCO AND [INDISCERNIBLE] GREAT



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1 EFFORT. AND GLAD TO SEE IT GET OVER THE GOAL LINE WE'RE
2 EXCITED ABOUT THE VOTE COUNT, IT'S DECLINE BUT WE HOPE IT WILL
3 REMAIN OVER THE TWO THIRDS THRESHOLD. THANK YOU.

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5 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** WE'RE ALL PULLING FOR YOU SAM. THAT WAS A
6 BIG ONE FOR THE REGION. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? I DON'T SEE ANY
7 HANDS RAISED. MARTHA DO WE HAVE COMMENT ON THIS ITEM

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM
10 AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND, GO
11 AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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13 **SPEAKER:** YES. THIS IS ROLAND, YES. AND YES, I DO WANT TO TALK
14 ABOUT MEASURE RR, AND I WOULD LIKE TO START LIKE TO START BY
15 THANKING COMMISSIONER SPERING AND LICCARDO AND OTHERS FOR
16 SUPPORT IN PASSING THIS MEASURE AND AS MAYOR LICCARDO
17 MENTIONED IT'S EXTREMELY TITHE. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY
18 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH WHAT HAPPENED. I DID NOT SEE THIS
19 COMING. ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO, I STARTED RECEIVING CALLS FROM
20 MARKETING AND INDIVIDUALS, WHO NORMALLY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO
21 SUPPORT RR, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED
22 ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S ISSUE WITH CALTRAIN. AND WHAT I ENDED
23 UP DOING IN EVERY CASE -- SO THE REASON THERE WERE CONCERN IS
24 BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS THAT WE PUT IN PLACE IN PUTTING THIS
25 MEASURE ON THE BALLOT IN THE FIRST PLACE, WERE NOT CLEARLY



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1 SPELLED OUT IN THE BALLOT LANGUAGE. SO IN EVERY CASE, WHAT I
2 DID, I POINTED THEM TO THE BOARD RESOLUTION THAT HAD TO PASS
3 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE PUTTING THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT, AND ASK
4 ALL THESE PEOPLE TO PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION TO
5 THEIR CHANNELS. -- SOCIAL CHANNELS, BUT INCLUDING, WHAT I WANT
6 TO BRING TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION IS THAT MOVING FORWARD,
7 WE NEED SUPPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE,
8 BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T KNOW ADDRESS IT VERY SOON, I AM SEEING
9 SOME SERIOUS BACKLASH COMING BACK FROM THE VOTERS. I DON'T
10 KNOW WHAT FORM IT'S GOING TO BE IN, BUT PEOPLE THERE ARE VERY,
11 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT, BASICALLY, TRUSTING THE EXISTING
12 ADMINISTRATION, WITH ESSENTIALLY \$3 TRILLION OF TAXPAYER
13 DOLLARS. THANK YOU.

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15 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED MARTHA? I DON'T
17 SEE ANY.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
20 WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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22 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THEN WE'LL GO ON TO
23 AGENDA ITEM 3B WHICH IS THE JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM, AND
24 REBECCA, THIS ONE IS YOURS AS WELL.

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1 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. SO FOR THIS ONE, IF I
2 COULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU GUYS PULL UP, ON YOUR PACKET, THE PDF
3 FOR ITEM 3B. WE DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT SLIDES FOR THIS. BECAUSE
4 THERE IS VERY MUCH DETAIL FOR THOSE OF YOU LISTENING IT'S ITEM
5 3B THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB. WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR.
6 WE UPDATE OUR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR SACRAMENTO AND
7 WASHINGTON AND THIS SEEMS LIKE A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT YEAR
8 TO REFRESH THEM GIVEN THE PANDEMIC AND IMPACTS ON REVENUE
9 PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES. SO WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, GONE
10 THROUGH THE CURRENT YEAR' PROGRAM AND REFRESHED IT, AND ADDED
11 NEW ITEMS AND RESTRUCTURED. SO WHAT WE HAVE DONE JUST TO KIND
12 OF SIMPLIFY THINGS FOR YOUR REVIEW IS HIGHLIGHTED, IN SALMON
13 COLOR, THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEW, THERE MIGHT BE MINOR TWEAKING
14 OF THE WORDING AND OTHERS BUT THOSE ARE OTHERWISE BASICALLY
15 CARRYOVERS FROM A DIFFERENT YEARS. SO I'M GOING TO WALK
16 THROUGH AND HIGHLIGHT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NEW ITEMS. FIRST
17 ONE RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, AND SO THE WAY THIS IS
18 STRUCTURED IS, THERE IS KIND OF A BROAD GOAL, AND THE SPECIFIC
19 OBJECTIVES WITHIN. SO WITHIN THE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
20 CATEGORY IS TO SEEK TRANSIT OPERATING FUNDS WITH TRANSIT
21 OPERATORS AND CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION, WE RECOGNIZE
22 THAT IT'S MUCH MORE FEASIBLE, FINANCIALLY, FOR THE FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO TRANSIT OPERATORS THAN IT
24 IS FOR THE STATE SINCE THE STATE IS OPERATING WITHIN ITS OWN
25 BUDGET AND DOESN'T HAVE THE POWER TO SIMPLY, YOU KNOW, PRINT



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1 MONEY IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES.
2 HOWEVER, WE ARE AWARE THAT, IF WE DON'T RECEIVE FUNDING FROM
3 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, QUICKLY ENOUGH, WE REALLY MAY NEED
4 SOME ADDITIONAL STATE ASSISTANCE. AND SO THIS IS IN LINE WITH
5 THE LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY OF THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT
6 ASSOCIATION, AND WE WANT TO, YOU KNOW, SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS,
7 AND THOSE OF TRANSIT OPERATORS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL TRANSIT
8 OPERATING FUNDING IN SACRAMENTO AS WELL. OF COURSE IF WE'RE
9 FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO RECEIVE A SIGNIFICANT INFUSION OF FEDERAL
10 FUNDS THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY BUT WE DON'T WANT TO
11 BASICALLY NOT MAKE AN EFFORT IN SACRAMENTO ON THIS FRONT. ITEM
12 1C IS MUCH MORE OF A KIND OF INTERNAL BUDGET ITEM, WHERE WE
13 WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME REDUCTION IN THE COST THAT WE'RE
14 CHARGED, SPECIFICALLY MTC BATA WITH REGARD TO OVERHEAD COST BY
15 CALTRANS AND BASICALLY WE'RE SEEKING TO RECEIVE SIMILAR
16 TREATMENT AS THE SELF-HELP COUNTIES WHO WERE ABLE TO GUILTY A
17 LOWER ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD CHARGE THROUGH PRIOR BUDGET
18 ACTIONS. AND THAT COULD SAVE US SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR
19 THAT COULD GO BACK INTO SUPPORTING BRIDGE REHAB AND OTHER
20 NEEDS. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS IS 2B ARTICULATING THE SUPPORT
21 FOR LEGISLATION THAT'S LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON RECOVERY TASK FORCE AND WE
23 HIGHLIGHTED THREE AREAS WHERE WE BELIEVE THE LEDGE MIGHT BE
24 PROBABLY OR KIND OF GENERAL THEMES AND THOSE ARE GETTING
25 TRANSIT OUT OF TRAFFIC, MAKING THE TRANSIT REQUIRED EXPERIENCE



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1 MORE SEAMLESS AND CONVENIENT AND WHERE APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE
2 CHANGES EXPECTED TO IMPROVE TRANSIT SERVICE BY ELIMINATING THE
3 FRICTION OR REDUNDANCY CAUSED BY EXISTING TRANSIT AGENCY
4 SERVICE BOUNDARIES. OF COURSE WHATEVER THE LEGISLATION LOOKS
5 LIKE IS GOING TO DEPEND ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT COME OUT
6 OF THE TASK FORCE, BUT WE WANT TO BE ENGAGING CLOSELY
7 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHIU AND OTHER LEGISLATORS INTERESTED IN THIS
8 TOPIC. KEY TO THIS PIECE. ON HOUSING, NEXT ITEM, THREE, WE
9 KIND OF HAVE THREE ITEMS HERE WHICH IS, ONE IS A SLIGHT
10 RECASTING OF WHAT WE HAVE HAD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN SUPPORT
11 OF SUPPORTING HIGHER DENSITY NEAR TRANSIT AND IN JOB RICH
12 AREAS. WE HAVE BROUGHT A NUMBER OF BILLS TO YOU, OVER THE
13 YEARS, THAT HAVE MOVED IN THIS DIRECTION. UNFORTUNATELY NONE
14 MADE IT TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK THIS PAST YEAR. WE'RE
15 ARTICULATING SUPPORT FOR THOSE GENERAL THEMES AS WELL AS
16 AUTHORIZING HOUSING IN COMMERCIAL ZONES SUCH AS SHOPPING MALLS
17 AND COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS WHERE IT MIGHT BE MORE PALATABLE FOR
18 IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES. AND THERE WILL LIKELY BE A LOT OF
19 ZONING CHANGES CONSISTENT WITH RHNA THIS WHOLE CATEGORY IS
20 ABOUT HELPING AGENCIES DELIVER ON THEIR RHNA. AND THE NEXT
21 ITEM IS SUPPORTING A ONE TIME INFUSION OF FUNDS FOR THE BAY
22 AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITIES PILOT PROJECTS. THIS IS
23 ESSENTIALLY A STRATEGY TO SEEK STATE MATCHING FUNDS TO A
24 PHILANTHROPIC EFFORT THAT A NUMBER OF OUR PART AGENCIES MPH
25 AND OTHERS ARE PURR SUING, WHILE WE THINK STATE FINANCES ARE



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1 TIGHT RIGHT NOW OUR BAY AREA DELEGATION REALLY PRIORITIZES
2 HOUSING, AND I THINK THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE LAUNCH OF THE
3 BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY AND THESE PILOT PROJECTS
4 ARE DESIGNED TO REALLY BUILD CAPACITY SO THAT IF AND WHEN A
5 MEASURE IS PUT ON THE BALLOT, ALL AS A REGION REALLY BOTH
6 LOCAL AGENCIES AND OUR STAFF ARE READY TO GO AND DELIVER
7 SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL DOLLARS. AND THEN THE NEXT ITEM IS
8 ARTICULATING THAT WE DO WANT TO SUPPORT POLICIES IS FUNDING
9 PROPOSALS PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS THAT'S AN
10 IMPORTANT ROLE FOR OUR AGENCIES. AND MOVING DOWN TO CLIMATE
11 CHANGE ON THE VERY RELEVANT TO THE DISCUSSION YOU HAD IN THE
12 PRIOR MEETING. SB 375 IMPLEMENTATION AND REFORM. YOU KNOW, WE
13 DO THINK IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT SB 375 AND
14 HOW IT IS WORKING AND HOW IT'S NOT WORKING ONE THING WE HAVE
15 BEEN FRUSTRATED IS THE DYNAMIC OF COMPETITION WITH THE STATE
16 AROUND WHO IS GOING TO GET CREDIT FOR DIFFERENT GREENHOUSE GAS
17 REDUCTION STRATEGIES, RATHER THAN REALLY WORKING IN
18 PARTNERSHIP, AND THERE IS JUST AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF ENERGY
19 SPENT ON THE MODEL AND HOW DO WE REACH A SPECIFIC TARGET AS
20 OPPOSED TO THINKING ABOUT WHAT ARE MEANINGFUL POLICY ACTIONS
21 THAT ARE GOING TO DELIVER NEAR-TERM GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION.
22 AND WE ALSO HAVE GROWN FRUSTRATED WITH THE CONFLICTS THAT ARE
23 ARISING BETWEEN, YOU KNOW, COMPETING STATE PLANNING GOALS,
24 THINKING ABOUT RHNA AND GOALS RELATED THERE TO EQUITY AND FAIR
25 HOUSING, AND THE SORT OF SINGLE FOCUS OF THE SUSTAINABLE



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1 COMMUNITY STRATEGY ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND GHG REALLY DOESN'T
2 ALLOW FOR A MORE NUANCED MULTI-GOAL STRATEGY. SO, WE DON'T
3 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE EASY, AND THAT CAN
4 BE RUSHED THROUGH, NECESSARILY THIS YEAR, BUT WE WOULD REALLY
5 LIKE TO START ENGAGING IN THIS CONVERSATION STATEWIDE WITH OUR
6 OTHER PARTNER AGENCIES AND STATEWIDE PARTNERS, YOU KNOW, MEAN
7 THINK THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
8 DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, AND OTHERS TO FIGURE OUT IF THERE ISN'T
9 A BETTER WAY, AND AN UPDATE THAT WE ALL CAN AGREE ON. NEXT
10 ITEM IS REALLY BUILDING ON THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER AND
11 CONSISTENT WITH THE DRAFT, PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 BLUEPRINT TO
12 SUPPORT STRATEGIES THAT CAN REALLY ACCELERATE THE
13 ELECTRIFICATION OF THE PASSENGER FLEET. AND ONE OF THOSE THAT
14 IS INCORPORATED INTO THE BLUEPRINT IS THIS IDEA OF A FEE BATE
15 THAT ESTABLISHES HIGHER REGISTRATION ON VEHICLES TO HELP FUND
16 REBATES ON CLEAN AIR VEHICLES TO MITIGATE ANY REGRESSIVE
17 IMPACT. SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST, I THINK YOU
18 WILL REMEMBER BOTH BOARDS SUPPORTED ASSEMBLYMEMBER MULLIN'S
19 BILL WITH AN AMENDMENT SOUGHT WITH RELATED TO CLIMATE
20 ADAPTATION THIS REFINING OUR VISION THERE TO BUILD AND
21 COMPLIMENT EXISTING AND REGIONAL AGENCY CAPACITY AND PROCESSES
22 ALREADY UNDERWAY THE STATE HAS DEVELOPED IN THE GENERAL PLAN
23 REQUIREMENTS PLAN REQUIREMENTS TO LOOK AT RESILIENCE TO LOOK
24 AT RISKS AND HAZARDS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IF THERE IS ANY
25 REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING MANDATES THOSE ARE



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1 INTEGRATED WITH WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE SUSTAINABLE
2 COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT ANY CLIMATE
3 ADAPTATION FUNDING THAT FOCUSED ON DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
4 IS AWARDED IN SUCH A WAY THAT REFLECTING THE BAY AREA'S
5 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND DOESN'T JUST RELY ON THE
6 CALENVIROSCREEN. MOVING ON TO SAFETY. WE -- THIS IS AN ITEM
7 THAT HAS BEEN ON THERE BEFORE, BUT THIS IS KIND OF A MORE
8 POINTED FOCUSED ARTICULATION OF THE GOAL. AND THAT IS THE ZERO
9 TRAFFIC FATALITIES GOAL, VISION ZERO, WE DID HAVE STAFF
10 PARTICIPATE IN THE ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES TASK FORCE LAST
11 YEAR AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT IS AIMED AT
12 REVISING THE 85th PERCENTILE METHODOLOGY FOR MAINTAINING SPEED
13 LIMITS THERE WAS CONSENSUS COMING OUT OF THE TASK FORCE THAT
14 THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO, YOU KNOW, REVISE, AND A NUMBER OF
15 STATES HAVE DONE SO. AND ALSO KEEP OUR EYES OPEN FOR
16 LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT TO ALSO
17 REALLY IMPROVE SAFETY IN SOME OF OUR HOTSPOTS FOR HAZARDS FOR
18 BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIAN IN OUR CITIES. AND THEN LAST BUT NOT
19 LEAST, ON THE STATE SIDE, WE THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WITH ALL OF
20 THE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED, IT IS TIME TO
21 THINK ABOUT WHETHER THE BROWN ACT SHOULD BE REVISED TO
22 INCORPORATE SOME OF THIS ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY AROUND VIRTUAL
23 MEETINGS, VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION, OVER THE LONG RUN. SO THIS IS
24 NOT SOMETHING WE'RE PROPOSING WE WOULD LEAD, WE'RE WORKING IN
25 CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS



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1 AND OTHERS AND IN OUR VARIOUS CONVENINGS IN THE LAST FEW
2 MONTHS IT SEEMS THERE IS QUITE A BIG APPETITE TO EXPLORE THAT.
3 SO THAT ARE AN ARTICULATION OF THAT THERE. MADAM CHAIR, WOULD
4 YOU LIKE TO PAUSE THERE ON THE STATE SIDE? OR SHOULD I JUST
5 KEEP GOING?

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7 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** I WOULD SAY KEEP GOING AND THEN WE'LL
8 HAVE QUESTIONS ALL AT ONCE.

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10 **REBECCA LONG:** OKAY. SOUNDS GOOD. SO ON THE FEDERAL SIDE, YEAH,
11 NOT AS MUCH NEW. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION, REAUTHORIZATION IS
12 DEFINITELY GOING TO BE A BIG SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION NEXT YEAR.
13 AS YOU MIGHT RECALL, THEY, AS PART OF THE CONTINUING
14 RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS THIS YEAR, THEY DID PASS A
15 ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORIZATION BILL. SO WE'RE NOT
16 LOOKING AT AN IMMEDIATE DEADLINE, BUT THE POLICY COMMITTEES
17 ARE REALLY READY TO GO. THEY HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED, YOU KNOW,
18 A DRAFT, OR AN INITIAL BILL ON BOTH SIDES. AND SO WE ARE JUST
19 ARTICULATING AGAIN, THE SAME PRIORITIES OF RAISING NEW
20 REVENUES, MAINTAINING SOME OF THE CORE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IN
21 THE FAST ACT, IS LOOKING AT INTEGRATING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO
22 MORE OF THE PROGRAMS. WE ARE HIGHLIGHTING AN ITEM, 2D HERE,
23 COVID EMERGENCY AID AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY THAT IS OUR NUMBER
24 ONE PRIORITY IN WASHINGTON. AND YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT
25 FROM OUR LOBBYISTS SHORTLY, AND THEN, AGAIN, LOOKING AT



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1 CLIMATE CHANGE, AND DISASTER RESPONSE, RESILIENCE, WE DO THINK
2 PARTICULARLY IF WE HAVE A PRESIDENT BIDEN THAT THERE WILL BE A
3 BIG APPETITE TO LOOK AT WAYS TO BOTH STIMULATE THE ECONOMY
4 THROUGH INVESTMENTS, IN CLIMATE RESILIENCE, AND JUST GENERALLY
5 HAVE MORE NATIONAL ROLE WITH RESPECT TO REDUCING GREENHOUSE
6 GAS REDUCTION. SO WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO CONCLUDE AND TAKE ANY
7 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU REBECCA. THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL.
10 AND I'M GLAD YOU HAVE OUTLINED SOME OF THESE THINGS THAT WE
11 HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH OVER THIS LAST PERIOD OF TIME. HOW
12 TO CONDUCT MEETINGS, YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY NICE NOT TO SPEND
13 THREE HOURS GETTING TO AND FROM AN MTC ABAG MEETING, AND WHILE
14 THIS IS NOT IDEAL, AND WE MISS SEEING OUR COLLEAGUES ON A
15 REGULAR BASIS, IT'S PROBABLY A WHOLE LOT MORE EFFICIENT AND
16 CERTAINLY HELPS OUR GREENHOUSE GAS AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
17 GOALS. THAT SAID, THIS IS A DRAFT LIST. WE ARE ASKING FOR
18 COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION WILL
19 COME BACK AFTER COMMENTS FROM THIS MEETING AND OTHERS OVER
20 THIS NEXT MONTH. IT WILL COME BACK TO US IN DECEMBER, AND
21 PROBABLY EVEN BE REFINED SOME MORE IN JANUARY, I WOULD GUESS,
22 AS WE START THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION. SO COMMISSIONER
23 COMMENTS? AMY?

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1 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
2 STAFF FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS WORK ON THIS LAST YEAR AND MOVING
3 FORWARD. AND BEING AVAILABLE TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS THAT
4 CALL YOU AT ALL HOURS NEEDING TO GET AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S
5 HAPPENING WITH THE LATEST BILL AND TO TRY TO FINE TUNE OUR
6 ADVOCACY EFFORTS AS THESE MOVE THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILL
8 WITH REGARDS TO THE BRIDGES, AND THE OVERHEAD. YOU KNOW, WE
9 PAY SIGNIFICANTLY MOREOVER HEAD THAN THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT
10 AGENCIES, THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE.
11 WE'RE DOING THE SAME THINGS. AND AS THE BATA RECOVERY WORKING
12 GROUP DRILLS INTO THE FINANCES OF THE BRIDGES, AND OUR
13 RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THEM, AND TO MAKE THEM, YOU KNOW,
14 FLOW AS WELL AS THEY CAN, YOU KNOW, EVERY THERE IS CRITICAL,
15 AND SO WE ARE GOING TO -- WE'RE KIND OF COMING TO THE CRITICAL
16 PATH WITH REGARDS TO THE CAPTAIN INVESTMENT OF THE BRIDGES.
17 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE THIS YEAR, AND WE NEED A LOT
18 OF HELP WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS TO GET THIS THROUGH.
19 BUT I WANT TO THANK STAFF, BECAUSE THIS ANTICIPATES THE
20 INFORMATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE BRINGING TO THE COMMISSION
21 WHEN THE TASK FORCE KIND OF COMPLETES PULLING TOGETHER ITS
22 WORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INCLUDING
23 THIS.
24
25 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AMY. BARBARA?



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2 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** I WANT TO ECHO, REALLY GOOD JOB ON THIS PLAN
3 AND GOING THROUGH IT. IT REALLY SPEAKERS TO A LOT OF IMPORTANT
4 ISSUES GOING ON RIGHT NOW. I AM THRILLED THAT WE'RE GOING TO
5 BE ADVOCATING FOR AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT. I HAVE BEEN
6 REALLY CHAMPIONING THAT FOR A WHILE, AND ALSO LOOKING AT THE
7 BROWN ACT, I HOPE WE END UP BE MORE OF A HYBRID. I MISS SEEING
8 PEOPLE IN REALTIME BUT BALANCING THAT WITH ESPECIALLY THESE
9 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ALL, AND YOU KNOW, KIND OF THE WAY WE
10 DO IT AND THEY RUN INTO EACH OTHER IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE TO
11 BE ABLE TO HAVE THEM CONTINUING IN THE ONLINE FORMAT. BUT I
12 WANTED TO GO BACK TO, I YOU THINK IT'S 8G UNDER CLIMATE
13 ADAPTATION, IF YOU COULD JUST EXPLAIN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT WHAT
14 THAT MEANT ABOUT ADVOCATING FUNDING TOWARDS DISADVANTAGED
15 COMMUNITIES AND DEFINITION INCLUDING LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS
16 RATHER THAN RELYING ON THE STATE CAN ENVIROSCREEN METHOD. I
17 DIDN'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THAT.

18

19 **REBECCA LONG:** SURE. HAPPY TO DO THAT. AND THIS IS A VERY
20 TECHNICAL ISSUE THAT MTC AND ABAG HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR FOR
21 SOMETIME. BUT IT HASN'T BEEN SOMETHING WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT SO
22 MUCH IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. SO THE CALIFORNIA EPA
23 DEVELOPED A SCREENING TOOL CALLED CALENVIROSCREEN DESIGNED TO
24 LOOK AT MULTIPLE HAZARDS IT'S A COMPLEX TOOL AND HAS SOCIO-
25 ECONOMIC FACTORS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND THEY SORT OF



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1 FUSE TOGETHER BY CENSUS TRACT, WHAT THE SORT OF PERCENTILE IS
2 FOR EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES. AND SO BECAUSE THE BAY AREA
3 TENDS TO NOT HAVE AS MUCH EXPOSURE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SOLID
4 WASTE FACILITIES AND WE DON'T HAVE AS SEVERE AIR QUALITY, AS
5 FOR EXAMPLE, THE CENTRAL VALLEY, WHAT TENDS TO HAPPEN IS EVEN
6 IN SOME OF OUR SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, WE'RE TALKING
7 IN THE THIRD PERCENTILE STATEWIDE, THEY DON'T QUALIFY AS
8 DISADVANTAGED UNDER THIS TOOL BECAUSE OF THE SORT OF
9 COMBINATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS. SO WE HAVE LONG
10 ADVOCATED FOR JUST A BROADER DEFINITION. WE CERTAINLY, YOU
11 KNOW, WANT TO SEE IT FOCUSED ON GENUINELY DISADVANTAGED
12 COMMUNITIES. AND WE DON'T WANT TO COMPETE WITH THE CENTRAL
13 VALLEY OR DISREGARD THEIR SEVERE CHALLENGES, BUT WE WANT TO
14 MAKE SURE THAT OUR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES ARE COUNTED.

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16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS. OKAY. I'M GOING TO GO TO JAKE AND
17 THEN PAT AND THEN JESSE AND THEN EDDIE.

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19 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I DO NOT
20 FIND ZOOM MEETINGS CONDUCIVE TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE AND THE
21 PUBLIC DISCUSSION. I'M SORRY TO DISAGREE WITH YOU MADAM CHAIR.
22 I THINK THAT THIS HAS RESULTED IN A LESSER QUALITY OF
23 INVOLVEMENT. THAT'S MY PERSONAL OPINION. AND I'M ONE WHO HAS
24 BEEN COMMUTING FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS INTO SAN FRANCISCO, FOR
25 THESE MEETINGS. AND THAT'S MY PERSONAL OPINION. AND IT WILL BE



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1 INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THIS GOES. BUT I, FOR ONE, HOPE THE
2 SOONER THE BETTER, THE OLD WAY BACK TO DOING THINGS.

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4 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PAT THEN JESSE.

5

6 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK REBECCA FOR
7 PUTTING A LOT OF EFFORT INTO THIS AND THINKING OF ADDITIONAL
8 ITEMS THAT WE POSSIBLY WANT TO LOOK AT. I HAVE A COUPLE OF
9 QUESTIONS AND ALSO I HAVE COMMENTS AND I THINK THERE ARE AREAS
10 WHERE WE NEED TO HAVE A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION ABOUT, AND
11 I'LL IDENTIFY THOSE. FIRST OF ALL REBECCA WHY DID YOU PUT SAN
12 FRANCISCO UNDER THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM BECAUSE IT
13 BELONGS UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL. IF YOU COULD ANSWER THAT THEN
14 I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MY OTHER THOUGHTS ON THAT.

15

16 **REBECCA LONG:** THAT'S A FAIR QUESTION. I THINK THERE WAS AN
17 EFFORT SPECIFICALLY GEARED TOWARDS ADDITIONAL FUNDING AT THE
18 FEDERAL LEVEL FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY, AND SO WE WERE TARGETING
19 THAT LEGISLATION THERE. AND SO -- AND I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO
20 -- YEAH, JUST HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF THE STATE'S BUDGET
21 CONSTRAINTS RIGHT NOW, THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S PROBABLY NOT A
22 YEAR WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO BE MAKING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS,
23 BUT YOU KNOW, PERHAPS WE CAN LOOK AT, UNDER THE CLIMATE CHANGE
24 AND RESILIENCE CATEGORY ADDING SOMETHING RELATED TO THE BAY IN
25 THAT CATEGORY.



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2 **PAT EKLUND:** I WOULD SUGGEST THAT. AND I WOULDN'T LIMIT IT TO
3 THE BAY. I WOULD SAY BAY AND ESTUARY. I KNOW IT'S PROBABLY
4 IMPLIED, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT THERE IS A
5 CONNECTION. AND THERE IS DEFINITELY A RELATIONSHIP. I WAS
6 GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE ADD UNDER SAN FRANCISCO AND ESTUARY
7 THAT WE ADVOCATE INCREASED FUNDING NOT ONLY TO THE SAN
8 FRANCISCO BAY ESTUARY PROJECT BUT TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE
9 MEASURES THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND RESILIENCY OF SAN
10 FRANCISCO AND THE BAY AND THE ESTUARY SPECIFICALLY AROUND
11 THINGS LIKE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, WASTEWATER TREATMENT,
12 REUSE OF TERTIARY TREATED WATER AND ALSO ADD FUNDING FOR THE
13 BAY TRAIL. WE SHOULD USE THE POWER OF ABAG AND MTC TO REALLY
14 SEEK FUNDING TO HELP COMPLETE THAT BAY TRAIL. THAT IS
15 SOMETHING THAT THE PUBLIC HAS REALLY BEEN ENAMORED WITH, AND
16 IT HELPS CONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO AND ESTUARY AND
17 INDICATES WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO SAVE IT AND ENHANCE
18 IT MORE.

19

20 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU DIRECTOR EKLUND. WE CALL OUT THE BAY
21 TRAIL ON ITEM 1F TIED IN WITH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.

22

23 **PAT EKLUND:** YEAH BUT IT'S MORE THAN TRANSPORTATION. IT'S
24 PUBLIC ACCESS. AND IT'S EDUCATION, AND -- MAYBE I MISS IT
25 BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION. I



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1 DON'T SEE WHY WE CAN'T HAVE IT IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND IN TWO
2 POLICES. I THINK ONE THING THAT DISTURBS ME THE MOST ABOUT
3 THIS PLAN, AND I WOULD LIKE IF PEOPLE COULD MOVE TO IT, IT IS
4 ACTUALLY RELATED TO HOUSING, AND IT'S B WHICH IS A NEW
5 ELEMENT. AND FIRST OF ALL, I REALLY DO NOT THINK IT IS IN
6 ABAG'S AND MTC'S PORTFOLIO WHERE WE SHOULD BE PURSUING
7 LEGISLATION THAT REALLY PREEMPTS LOCAL CONTROL. AND ALSO
8 AUTHORITY. AND I THINK WE SHOULD BE IN THE BUSINESS OF TRYING
9 TO HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVE LEGISLATIVE MANDATES, BUT NOT
10 NECESSARILY MAKE AND WORK WITH STATE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE
11 LEGISLATIVE MANDATES. SO I SUGGEST ELIMINATING A PROPOSAL
12 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DENSITY NEAR TRANSIT-RICH AREAS BECAUSE
13 A.B. 6383 AND OTHER LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2019 CERTAINLY DOES
14 THAT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO DEAL WITH
15 THOSE YET WE HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE THEM
16 INTO OUR ZONING AND INCORPORATE THEM INTO OUR PLANNING
17 PROCESSES. BECAUSE THEY WERE PASSED AND BASICALLY THE PANDEMIC
18 HIT US. AND WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNNING TO DO THAT KIND OF
19 STUFF. SO I'M GOING TO BE ADVOCATING FOR US TO DELETE 3B IN
20 TERMS OF THE DISCUSSION ON PROMOTING AND BOOSTING HOUSING
21 DENSITY AND CHANGING OUR ZONING. I THINK IF THE CITIES KNEW
22 THAT THIS WAS PART OF OUR MANDATE FOR LEGISLATION, I THINK WE
23 WOULD PROBABLY GET A LOT OF THE CITIES SAYING NO WE DON'T WANT
24 YOU TO SPEND OUR MONEY TRYING TO DO THAT. AND REMEMBER WE'RE A
25 MEMBER ORGANIZATION. BUT I THINK WHERE WE CAN HELP PEOPLE TO



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1 ACHIEVE THEIR RHNA IS THAT THE CITIES AND I BELIEVE THE
2 COUNTIES AS WELL, DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING FOR PLANNING IS
3 ALSO ADEQUATE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. AND I THINK -- AND THERE MAY
4 BE SOME OTHER THINGS, TECHNICALLY, THAT WE COULD GET FUNDING
5 FOR THAT WILL HELP CITIES RELATIVE TO THE PLANNING OF THEIR
6 HOUSING ELEMENT WHICH IS NOT REALLY IN HERE. I DIDN'T SEE
7 THAT. AND SO, INSTEAD OF ASKING FOR LEGISLATION THAT'S GOING
8 TO TELL US WHAT TO DO, WHAT DENSITIES, I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE
9 THE OTHER APPROACH, ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR, OR 2021, WHERE
10 CITIES HAVE BEEN CRIPPLED FINANCIALLY, AND WE HAVE ALREADY
11 FELT AS THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN PUT ON WITH 1763 AND SOME OF THE
12 OTHER PIECES OF LEGISLATION. SO I THINK THAT'S REALLY
13 IMPORTANT. AND SECONDLY, I THINK -- AND I'M NOT ON MTC, BUT I
14 DEFINITELY HAVE FEELINGS ABOUT THE HOV LANE AND HAVING BEEN IN
15 EPA EMPLOYEE FOR OVER 35 YEARS WHEN WE BEGAN THE HOV PROGRAM
16 IT WAS FOCUSED ON TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO SHARE RIDES AND
17 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CARS ON THE ROAD. BY SAYING THAT WE'RE
18 GOING TO ALLOW CLEAN AIR VEHICLES TO CONTINUE TO GO INTO THE
19 HOV LANE, I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A POLICY DISCUSSION
20 ABOUT THAT. BECAUSE AS MORE CLEAN AIR VEHICLES ARE PUT ON THE
21 ROAD, IT'S NOT TO OUR BENEFIT, PLUS IT ALSO PROMOTES PEOPLE
22 WHO CAN AFFORD A CLEAN AIR VEHICLE TO ALLOW THEM TO USE THE
23 HOV LANE AND THOSE THAT CANNOT AFFORD IT, ESPECIALLY LOW
24 INCOME, AND MIDDLE CLASS. THEN WE'RE SORT OF THE STEP CHILD.
25 SO AND SAME WITH REGISTRATION FEES. YOU HAVE MITIGATE FOR LOW



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1 INCOME. BUT FRANKLY PEOPLE ARE, IN PART, LEAVING CALIFORNIA
2 BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF FEES AND TAXES AND, I THINK THAT
3 WE -- WHERE WE'RE FORGETTING ABOUT THE MIDDLE CLASS, AND AS WE
4 HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST, WE'RE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE PROBABLY
5 GOING TO BE A BAY AREA WHERE WE HAVE VERY LOW AND VERY HIGH
6 INCOME AND THE CLASS IS NOT GOING TO BE THERE ANYMORE. I HAVE
7 COMMENTS WHICH I WILL PUT IN WRITING AND SUGGESTIVE CHANGES
8 AND SEND THAT TO YOU REBECCA, AND IF THERE ARE THINGS THAT YOU
9 THINK ARE POLICY DRIVEN THEN IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW THEN
10 I'LL DISCUSS IT AT THE MEETING IN DECEMBER. IF YOU DON'T FEEL
11 COMFORTABLE INCLUDING.

12

13 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE CAN GIVE OUR COMMENTS TO
14 STAFF IN WRITING OR CALL THEM OR WHATEVER. I'M GOING TO INSERT
15 RANDY RENTSCHLER INTO THE DISCUSSION HERE FOR A MINUTE AND
16 THEN WE'LL GO TO JESSIE AND EDDIE.

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18 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** THANK YOU CHAIR PIERCE. I WANTED TO TOUCH ON
19 THIS ISSUE THAT MS. EKLUND BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO
20 BAY. THE REASON WE'RE FOCUSED IN DC ISN'T JUST BECAUSE THAT'S
21 WHERE ALL THE MONEY IS. BUT, YOU KNOW, OTHER ESTUARIES AROUND
22 THE NATION AND INCLUDING THE GREAT LAKES GET 10S AND TENS EVEN
23 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
24 AND THE BAY AREA WHICH HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST ESTUARIES IN THE
25 COUNTRY DO NOT. AND JACKIE SPEAR HAS LEAD THE HOUSING



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1 ADDRESSING THE BILL AND DIANE FEINSTEIN HAS AS WELL AND THE
2 SYNERGY YOU TALK ABOUT ALL BEING TOGETHER ON THIS CALL ALSO
3 EXTEND TO THE WORK THAT REBECCA AND I DO. AND ABAG HAS RUN THE
4 ESTUARY PROGRAM FOR A LONG TIME AND THE BAY TRAIL AND WHAT
5 WE'RE SEEKING TO DO IS TO HAVE THE BAY AREA AND ITS ESTUARY
6 TREATED IN SOME SENSE OF SIMILARITY TO A PROGRAM THAT FUNDS
7 CHESAPEAKE BAY AND THAT'S WHY WE THINK THAT'S THE BEST PLACE
8 TO GIVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT IS TO FOCUS IN DC.

9

10 **PAT EKLUND:** I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THAT RANDY AND SUPPORT THAT,
11 BUT WHEN I WORKED FOR EPA, I STARTED THE ESTUARY PROGRAM IN
12 REGION NINE. SO I DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE AND THE
13 FACT THAT SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND ESTUARY DOES NOT GET THE SAME
14 LEVEL OF FUNDING AS OTHER ESTUARIES FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.
15 BUT I DON'T WANT TO PRECLUDE ANY FUNDING BECAUSE I KNOW
16 THEY'RE ALWAYS STRUGGLING TO GET MONEY AND THEN ALSO TRYING TO
17 FIGURE OUT HOW CAN WE MAKE THE CONNECTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
18 TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THEY ARE COMING UP WITH,
19 LIKE GREEN STREETS, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.
20 AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE'RE TRYING TO PROMOTE
21 MONEY BACK TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THAT. AND I
22 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS RANDY TO HELP, BECAUSE WE NEED IT.

23

24 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS PAT. WE'LL GO TO JESSE THEN EDDIE
25 THEN DAMON.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR THE
3 EXCELLENT WORK. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS DRAFT. I THINK IT
4 ADDRESSES CURRENT AS WELL AS FUTURE PRIORITIES. OBVIOUSLY THE
5 ISSUE OF TRANSIT OPERATING FUNDING IS A PRIORITY WE HAVE TO
6 ADDRESS WHILE WE'RE LOOKING AT-LARGER STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO
7 HOW OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES OPERATE IN THE REGION. SO I
8 APPRECIATE INTEGRATING BOTH INTO THIS DRAFT. I WANTED TO SPEAK
9 TO THE HOUSING RELATED POSITIONS IN HERE. FIRST, YOU KNOW, MY
10 READING OF 3B WAS DIFFERENT FROM PATS. BECAUSE WHAT I GATHERED
11 FROM THIS IS THE WORDS OF REASONABLE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY TO
12 AUTHORIZE HOUSING TO BE DEVELOPED IN COMMERCIAL ZONES. AND I
13 DO THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW GREATER
14 FLEXIBILITY FOR COUNTIES AND CITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO DECIDE
15 HOW RHNA UNITS ARE GOING TO BE ALLOCATED TO FORM SUBREGIONS. I
16 DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE TO FORM A SUBREGION TO DO THAT.
17 AND THIS ISSUE OBVIOUSLY HAS COME UP IN DISCUSSION AROUND THE
18 NEW POTENTIAL RHNA METHODOLOGY THAT WE HAVE -- THAT WE WILL BE
19 ADOPTING SOON. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE CRITICAL IN HOW WE
20 IMPLEMENT THE SIX CYCLE OF RHNA, AND ALSO GOING FORWARD IF
21 WE'RE GOING TO BE ANTICIPATING HIGHER ALLOCATIONS UNDER SB
22 828. MAYBE THERE NEED TO BE SOME MODIFICATIONS, BUT THAT'S HOW
23 I READ THIS, AND MAYBE WE JUST MIGHT WANT TO CLARIFY IT, THAT
24 WE SHOULD LOOK AT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR
25 COUNTIES AND CITIES TO DETERMINE HOW TO BEST ALLOCATE RHNA



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1 UNITS WITHIN THEIR SPHERE AND INFLUENCE. I THINK THAT'S REALLY
2 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT.
3 BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE HEARD FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
4 AND FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE RHNA
5 METHODOLOGY. STRONGLY SUPPORT 3C. I THINK WE SHOULD ASK THE
6 STATE FOR AN INITIAL ONE TIME FUNDING TO HELP LAUNCH THESE
7 PILOT PROGRAMS WHILE WE'RE WORKING TO TRY TO SEEK FUNDING FOR
8 THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND WHILE WE'RE WORKING TO DEVELOP A
9 REGIONAL BALLOT MEASURE AND THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING
10 HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION WHICH HAS MANY IMPACTS ACROSS OUR
11 COMMUNITIES. AND LASTLY I WANTED TO SPEAK TO TWO MORE ISSUES.
12 ONE, THE 8A AROUND SB 375 IMPLEMENTATION REFORM, I THINK
13 THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL. AND I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO
14 ADVOCATE FOR THAT. BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WHILE GHG IS THE
15 FOCUS, THERE ARE MANY OTHER -- AND THIS HAS COME UP IN THE
16 PLANNED BAY AREA DISCUSSION -- MANY OF THE CLIMATE IMPACTS
17 THAT WE NEED TO BE PLANNING FOR AND NEED TO BE ADDRESSING WE
18 NEED TO LOOK MORE HOLISTICALLY ABOUT THE CLIMATE IMPACTS, NOT
19 JUST GHG, TRANSPORTATION GHG, BUT LOOKING MORE BROADLY AT
20 CLIMATE IMPACTS. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, AT BARC WE HAVE BEEN
21 HAVING DISCUSSIONS AROUND REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION
22 PLANNING. AND I KNOW THERE WAS DISCUSSION THIS PAST -- WELL,
23 BEFORE COVID AROUND SOME LARGE BOND, WATER, CLIMATE, YOU KNOW,
24 WATER BOND THAT WAS UNDER DISCUSSION, SANDRA STEARN AND
25 OTHERS, SO I THINK WE WANT TO BE BEST POSITIONED FOR ANY



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1 DISCUSSIONS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, AND ANY
2 POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. SOME VERY
3 CRITICAL PROJECTS, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE GROWING THREAT OF
4 SEA LEVEL RISE. SO I SUPPORT THAT ALL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 WORK.

6

7 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS JESSE. EDDIE.

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9 **EDDIE AHN:** I WANT TO ADDRESS, YOU ALREADY KNOW MY PERSONAL
10 THOUGHTS ON, THIS FOR ME AT THE END OF THE DAY, IF YOU'RE NOT
11 PART OF THE DEFINITION YOU CAN'T ACCESS THE POLICY OR THE
12 FUNDING. YOU CAN'T EVEN GET AT THE QUESTION OF EQUITY IF WE
13 DON'T GET THE DEFINITION RIGHT. SO I GUESS MINE IS A TWO PART
14 QUESTION. MY OWN VIEWPOINT ON 3.0 CALIFORNIA DEFINITION TO
15 DESCRIBE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IT'S BETTER THAN THE 2.0
16 VERSION BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH I WONDER IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY HOLES
17 IN 3.0 THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE AWARE OF, I WOULD SAY CANAL, SAN
18 RAFAEL, MARIN CITY, SAN FRANCISCO SOUTH OF MARKET, TENDER LOIN
19 CHINATOWN PARTS OF PATREL HILL, PENINSULA, EAST PALO ALTO, I
20 WONDER IF YOU CAN NAME A COUPLE OF COMMUNITIES WE'RE AWARE OF
21 IN THE SOUTH BAY. AND MY SECOND QUESTION IS THERE A BETTER WAY
22 OF APPROACHING THIS RATHER THAN JUST TACKING ON LOW INCOME
23 COMMUNITIES AS A DEFINITION. I UNDERSTAND THAT IS PROGRESSION
24 LEGISLATION HAS TAKEN BUT FOR INSTANCE PART OF THE CHALLENGE
25 OF CALENVIROSCREEN IT'S STATE RANKING PITTING REGIONS AGAINST



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1 EACH OTHER WHAT IF MTC INSTEAD ADVOCATED FOR, WITHIN THE
2 REGION, TOP RANKING 20 PERCENT DISADVANTAGED RATHER THAN
3 TRYING TO COMPARE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AGAINST EACH OTHER
4 CROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND WHY NOT JUST PROMOTE
5 COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN WHICH HAS MC HAS DONE IN THE PAST AS
6 WELL.

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8 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN INTERVENE HERE. I SIT ON
9 AIR BOARD SO DOES DAVE HUDSON SO DOES SCOTT HAGGERTY AND THE
10 AIR BOARD IS TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS AND I WOULD SUGGEST MTC
11 WORK WITH THE AIR BOARD, EDDIE YOU WANT TO KNOW AREAS. WE HAVE
12 BEEN FIGHTING THIS BATTLE AND REALLY RIGHT NOW IT IS ONLY WEST
13 OAKLAND, AND RICHMOND. I REPRESENT AN AREA IN CONCORD THAT
14 SHOULD BE THAT WAY, AND WE AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE LESS
15 OF THIS COMPETITION AND MORE OF THE COLLABORATION. BUT WE
16 HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR YET. WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN VERY FAR, I
17 SHOULD SAY. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER AB 617, THE STATE IS NOT
18 CONTINUING TO FUND THAT AT THE LEVEL THAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY
19 AGREED TO BE FUNDING. AND THIS IS CREATING A VERY BIG PROBLEM.
20 SO, IF WE'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING FROM THIS GROUP, WE NEED TO
21 COORDINATE, IS MAYBE THAT'S WITH BARC BECAUSE THEY'RE THE LEAD
22 ON THIS. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS KAREN. SAM THEN DAMON.

25



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1 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I
2 APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK ON THIS REBECCA AND TEAM. I
3 WANTED TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT ITEM B RELATED TO HOUSING. I
4 APPRECIATE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO MAKE THE HOUSING
5 CONSTRUCTION PROCESS AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FASTER, BECAUSE
6 THERE IS NOT GOING TO BE ANY MONEY IN SACRAMENTO. THERE IS --
7 I MEAN, I KNOW WE'RE ADVOCATING FOR INCREASING FUNDING BUT
8 THEY'RE IN A WORLD OF HURT. IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE FOR A
9 WHILE. WE'RE GOING TO BE IN THIS RECESSION FOR A CONSIDERABLE
10 PERIOD OF TIME. SO WE NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT OTHER OPTIONS
11 AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE ARE GOING TO BE
12 LOOKING AT OPTIONS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THERE IS NO MONEY AND
13 THEY'RE GOING TO FIND SOME WAY TO BOOST HOUSING IN THIS TIME.
14 SO I THINK WE NEED TO COME FORWARD WITH WAYS IN WHICH WE
15 SUPPORT ADDING LOCAL FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE HOUSING TO GET
16 BUILT. AND IF WE DON'T DO IT, THEY'LL DO IT FOR US, AND I CAN
17 ASSURE YOU, WHATEVER WE PROPOSE WILL BE EMINENTLY PREFERABLE
18 TO WHATEVER SOMEBODY ELSE DECIDES TO IMPOSE UPON US. SO I DO
19 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE THAT. I APPRECIATE IT VERY
20 MUCH, I WANT TO CLARIFY REBECCA, THE FOCUS IS ON JOB RICH AND
21 TRANSIT AREAS. THE IDEA ABOUT ZONING CHANGES I PRESUME THAT
22 WOULDN'T BE UNIFORMLY, BUT PERHAPS CHANGING ZONING IN THE
23 AREAS THAT AREN'T PARTICULAR JOB RICH IS THAT THE IDEA?
24



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1 **REBECCA LONG:** I THINK IT IS BUILDING ON SENATOR WIENER'S BILL,
2 I FORGET THE NUMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, AS AN EXAMPLE
3 ALLOWING UPZONING UP TO, YOU KNOW --

4
5 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SB50?

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7 **REBECCA LONG:** NO. I WOULDN'T FORGET THAT NUMBER. IT WAS ONE HE
8 INTRODUCED THIS SPRING IT WAS A MODEST UPZONING NEAR TRANSIT,
9 NEAR JOBS, SO THAT IDEA THAT, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE UPZONING OR
10 ANY ZONING CHANGES REQUIRE CEQA, HIS PROPOSAL WAS FOR MODEST
11 UPZONING MAKE IT CEQA EXEMPT, THE ZONING ITSELF. AND SO THAT'S
12 THE TYPE OF THING. SO IN LOCATION EFFICIENT AREAS, ALLOW FOR
13 UPZONING CONSISTENT WITH THE RHNA THAT CITIES WANT TO PURSUE,
14 BUT YEAH, NOT ANY ZONING CHANGES. I DON'T THINK WE WOULD WANT
15 TO RECOMMEND STREAMLINING DOWNZONING, FOR INSTANCE.

16
17 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** AGREED. I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT
18 CONVERSION IN THOSE CITIES WHERE WE HAVE A RAPIDLY DWINDLING
19 INDUSTRIAL BASE, FOR EXAMPLE, AND WE -- I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, IT
20 DEPENDS ON THE CONTEXT. RIGHT? AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE
21 CITIES THAT ARE VERY JOBS HEAVY AND WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE
22 BUILDING MORE HOUSING. SO I'M HOPING THAT THE LEGISLATION,
23 THAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE SOMEWHAT NUANCED TO REFLECT THAT
24 TRYING TO GET THE HOUSING BUILT WHERE THE JOBS AND TRANSIT IS



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1 AND NOT ACCELERATE CONVERSION OF ALL INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL
2 LAND REGARDLESS.

3

4 **REBECCA LONG:** UNDERSTOOD. AND I SHOULD HAVE SAID THIS AT THE
5 OUTSET BUT YOU GUYS KNOW WE ALWAYS BRING SPECIFIC BILLS TO
6 THIS COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, EVALUATION, AND REFINEMENT,
7 RIGHT? WHERE WE WILL RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS. SO WE DEFINITELY
8 WILL BE LOOKING AND UNDERSTANDING THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL
9 ON THIS ONE.

10

11 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU. I HEARD MY COLLEAGUE,
12 POINTING TO SPEED ENFORCEMENT. I DIDN'T SEE TURNED SAFETY. DID
13 I MISS SOMETHING? WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

14

15 **REBECCA LONG:** IT'S AT THE VERY END OF THAT ITEM. UNDER 9A,
16 ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES GOAL. IT'S IN THAT ONE. AND IT JUST
17 STATES.

18

19 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** IT'S WITHIN THAT. OKAY.
20 FANTASTIC. MISSED IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** SAM WE AGREE WITH YOU ON THE HOUSING
23 ISSUE THERE. THAT'S HELPFUL. DAMON?

24



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1 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** THANKS ALSO REALLY WANT TO EXPRESS
2 APPRECIATION FOR THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT WENT INTO THIS. SO
3 I'M ALSO GOING TO FOCUS ON 3B UNDER HOUSING. IT SEEMS LIKE
4 WE'RE HONING IN AT THIS POINT, AND PERHAPS LIKE TO HARMONIZE,
5 AS BETWEEN JESSIE AND PAT A LITTLE BIT, SPECIFICALLY THE
6 STATEMENT "SUPPORT ACCELERATING ZONING CHANGES" AS WRITTEN ON
7 THE PAGE IT IS A LITTLE BIT TOO BROAD, RIGHT NOW. AS WE HAVE
8 SEEN, PARTICULARLY, OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF LEGISLATIVE
9 SESSIONS, ALL SUCH MEASURES ARE NOT CREATED EQUALLY, AND OFTEN
10 THE DETAILS AND FINE PRINT WILL BE IMPORTANT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE
11 OVERALL TENOR SURROUNDING THAT STATEMENT OF LOOKING AT WAYS OF
12 INCENTIVIZING AND FACILITATING, REPURPOSING COMMERCIAL
13 BUILDINGS IN SPACE IS GREAT. HOWEVER ON THE OTHER HAND THE
14 STATEMENT WOULD BE DETERMINED AS SOME AS PERHAPS A WHOLESALE
15 ELIMINATION OF SINGLE FAMILY ZONING, THAT'S BEEN MORE
16 PROBLEMATIC, AS WE HAVE SEEN. SO WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND IS,
17 I'M COMFORTABLE GOING FORWARD WITH 3B, IF WE CAN KIND OF THROW
18 SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR INTENT AROUND THAT TOO BROAD
19 STATEMENT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD REQUEST AND
20 RECOMMEND. OVERALL, A LOT TO LIKE ABOUT THIS ACTION PLAN.
21 NOTABLY ON THE TRANSPORTATION FRONT. AND ITS RECOGNITION
22 BEHIND THE IMPETUS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE IN OUR
23 REGION. SO GOOD JOB. THANKS.
24



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1 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANKS DAMON. DON'T SEE ANY OTHER HANDS
2 RAISED RIGHT NOW. SO I'M GOING TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS
3 HERE. I'M GOING TO PILE ON THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE RISKS
4 INVOLVED IN THE TOO-BROAD REZONING LANGUAGE. MANY OF OUR
5 COUNTY, MANY OF THE AREAS AROUND THE BAY AREA THAT HAVE
6 TRADITIONALLY BEEN VERY HOUSING-RICH AND JOB POOR WOULD BE
7 VERY RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THEIR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. FOR
8 HOUSING. BECAUSE IT ONLY EXACERBATES VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
9 AND GREENHOUSE GASES IF THEY HAVE TO CONTINUE TO TRAVEL 2, 3,
10 4 HOURS A DAY TO GET TO WHERE THE JOBS ARE LOCATED SO TO LOSE
11 SOME OF THAT EXISTING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY THAT COULD
12 POTENTIALLY BE TURNED INTO JOBS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS WOULD BE
13 PROBLEMATIC. AND THAT'S WHERE THE ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL.
14 ANY POTENTIAL TO MAKE THAT MANDATORY WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT
15 WE WOULD PUSH BACK REALLY HARD ON. THE SAME, I AGREE WITH
16 DAMON, THE LOSING SINGLE FAMILY ZONING ALTOGETHER IS NOT
17 SOMETHING THAT WILL KEEP ANYMORE US IN OFFICE, QUITE FRANKLY.
18 WE WILL ALL BE BOOTED OUT AND YOU'LL HAVE A WHOLE NEW DEAL.
19 AND SO -- AND THEY WON'T LAST LONG IF THEY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH
20 LAWS THAT DO THAT TOO. OUR PUBLIC IS NOT READY FOR THAT YET.
21 THERE MAY BE LOCATIONS WHERE IT'S APPROPRIATE TO REZONE AND
22 UPZONE CLOSE TO JOBS AND TRANSIT, BUT A UNILATERAL ELIMINATION
23 OF SINGLE FAMILY ZONING IS GOING TO BE MET STATEWIDE WITH
24 SCREENS. SO WE NEED TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT WHAT WE SUPPORT
25 ON THAT SIDE. AND I WOULD SAY, FURTHER, SINCE THIS IS MY LAST



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1 MEETING AT THIS BODY, ON THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, I'M GOING
2 TO TAKE THE CHAIR'S PREROGATIVE TO AUDITION, AS WELL, THAT AT
3 SOME POINT, THE FRICTION BETWEEN 375 AND RHNA REGS AND
4 GREENHOUSE GAS REQUIREMENTS AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED
5 REQUIREMENTS AND 743 AND ALL THESE OTHER MEASURES ARE GOING TO
6 COLLIDE. THEY'RE GOING TO PUT MANY OF OUR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
7 OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSING ELEMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WON'T BE
8 ABLE TO MAKE THEM WORK. AND IT COULD POTENTIALLY EVEN PUT THE
9 BAY AREA OR OTHER REGIONS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SB 375. THAT
10 PUSH POINT IS COMING. I DON'T SEE ANY WAY AROUND IT. AND I
11 HOPE WE'RE NOT THE FIRST ONE TO BE THERE, BUT UNLESS WE CAN
12 FIGURE OUT HOW TO REALISTICALLY REDUCE GHG AND VMT AND PUT THE
13 HOUSES WHERE THE JOBS ARE, OR SOMEHOW MOVE JOBS TO WHERE THE
14 HOUSES ALREADY EXIST, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE COMPLIANT WITH
15 ACTUALLY PRODUCING A PLAN THAT EVEN HAS THE POTENTIAL TO
16 ACHIEVE THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE DESIGNED. IT'S A CAUTION. I
17 HOPE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN SOON. BUT I'M WORRIED. MY PERSPECTIVE
18 IS AS AN OUTGOING PERSON. MARTHA DO WE HAVE ANY COMMENTS FROM
19 THE PUBLIC?

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
22 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. IT'S ROLAND. ROLAND, GO AHEAD AND
23 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

24

25 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** HI ROLAND.



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2 **SPEAKER:** HI MADAM CHAIR. LET ME START OUT BY ECHOING AN

3 INCENTIVE TO THE CHANGES OF THE BROWN ACT, I'M NOT SAME BOAT

4 AS YOU, I WISH IT WAS THREE HOURS EACH WAY. THE THING I DO

5 WANT TO TOUCH EXTENSIVELY ON IS THE PROJECT NUMBER FOUR, THE

6 PROJECT DELIVERY, FASTER LOWER COST, WHAT I WANT TO DO IS TAKE

7 TWO EXAMPLES IN FRANCE IF YOU LOOK AT PRE COVID, CALIFORNIA

8 WAS 3.1 TRILLION AND FRANCE WAS 2.7. IN TERMS OF RESIDENTS,

9 IT'S OUR NEXT TRANSBAY RAIL CROSSING, I HAVE SEEN ESTIMATES

10 BETWEEN 35 AND \$40 BILLION, I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT'S

11 GOING ON IN FRANCE RIGHT NOW. IF YOU GO TO PARIS AND THE

12 PROJECT IS CALLED LA GRAND PARIS. YOU CAN GOOGLE THAT. WHAT IT

13 IS, AN UNDERGROUND NETWORK IN PARIS WITH 120 MILES OF TWIN

14 TUNNELS, AND TICKET STATIONS. THE PROJECT IS \$45 BILLION. I

15 HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS. I'M GOING TO

16 WRAP UP BY TALKING ABOUT HIGH SPEED RAIL. YOU ALL KNOW WHAT

17 THE FRENCH NETWORK LOOKS LIKE. AND THEY CAME TO US 20 YEARS

18 AGO AND SAID WE CAN BUILD THIS FOR YOU, LINK SAN FRANCISCO TO

19 LA FOR \$13 BILLION. AND THEY WERE TOLD TO GO AWAY. AND I THINK

20 WE NEED TO REVISIT THIS. AND INVITE THEN TO COME -- NOW THAT

21 WE HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT HIGH SPEED RAIL OVER THE LAST 20

22 YEARS, IS TO LISTEN TO THEM, AND UNDERSTAND A REAL HIGH SPEED

23 RAIL NETWORK IS DESIGNED AS A TRUNK WITH ROOTS AND BRANCHES

24 IT'S NOT DESIGNED AS A SNAKE THAT WEAVES ITS WAY TO ALL THE



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1 DIFFERENT STATIONS AND AROUND. WE NEED TO DEFINE THE PROJECT
2 WITH SOME KIND OF REASONABLE BUDGET. THANK YOU.

3

4 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND. THERE ARE ANY OTHER
5 PUBLIC SPEAKERS? MARTHA?

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

9

10 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** AND DID WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS
11 FOR THIS ITEM?

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED ON THIS
14 ITEM.

15

16 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MARTHA. LET'S MOVE TO 3C AND
17 RANDY YOU'RE GOING TO PRESENT THE DC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

18

19 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS, THANK YOU. I KNOW IT'S
20 LATE IN THE DAY BUT WE HAVE WITH US TODAY HEIDEH AND MARK FROM
21 THE TEAM, THEY HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS
22 INSTRUMENTAL ALONG WITH THERESA ROMMELL'S TEAM AND DC TO BRING
23 \$1.3 MILLION TO THE BAY AREA IN THE FIRST ROUND OF COVID
24 EMERGENCY FUNDING HOPEFULLY THERE IS A SECOND ROUND. THAT
25 CARES ACT STARTED WITH THE BAY AREA GETTING \$750 MILLION.



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1 [INDISCERNIBLE] WHERE THEY GOT A PERCENTAGE OF THE MONEY BACK
2 THEY BROUGHT US, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THEY WERE
3 INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO THE BAY AREA.
4 I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO TOUCH ON TWO THINGS THAT ARE REALLY
5 IMPORTANT TO THE WORK YOU ALL DO. ONE OF THEM IS A SECOND
6 ROUND OF CARES ACT MONEY, WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AND IS
7 CONTINUING TO BE DISCUSSED, AND HOW WE AND PUBLIC TRANSIT AND
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARE POSITIONED IN THAT AND THE SECOND PART IS
9 THE POTENTIAL OF A NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION
10 ACTION. SO, MARK, CAN I TURN IT OVER TO YOU?

11

12 **MARK DEDRICK:** ABSOLUTELY RANDY. APPRECIATE IT, AND I THANK ALL
13 OF YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. HAPPY TO BE HERE. AS RANDY
14 SAID MY NAME IS MARK I'M WITH SUMMIT STRATEGIES. I WILL
15 PRESENT WHERE WE STAND IN THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
16 REAUTHORIZATION AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO HEIDEH TO TALK ABOUT
17 STRATEGIES. SERVICE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION THE ONE
18 YEAR RESOLUTION CLEAN EXTENSION GOING THROUGH THE END OF
19 SEPTEMBER 2021, AND CHANCES OF ANYTHING HAPPENING BEFORE THE
20 END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR ON THAT ARE BASICALLY NIL. THERE IS
21 NOTHING ABOUT TO BE ANYTHING THAT ITEM PASSES ON SERVICE REAUTH
22 THIS CALENDAR YEAR. THE HOUSE -- AND I WANT TO SAY I'M QUITE
23 CONFIDENT THAT EVEN THOUGH INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BECOME A JOKE
24 AND PUNCH LINE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS I'M CONFIDENT SOMETHING'S
25 GOING TO HAPPEN ON THIS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021. I KNOW THIS IS



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1 A REAL PRIORITY FOR CHAIR DEFAZIO ON THE HOUSE SIDE AND
2 DEMOCRATS ARE MAINTAINING CONTROL IN THE U.S. HOUSE. IT'S A
3 TOP PRIORITY OF HIS THEY INTEND TO MOVE EARLY IN THE YEAR
4 COMING OUT OF THE GATE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT LOOKS MORE LIKELY
5 IS PRESIDENT BIDEN STARTING AT END OF JANUARY IT'S A PRIORITY
6 FOR HIM AND HIS ADMINISTRATION AND SOMETHING THEY WANT TO MOVE
7 ON EARLY. HE AND HIS TEAM HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CHAIR
8 DEFAZIO ALREADY ABOUT THEIR INTENTION OF TRYING TO DO
9 SOMETHING SOON ON SERVICE REAUTHORIZATION AND I ALSO KNOW THAT
10 CHAIR DEFAZIO AND CHAIR BARASSO -- BARASSO ON TRYING TO DO
11 SOMETHING WITH SERVICE REAUTHORIZATION, CHAIR EPW COMMITTEE ON
12 THE SENATE SIDE, I THINK THERE IS DEFINITELY REAL INTENTION
13 TRYING TO MOVE ON SOMETHING WITH SERVICE REAUTHORIZATION I
14 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF
15 2021 BUT I'M CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS IN
16 THERE AND ALSO THINK THERE WILL BE INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR
17 TRANSIT AND PRIORITIES THAT MTC AND WE HAVE BEEN WORK AGO ON,
18 ON YOUR BEHALF. AND TURN IT OVER TO HEIDEH TO TALK ABOUT THE
19 STRATEGY AND COVID.

20

21 **HEIDEH SHAHMORADI:** I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT OPERATIONS AND THE
22 OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION RIGHT NOW REPUBLICANS APPEAR TO REMAIN
23 IN CONTROL, THIS COULD CHANGE. BUT AS MARK MENTIONED THERE IS
24 NOT GOING TO BE MANY CHANGES IN THE HOUSE IN TERMS OF RELEVANT
25 COMMITTEES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR.



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1 EARLIER THIS WEEK, LARRY SUGGESTED THEY WOULD JUST MOVE ALONG,
2 WHETHER YEAR LONG CR BUT MOVING INTO THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR
3 AND MCCONNELL CAME OUT INDICATING HIS DESIRE TO PASS THE
4 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS AND COVID PACKAGE WITH PELOSI WHICH IS
5 DIFFERENT. IT'S A DIFFERENT TONE THAN WHAT WE HAD A COUPLE
6 WEEKS AGO. AND WHILE MANY -- WELL, I SHOULD SAY THAT MIGHT BE
7 CONGRESS'S DESIRE. I THINK THE WILD CARD HERE IS REALLY GOING
8 TO BE WHETHER TRUMP WILL BE A TEAM PLAYER AND PUSH THE SAME
9 AGENDA AS HE HAD TALKED ABOUT BEFORE THE ELECTION. MANY
10 REPUBLICANS IN THE SENATE WILL LIKELY HOLD THEIR POSITION TO
11 NOT SPEND OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE BUT DO HAVE A STRONG
12 INCENTIVE TO BOTH FINISH THE FY '2021 APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND
13 UNDER THE RIGHT CONDITIONS A COVID PACKAGE. WHILE THEY AT
14 LEAST HAVE THE ABILITY TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SHAPING
15 WHAT THAT LEGISLATION WOULD LOOK LIKE. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
16 SPOKEN WITH A NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS ON THE HOUSE AND SENATOR
17 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES WHO HAVE INDICATED THEY WANT TO
18 CLOSE OUT FY 2021 TO CLEAR THE DECKS SO THEY CAN FOCUS ON
19 HIGHER PROFILE ISSUES IN THE FIRST 100 DAYS, WHICH IS LOOKING
20 TO BE A BIDEN ADMINISTRATION. AS MARK HAD MENTIONED, THAT IS
21 THE DESIRE OF WHAT THE BIDEN TEAM IS PUTTING TOGETHER RIGHT
22 NOW, WHAT THAT PACKAGE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE, WHETHER IT'S THE
23 STIMULUS, ANOTHER STIMULUS OUT OF THE GATE AS HE WOULD COME
24 IN, LOOKING AT MORE OF THE LONGER TERM INFRASTRUCTURE,
25 PROBABLY WITHIN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS. SO I THINK THAT'S JUST



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1 WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FOCUSING ON. AND I ALSO HAVE HEARD THAT
2 THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MAY RELEASE BIPARTISAN
3 SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S MARKS IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO THE WILL
4 ALLOW THEM TO REACH A DEAL ON SENDING PACKAGE BY DECEMBER 11TH
5 WHEN THE CURRENT RESOLUTION EXPIRES. TRUMP COULD TRY TO
6 PREVENT THIS OR ANY EFFORT TO ALLOW AN AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED
7 DURING THE LAME DUCK. SO WE JUST HAVE TO SEE HOW THAT'S GOING
8 TO SHAKE OUT AND PLAY OUT. THAT WOULD RESULT IN SOME SORT OF
9 CR BEING PASSED. DATE I HAVE SEEN THROWN OUT SO FAR HAS BEEN
10 TO MARCH 2021, NOT A COMPLETE YEAR LONG CR, BUT WE'RE HOPEFUL
11 FROM WHAT WE'RE HEARING THE DESIRE TO HAVE AN OMNIBUS BY THE
12 END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE THEY BREAK FOR THE CHRISTMAS
13 HOLIDAY. SO WHILE THIS IS TEMPTING TO TALK ABOUT -- WELL, A
14 NEW COVID PACKAGE IS GOING TO BE MORE COMPLICATED. THERE IS
15 MORE PROVISIONS BEING NEGOTIATED CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY BOTH
16 SIDES. DEMOCRATS WOULD NOT AGREE TO A SKINNY BILL, THERE ARE
17 PROVISIONS THAT ARE TIME SENSITIVE, AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
18 DEMOCRATS HAVE HIGH PRICED PRIORITIES FOR THE FIRST 100 DAYS.
19 SO COMPLETING A SPENDING PACKAGE UNDER THE TRUMP
20 ADMINISTRATION COULD BE SEEN AS ADVANTAGEOUS ALONG SENDING A
21 WILLINGNESS TO PUT POLITICS ASIDE IF YOU WILL IN ORDER TO GET
22 THE MUCH NEEDED RELIEF OUT TO PEOPLE IN BUSINESSES. SO WHILE
23 THE WINDOW REMAINS SMALL THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR REACHING
24 SOME SORT OF SKINNY COVID PACKAGE LOOKING AT A BIGGER \$2
25 TRILLION PACKAGE WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT. BUT THAT'S ALL GOING



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1 TO DEPEND ON THE CONTENT OF THE DEAL. SO IF THE REPUBLICANS
2 ARE STANDING BEHIND THE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS IS THINGS THAT
3 THEY KNOW DEMOCRATS WOULD NOT SUPPORT, IF THAT MEANS SPENDING
4 MORE PERHAPS THAT'S THE REASON TO DO OUR HIGHER PACKAGE BILL.
5 WE HAVE ALSO GOT THIS HUGE INCREASE IN COVID CASES HAPPENING
6 RIGHT NOW, THAT COULD INCENTIVIZE THE WILLINGNESS TO SPEND
7 MORE. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW THIS ELECTION, THE
8 LOSS OF -- IF IT IS IN FACT CALLED LOSS FOR TRUMP, WHAT THE
9 ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE FOR A DEAL ON THAT FRONT. BUT IF
10 PELOSI MECHANIC CONNELL AND NEWSOM WERE TO REACH AGREEMENT, IT
11 COULD POLITICALLY FORCE THEM TO ALLOW IT TO PASS. AND AS
12 REBECCA HAD MENTIONED COVID FUNDING IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY
13 WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR SENDING HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP, THE
14 COMMITTEE STAFF, PERSONNEL OFFICE STAFF, HOW CRITICAL IT IS TO
15 GET THAT RELIEF ENACTED QUICKLY, BUT THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING
16 TO CONTINUE TO WATCH AND WORK ON. AND MARK I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
17 WANT TO ADD TO THAT?

18

19 **MARK DEDRICK:** THEY THINK'S RIGHT. IT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE SPENT
20 A LOT OF HOURS TALKING TO PEOPLE ON, EVERYONE KNOWS HOW
21 IMPORTANT THIS IS FOR TRANSIT AND FOR MTC AND THE BAY AREA.
22 AND YOU ALL ARE FORTUNATE IN THAT IT'S A TOP PRIORITY FOR
23 NANCY PELOSI, AND IT'S A TOP PRIORITY FOR CHUCK SCHUMER
24 BECAUSE OF INTEREST SENDING MTA, AND THOSE ARE -- AND IT WAS A
25 PRIORITY FOR NITA, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE CHAIR OF THE



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1 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THOSE ARE GOOD FRIENDS TO HAVE IN
2 THIS FIGHT. SO WE KEEP PUSHING ON THAT AND MAKING SURE YOUR
3 VOICES ARE HEARD.

4

5 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MARK AND HEIDEH. ANY QUESTIONS
6 OF OUR NEW LOBBYISTS? I DON'T SEE ANY.

7

8 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** MARTHA ANY COMMENT?

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO COMMENTS RECEIVED AND NO HAND RAISED.

11

12 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HOPEFULLY OUR MEETINGS DON'T
13 ALWAYS DRAG THIS LATE. BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THIS AS A
14 RESULT OF WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THANK YOU.
15 WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO MORE UPDATES. WE ARE IN PUBLIC COMMENT
16 NOW. MARTHA DO WE HAVE ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT?

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WERE NO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR
19 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
20 SENDING THEIR HANDS RAISED.

21

22 **JULIE PIERCE, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. AND I WOULD JUST, AS THE
23 CHAIR, COMMENT THAT WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE OUR MEMBERS WHO
24 WERE REELECTED AND SEND OUR BEST WISHES TO THOSE WHO ARE
25 RETIRES WHETHER BY CHOICE OR NOT. AND I WILL BE RETIRING,



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1 OFFICIALLY, I BELIEVE, ON DECEMBER 1ST, ASSUMING CONTRA COSTA
2 CERTIFIES THE ELECTION IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER BEFORE THE END
3 OF THIS MONTH, AS THEY HAVE TOLD US THEY WILL. THAT MEANS AS
4 OF DECEMBER 1ST I WILL NO LONGER BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, AND
5 IF JAKE IS STILL, AT THAT POINT, HE WOULD TAKE OVER AS VICE
6 CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE, AND THEN YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO
7 CHOOSE TWO NEW PEOPLE. SO, SENDING THAT, WE ARE ADJOURNED TO
8 THE DECEMBER MEETING. THANK YOU ALL. [ADJOURNED]

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