

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021, 9:45 AM**

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. IF THE CLERK COULD CONDUCT
5 ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM WHETHER A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER AHN?

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9 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER ARREGUIN?

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13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** PRESENT.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

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17 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER CONNOLLY?

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21 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER EKLUND?

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25 **PAT EKLUND:** HERE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER GIACOPINI NON-VOTING?

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4 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER HAGGERTY?

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8 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER HALLIDAY?

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12 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER HUDSON?

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16 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER LICCARDO?

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20 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MACKENZIE?

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

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER MAR? MEMBER MAR? MEMBER MITCHOFF?

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3 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER PEDROZA?

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7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER RABBIT? MEMBER RABBIT? MEMBER
10 RAMOS?

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12 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER SLOCUM? MEMBER SLOCUM? MEMBER
15 SPERING?

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17 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER STRACNER, NON-VOTING?

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21 **JIM STRACNER:** PRESENT.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** MOVING TO ITEM TWO CONSENT CALENDAR.
2 CONSISTS OF TWO ITEMS, THE MINUTES AND THE LEGISLATIVE
3 HISTORY.

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5 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** JESSE?

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** YES?

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9 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** I APOLOGIES, MARTHA WERE YOU CALLING ME AS A
10 MEMBER OF ABAG?

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO. MTC COMMISSIONER. I JUST SAID MEMBER.

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14 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE. BECAUSE I AM NOT A
15 MEMBER OF ABAG. OKAY. THANK YOU, JESSE.

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** NO PROBLEM. CONSENT CALENDAR ENTERTAIN A
18 MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR UNLESS A MEMBER WANTS AN
19 ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

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21 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** MOVED.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** MOVED BY MEMBER MACKENZIE. IS THERE A
24 SECOND?

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1 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SECOND.

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3 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** SECOND BY SPERING. COLLEAGUES ANY
4 DISCUSSION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
5 SEEING NO RAISED HANDS I'LL ASK IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT. IF
6 SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DON'T SEE ANY
7 RAISED HANDS. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** WITH THAT IF WE CAN PLEASE CALL THE
12 ROLL.

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

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM THREE STATE
18 AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION. ITEM 3A IS A SACRAMENTO UPDATE.
19 REBECCA LONG FROM MTC AND MIKE MONAGAN FROM CARTER ASSOCIATES.
20 PRESENT THIS ITEM THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND NO ACTION IS
21 BEING REQUESTED FROM THE COMMITTEE. MS. LONG?

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23 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. WE DON'T HAVE
24 ANY ACTION ITEMS TODAY BUT A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT UPDATES. AS
25 FAR AS SACRAMENTO GOES, THE SESSIONS OF THE POST POSTPONED. IT



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1 WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO START THIS WEEK. RIGHT NOW IT'S
2 LOOKING TO START NEXT WEEK, BUT DUE TO THE UNFORTUNATE RISE IN
3 COVID IT WAS POST POSTPONED. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A TWO
4 YEAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT
5 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP MEMBERSHIP CHANGES NOTED IN THE MEMO MOST
6 IMPORTANTLY IN THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES, ASSEMBLYMEMBER
7 JIM FRAZIER IS NO LONGER CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION
8 COMMITTEE THAT WILL BE CHAIRED BY LAURA FRIEDMAN FROM LOS
9 ANGELES WHO IS BIG CHAMPION VISION ZERO. THEN ON THE SENATE
10 SIDE, OF COURSE, SENATOR JIM BEALL, IS NO LONGER IN THE
11 SENATE, AND THAT COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY ANOTHER WOMAN,
12 SENATOR LENA GONZALEZ, FROM LONG BEACH. THOSE ARE SOME
13 CHANGES. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OUR NEW LEGISLATORS JOINING THOSE
14 COMMITTEES, SO THE BAY AREA IS GOING TO STILL BE WELL
15 REPRESENTED. ON THE FUNDING SIDE, WE NOTED THAT LEGISLATIVE
16 ANALYSTS OFFICE DOES FORECAST A HIGHER DEGREE OF REVENUES DUE
17 TO THE ECONOMY NOT TANKING TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY HAD
18 ORIGINALLY FORECAST. SO THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF SURPLUS
19 REVENUE THAT MAY PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY OF OUR
20 DIFFERENT PRIORITIES. AND I WOULD NOTE AS WE HAVE BEEN SITTING
21 HERE THIS MORNING THE STATE BUDGET HAS BEEN RELEASED. AT LEAST
22 THE SUMMARY AND YOU CAN FIND THAT AT EBUDGET.CA.GOV. I JUST
23 PULLED IT UP A FEW MOMENTS AGO, BUT WE WILL BE BRINGING BACK
24 INFORMATION TO YOU ON THAT NEXT MONTH. AND WITH US TODAY WE
25 HAVE MIKE MONAGAN, SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM OUR



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1 FEDERAL LOBBYISTS, THANKS TO ZOOM, WE FIGURED WHY NOT HEAR
2 FROM OUR STATE LOBBYIST. TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF UPDATE I'LL TURN
3 IT OVER TO MIKE WHO IS HERE WITH US.

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5 **MIKE MONAGAN:** I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE. THANK YOU. THE SESSION
6 BEGAN IN DECEMBER, BUT BECAUSE OF COVID DOESN'T START UNTIL
7 NEXT WEEK. WE'RE HEARING WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE DOING MUCH, THE
8 FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS WITH LEGISLATORS IS TO HAVE THEM ALL
9 TESTED FOR COVID, AND THERE IS GOING TO BE A SECONDARY
10 SCREENING OF ESSENTIAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF PEOPLE, WHO WE
11 BELIEVE IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE FOLKS WHO WORK AT THE
12 DESKS AND MAYBE SOME OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE ASSEMBLY,
13 IN DECEMBER, SAID THEY WERE GOING TO PUT A LIMIT OF 50 BILLS
14 PER MEMBER BUT SUBSEQUENTLY THE SPEAKER TOLD THE MEMBERS THAT
15 NO MORE THAN TEN OR 12 OF THEIR BILLS WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN
16 COMMITTEE. SENATE USUALLY HAS A LIMIT OF 20 BILLS PER PERSON
17 AND THERE IS NO GUIDANCE YET AS TO IF THAT NUMBER IS GOING TO
18 BE REDUCED. I AGREE WITH REBECCA, THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE
19 VARIOUS COMMITTEES THAT WE WORK ON ARE GOOD ADDITIONS. IT'S
20 GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT SESSION. ALL THE DEADLINES THAT WERE
21 INCORPORATED IN THE UPDATE ARE BASICALLY IN PENCIL EXCEPT FOR
22 THE JUNE 15TH BUDGET DEADLINE. LAST YEAR, IT WAS VERY
23 COMPLICATED, IN PART, BECAUSE THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY WERE
24 HARDLY EVER ON THE SAME PAGE. AS WE HAVE RECESSES COMING AT
25 DIFFERENT TIMES COMMITTEES COMING AT DIFFERENT TIMES HOPEFULLY



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1 THEY HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THE CHAOS OF 2020 AND
2 HOPEFULLY MAKING THIS MORE EFFICIENT. I AM BETTING ON THE OVER
3 I'M BETTING ON THE UNDER. I THINK THAT'S ALL NOW. BECAUSE THE
4 SESSION IS SO EARLY THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 100 BILLS INTRODUCED
5 IN EACH HOUSE, THE PRO TEMPORE HAS INTRODUCED HER PACKAGE OF
6 FIVE HOUSING BILLS THAT WERE REINTRODUCTION OF LAST YEAR THAT
7 FAILED IN ASSEMBLY ON THE LAST DAY. OBVIOUSLY ANY COVID
8 LEGISLATION IS GOING TO BECOME INVOLVED WHAT THE GOVERNOR
9 WOULD LIKE TO SEE WITH SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVES AND MONEY SET
10 ASIDE FOR VACCINATIONS. WILDFIRES ARE GOING TO BE A BIG PIECE
11 AS WELL AS HOUSING. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ROOM FOR ANYTHING
12 ELSE. SO WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON, AND
13 I'LL BE TALKING WITH REBECCA ON A VERY REGULAR BASIS.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DOES THAT COMMITTEE
16 THE STAFF PRESENTATION? REBECCA? THANK YOU. WELL, MIKE, THANK
17 YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY, AND THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING US IN
18 SACRAMENTO AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION
19 BEFORE I GO TO MAYOR LICCARDO WHICH IS AROUND SB15, AND 16,
20 OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A NEXUS TO THE HOUSING WORK THAT ABAG DOES.
21 I UNDERSTAND THAT'S ON AN ACCELERATED TIMELINE BECAUSE THE
22 EVICTION MORATORIUM EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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24 **MIKE MONAGAN:** RIGHT.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I HEARD THEY WERE GOING TO EXPEDITE A
2 HEARING REBECCA DO YOU KNOW ANYMORE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THAT
3 BILL?

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5 **REBECCA LONG:** ON THE EVICTION MORATORIUM? I HAVEN'T HEARD
6 SINCE JANUARY BUT I WOULD DEFINITELY AGREE WITH YOU IT IS
7 LIKELY THAT WILL BE EXPEDITED AND I AGREE WITH YOU GOVERNOR
8 NEWSOM WANTS TO SEE THAT EXTENDED I IMAGINE THAT'S GOING TO BE
9 TOP PRIORITY.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** STIMULUS TO MATCH THAT FOR ADDITIONAL
12 MONIES FOR RENTERS TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS DEBT. IF YOU HEAR
13 ANYTHING PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN THE STATUS OF THAT.

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15 **REBECCA LONG:** WILL DO.

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** MAYOR LICCARDO?

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19 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING ONE OF
20 MY TWO QUESTIONS. THE SECOND QUESTION I HAD WAS THERE ANY
21 LIKELIHOOD OF THERE BEING BANDWIDTH WITH CONSIDERATION OF
22 EXPANSION OF CAP-AND-TRADE TO 2050?

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24 **MIKE MONAGAN:** DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC ANSWER FUR IT'S HARD TO
25 TELL WHAT THE PRIORITIES ARE GOING TO BE AFTER YOU GET PAST



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1 COVID AND HOUSING, AND WILDFIRES AND BUDGETS. SO, IT LEADS ME
2 TO BELIEVE THAT IT PROBABLY IS A LOT OF BANDWIDTH TO DO THAT
3 IT'S GOING TO BE COMPETITIVE FOR PROJECTS.

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5 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** CHAIR HAGGERTY?

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9 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR CHAIRMAN. I APOLOGIZE FOR
10 THIS QUESTION. IT COULD BE RELATED TO HOUSING. I HAD A
11 CONSTITUENT CALL ME THE OTHER DAY AND TALK TO ME, ASKING ME A
12 QUESTION ABOUT A BILL THAT MAY BE CIRCULATING -- AND I DON'T --
13 - I HAVE HEARD NOTHING ABOUT THIS -- OTHERS MAY HAVE, THAT
14 BASICALLY EXPUNGES ALL MISDEMEANORS, YOU HAVE HEARD ANYTHING
15 ABOUT THAT?

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17 **MIKE MONAGAN:** I THINK THERE WAS SOME LEGISLATION ABOUT THAT
18 LAST YEAR. I'LL LOOK INTO IT.

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20 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** ALL RIGHT. JUST SEND ME AN E-MAIL, IF YOU
21 COULD.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. MAYOR -- I BELIEVE, NOW,
24 MAYOR HUDSON?

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1 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YEAH, THEY GOT ME. I DIDN'T WANT TO GET OFF
2 OF THE FOUR -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD CALL IT -- I GUESS
3 PRIORITIES YOU MENTIONED, MIKE, BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENT ONE
4 IN THERE THAT'S IMPORTANT TO MY CITY, AND THAT'S SB66, IF THIS
5 IS STILL GOING AND IT'S THE AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY AND
6 CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FUTURE TRANSPORTATION IT WOULD BE
7 INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT'S THE MAKE-UP OF THIS I GUESS THEY'RE
8 ASKING FOR 22 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO
9 SEE WHERE THEY'RE TRYING TO GO WITH THIS BECAUSE I CAME UP
10 WITH 97 OF THESE THINGS TWO YEARS AGO AND I THINK HAVE STILL
11 BEING TESTED IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS ONE.

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13 **MIKE MONAGAN:** OKAY. IT'S ON MY LIST.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. MAYOR HALLIDAY?

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17 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT ONE OF THE
18 BILLS IN THE LIST. IT'S A.B. FIVE BY FONG GREENHOUSE GAS
19 REDUCTION HIGH SPEED, SUSPENDING APPROPRIATION OF THE -- OF
20 THOSE FUNDS FROM, FOR FISCAL YEARS 22 AND 23. IF YOU COULD
21 JUST -- IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON WHAT -- WHAT IS THAT
22 ACTUALLY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH, ELIMINATING HIGH SPEED RAIL
23 ALTOGETHER? OR -- AND --

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1 **MIKE MONAGAN:** YEAH, THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST IN TRYING TO
2 ELIMINATE HIGH SPEED RAIL AND SOMETIMES IT'S CLOAKED IN
3 DIFFERENT CLOTHES SO IT'S NOT REALLY APPARENT AS TO WHAT THEIR
4 MOTIVE S I WILL TRACK THAT DOWN AND SEE WHAT I CAN COME UP
5 WITH.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU.

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9 **REBECCA LONG:** WHAT I WOULD ADD TO THAT, DIRECTOR HALLIDAY IS
10 THERE ARE OFTEN PROPOSALS THIS IS A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATOR TO
11 ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL AND THEY DON'T TEND TO
12 GO ANYWHERE.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

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16 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE
17 QUESTION SCOTT ASKED ABOUT EXPUNGING MISDEMEANORS. WAS THAT
18 RELATED JUST TO DRUG CASES OR ALL MISDEMEANORS? AND MIKE, I
19 HEARD YOU SAY YOU NEEDED TO LOOK INTO IT. THAT'S PART OF MY
20 ADDITIONAL QUESTION.

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22 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** I'LL RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTION, KAREN. I SAID
23 THE SAME THING THAT YOU JUST SAID, AND THEY SAID NO IT WAS
24 BEYOND MARIJUANA OFFENSES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, IT WAS ALL
25 MISDEMEANORS. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. A



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1 LOT OF TIMES CONSTITUENTS CALL ME AND ARE ABLE TO INFORM ME OF
2 SOMETHING GOING ON AND SOMETIMES THEY'RE ABLE TO INFORM ME OF
3 SOMETHING THAT IS NOT GOING ON.

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** [LAUGHTER] NO, I CAN APPRECIATE THAT. AND
6 THANK YOU FOR RAISING THIS ISSUE. I HADN'T HEARD T THANKS.

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8 **MIKE MONAGAN:** THE PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIR AND THE ASSEMBLY IN THE
9 SENATE ARE GOING TO BE VERY ACTIVE THIS YEAR AND I WOULDN'T BE
10 SURPRISED IF THIS BILL GETS MOVED ALONG.

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO BRING
13 THIS UP WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FEDERAL BUDGET, JUST FROM THE
14 ABAG PERSPECTIVE, WITH THE NEW BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCING
15 AUTHORITY, THAT WE HAVE CREATED, TO THINK AS THE STATE BUDGET
16 IS MOVING THROUGHOUT PROCESS, WE HAVE OUR REQUEST FOR OUR
17 PILOT PROJECTS, BUT YOU KNOW, AS DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE
18 ABOUT HOUSING FUNDS OR ABOUT ANTIDISPLACEMENT MONEY THAT THERE
19 IS FLEXIBILITY IN THE LANGUAGE FOR A REGIONAL AUTHORITY LIKE
20 BAHFA TO BE ABLE TO DISBURSE THAT MONEY IF WE SO DECIDE. SO, I
21 WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE FOR CONSIDERATION.

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23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES ANY QUESTIONS
2 COMMENTS ON THE SACRAMENTO UPDATE? PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I
3 DON'T SEE ANY OTHER RAISED HANDS. I'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON
4 ITEM 3A, THE UPDATE FROM THE SACRAMENTO LOBBYISTS. IF SO
5 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY
6 RAISED HANDS. ANY COMMENTS SUBMITTED.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU, MIKE, FOR JOINING US. HAVE A
11 GOOD DAY. ITEM 3B OVERVIEW OF COVID RELIEF IN FISCAL YEAR 2021
12 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS. WE FINALLY GOT A CARES ACT PASSED AND
13 HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE ANOTHER VERSION WITH THE BIDEN
14 ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEMOCRATICALLY CONTROLLED SENATE, AND
15 SO I'LL TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO REBECCA LONG.

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17 **REBECCA LONG:** THAT WAS GOOD NEWS. AT THE END OF THE YEAR
18 THERE, WE WERE BITING OUR NAILS, AND INDEED THEY DID COME
19 THROUGH FOR SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT IN
20 PARTICULAR. THAT WAS COMING DOWN TO THE WIRE THERE WITH MAJOR
21 LAYOFFS AND SERVICE CUTS PLANNED. THE REGION WILL RECEIVE
22 APPROXIMATELY \$975 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL TRANSIT FUNDS. THAT'S
23 FROM A POT OF 14 BILLION, AND I DO WANT TO JUST EMPHASIZE THAT
24 THIS IS REALLY INCREDIBLE, AND THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF
25 SPEAKER PELOSI, WE ACTUALLY GOT SEVEN PERCENT OF THAT 14



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1 BILLION COMPARED TO ABOUT FIVE PERCENT OF THE CARES ACT, WHICH
2 REALLY TRANSLATES TO ABOUT 250 MILLION EXTRA DOLLARS RELATIVE
3 TO THIS SIZE OF THE PROGRAM. SO WE DID EXTRAORDINARILY WELL,
4 THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO URBANIZED AREAS AND BECAUSE THESE
5 FUNDS TARGET THE AREAS THAT HAD THE GREATEST NEED RELATIVE TO
6 THEIR OPERATING COST AND WHAT HAD BEEN COVERED IN THE AIRS ACT
7 ONLY THREE AREAS OF THE REGION WILL BE RECEIVING FUNDING
8 LARGEST AREAS OF SAN FRANCISCO OAKLAND WILL RECEIVE 819
9 MILLION SAN JOSE 144 MILLION AND SANTA ROSA. WE HAVE
10 FLEXIBILITY THOSE FUNDS COME TO MTC BUT WE ARE LIMITED TO
11 SPENDING THEM ON OPERATORS WITHIN THOSE URBANIZED AREAS. WE
12 WILL BE BRINGING FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM TO
13 PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS NEXT WEEK AND WE'RE HOPING TO
14 ALLOCATE THE FIRST WAVE OF FUNDS LATER THIS MONTH. SO WE'RE
15 TRYING TO GET THE MONEY OUT THE DOOR AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND
16 THE BILL DOES REQUIRE THAT FTA RELEASE THE FUNDS WITHIN 30
17 DAYS OF THE BILL BEING SIGNED. HOPEFULLY THOSE MONEYS ARE
18 GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE VERY SOON. ON THE HIGHWAY SIDE
19 THERE WASN'T FUNDING PLANNED FOR HIGHWAYS FOR MONTHS OF
20 DISCUSSIONS ON THE BILL BUT IN THE END THE HIGHWAY LOBBYISTS
21 ACTUALLY GOT SOME FUNDING IN THERE. AND THERE IS \$10 BILLION,
22 AND AS YOU KNOW, THE STRUCTURE OF HIGHWAY FUNDING IS ACTUALLY
23 QUITE FLEXIBILITY SO IT'S NOT LIMITED TO ONLY BEING SPENT ON
24 HIGHWAYS, AND IN ADDITION, THE FUNDS ARE SOME OF THEM ARE
25 SUBALLOCATED TO THE BAY AREA, WE'RE STILL CRUNCHING THE



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1 NUMBERS ON THAT WE DON'T EXPECT IT TO BE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
2 IT WAS VERY NARROW BUT THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO POTENTIALLY
3 SEEK FURTHER STATE DIRECTION TO SUBALLOCATE SOME OF THOSE
4 FUNDS AND ONE OF THE OTHER PROVISIONS THAT CAUGHT OUR EYE IS
5 THAT TOLL AGENCIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE
6 AMOUNT THAT GOES TO STATE DOT'S AND CERTAINLY WE HAVE SEEN A
7 BIG REDUCTION IN OUR TOLL REVENUES HURTING OUR REHAB PROGRAM
8 ON THE BRIDGES SO WE WILL BE TALKING TO OTHER TOLL AGENCIES
9 ACROSS THE STATE AND SEE IF WE WANT TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL FUNDS
10 THERE. AND THEN ON THE HOUSING SIDE, THE BILL DOES PROVIDE
11 ANOTHER \$25 BILLION FOR TENANT RELIEF TO PREVENT EVICTIONS AND
12 HELP PAY BACK RENT. WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE DETAILS OF EXACTLY HOW
13 MUCH FUNDING IS COMING TO CALIFORNIA AND POTENTIAL FOR PLAYING
14 A ROLE IF THAT WE'LL CERTAINLY BE TRACKING THAT CLOSELY. SO
15 WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE. AND JUST NOTE THAT THE NEXT ITEM IS
16 GOING TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM OUR
17 FEDERAL LOBBYISTS. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. AT OUR HOUSING COMMITTEE
20 MEETING YESTERDAY MAYOR ROMERO BROUGHT UP THAT THE DEPARTMENT
21 OF TREASURY HAS RELEASED GUIDANCE ABOUT HOW COUNTIES AND LOCAL
22 GOVERNMENTS CAN ACCESS THOSE HOUSING RELIEF MONEYS. SO I WENT
23 AND LOOKED ON THEIR WEB SITE AND IS THERE IS AN ACTUAL
24 SPREADSHEET THAT'S BY SIZE OF JURISDICTION, LARGER
25 JURISDICTIONS GET A DIRECT ALLOCATION, THEN COUNTIES. SO I



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1 THINK THEY TALK ABOUT WHICH COUNTIES ARE SPECIFICALLY
2 ELIGIBLE. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE ENABLING LEGISLATION ALLOWS
3 A GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT'S NOT A COUNTY OR CITY. BUT IT LOOKS
4 LIKE THE TREASURY HAS ALREADY ISSUED SOME GUIDANCE ON THAT.

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6 **REBECCA LONG:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** CHAIR HAGGERTY?

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10 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING
11 TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THIS COMMITTEE I GUESS MAYBE NEXT
12 WEDNESDAY, BUT THIS CARES ACT FUNDING THAT'S ONLY GOING TO THE
13 THREE URBANIZED AREAS HERE IN THE BAY AREA, I REALLY IMPLORE
14 STAFF TO FIND A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE SMALL OPERATORS. 40 ARE
15 PERCENT OF LAFTA'S STRIPS FEED BART AND ONE THING WE WANT TO
16 BE ABLE TO DO IS TO BE ABLE TO SEE BART'S RIDERSHIP INCREASE.
17 SO WHEN WE TAKE OUT THE SMALL OPERATORS THAT ONLY HURTS THE
18 ABILITY TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP ON SOME MAJOR LINES. HAVING SAID
19 THAT, I THINK WHEN WE LOOK AT THE GRAND SCOPE OF WHAT THE
20 SMALL OPERATORS ARE GOING TO NEED, IT'S PROBABLY IN THE
21 LIKELIHOOD OF SOMEWHERE AROUND 20, 25 MILLION, JUST BASED ON
22 SOME OF THE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION I'M GETTING, AND IT COULD
23 CHANGE, BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE FIND A FUNDING
24 SOURCE OTHER THAN SAYING, OKAY, YOU CAN USE YOUR CAPITAL MONEY
25 ON OPERATIONS, AND THE REASON I SAY THAT IS, ALL WE'RE DOING



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1 IS PUTTING THEM IN A SITUATION WHERE, DOWN THE ROAD, THEY'RE
2 GOING TO BE HAVING BUSES THAT ARE NOT RELIABLE, ON THE ROAD,
3 AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WHOLE OTHER PROBLEM. I ASK THE
4 COMMITTEE TO FIND A WAY TO FUND SMALL OPERATORS THIS IS GOING
5 TO BE A HUGE WINDFALL.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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9 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I WANT TO ECHO THOSE COMMENTS WHEN YOU START
10 MOVING CAPITAL ESPECIALLY INTO THE SMALLER OPERATORS WE START
11 PRODUCING A THIRD WORLD TRANSIT SYSTEM AND IT'S NOT FAIR TO
12 THE TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS IN THESE RURAL AREAS. THEIR NEEDS
13 ARE GREAT. I WANT TO SUPPORT CHAIR HAGGERTY'S COMMENTS THAT WE
14 NEED TO LOOK AT RELIEF FOR SOME OF THE SMALLER OPERATORS. I
15 THINK WE'RE ASKING THEM FOR THESE EFFICIENCIES, AND TO REALLY
16 STREAMLINE COORDINATION, COOPERATION, WE'RE STARTING TO SEE
17 THAT, BUT THE RESOURCES AND REVENUES FOR THEM ARE SO LIMITED.
18 AND WE REALLY NEED TO HELP REWARD SOME OF THE GOOD WORK THAT
19 THEY'RE DOING. BUT WE CANNOT JUST TELL THEM TO SHIFT CAPITAL
20 INTO OPERATIONS, AND THAT SOLVES THE PROBLEM. BECAUSE THAT
21 JUST RATES A LONG-TERM PROBLEM. AND REALLY DETERIORATES THE
22 SYSTEM ITSELF. SO I JUST SUPPORT HAGGERTY'S COMMENTS. AND
23 HOPEFULLY STAFF IS LOOKING AT THAT. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER WORTH?



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2 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. YEAH. I WANTED TO AFFIRM
3 THOSE COMMENTS AND THOSE COMMENTS OF OUR CHAIR. WATCHING THIS
4 PLAY OUT IN CONGRESS OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF MONTHS WE KNOW A
5 BILL PASTED MONTHS AGO THAT PROVIDED THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AND
6 AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAY
7 THIS FEDERAL BILL PLAYED OUT. I CONCUR IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE
8 LOOK AT THE EQUITY ISSUES OF THIS DISTRIBUTION OF THESE
9 RESOURCES ARE AS WE DID WITH THE LAST ROUND. HAD WE KNOWN, WE
10 COULD HAVE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND AND I DO BELIEVE
11 WE CANNOT PENALIZE THE RIDERS BASED ON THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF
12 THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS SO I APPRECIATE STAFF WORKING
13 ON COMING UP WITH A RESOLUTION TO, AGAIN, ALLOCATING RESOURCES
14 TO ALL THE TRANSIT AGENCIES THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY IN TERRIBLE
15 CRISIS RELATIVE TO RIDERSHIP AND REVENUE. SO, THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ SAID
19 HE WAS TRYING TO RAISE HIS HAND. I'M GOING TO GO TO HIM.

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21 **COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** THANK YOU. SO I -- CAN WE SEND, LIKE,
22 SPEAKER PELOSI A PRESENT OR SOMETHING? BECAUSE THIS IS JUST
23 LIKE -- THIS IS JUST REMARKABLE. AND JUST LIKE, WE'RE SO LUCKY
24 TO BE LIVING IN A REGION WHERE WE HAVE THAT TYPE OF
25 REPRESENTATION, AND ALSO TO OUR FEDERAL LOBBYISTS WHO I'M SURE



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1 WERE REALLY INVOLVED IN THIS AS WELL. I WANTED TO ALSO, IN
2 TERMS OF HOW WE THINK ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS, I
3 HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO CENTER EQUITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF
4 THESE FUNDS, AND REALLY PRIORITIZE TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS.
5 AND I ALSO REALLY WANT TO ELEVATE A PHENOMENON WHICH I THINK
6 HAS EMERGED MORE AND HAS BECOME MORE CLEARER SINCE WE DID THE
7 ALLOCATION OF THE CARES ACT FUNDING WHICH IS ON SOME SYSTEMS
8 THERE ARE RIDERS BEING LEFT BEHIND ON THE CURB. BECAUSE OF
9 REDUCED SERVICE LEVELS OR SORT OF THE TRANSIT DEPENDENCY OF
10 THE POPULATION THEY SERVE. BECAUSE OF COVID RESTRICTIONS,
11 WHICH THE TRANSIT OPERATORS HAVE COLLECTIVELY PUT UPON
12 THEMSELVES. AND I HOPE WE CAN REALLY SORT OF TRY AND
13 INCORPORATE THAT IN HOW WE DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING. BECAUSE
14 IT'S UNACCEPTABLE THAT WE HAVE RIDERS THAT HAVE TO WAIT FOR
15 MULTIPLE BUSES TO COME BEFORE THEY CAN GET ON. WE WANT PEOPLE
16 TO RIDE TRANSIT. THEY ARE DESPERATE TO GET TO WORK, TO SCHOOL,
17 TO THE HOSPITAL, AND LEAVING THEM BEHIND DOES NOBODY ANY
18 SERVICE.

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20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

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22 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE, YOU KNOW, ONE
23 OF THE BIG CHALLENGES, I KNOW, IS HOW, IN A REGION LIKE THIS,
24 WE SHARE RESOURCES, AND WITH ALL THE DISCUSSION WE'RE HAVING
25 ABOUT REGIONAL GOVERNANCE, THESE ISSUES ARE EVEN MORE



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1 PRONOUNCED, I THINK, AND ALSO BECAUSE ALL OF OUR AGENCIES ARE
2 SUFFERING SO DRAMATICALLY. AND SO ONE OF THE POINTS THAT I --
3 I WOULD REALLY LIKE STAFF TO HELP US UNDERSTAND IS, RIGHT NOW,
4 MOST OF THE PEOPLE RIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ARE IN FACT
5 TRANSIT DEPENDENT. AND YOU KNOW, BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE
6 INVESTMENT STRATEGIES RELATIVE TO TRANSIT DEPENDENCY, I THINK
7 IS, WE HAVE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO BETTER
8 UNDERSTAND THAT. AND WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EQUITY, I ALSO
9 WOULD BE REALLY INTERESTED IN, YOU KNOW, AS A NEW BOARD
10 MEMBER, I'LL MAKE SURE I'M LISTENING TO OLDER MEETINGS AND
11 SUCH, BUT AS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT EQUITY, I THINK IT WOULD BE
12 REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO DIVE INTO THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT
13 THAT MEANS. BECAUSE I THINK THERE IS A COMMON MISUNDERSTANDING
14 BETWEEN EQUITY AND EQUALITY RELATIVE TO, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY
15 GETS A DOLLAR VERSUS WE'RE HELPING THOSE THAT REALLY NEED TO
16 BE LIFTED UP. AND I MENTION THAT MORE, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN
17 THINKING A LOT ABOUT THE POINT, ACTUALLY, THAT NICK JUST
18 RAISED, ABOUT HOW THE SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE RIGHT NOW,
19 ARE REALLY SERVING OUR HIGHEST NEED POPULATION, AND/OR PEOPLE
20 WHO HAVE MADE DECISIONS NOT TO USE CARS WHICH WE ALSO WANT TO
21 SUPPORT, AND SO, YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE I SOLUTION TO THIS,
22 BUT I'M JUST RAISING -- I WOULD LIKE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW
23 WE'RE TYING ALL OF THOSE DIFFERENT KINDS OF POLICY OUTCOMES
24 TOGETHER. SO, ANYWAY, THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR LISTENING TO
25 THAT REFLECTION.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER AHN?

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4 **EDDIE AHN:** YES. I JUST WANT TO SECOND THOSE PRIOR COMMENTS TO
5 COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, LIKE GETTING INTO THE WEEDS OF THE POLICY
6 DEFINITIONS OF WHAT EQUITY MEANS, WHETHER USING THE MTC
7 COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN DEFINITION, FOR INSTANCE, OR SOME KIND
8 OF DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL WORKER. I AM PERSONALLY VERY
9 INTERESTED IN GETTING INTO THE WEEDS OF THAT WITH STAFF. I'LL
10 BE FOLLOWING UP.

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I AM INTERESTED IN THAT AS WELL, I WOULD
13 LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE WORK COMMISSIONER
14 AHN DID IN DEVELOPING THEIR EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
15 POLICY WHICH IS A MODEL FOR REGIONAL AGENCIES. I AGREE, THERE
16 ARE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN MORE RURAL AREAS, AND MORE SUBURBAN
17 AREAS THAT ARE TRANSIT DEPENDENT. SO TO THAT END CHAIR
18 HAGGERTY'S POINT IS VALID BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE
19 THAT NEED TO GET TO WORK, THOSE ESSENTIAL WORKERS, CAN GET TO
20 WORK. ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

21

22 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** JESSE I DON'T THINK YOUR LAST COMMENT WAS A
23 BUT THE.

24

25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THERE WAS NO BUT.



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2 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** WELL YOU SAID ABOUT.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** DIDN'T MEAN T.

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6 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** I WOULD THINK THAT THERESE WOULD CHIME IN AND
7 SAY WE COULDN'T IN THIS FUNDING. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO FIGURE
8 OUT A WAY TO ALSO HELP FUND THESE SMALL OPERATORS.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU CHAIR HAGGERTY. MS. MCMILLAN?

11

12 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** MAYBE I CAN DO SOME WRAP UP QUESTIONS ON
13 THIS SUBJECT. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD URGE ANY OF YOU INTERESTED
14 IN THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE, WE WILL BE CONTINUING TAKING THIS
15 UP ON WEDNESDAY WITH THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE
16 IN FURTHER DEPTH. A COUPLE OF THINGS, AS WAS POINTED OUT, ON
17 THE ONE HAND, WE GOT A LOT MORE MONEY TO THE REGION BY SPEAKER
18 PELOSI, AND FRANKLY, SENATOR SCHUMER, ON, NOW, THE MAJORITY,
19 BUT AT THE TIME, NORTH SIDE REPRESENTING NEW YORK, WHERE THEY
20 WERE LOOKING AT NATIONAL TRENDS AND NOTED BROADLY THAT THE
21 CARES ACT DISTRIBUTION THAT HAS BEEN ACCORDING -- THAT HAS
22 BEEN DRIVEN THROUGH EXISTING FORMULA FUNDS, BROADLY HAD PUSHED
23 A LOT MORE FUNDING INTO SMALLER MUCH SMALLER AREAS OR
24 URBANIZED AREAS WHERE THEY WEREN'T ACTUALLY USING THE MONEY.
25 AND SO THEY CHANGED THE FORMULAS, IN A VERY COMPLICATED WAY,



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1 TO READDRESS WHAT THEY SAW WAS AN INEQUITY OF SHIFTING THE
2 MONEY WHERE ACTUALLY THE NEED DIDN'T EXIST. HOWEVER YOU MIGHT
3 IMAGINE ON THE LOCAL LEVEL IT MANIFESTED ITSELF ON A DIFFERENT
4 WAY. ONE THING WITH STAFF, WE'RE, ACROSS THE BOAR, DETERMINING
5 THE NEED OF OUR TRANSIT AGENCIES, REGARDLESS OF SIZE,
6 PARTICULARLY IN TWO TRANCHES, ONE, TO GET TO THE END OF THE
7 FISCAL YEAR, AND BEYOND THAT, THE NEXT FULL FISCAL YEAR, TO
8 GET A SENSE OF WHERE OUR SEPARATORS ARE. WE'RE ALSO PROPOSING
9 AS WAS POINTED OUT BY COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ AND SEVERAL OTHERS,
10 THAT WHAT IS EVIDENCING ITSELF ON THE GROUND IN TERMS OF
11 DEMONSTRATING NEED, WHAT RIDERS HAVE COME BACK TO THE SYSTEM,
12 WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED, WHAT ARE THE SERVICES THEY USE, IS
13 THAT WE HAD INFORMATION NOW THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE BACK IN APRIL.
14 AT THE START OF THE PANDEMIC, WE DIDN'T KNOW. NOW WE KNOW. AND
15 THAT IS AN IMPORTANT DATA POINT THAT VERY SIMILAR TO THE
16 DISCUSSION WE HAD ON THE LONG RANGE PLAN, WE HAVE GOT MORE
17 INFORMATION AT HAND THAT NOW CAN BE WORKED INTO OUR
18 CONSIDERATIONS ON THE POLICIES THAT WILL ATTACH TO THE
19 DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NEXT LEVEL OF FUNDING. SO, JUST WANTED TO
20 SAY, THIS IS ALL ON OUR RADAR. ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS
21 THAT WE WILL NEED TO LOOK AT IS WHAT OTHER TOOLS DO WE HAVE
22 WITH OTHER REVENUE OPTIONS, DO WE HAVE, TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS
23 ONCE THEY'RE IDENTIFIED. IS THAT ALL GOING TO HAPPEN BY
24 WEDNESDAY? NO. BUT IT IS CLEARLY SOMETHING THAT WE ARE GOING
25 TO BE WORKING TO IN ORDER TO BRING THAT TO THE TABLE FOR



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1 SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION, AND AS POINTED OUT IT
2 WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN,
3 BECAUSE THERE IS I HOTSPOT LIGHT ON HOW THIS MONEY IS GOING TO
4 BE USED AND DEPLOYED, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS GOING TO BE ANY
5 CONSIDERATION, BROADLY AND NATIONALLY TO ADVOCATE FOR EVEN
6 MORE MONEY. AS YOU KNOW, ANOTHER, BEYOND THE DOWN PAYMENT, I
7 THINK, THAT HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED, A LOT IS GOING TO BE
8 LOOKED AT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH WHAT WE JUST PUT FORWARD.
9 SO WE ALL NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT AS WE LOOK TO CARRY THIS
10 OUT IN THE REGIONAL LEVEL. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. CHAIR HAGGERTY?

13

14 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** YEAH. THANK YOU. ALONG THE LINES OF NICKS, I
15 REALLY DON'T THINK WE CAN GIVE HER A PRESENT. BUT WE WILL
16 CERTAINLY THANK HER. I KNOW REBECCA IS WORKING ON THAT AND WE
17 WILL THANK HER AND SCHUMER FOR THAT HELP ON THE CARES ACT
18 FUNDING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT -- OH SORRY. THE REASON
19 I RETIRE SIDE THAT I'M GETTING OLD. I WANT TO THANK STAFF,
20 REBECCA, AND RANDY FOR THIS, I UNDER THEY WORKED EXTREMELY
21 HARD ON T AND IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO SEND PRESENTS I GUESS
22 WE SHOULD SEND THEM PRESENTS TOO. BUT I'M NOT QUITE SURE WE'RE
23 GOING TO, SO JUST SEND A HEARTFELT THANKS.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
2 EXCELLENT WORK AND ADVOCATING FOR THE AGENCY IN OUR REGION.
3 THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE? WE'LL
4 GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK RAISE YOUR
5 HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE IF YOU ARE PHONING IN. I SEE WE HAVE
6 ONE RAISED HAND.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. ROLAND.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES. THIS IS ROLAND FROM SAN JOSE. DO I GET ONE OR
11 TWO MINUTES?

12

13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** TWO MINUTES, SIR.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. GREAT. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SECOND THE
16 COMMENTS THAT COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY AND SPERING MADE ABOUT
17 SUPPORTING TRANSIT IN RURAL AREAS BECAUSE IT MAY COME AS A
18 SHOCK TO YOU, BUT THE ENTIRE TRANSIT BETWEEN SAN JOSE AND
19 GILROY IS ONE BUS LINE AND THAT'S IT AND THAT CAPACITY FOR THE
20 LINE HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRIPPLED BY THE SOCIAL DISTANCING
21 REQUIREMENTS. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS ATTRACT YOUR
22 ATTENTION TO THE LETTER I WROTE TO THE FULL COMMISSION ON
23 12/15, ON ITEM 7D, WHICH BASICALLY SHOWS THAT THE --
24 [INDISCERNIBLE]. BY JUNE WILL HAVE A SURPLUS CARES ACT OF
25 BETWEEN 55 AND \$90 MILLION -- SO IT'S UNCLEAR WHY AT THIS



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1 POINT VTA WOULD BE REQUIRING -- [INDISCERNIBLE] WHAT THE
2 LETTER IS SUGGESTING, IS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY BY EXPANDING
3 THE CALTRAIN -- WHICH BASICALLY STOPPED -- DOESN'T EVEN GET TO
4 SOUTH SAN JOSE, AND EXTEND HALF OF THE TRAINS TO GILROY SO
5 PEOPLE CAN GET ON THERE -- ACTUALLY, THE DAY AFTER I WROTE THE
6 LETTER, I WAS AT COUNCIL, AND I LEARNED THAT SOMEBODY AFTER
7 WAITING FOR HOUSING TO GET ON A 68 BUS TRYING TO GET TO A
8 SHELTER IN GILROY, ENDED UP BEING LEFT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
9 AND WAS FREEZING THAT NIGHT AND THE NEXT MORNING THEY FOUND
10 HIT ON MONTEREY HIGHWAY, AND THE GUY WAS DEAD. I REALLY WANT
11 THE COMMISSION TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS AND START THIS
12 CONVERSATION AND SEE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO DOWN
13 THERE. AND BY THE WAY, AT THE END OF THE DAY WE'RE GOING TO
14 PROVE TO YOU THAT YES, WE DO HAVE, AN ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE
15 AMOUNT OF RIDERSHIP.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TIME IS UP.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WAITING FOR SERVICE DOWN THERE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER ATTENDEES
22 WHO WOULD LIKE TO OFFER COMMENT?

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER --

25



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT
2 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. ANY WRITTEN
3 COMMENT.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO COMMENT RECEIVED.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** COLLEAGUE COMMENTS? WITH THAT, A BIG
8 THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR THEIR WORK AND OUR LOBBYISTS. WITH THAT
9 WE'LL GO TO ITEM 3C WHICH IS THE WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE
10 UPDATE AND RANDY RENTSCHLER AND MARK DEDRICK FROM SUMMIT
11 STRATEGIES WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM
12 AND NO ACTION REQUESTED.

13

14 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR, AND ALSO JOINING US IS
15 [INDISCERNIBLE] FROM OUR [INDISCERNIBLE] IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
16 AS WELL. I WANT TO APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY'S COMMENTS
17 AND I WANT TO REFLECT ON THE DAYS WHEN I USED TO WORK
18 INVESTMENT BANKING BUSINESS WHEN WE USED TO WORK ON A
19 PERCENTAGE. [LAUGHTER]. SO I AM SURE OUR LOBBYISTS WISH THEY
20 WORKED ON A PERCENTAGE TOO. THIS IS A GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE,
21 AND I KNOW WE DO NEED TO NAVIGATE TRICKY PARKS OF THIS
22 PROBLEM. BUT I THINK THE REFLECTIONS ON LEADERSHIP IN D.C.,
23 AND THE FACT THAT THERESA ROMMEL AND THE PROGRAMMING STAFF
24 THAT DOES SUCH GREAT WORK, CAN RUN THESE NUMBERS AND GET THEM
25 RIGHT DOWN TO THE DETAILS AND WE'RE ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH



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1 OUR RELATIONSHIPS IN D.C. TO HELP PICK THE RIGHT FORMULAS TO
2 DO THE BEST FOR THE WHOLE AREA, AND IT'S A CHALLENGE FOR US,
3 BUT I DO APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS. SO THERE IS AN ENTIRE REPORT
4 FOR YOU IN YOUR PACKET THAT WAS WRITTEN UP BY MARK AND HIS
5 TEAM, THAT SPEAK TO SOME ISSUES WE HAVE DISCUSSED ALREADY
6 MOSTLY THE AUTHORIZE OF THE PROGRAM IN 2021. BUT I DO WANT TO
7 TAKE SOME TIME, ALTHOUGH IT IS LATE IN THE DAY, TO GIVE
8 MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OUR
9 TEAM IN D.C., AND ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS WOULD BE PROBABLY
10 MOST USE OF YOUR TIME. SO, MARK AND JIM, IF YOU COULD KICK IT
11 OFF REAL QUICK, AND THEN WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO COMMISSIONERS
12 FOR QUESTIONS.

13

14 **MARK DEDRICK:** ABSOLUTELY. MARK DEDRICK WITH SUMMIT STRATEGIES.
15 HAPPY TO BE HERE TALKING TO YOU ALL TODAY. ON THE COVID
16 PACKAGE THAT'S THE BULK OF OUR WORK AND THE STRETCH ON 100
17 16th CONGRESS. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMENTS AND LEVEL OF
18 EXPERTISE AND RESPONSIVENESS OF MTC MADE IT EASY TO PROVIDE
19 EXTREMELY ACCURATE INFORMATION ON KEY PLAYERS AND IMPACTS ON
20 THE GROUND FOR TRANSIT FUNDING. TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS TRANSIT
21 INCLUDED IN FUNDING IN LEGISLATION. I WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO
22 YOU ON THAT ABILITY IN RESPONSIVENESS AND ABILITY TO BE ON THE
23 BALL WITH MTC. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I DON'T THINK WE CAN ANSWER
24 DEFINITELY ANY QUESTIONS TODAY. I DON'T THINK THERE IS
25 ANYTHING TO COVER ON COVID IN THAT PACKAGE GLAD THAT GOT DONE



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1 AND SIGNED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 27TH. LOOKING TO THE NEXT
2 CONGRESS WHO UNDERSTAND 17th CONGRESS A LOT OF MOVING PARTS
3 WITH THE HOUSE AND SENATE REALLY TRYING TO GET INTO THEIR
4 ORGANIZATION AND FIGURE OUT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND ALL OF
5 THAT. ALL OF THAT IS STILL TO BE WORKED OUT. I WANT TO THROW
6 IT TO MY COLLEAGUE JIM COLE TO TALK ABOUT SERVICE
7 TRANSPORTATION AND REAUTHORIZATION, WHICH IS THE BIG
8 TRANSPORTATION PIECE THAT WE SEE AS KIND OF BEING ON DECK IN
9 THE EARLY PART OF THIS YEAR. SO, JIM, I'LL THROW IT OVER TO
10 YOU.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANKS RANDY AND MARK. APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 BE HERE. RIGHT NOW, PARTICULARLY AFTER TUESDAY, WITH THE
14 SENATE ACTUALLY FLIPPING TO DEMOCRATIC CONTROL, THERE HAS BEEN
15 A LOT OF ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT AROUND THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING
16 A LONGER TERM TRANSFORMATIONAL BIG AND BOLD SERVICE
17 TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION. THERE WAS CERTAINLY THE BIDEN
18 ADMINISTRATION COMING IN. WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE SHOULDER
19 BEHIND A SIMILAR PROPOSAL BUT HAD THE SENATE NOT FLIPPED IT
20 WASN'T CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THAT WOULD GET TRACTION. THAT
21 SAID, I THINK THERE NEEDS -- AS MUCH AS I THINK THERE IS
22 EXCITEMENT, I THINK WE HAVE TO TEMPER SOME EXPECTATIONS. YOU
23 HAVE A NARROWER MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE. NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT,
24 WHICH IS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE. AND YOU'RE ALSO 50/50
25 SENATE, YOU HAVE THE CHAIR AND THE ABILITY TO BREAK TIES, YOU



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1 STILL ARE SHORT, FAR SHORT IN THE NUMBER YOU NEED TO BREAK A
2 FILIBUSTER IN TERMS OF A VOTE ON THE FLOOR. WE STILL HAVE A
3 LONG WAY TO GO. AS MARK SAID, WE'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF
4 ORGANIZING THE COMMITTEES AND WORKING OUT LEADERSHIP AGREEMENT
5 BETWEEN McCONNELL AND SCHUMER AS TO HOW THE SENATE WILL
6 FUNCTION THERE IS UNCERTAINTY BUT WE'RE SEEING ECONOMIC
7 NUMBERS COME OUT THAT THE JOB MARKET IS WEAKENING AND WE'RE
8 GOING TO BE IN THIS PERIOD OF COVID FOR A WHILE THERE IS
9 OPPORTUNITY IN TERMS OF STIMULUS CONVERSATION TO MOVE A
10 SURPLUS BILL THERE IS ALSO SOME CHANGES IN THE HOUSE RULES
11 PACKAGE THAT WERE POTENTIALLY BENEFICIAL IN TERMS OF TRYING TO
12 MOVE THINGS THAT HAVE A CLIMATE CHANGE NEXUS AS WELL AS A
13 COVID PUBLIC HEALTH NEXUS THAT COULD HELP IN TERMS OF ABILITY
14 OR NEED TO PAY FOR ASPECTS OF A SURFACE REAUTHORIZATION BILL
15 AND OF COURSE THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION EVEN PRIOR TO
16 THE SENATE FLIPPING OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF TRYING TO LINK THE
17 WHOLE CONCEPT OF SURFACE INVESTMENTS AND TAX BILL IN A BUDGET
18 RECONCILIATION PACKAGE WHICH IS -- I WON'T BORE YOU, BUT IT'S
19 A COMPLICATED BUDGET PROCESS BUT BOTTOM LINE WHEN YOU HAVE A
20 RECONCILIATION BILL YOU ONLY NEED 51 VOTES, A SIMPLE MAJORITY
21 IN THE SENATE TO PASS A BILL AROUND THE RECONCILIATION
22 PROCESS. SO THAT CREATES A REAL OPPORTUNITY WITH THE HOUSE AND
23 SENATE NOW GOING DEMOCRATIC CONTROL. SINCE THE HOUSE PASSED
24 THEIR BILL, HR TWO, YOU KNOW, REBECCA, IN PARTICULAR, AND A
25 NUMBER OF FOLKS FROM OUR TEAM, HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH



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1 CHAIRMAN DEFAZIO'S FOLKS ON A RANGE EVER ISSUES POTENTIALLY
2 IMPACTING MTC AS WELL AS TRYING TO PUSH A NUMBER OF MTC
3 PRIORITIES THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE IT INTO THE BILL. SO WE HAVE
4 BEEN HAVING A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE IMPACT OF
5 SOME OF THE TOLLING PROVISIONS AND THE TOLLING
6 INTEROPERABILITY PROVISIONS AS WELL AS POTENTIAL IMPACTS
7 RELATED TO THEIR EFFORTS TO DIRECTLY ALLOCATE FUNDS TO LOCAL
8 AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TRYING TO PURSUE
9 EFFORTS TO TWEAK THE STATE OF GOOD REPAIR FTA STATE OF GOOD
10 REPAIR FORMULA TO MAKE SURE IT INCLUDES BUS OPERATIONS AND
11 HIGH OPPORTUNITY TOLL LANES. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH
12 THEM AND THEY HAVE BEEN RELYING ON MTC AND REBECCA IN
13 PARTICULAR TO TRY TO MAKE SURE SOME OF THOSE PROVISIONS DON'T
14 NEGATIVELY IMPACT MTC. SO WITH THAT I'LL CUT IT OFF. AND I'LL
15 BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** OKAY. SO I BELIEVE THAT COMPLETES THE
18 PRESENTATION? OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO, COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
19 ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? IF SO PLEASE RAISE
20 YOUR HAND. COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ?

21

22 **COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO
23 KIND OF FOCUS IN ON, LIKE, THE POTENTIAL FOR BEING ABLE TO
24 CONVERT EXISTING LANES TO HOT LANES, DIRECTLY, RATHER THAN
25 GOING THROUGH HOV LANES. THAT'S OBVIOUSLY, LIKE, AN ESSENTIAL



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1 ELEMENT OF OUR EXPRESS LANE STRATEGY. IT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE
2 GOING TO DO FOR EVERY EXPRESS LANE BUT IT'S AN ESSENTIAL PART
3 OF OUR EXPRESS LANE STRATEGY AND RIGHT NOW IT'S SORT OF A VERY
4 CONVOLUTED PROCESS TO DO PROBABLY BECAUSE OF FHWA -- TO CHANGE
5 THOSE REGULATIONS, TO CHANGE THE FEDERAL LEGISLATION AROUND
6 THAT?

7

8 **REBECCA LONG:** I CAN JUMP IN TO TRY AND ANSWER THAT,
9 COMMISSIONER. I THINK ONE OF THE CHANGES WE ARE CONCERNED
10 ABOUT IN THE DRAFT HOUSE BILL IS THAT IT DOES REQUIRE A NEW
11 APPROVAL PROCESS, AND A FORMAL APPLICATION, FOR EVERY NEW
12 MAJOR TOLL FACILITY. AND SO IT CREATES A LOT OF NEW
13 REQUIREMENTS THAT, YOU KNOW, POTENTIALLY ARE MAKING IT HARDER
14 TO DO TOLLING ON EXISTING FACILITIES. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
15 I'M WORKING WITH THE TEAM ON TO PROPOSE REFINED LANGUAGE THAT
16 IS REASONABLE IN TERMS OF FEDERAL OVERSIGHT BUT DOESN'T STAND
17 IN THE WAY OF A LOT OF IDEAS WE HAVE IN PLANNED BAY AREA, FOR
18 INSTANCE. THE SHORT ANSWER IS, WE'RE NOT THRILLED WITH THE WAY
19 THE BILL IS WRITTEN RIGHT NOW.

20

21 **COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** GOT IT.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** IF I COULD PUT A FINER POINT ON THAT. CHAIRMAN
24 DEFAZIO HAS NEVER BEEN A FAN OF TOLLING SO THAT I WANTED TO
25 RESTORE THIS PROCESS TO MAKE REQUIREMENTS OF TOLLING GOING



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1 THROUGH. AND THERE HAS BEEN POTENTIALLY NEGATIVE IMPACTS. BUT
2 OPEN TO CONVERSATION. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY BEING ABLE TO
3 MOVE MEMBERS AND THEIR POLICY OBJECTIVE AND CONCERNS.

4

5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** ANYTHING ELSE COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ?
6 OKAY. COLLEAGUES, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS
7 ITEM? IF SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED
8 HANDS. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 3C, THE
9 WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. IF SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE
10 TO SPEAK RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DON'T SEE ANY
11 RAISED HANDS. ANY COMMENTS MS. SILVER?

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. ANY
16 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ONCE AGAIN THANKS TO YOU MARK, RANDY
17 AND YOUR TEAM FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES THIS
18 ITEM, UNLESS THERE IS ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM FOUR,
23 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT NOT
24 ON OUR AGENDA. ONE RAISED HAND. ROLAND LE BRUN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. VERY BRIEFLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
2 FOLLOW UP ON SOME OF THE COMMENTS MADE EARLIER ABOUT THE
3 SITUATION DOWN HERE. SO I DID MENTION THREE COUNTIES SOUTH OF
4 US AND WHAT I AM ASKING THE COMMISSION IS TO CONSIDER
5 EXPANDING THE MPO GEOGRAPHICAL AREA TO ALIGN WITH THE 14
6 COUNTIES IN THE OMDCSA FOR SAN JOSE, SAN FRANCISCO AND
7 OAKLAND, WHICH INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE THREE COUNTIES IN THE
8 SOUTH BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES SAN JOAQUIN AND MERCED TO THE EAST.
9 AND THE COMMENTS, IT'S GET TO GET POINT THAT EITHER WE EXPAND
10 THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OR WE DON'T HAVE TO SPLIT THE NINE BAY
11 AREA MPO. AND QUITE FRANKLY I DON'T WANT TO GO THERE. THANK
12 YOU.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU, SIR. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT
15 ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK RAISE YOUR
16 HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. OKAY. DON'T SEE ANY OTHER RAISED
17 HANDS. SO THAT COMPLETES NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT. MS. SILVER
18 ANY NON-AGENDA WRITTEN COMMENTS.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

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22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** OKAY THANK YOU. THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM
23 FIVE ADJOURNMENT. NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC PLANNING
24 COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE
25 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH, 2021, 9:45 A.M. REMOTELY OR DEPENDING ON



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1 THE STATUS OF SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS ANY CHANGES TO THE
2 SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTED TO THE PUBLIC. WITH THAT EVERYONE
3 HAVE A GOOD DAY AND WEEKEND. AND THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.
4 [ADJOURNED]
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