



**METROPOLITAN
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POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL EQUITY AND ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021, 2:00 PM

VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. I'M VEDA FLOREZ, THE CHAIR AND ANNE OLIVIA, VICE CHAIR. TODAY'S MEETING, JANUARY 11, 2021. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER. WOULD THE BROADCAST TEAM PLEASE ROLL THE ANNOUNCEMENT? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR, PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT 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 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGENDA -- OH, I WOULD LIKE TO
11 REQUEST A ROLL CALL, BUT BEFORE THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE
12 THAT CHRISTINA GOTUACO HAS RESIGNED FROM THE EQUITY AND ACCESS
13 SUBCOMMITTEE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ITEM TWO IS OUR ROLL CALL
14 TO CONFIRM OUR QUORUM. MARTHA?

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BURNETT?

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18 **RICHARD BURNETT:** HERE.

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

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22 **RICK COATES:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ELDRED? >ANNE OLIVIA ELDRED: HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLOREZ?

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3 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HERNANDEZ?

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7 **MICHELLE HERNANDEZ:** HERE.

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

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11 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOMOH?

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15 **RAHMON MOMOH:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ALTERNATES, KINMAN?

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19 **RANDI KINMAN:** HERE.

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

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23 **TERRY SCOTT:** AYE.

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



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2 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM 3,
3 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4TH, 2020 MEETING MINUTES.

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5 **RICH HEDGES:** APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4TH, 2020 MINUTES.

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7 **RANDI KINMAN:** PARDON ME? WHO WAS THAT WITH THE SECOND? OKAY,
8 SO I HAVE RICHARD COATES?

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10 **RICH HEDGES:** HEDGES.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RICH HEDGES WITH THE MOTION AND MICHELLE
13 HERNANDEZ FOR THE SECOND.

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15 **RANDI KINMAN:** THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME ON THAT. I WOULD LIKE
16 TO ASK THE CLERK IF THERE ARE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED IN
17 ASSOCIATION WITH THIS ITEM.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON
20 THIS ITEM, AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
21 RAISED.

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23 **RANDI KINMAN:** THANK YOU. ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]



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

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4 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** ITEM AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4, BLUE RIBBON

5 TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE, TASK FORCE RECOVERY UPDATE. RANDI

6 KINMAN POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM.

7 THIS ITEM IS PRESENTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION NO ACTION IS

8 REQUIRED OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

9 BEFORE? SO MARTHA THERE ARE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS? OR DO WE WAIT

10 UNTIL AFTER?

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATION TO ASK

13 FOR SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

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15 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. RANDI.

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17 **RANDI KINMAN:** THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE IS MOVING FORWARD AT

18 A BREAK-NECK PACE. WHAT IS PARTICULAR TO THIS GROUP, HOWEVER,

19 IS THE FORMATION OF THE PROBLEM STATEMENT THAT IS BEING

20 DEVELOPED. WE MET ON, LAST FRIDAY, AN AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

21 GROUP. WE WILL MEET AGAIN ON NEXT FRIDAY. WHAT IS COMING UP

22 THAT AFFECTS THIS GROUP IS THE IDEA OF PARATRANSIT. BECAUSE

23 THERE IS A DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATION OF AGENCY DELIVERIES,

24 HOW WE MIGHT HAVE REGIONAL NETWORKS THAT USE THE EXISTING

25 NETWORKS AND BUILD UPON THEM. SO, FOR INSTANCE, A VTA



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1 CONNECTION, THAT GETS YOU UP TO SAN FRANCISCO OR A MUNI
2 CONNECTION THAT GETS YOU UP TO NAPA, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE
3 REGIONAL ROUTES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE GOOD SOLID
4 DATA ON THE PARATRANSIT USE OUTSIDE OF, SAY, DOCTOR'S
5 APPOINTMENTS, THAT'S -- WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE PUSH BACK ON
6 THAT. IT IS GOING TO BE IN THE DRAFT AS OF THIS MORNING, IT IS
7 STILL IN THE DRAFT. BUT I WANT YOU ALL TO BE REALLY, REALLY
8 AWARE OF THAT. BECAUSE, MY PUSH ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BEEN
9 IN PART TO LOOK AT CONSOLIDATION OF DELIVER OF PARATRANSIT,
10 AND TRY TO STREAMLINE PARATRANSIT DELIVERY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
11 GOING ACROSS COUNTY LINES. IT CAN BE REALLY DIFFICULT, THE
12 CONNECTIONS ARE DIFFICULT, THE SERVICE DELIVERIES ARE
13 DIFFICULT. AND WE HAVE 27 TRANSIT DISTRICTS, OPERATING THAT
14 MANY PARATRANSIT, AND I AM SURE SOMEONE CAN TELL YOU EXACTLY
15 HOW MANY. BUT IT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE OUR PUSH, AS THE
16 EQUITY AND ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESOLVING SOME OF THE
17 PARATRANSIT ISSUES, AS WE GO FORWARD. SO I JUST WANTED TO
18 BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION AND YOU'LL BE GETTING A FULLER
19 UPDATE AT THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ENTIRE BODY, AND
20 HOPEFULLY ON WEDNESDAY, I WILL HAVE THE READING OUT FROM
21 FRIDAY'S RECENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

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23 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** GREAT. ARE YOU READY TO TAKE A FEW
24 QUESTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS?

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1 **RANDI KINMAN:** YES.

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3 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** I'LL START OFF. ARE YOU ON THE
4 SUBCOMMITTEE?

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6 **RANDI KINMAN:** YES.

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8 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO REACH
9 OUT TO OUR PARATRANSIT AGENCIES TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY DATA
10 THAT CAN BE HELPFUL.

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12 **RANDI KINMAN:** I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE DATA ASKED STATE, ASKED
13 STRENNEN. WE DO HAVE DATA, BUT I THINK THE PUSH IS GOING TO BE
14 -- HERE IS WHAT I WOULD BE HAPPY WITH, LONG-TERM, IS, IF WE
15 COME OUT OF THIS PROCESS WITH AN AGREEMENT THAT PARATRANSIT
16 NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED THE SAME WAY WE ARE CURRENTLY EXAMINING
17 STANDARD TRANSIT LEVELS FOR AN INTER-AGENCY ISSUES. SO THAT
18 WOULD BE MORE OF A, YOUR COMMISSIONER ON MTC.

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20 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU. RICH HEDGES?

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22 **RICHARD HEDGES:** YES, THANK YOU. I PARTICIPATED AND HELPED
23 WRITE THE 2003, 2004 GRAND JURY STUDY OF PARATRANSIT IN SAN
24 MATEO COUNTY. AND MANY OF THE PROBLEMS, LIKE, FOR INSTANCE,
25 COMMUNICATION WAS ONE OF THEM, THAT HAS BEEN FIXED, BUT THE



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1 BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS THE LIKENESS ARRIVALS TO MEDICAL
2 APPOINTMENTS AND OFTENTIMES LEAVING PEOPLE. IT'S NOT THE
3 SYSTEM -- IT'S NOT PARATRANSIT'S FAULT IT'S THE FAULT OF HOW
4 IT'S OPERATED. THERE HAS GOT TO BE A WAY TO FIX IT BUT ONE OF
5 THE WORST PROBLEMS WAS PEOPLE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY WHO HAD TO
6 GO TO THE VA IN SAN FRANCISCO OR SAN COUNTY BECAUSE THERE IS
7 NO VA IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO TRANSFER FROM
8 ONE TO THE OTHER AND I BELIEVE -- AND I'M GOING TO ASK, I'M
9 GOING TO ATTEND A MEETING TOMORROW I ATTEND THEM IN SAN MATEO
10 COUNTY IT'S BEEN MUCH EASIER SINCE WE HAVE BEEN DOING IT ON
11 ZOOM. I BELIEVE NOW THEY'RE ALLOWING SAN MATEO TO TAKE THEM
12 DIRECTLY TO SANTA CLARA TO PALO ALTO VA. BUT THERE ARE OTHER
13 VISITS PEOPLE CAN'T MAKE SOMETIMES THEY'RE IN MEDICAL SYSTEMS
14 THAT FORCE THEM TO GO TO THE CHEAPEST LOCATION, WHICH IS OFTEN
15 OUT OF THE COUNTY, TO HAVE TESTS DONE. SO, THAT'S GOT TO BE
16 FIXED. AND ONE OF THE WAYS TO FIX IT IS TO MAYBE, SOME OVERLAY
17 THAT WE HAVE TO DO, AND ASSIGN JUST ONE BUS TO BE ABLE TO GO
18 BETWEEN THOSE COUNTIES, OR MAYBE TWO. BUT WE NEED TO COME UP
19 WITH SOMETHING THAT REPAIRS IT. SO THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS FOR
20 RIGHT NOW.

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22 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CAN YOU SHOOT ME A LINK TO THAT
23 GRAND JURY REPORT, PLEASE.

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25 **RANDI KINMAN:** --



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2 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** I THINK IT WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR ALL OF
3 US TO READ THAT.

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5 **RICHARD HEDGES:** I'LL TRY TO.

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7 **RANDI KINMAN:** OKAY.

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9 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** RICHARD CAN YOU FORWARD THAT TO MARTHA FOR
10 THE SUBCOMMITTEE?

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12 **RICHARD HEDGES:** I THINK I CAN. I'LL TRY TO FIND IT.

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14 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS
15 WHO HAVE QUESTIONS.

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17 **RANDI KINMAN:** I HAVE ONE MORE THING, I WANT EVERYONE TO KEEP
18 AN EYE ON THIS TASK FORCE BECAUSE REBUILDING OUR ECONOMY IN AN
19 EQUITABLE MANNER AND REBUILDING OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM IS GOING TO
20 BE DEPENDENT ON REBUILDING OUR ECONOMY. SO THAT'S MY LAST
21 PITCH.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO WHAT RANDI SAID, IF
24 YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THAT E-MAIL'S MEETING



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1 DISTRIBUTION LIST PLEASE SEND ME AN E-MAIL AND I WILL ADD YOU
2 TO IT.

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4 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER COMMENTS FROM
5 THIS SUBCOMMITTEE.

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7 **RAHMON MOMOH:** JUST A QUICK QUESTION.

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9 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** SURE.

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11 **RAHMON MOMOH:** ARE YOU IN NAPA COUNTY?

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13 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** RICK COATES?

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15 **RICK COATES:** I AM IN SAN MATEO COUNTY IF YOU ARE ASKING ME.

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17 **RAHMON MOMOH:** ALL OF THE -- OF THE GRAND JURY ARE ON THE WEB
18 SITE.

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20 **RICHARD HEDGES:** IT'S STILL THERE.

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22 **RAHMON MOMOH:** THANK YOU.

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1 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE'LL GO AHEAD AND
2 MOVE TO THE PUBLIC. ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM
3 WITH A RAISED HAND.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
6 RAISED, AND NO COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

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8 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** LET'S GO TO ITEM FIVE COORDINATE PUBLIC
9 TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2020 UPDATE. TODAY
10 WE HAVE DRENNEN SHELTON WHO WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS
11 ITEM IS PRESENTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND NO ACTION IS
12 REQUIRED OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

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14 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** HI GOOD AFTERNOON THANKS FOR HAVING ME. I'M
15 HERE TO PRESENT THE KICK OFF OF THE REGION'S COORDINATED
16 PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN, WE CALL IT
17 THE COORDINATED PLAN FOR SHORT. SOME OF YOU WILL REMEMBER OUR
18 CURRENT COORDINATED PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 2018 YOU CAN FIND THAT
19 PLAN ON OUR WEB SITE. IN CASE YOU AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH IT
20 INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET WAS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CHAPTER OF
21 THAT LAST PLAN IT WILL GIVE YOU A FEEL FOR THE PLAN. SO THE
22 COORDINATED PLAN IS A REQUIREMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL
23 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION FAST ACT. AND THE PLAN
24 ESTABLISHES OUR REGION'S FUNDING PRIORITIES AND COORDINATION
25 STRATEGIES FOR MEETING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THREE



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1 TARGET POPULATIONS, OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND
2 LOW INCOME POPULATIONS. OUR PLAN FOR THIS UPDATE IS TO
3 CONTINUE FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS OF TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED
4 POPULATIONS. AND OF COURSE IT WILL INCLUDE MANY OF THE SAME
5 ITEMS AS OUR CURRENT PLAN, THAT WOULD INCLUDE A DEMOGRAPHIC
6 PROFILE OF THE REGION. HIGHLIGHTS OF BEST PRACTICES FOR OUR
7 PARTNERS, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUR PARTNERS AND FOR
8 OURSELVES, FOR IMPROVED SERVICES AND COORDINATION. WE CAN'T
9 UPDATE THE PLAN WITHOUT INCLUDING RELEVANT ISSUES AND
10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS PAST YEAR UNDER THE COVID RESPONSE
11 AND RECOVERY. AND WE'LL ALL PLAN TO INCLUDE A FRAMEWORK ON
12 EQUITY AND TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE, THAT OUR PARTNERS CAN
13 ADOPT, AS WELL AS INFORMATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERGENCY
14 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING. TO GUIDE THE WORK, WE'LL CONVENE A
15 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND THE COMMITTEE WILL BE
16 COMPRISED OF TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS, REPRESENTING PUBLIC
17 TRANSIT, COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, NON-PROFITS SERVICE
18 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS, COUNTY AGING SERVICES AGENCIES AND
19 MOBILITY MANAGERS. I INCLUDE IN YOUR MEMO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED
20 FOR THIS UPDATE AND THERE ARE TWO ROUND OF OUTREACH FOR THIS
21 PLAN. AS WITH PLANNED UPDATES IN THE PAST WE HAVE REACHED OUT
22 TO A BROAD AUDIENCE OF OLDER ADULTS, LOW INCOME POPULATIONS AS
23 WELL AS AGENCIES AND ADVOCATES THAT REPRESENT THOSE TARGET
24 POPULATIONS INCLUDING THIS SUBCOMMITTEE. ACTIVITY FOR THE PLAN
25 UPDATE WILL WRAP UP IN 2022 AND WE AIM FOR COMMISSION ADOPTION



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1 IN OCTOBER OF 2022. SO THIS IS JUST AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM, BUT
2 I WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE TO YOU CHECK OUT THE CURRENT
3 COORDINATED PLAN IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY IT'S A GREAT WAY TO
4 BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OUTSIDE OF
5 PUBLIC TRANSIT FOR OLDER ADULTS LOW INCOME. UNTIL THEN, YOU
6 HAVE MY CONTACT INFORMATION AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
7 OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

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9 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I SEE ONE HAND
10 FROM RICK COATES. PLEASE.

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12 **RICK COATES:** YES. I GATHER FROM WHAT YOU SAID, THAT THERE IS A
13 PLAN IN PLACE ALREADY FROM THE PREVIOUS PLAN WITH A SERIES OF
14 RECOMMENDATIONS. I'M CURIOUS TON, IF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS
15 ACTUALLY GET IMPLEMENTED.

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17 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** YEAH. AND I CAN COME BACK AND BRIEF YOU ON
18 ALL OF THOSE IF THAT'S YOUR WISH. OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD ONE
19 THING I CAN TELL YOU IS IN OUR LAST PLAN THE MEANS-BASED FARE
20 PROGRAM WAS A RECOMMENDATION, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND
21 IS UNDER A PILOT RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF -- I
22 WOULD SAY, LIKE, BROAD AREA RECOMMENDATIONS, THINGS LIKE
23 EXPANDING MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES WHICH HAS BEEN DONE IN
24 VARIOUS COUNTIES TO DIFFERENT DEGREES. IT DEPENDS ON THE LENS
25 YOU'RE TAKING. BUT TAKE A LOOK AND LET ME KNOW. YOU CAN SHOOT



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1 ME AN E-MAIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR COUNTY
2 SPECIFICALLY, BUT I AM HAPPY TO ALSO INCLUDE AN UPDATE WHEN I
3 COME BACK ON WHAT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND WHAT HASN'T.

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5 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** ANNE OLIVIA.

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7 **ANNE OLIVIA ELDRED, VICE CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
8 PRESENTATION. I'M EXCITED TO SEE THAT THIS IS HAPPENING IN
9 READING THROUGH THE PACKET THAT YOU SENT OUT, IT SAID THAT YOU
10 ARE LOOKING AT A NEW DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF TRANSPORTATION
11 DISADVANTAGED GROUPS, HIGHLIGHT BEST PRACTICES. AND I'M
12 WONDERING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU ARE
13 LOOKING AT WORKING WITH THE UNHOUSED POPULATION, AND HOUSING
14 UNSTABLE POPULATION, AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE HISTORICALLY, AND
15 WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT DOING DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME, IF YOU
16 COULD RUN THROUGH THAT, I WOULD BE REALLY GRATEFUL.

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18 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** SURE. THE UNHOUSED POPULATION ISN'T A
19 SPECIFIC TARGET OF THIS POPULATION, OF COURSE, THEY WOULD FALL
20 INTO OTHER SUBGROUPS OF THE PLAN. SO ONE, WE DO LEARN ABOUT
21 UNHOUSED POPULATION NEEDS THROUGH TYPICALLY I WOULDN'T SAY
22 THAT THAT'S A POPULATION THAT ATTENDS MEETINGS, BUT WE DO TALK
23 WITH ADVOCATES AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES TO GET AT UNMET
24 NEEDS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR THOSE UNMET NEEDS. ONE OF THE
25 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR, CERTAINLY MY WORK IS, YOU DON'T



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1 IMPLEMENT OR RECOMMEND OR DO ANYTHING WITHOUT CHECKING WITH
2 THE POPULATION THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO, THAT'S
3 DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT GETS TAKEN CARE OF WITH OUR PLAN
4 UPDATE.

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6 **ANNE OLIVIA ELDRED, VICE CHAIR:** TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF
7 THINGS HERE, THE GROUPS YOU HAVE PULLED OUT ARE, SPECIFICALLY,
8 OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND LOW-INCOME
9 POPULATIONS?

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11 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** NO --

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13 **ANNE OLIVIA ELDRED, VICE CHAIR:** THAT IS PREDOMINANTLY. THAT IS
14 PREDOMINANTLY OUR UNHOUSED POPULATION, AND I WOULD REALLY LIKE
15 TO SEE IT A TARGET POPULATION ESPECIALLY AS THE EVICTION
16 MORATORIUMS END AND THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THIS HIT, WE
17 ARE EXPECTING AN INCREASE OF OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS TO
18 INCREASE BY 45 OVER PERCENT. LIKE, YOU -- THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
19 WHO ARE TRANSIT DEPENDENT, LIKE THIS IS A TRANSIT DEPENDENT
20 POPULATION. MANY OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED AND ARE HAVING REAL
21 ISSUES GETTING TO AND FROM THE -- AND THEIR NEEDS ARE NEVER
22 DIRECTLY CONSIDERED ON ANY MEANINGFUL SCALE THAT I HAVE SEEN.
23 AND SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WHEN YOU BRING FEEDBACK BACK FROM
24 THIS GROUP, THAT YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO MAKE UNHOUSED PEOPLE A
25 TARGET POPULATION AND FIGURE OUT WAYS TO INTERACT AND NOT JUST



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1 THE VISIBLE UNHOUSED, WHICH IS PERHAPS THE IMAGE THAT IS
2 COMING TO PEOPLE'S MINDS, BUT ALSO TO INCLUDE THE INVISIBLE
3 UNHOUSED. RIGHT? SO, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
4 THE POPULATION THAT EMBODIES THAT, THOSE THREE SPECIFIC TARGET
5 GROUPS, ARE HEAVILY EMBODIED IN THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE. AND THAT
6 NUMBER IS GROWING DRAMATICALLY, AND PART OF THAT ISSUE IS
7 COMING FROM INABILITY TO ACCESS WORK AT HOME, WITH
8 TRANSPORTATION. SO IT WOULD BE REALLY GREAT IF THAT COULD BE
9 INCLUDED. THANK YOU.

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11 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL LOPEZ, AND THEN
12 RANDI KINMAN. MICHAEL, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. MICHAEL,
13 YOU'RE STILL MUTED.

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15 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** OKAY. HOW ABOUT NOW?

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17 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** YES.

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19 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** WHEN I READ THE REPORT THIS WAS UPDATED IN
20 2018. IS THAT CORRECT? SO IT WAS DONE IN 2016. DID I READ THAT
21 SOMEWHERE?

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23 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** THE PLAN IS REQUIRED TO BE UPDATED EVERY FOUR
24 YEARS.

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1 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** SO 2018 WAS THE FIRST PLAN?

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3 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** NO OUR FIRST PLAN GOES BACK TO PROBABLY --
4 CERTAINLY MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS AT MTC. IT'S BEEN
5 A WHILE.

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7 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S NOT REALLY THAT IMPORTANT.
8 BUT I WAS WONDERING IF YOU CAN PULL INFORMATION UP BY COUNTY
9 AND MY QUESTION IS, THE NEW REPORT, WILL IT BE BROKEN DOWN
10 COUNTY BY COUNTY OR AGENCY BY AGENCY?

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12 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** YES IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE CURRENT PLAN
13 YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE SECTIONS THAT HAVE INFORMATION PULLED
14 OUT BY COUNTY. WE DO LIKE TO TAKE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE
15 PLAN BUT THERE IS CERTAINLY DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, THERE IS
16 INFORMATION BY AGENCY. I MEAN, YOU COULD GIVE ME A LITTLE HINT
17 ABOUT WHAT ELSE YOU'RE WANTING TO KNOW ABOUT?

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19 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** THAT'S BASICALLY IT THAT YOU COULD PULL IT UP
20 BY COUNTY OR AGENCY, WHAT IS AVAILABLE.

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22 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** ONE THING WE DO IS WE COLLECT INFORMATION ON
23 UNMET NEEDS AND SOLUTIONS BY COUNTY AS WELL. BUT ONE THING I
24 LIKE TO DO IS TAKE A KITCHEN SINK APPROACH TO THIS PLAN ONE OF
25 THE THINGS THE PLAN IS USED FOR IS FOR AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR



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1 FUNDING UNDER SECTION FAMILY TEN PROGRAM. IF WE START COUNTY
2 BY COUNTY, MANY AGENCIES MAY NOT APPLY FOR ONE PROJECT AS WELL
3 AS SUITED FOR THEIR COUNTY THAT SOMEONE FROM THEIR COUNTY
4 DIDN'T NOMINATE. THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE COUNTY BY
5 COUNTY BUT WE DO LIKE TO TAKE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO IT.

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7 **MICHAEL LOPEZ:** OKAY GREAT. THANK YOU.

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9 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RANDI KINMAN, AND THEN
10 TERRY SCOTT?

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12 **RANDI KINMAN:** THANK YOU DRENNEN. AND WE HAVE DONE A REALLY
13 GOOD JOB OF ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT
14 PROGRAMS IN COUNTIES. I THINK I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS LONGER
15 THAN DRENNEN. SO, THAT PART, I'M FAIRLY COMFORTABLE WITH. WHAT
16 I REALLY WANT TO START LOOKING AT IS THAT REGIONAL MOBILITY
17 ISSUE THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING. BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE
18 WHO HAVE JOBS. WHO CANNOT -- WHO ARE RESTRICTED, BECAUSE OF
19 THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES OF TAKE PARATRANSIT. AND I -- THAT'S
20 JUST SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE HAVE GROWN ENOUGH THAT HOW DO
21 WE GROW FROM THE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE,
22 WHAT WAS BEST PRACTICE ON PAGE 48 OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT HUMAN
23 SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2018 IS RIDE CONNECTION IN
24 PORTLAND WHERE THEY HAD COBBLED TOGETHER 30-SOME-ED ON
25 PARATRANSIT PROVIDERS, AND WE JUST NEED TO THINK OF THAT AS A



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1 BIGGER THING THAT EACH COUNTY IS COUPLING THAT TOGETHER BUT
2 HOW WE ESTABLISH REGIONAL WORK BECAUSE I THINK THAT WOULD
3 ANSWER A LOT OF OUR VETERANS ISSUES AND ANSWER A LOT OF OUR
4 MOBILITY ISSUES FOR PEOPLE WHO, BASICALLY WHO SHOULD BE ABLE
5 TO RIDE PARATRANSIT AND GO SEE A PLAY YOU ABOUT I CAN'T IF
6 THERE IS NO PARATRANSIT CONNECTION THEY CAN MAKE FROM -- LIKE,
7 IF I WANTED TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO, I WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH
8 MULTIPLE COUNTIES. SO BY THE TIME I GET THERE, PLAY IS DONE,
9 TIME TO GO HOME. SO JUST THINGS LIKE THAT, IF WE CAN PUT THAT
10 IN THE SHOPPING BASKET. THANK YOU.

11

12 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TERRY SCOTT?

13

14 **TERRY SCOTT:** DRENNEN, MY QUESTION RELATES TO THE UNHOUSED
15 POPULATION THAT YOU REFERENCED. WHAT IS THE LATEST IN DATA
16 THAT WE HAVE IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED THAT WE HAVE?
17 THIS IS VERY -- IN NAPA COUNTY WHERE I AM, WE HAVE A VERY
18 SMALL POPULATION, LESS THAN 130 -- LESS THAN 139,000, MAYBE
19 LESS THAN 138,000 NOW, WE HAVE ACTUALLY GONE DOWN A COUPLE OF
20 THOUSAND LAST YEAR. WE HAVE SEVERAL ENCAMPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE
21 COUNTY WHERE WE HAVE UNHOUSED PEOPLE. HOW MANY OF THEM ARE
22 WORKING OR SEEKING TRANSPORTATION, IN ANY CAPACITY, I HAVE NO
23 CLUE. IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN OBTAIN THAT INFORMATION?

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1 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** I -- YOU KNOW, I AM SURE WE CAN OBTAIN THAT
2 INFORMATION. THE PLAN'S FOCUS, THOUGH, IS THE TRANSPORTATION
3 NEEDS OF THE POPULATION. IT'S A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT. WE CAN
4 GET AT SUBPOPULATIONS OF THOSE BROADER TARGETS, AND CERTAINLY
5 WITH YOUR FEEDBACK, WE WILL DO THAT. I CAN'T TELL YOU,
6 CURRENTLY, HOW MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR COUNTY,
7 THOUGH, THAT ARE SEEKING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

8

9 **TERRY SCOTT:** YEAH, THAT'S -- I THINK THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT
10 THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY, HOW MANY OF EACH GROUP, IF YOU WILL, OF
11 OUR COMMUNITY, HAS A NEED, IS SEEKING THAT COORDINATED PUBLIC
12 TRANSIT AND THAT WE CAN INCLUDE THEM IN THE HUMAN SOURCE
13 TRANSPORTATION PLAN. WE CAN'T INCLUDE THEM IF WE DON'T KNOW
14 WHO THEY ARE OR HOW MANY THERE ARE. IT'S LIKE WE'RE BLOWING
15 SMOKE, WE'RE NOT REALLY GETTING ANYTHING DONE.

16

17 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RANDI, AND THEN RICK.

18

19 **RANDI KINMAN:** HI. JUST TO PIGGYBACK ON THAT. DRENNEN MOST
20 COUNTIES HAVE ESTABLISHED HOMELESS SHELTERS FOR THEIR
21 HOMELESS. MO SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES HAVE A CONNECTION TO
22 LARGER POPULATIONS THAT THEY CAN REACH. I WOULD JUST
23 RECOMMEND, BECAUSE HOMELESS POPULATION ARE PEOPLE WHO FALL
24 UNDER ONE IF NOT MULTIPLE CATEGORIES UNDER THE FEDERAL
25 GUIDELINES, BUT THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO REALLY -- AND I -- I



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1 WILL HELP ADVOCATE TO MTC FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY TO DO SUCH
2 SURVEYS, BECAUSE IT ALSO ADDRESSES OUR JOBS AND HOUSING ISSUE
3 THAT PEOPLE TRYING TO GET OUT OF BEING UNHOUSED, ARE TRYING TO
4 GET TO JOBS THAT WOULD PUT THEM IN HOUSING. SO, JUST BACK TO
5 THE SHOPPING CART. THANK YOU.

6

7 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RICK COATES?

8

9 **RICK COATES:** YEAH, I'M STILL FOCUSED BACK ON THE QUESTION OF
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. I REALIZE THAT YOU WANT TO KEEP A
11 REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT SEEMS
12 LIKE ITS IMPLEMENTED AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. AND SO I'M THINKING
13 THAT SOMEWHERE IN THAT REPORT, THERE SHOULD BE SOME INDICATION
14 OF WHICH COUNTIES NEED TO DO MORE ON A PARTICULAR ITEM.
15 NOTHING WORKS BETTER, IN MY VIEW, THAN A LITTLE BIT OF PUBLIC
16 SHAMING. IF THE REPORT MENTIONED THAT, OH, THESE COUNTIES HAVE
17 FAILED TO DO X, Y, AND Z, THAT WERE IMPLEMENTED THE LAST TIME,
18 AND ARE BEING RECOMMENDED AGAIN, THIS TIME, THAT MIGHT MOVE
19 THEM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I ALSO WANT TO UNDERSCORE WHAT
20 RANDI SAID, TO GET THEM TO COORDINATE -- I HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO
21 IS DISABLED WHO USES PARATRANSIT OCCASIONALLY. SHE WOULD USE
22 IT A WHOLE LOT IN IF IT WERE CONVENIENT, RELIABLE, TO GET HER
23 TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS ON TIME. IT'S JUST THE STORY THAT YOU
24 HEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

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1 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DRENNEN, THERE ARE MANY
2 SUBCATEGORIES UNDER THESE THREE CATEGORIES. YOU CAN TALK TO US
3 ABOUT HOW THE CATEGORIES WERE CHOSEN AND JUST GIVE US MORE
4 BACKGROUND ON HOW THEY DID THE FEDERAL FUNDING?

5

6 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** SURE. LIKE I SAID, IT'S A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT
7 FOR FTA SECTION 5310 PROGRAM, WHICH FUNDS TRANSPORTATION
8 PROJECTS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. MTC
9 HAS INCLUDED LOW INCOME POPULATIONS AND WE GET OTHER CERTAIN
10 TARGET POPULATIONS WITHIN THOSE GROUPS, LIKE WE HAVE INCLUDED,
11 THAT TRENDS IN THE PAST. SO IT'S REALLY A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT.

12

13 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RICH HEDGES?

14

15 **RICHARD HEDGES:** I WAS WONDERING IF DRENNEN HAS, ESPECIALLY
16 WITH THE DISABLED POPULATION, FOUND ANY OF THE CAB PROGRAMS?
17 SAN MATEO, AND I KNOW REDWOOD CITY WAS PLANNING ON
18 IMPLEMENTING, I DON'T KNOW IF THE PANDEMIC HAS STOPPED THAT,
19 BUT WE HAVE A PROGRAM IN SAN MATEO CALLED THE GET AROUND
20 PROGRAM. I CAN GET TO BART FOR FIVE BUCKS FROM MY HOUSE, WITH
21 A TAXICAB. I CAN GO ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY. I CAN GO TO THE
22 VETERANS HOSPITAL OR STANFORD WITH THIS PROGRAM TOO. I CAN
23 REACH ANY HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY WITH IT. SO, I HAVE ASKED
24 FOR THE READY WHEELS PROGRAM, TO LET YOU KNOW IF THAT HAS
25 LIGHTENED THE BURDEN OF THAT IN SAN MATEO. AND THEY SAID IT



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1 SEEMS, TO BUT THEY'RE NOT SURE HOW MUCH. SO I WAS WONDERING IF
2 WE HAVE INVESTIGATED ANY OF THOSE PROGRAMS TO SEE HOW THEY
3 WORK. I KNOW THE CAB COMPANIES ARE HUNGRY AND WILLING TO DO
4 IT.

5

6 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** SURE. TAXI PROGRAMS HAVE LONG BEEN INCLUDED
7 IN THE COORDINATED PLAN AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION. WHETHER IT'S A
8 COUNTY BASED PROGRAM, OR A NON-PROFIT, SUBSIDY PROGRAM, EVEN
9 PUBLIC TRANSIT PARTNERS CAN TAXI CABS. THEY'RE JUST DIFFERENT
10 APPROACHES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY BUT YES IT'S SOMETHING THAT
11 WE INTEND TO INCLUDE AND INTEND LOOKING AT.

12

13 **RICHARD HEDGES:** I WAS WONDERING HOW SUCCESSFUL IT'S BEEN, ONE
14 WITH THE READY WHEELS THAT'S ALWAYS SUBSCRIBED.

15

16 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** YEAH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT PARATRANSIT IS
17 OVERSUBSCRIBED GIVEN THEY HAVE TO MEET DEMAND REGARDLESS OF
18 WHAT IT IS. BUT HAVING A SECOND OPTION, TO TAKE SOME OF THE
19 TRIPS OFF OF PARATRANSIT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THEY THINK
20 MOST PARATRANSIT PROGRAMS WOULD WANT TO DO. IT'S WHETHER OR
21 NOT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES, THE EMISSIONS, THE CHARGE.
22 OFTENTIMES PARA-- AS YOU KNOW, PARATRANSIT IS CONTRACTED
23 OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC TRANSIT PROVISION. THEY'RE
24 LOOKING TO DO IT, YOU KNOW, AS CHEAP AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE IT
25 IS SO EXPENSIVE, AND YOU HAVE TO MEET THE DEMAND REGARDLESS OF



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1 WHAT IT IS. SO, TO, YOU KNOW -- YES, WE HAVE SEEN TAXICABS
2 TAKE THE BURDEN OFF OF PUBLIC TRANSIT AND PARATRANSIT, AND,
3 YES, IT CONTINUES TO WORK.

4

5 **RICHARD HEDGES:** SAN MATEO IS DOING TRAVEL TRAINING TO HELP
6 MEET DEMAND. I UNDERSTAND ATTACKS CABS YOU'RE HELPING DON'T
7 HAVE ANY DATA. BUT WE HAVE TO TRY TO MAKE THIS WORK. I KNOW
8 SOMEONE WHO LOST HIS RIDE AND I HAVE BEEN TAKING HIM FOR
9 ERRANDS AND EVERYTHING HE IS RUNNING OUT OF MONEY BUT HAS A
10 VERY EXPENSIVE HOUSE THAT IS FALLING APART. HE'S 99 NOW. AND
11 IMMOBILE, SO I CAN'T LIFT HIM ANYMORE. SO HE'S ON HIS OWN, AS
12 FAR GETTING AROUND, USING READY WHEELS. SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN
13 STILL -- SO ANYWAY [INDISCERNIBLE].

14

15 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DRENNEN, DO YOU KNOW
16 THAT IF MTC IS INVOLVED IN THE SB1374 TNC ACCESS FOR ALL?

17

18 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** RIGHT. SO THE TNC ACCESS FOR ALL ACT CAME
19 INTO LAW IN 2018. IT'S NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED AT THE CALIFORNIA
20 PUC, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. THEY ARE -- I FEEL LIKE
21 COULD DO A PRESENTATION ON THAT FOR YOU AS WELL. THEY HAVE
22 DIVIDED THE IMPLEMENTATION INTO THREE DIFFERENT TRACKS AND
23 THEY'RE NOW IN THE THIRD TRACKS. SO SINCE 2018 EVERY COMPLETED
24 TNC RIDE IN THE STATE HAS HAD A TEN CENT SURCHARGE ON IT YOU
25 MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT ANY OF THESE TNC RIDES YOU



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1 HAVE TAKEN BUT YOU HAVE PAID \$0.10 INTO THE TNC ACCESS FOR ALL
2 FUND, WHAT THAT MONEY IS INTENDED TO DO IS TO FUND WHEELCHAIR
3 ASSESSABLE TNC RIDES FROM ALL OVER CALIFORNIA. SO EACH COUNTY
4 HAS ITS OWN POT OF MONEY SINCE IT'S IN THE THIRD TRACKS OF
5 IMPLEMENTING FUNDING THE PROGRAM HASN'T GONE FULL TRACK YET
6 BUT THEY'RE LOOKING TO SELECT AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT EACH FUND
7 IN ALL THE COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I THINK THE LAST
8 TARGET DATE THEY GAVE US WAS PROBABLY LATER THIS -- IN LATE
9 SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER, I RECALL. BUT WE SHOULD SEE TRACK
10 THREE COME TO A CONCLUSION VERY SOON. MAYBE AT THE ENDS OF
11 THIS MONTH. AND WE'LL GET AN IDEA MORE ON THE RULEMAKING
12 AROUND T BUT YEAH, SO FAR, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE MONEY ON THE
13 STREET. IT'S BEEN A LONG IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.

14

15 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANKS FOR THE UPDATE. AND RAHMON
16 MOMOH?

17

18 **RAHMON MOMOH:** HELLO? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

19

20 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** WE CAN HEAR YOU.

21

22 **RAHMON MOMOH:** I NOTICED THE REPORT IS UPDATED. THIS IS DONE
23 EVERY FOUR YEARS SO THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE RELEASED IN 2022.
24 IT'S AN EVERY FOUR YEARS STUDY.

25



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1 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** THAT'S CORRECT.

2

3 **RAHMON MOMOH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE LEVEL OF EFFORT, HOW DO
4 YOU DETERMINE WHAT IS HIGH, MODERATE? IS THAT BASED ON
5 STUDIES? OR IS THAT SOMETHING BASED ON YOUR, YOU KNOW,
6 RESEARCH THAT YOU CAME UP WITH?

7

8 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE 2018 PLAN?

9

10 **RAHMON MOMOH:** NO. I'M LOOKING AT THE STRATEGIES AND THEN YOU
11 HAVE THE, YOU KNOW, ON PAGE -- THEN YOU HAVE THE TIMELINE, THE
12 LEVEL OF EFFORTS, AND THEN IT SHOWS SOME AT MINIMAL, SOME ARE
13 MODERATE, SOME ARE HIGH. SO I'M JUST WONDERING HOW YOU CAME UP
14 WITH THAT DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF EFFORT. WHICH ONE IS
15 HIGHER, WHICH ONE IS MODERATE?

16

17 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** SO, THOSE WERE DETERMINED BACK IN, PROBABLY
18 2017. I CAN'T RECALL EXACTLY. BUT IT'S ABOUT HOW, YOU KNOW,
19 WHETHER THERE IS POLITICAL -- WHETHER IT'S POLITICALLY
20 FEASIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION, WHETHER THERE IS AN
21 AGENCY READY TO TAKE ON THE RECOMMENDATION, WHETHER THE
22 FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, A NUMBER OF THINGS GO INTO THAT
23 CALCULUS.

24

25 **RAHMON MOMOH:** SO THAT MIGHT CHANGE FOR 2022, RIGHT?



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2 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. A LOT HAS CHANGED.

3

4 **RAHMON MOMOH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER
7 QUESTIONS. AND I'LL ASK ONE FINAL QUESTION. WHEN YOU BEGIN
8 YOUR EQUITY PLANNING GROUP, OR COMMITTEE, WILL YOU GO BACK TO
9 THE SAME CBOS AND OTHERS THAT WERE ON THE COMMITTEE, BACK IN
10 2018? OR WILL YOU LOOK FOR A WHOLE NEW GROUP OF PEOPLE?

11

12 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY
13 COMMITTEE? THE TAC? OR ARE YOU LOOKING AT WHO WE'LL BE DOING
14 OUTREACH TO?

15

16 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THE TAC.

17

18 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** A LOT OF THEM WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME WE
19 CERTAINLY HAD A VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE GROUP LAST TIME SO I THINK,
20 YEAH, WE WANT TO LOOK FOR EXPERTS WHO COULD REALLY HONE IN ON
21 THESE ISSUES, AND GUIDE THIS PLAN IN A WAY THAT IT WILL BE
22 HELPFUL TO THOSE THAT WILL USE IT AFTER IT IS ADOPTED.

23



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1 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THAT'S GREAT. AND I'M WONDERING IF
2 YOU COULD SHARE WITH US THE MEMBERS OF IT, OF IT AC THROUGH AN
3 E-MAIL?

4

5 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** MARTHA ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
8 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED?

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
11 RAISED AND NO COMMENT RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANKS DRENNEN, AND WE'LL SEE YOU
14 BACK HERE IN THE SUMMER TIME?

15

16 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** YES THAT'S WHEN I WILL BE BACK.

17

18 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION.

19

20 **DRENNAN SHELTON:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** AGENDA ITEM SIX MTC'S UPDATE EQUITY
23 CONSULTANT BENCH AND YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME WITH YOUR NAME.

24

25 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** MY NAME IS NALUNGO CONNOLY.



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2 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND NO
3 ACTION IS REQUIRED FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

4

5 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE MY NAME IS NALUNGO
6 CONNOLY. I AM THERESE MCMILLAN'S CHIEF OF STAFF. I AM ALSO THE
7 ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT MTC, AND I
8 AM VERY EXCITED TODAY TO PRESENT THIS UPDATE ON ONE OF OUR
9 EQUITY INITIATIVES, WHICH IS THE ON-CALL EQUITY BENCH. THIS IS
10 ONE OF SEVERAL EQUITY FOCUSED ACTIVITIES THAT THE AGENCY IS
11 ENGAGING IN OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, AND REALLY JUST TO
12 THREAD IN A LARGER EFFORT THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO UNDERTAKE
13 EQUITY AT ALL LEVELS AT MTC. SO JUST A BRIEF BACKGROUND BEFORE
14 WE GET INTO THE PRESENTATION, TO SORT OF HELP THE
15 CONTEXTUALIZE FORMATION OF THIS ON-CALL BENCH, MY COWORKERS,
16 JUDIS SANTOS AND KY-NAM MILLER HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR
17 THE PAST FEW MONTHS AS PART OF MTC EQUITY TASK FORCE. AND
18 AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AND BRAINSTORMING AND NETWORKING, BOTH
19 INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY, AT THE AGENCY, WE SORT OF CAME TO
20 THE REALIZATION THAT WE NEED TO HELP PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
21 RESOURCES TO SORT OF ASSIST WITH ADVANCING EQUITY AT THE
22 AGENCY. THERE IS A LOT OF STAFF WHO SORT OF FELT LIKE THEY
23 WERE STARTING THIS PROCESS BUT THEY DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHERE
24 TO GO TO TAKE THAT NEXT STEP. AND SO THERE ARE A LOT OF IDEAS
25 PUT FORTH, BUT THE CREATION OF THIS BENCH WAS SORT OF OUR BEST



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1 SOLUTION TO SORT OF PROVIDE RELIEF AND SUPPORT WITH THEIR
2 EFFORTS. SO, AFTER MANY MONTHS, WE ARE NOW MOVING INTO THE
3 FINAL STAGES OF ESTABLISHING THIS RESOURCE. AND I REALLY JUST
4 WANTED TO TAKE THE TIME TO COME TO THIS GROUP AND INFORM YOU
5 OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN A BIT MORE DETAIL. SO IF NTT COULD BRING
6 UP THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. AND THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.
7 THANK YOU. SO SINCE EARLY SPRING OF 2020, THE MTC EQUITY TEAM,
8 WHICH IS SORT OF THE THREE THEY MENTIONED, MYSELF, JUDIS
9 SANTOS, AND KY-NAM MILLER, WITH P.M. 65 OR SO OTHER EQUITY
10 STAKEHOLDERS AT THE AGENCY, HAVE ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF
11 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO KIND OF CAPTURE
12 AND HIGHLIGHT THE CATEGORIES THAT STAFF BELIEVES WOULD BE MOST
13 VALUABLE TO ADVANCING THEIR EQUITY EFFORTS AT THE AGENCY. SO,
14 YOU SEE THE CATEGORIES LISTED HERE, THEY'RE BY NO MEANS
15 EXHAUSTIVE, OF THE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR MTC STAFF, BUT THEY DO
16 BEST EXEMPLIFY THE AREAS WHERE EFFORTS ARE EITHER ONGOING,
17 BEING REASSESSED FOR EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS, OR HIGH IMPACT
18 AREAS WHERE THE APPLICATION OF AN EQUITY LENS WILL ADDRESS
19 SYSTEMIC DISINVESTMENTS, DISENFRANCHISEMENTS OR ELEVATE
20 PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED POPULATIONS. SO AS YOU CAN SEE, THE
21 PURPOSE OF THIS EQUITY BENCH IS THREE-FOLD. IT IS FIRST AND
22 FOREMOST MEANT TO BE A FACT RESOURCE FOR IMPLEMENT BEING THE
23 EQUITY PLATFORM. SOME OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THAT
24 PLATFORM, THERESE INTRODUCED IT IN 2019. SHE DID A VARIETY OF
25 PRESENTATIONS. SO IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN ONE, WE CAN PROVIDE YOU



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1 WITH A LINK TO SEVERAL OF THOSE PRESENTATIONS. THE EQUITY
2 PLATFORM IS -- IT'S AN EVALUATIVE TOOL THAT WE USE TO ASSESS
3 AND SORT OF REVIEW OUR NEW CURRENT OR REIMAGINED PROJECT AND
4 PROGRAMS FOR EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS. BUT IT'S ALSO MEANT TO
5 HELP DRIVE CONVERSATION THAT SEEK TO TRANSFORM EMBEDDED
6 CULTURAL NORMS AMONG STAFF, INTERNALLY AND ALSO EXTERNALLY
7 WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES WITHIN OUR REGION.
8 THIS BENCH IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A RESOURCE FOR STAFF TO SORT
9 OF HELP WITH THOSE ACTIVITIES. AND AS MTC EMPLOYEES SORT OF
10 WORK THROUGH THE PILLARS THAT ARE OUTLINED IN THE EQUITY
11 PLATFORM, THIS BENCH IS MEANT TO HELP BRIDGE SORT OF THE GAP
12 THAT MIGHT BE THERE IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING EQUITY METRICS AND
13 THEN BEING ABLE TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD
14 HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL. IT IS ALSO MEANT TO HELP BUILD
15 CAPACITY. SO, OUR PROJECT TEAM, PROJECT MANAGERS HAVE STATED
16 THEY PROBABLY HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES AND BECAUSE MTC HAS MADE
17 A COMMITMENT TO ELEVATING EQUITY BOTH INTERNALLY AND
18 EXTERNALLY AND MADE IT A PRIORITY, THIS BENCH WILL ALLOW
19 PROJECT MANAGERS TO EXPAND THEIR CAPACITY IN AREAS WHERE THEY
20 MIGHT HAVE SOME RESOURCE GAPS. SO THE IDEA, HOPEFULLY, BEHIND
21 THIS BENCH, IS THAT NO PROJECT MANAGER WILL HAVE TO SACRIFICE
22 SOME OF THEIR EQUITY ACTIVITIES BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE
23 TO STAFF, YOU KNOW, THOSE PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES WHILE WITH THE
24 TEAM THEY HAVE. AND THEN FINALLY IT'S MEANT TO BE A TECHNICAL
25 RESOURCE. SO WE HAVE DONE A LOT OF OUTREACH, AND CONTINUE TO



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1 DO MORE, AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE A VARIETY OF VENDORS AND
2 INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES THAT CAN PROVIDE SUBJECT MATTER
3 EXPERTISE, AND BRING THEIR UNIQUE UNDERSTANDINGS AND LIVED
4 EXPERIENCES ON HOW TO REALLY ANCHOR EQUITY IN OUR PLANNING,
5 OUR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, DELIVERY, AND OUTREACH FOR OUR
6 REGIONAL COMMUNITIES. AND, AS YOU CAN SEE HERE FROM THIS
7 SLIDE, THE EQUITY ON-CALL FROM THE BENCH CONTAINS FIVE
8 CATEGORIES. THEY'RE VERY SHORT DESCRIPTORS LISTED FOR EACH OF
9 THEM. I THINK MORE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN THE MEMO, AND
10 ACTUALLY EVEN MORE DESCRIPTION IS PROVIDED IN THE RFQ. SO AS
11 YOU CAN SEE, INTERNAL OPERATIONS REALLY IS LOOKING AT SORT OF
12 THE INTERNAL PROCESSES OF THE AGENCY, THAT COULD BE LOOKING AT
13 OUR HIRING REQUIREMENTS, OUR PROMOTIONAL STANDARDS OR
14 ACTIVITIES, AND THEN UNDER INVESTMENTS AND POLICIES THAT SORT
15 OF COVERS, WE'RE LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO SORT OF UNDERSTAND THE
16 IMPACT OF RESOURCE INVESTMENTS AND POLICY DECISIONS ON
17 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES HELPING US BETTER FOCUS FOR THOSE
18 AREAS THAT WE DO HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY SINCE A LOT OF OUR
19 FUNDING IS BY FORMULA TO SORT OF LOOK HOW WE CAN MAXIMIZE YOU
20 KNOW REALLY MAXIMIZE OUR ACTIVITIES AND THE FUNDS THAT WE HAVE
21 RECEIVED TO REALLY MEET OUR EQUITY GOALS. AND THEN UNDER
22 COMMUNITY AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO MOVE
23 BEYOND TRANSACTIONAL OUTREACH AND REALLY ADVANCE MORE
24 AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS, I THINK WE DO THAT TO A
25 CERTAIN EXTENT NOW, BUT WE'RE REALLY ALWAYS LOOKING AT WAYS TO



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1 BUILD TRUST AND YOU KNOW IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE
2 COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR REGION. AND INNOVATION IS A REALLY
3 INTERESTING CATEGORY THAT SORT OF STAFF IDENTIFIED. THIS ONE
4 IS LOOKING AT ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY AND TOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN
5 SORT OF BROUGHT TO MARKET IN AREAS OF TRANSPORTATION AND
6 HOUSING I WANT TO ENSURE THEY NOT ONLY REFLECT LOW INCOME
7 EARNERS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR BUT THEY ALSO HAVE THE SAME
8 LEVEL OF ACCESS. SO STAFF SORT OF FELT LIKE IT WOULD BE NICE
9 TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GET FOLKS FOCUSED ON THAT
10 PARTICULAR SUBJECT MATTER AND BRING AN EQUITY LENS TO THOSE
11 DISCUSSIONS. AND FINALLY WE HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WHICH
12 IS SORT OF OUR CATEGORY, OUR UMBRELLA CATEGORY, IF YOU WILL,
13 WHICH FOCUSES ON DESIGNING AND PROMOTING INTEGRATIVE
14 STRATEGIES TO HELP SHAPE HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS AND INCLUSIVE
15 COMMUNITIES. SO THESE ARE ALL SORT OF BROAD DESCRIPTIONS BUT
16 HOPEFULLY THEY SORT OF GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF AN IDEA OF OUR
17 FOCUS AREAS FOR RIGHT NOW. WE ALWAYS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO
18 EXPAND THESE CATEGORIES, BUT WE THOUGHT THAT THESE WOULD BE A
19 REALLY GOOD PLACE TO START, CURRENTLY. SO NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
20 SO, WHO CAN USE THIS BENCH? OBVIOUSLY MTC STAFF, OF COURSE, IT
21 WAS BORNE OUT OF THE DESIRE TO ADDRESS OUR AGENCY'S NEED TO
22 FOCUS ON EQUITY SOLUTIONS, BUT IT'S -- WE ALSO WANTED IT TO BE
23 A RESOURCE FOR THOSE THAT WE PARTNER WITH AND ENGAGE
24 THROUGHOUT THE REGION. AS I HEARD SOMEONE MENTION EARLIER, THE
25 IMPACTS, YOU KNOW, OF COVID, CONTINUE TO BE FELT, AND, YOU



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1 KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THEY FIND REALLY EXCITING, OF COURSE,
2 IS THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF FOLKS ARE REALLY MAKING -- REALLY
3 CEMENTING THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RECOVERY PROCESS REALLY
4 HAS TO HAVE AN EQUITY LENS. RIGHT? IT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN AN
5 EQUITABLE MANNER. AND SO TO THIS END WHAT WE REALLY TRIED TO
6 DO IS, AS WE WERE SORT OF SETTING UP THIS BENCH, IT CONTAINS
7 COOPERATIVE USE LANGUAGE WHICH SOME OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR
8 WITH, BUT WHAT THAT ALLOWS IS FOR ANY OF OUR REGIONAL
9 PARTNERS, YOU CAN EITHER DO MINI PROCUREMENTS OFF OF THIS
10 BENCH, OR DIRECT CONTRACT WITH ANY OF THE VENDORS ON THIS
11 BENCH IF COOPERATIVE USE LANGUAGE IS SOMETHING THAT IS
12 ALLOWABLE BY YOUR AGENCIES. SO, YOU KNOW, RATHER THAN JUST
13 SORT OF MAKE THIS AVAILABLE ONLY TO MTC STAFF, WE RECOGNIZE
14 THAT, YOU KNOW, THE WORK THAT WE DO IS OFTEN IN PARTNERSHIP
15 WITH OTHERS. AND SO WE REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT, YOU
16 KNOW, WE WERE WORKING UNITED HERE IN TERMS OF REALLY PUSHING
17 FORWARD AN EQUITY AGENDA. AND SO, AS YOU CAN SEE, THE NEXT
18 STEPS HERE ARE POSTED LATE DECEMBER SHORTLY AFTER THE
19 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WE HAD OUR CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 6TH. WE HAD
20 APRIL '70 PARTNERSHIPS, WHICH I THINK IS A GREAT TURN OUT. I
21 THINK THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE DOING DIRECT OUTREACH SO PART OF
22 MY COMING TO THIS PARTICULAR BODY WAS TO ENCOURAGE TO YOU
23 REACH OUT TO THOSE CBOS WHO, YOU KNOW, MAYBE DO WORK IN ANY OR
24 ALL OF THOSE SPACES, AND HAVE THEM CHECK OUT THE RFQ WHICH IS
25 LISTED ON OUR E CONTRACTS SECTION. AND THINK ABOUT REALLY



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1 PARTNERING WITH MTC, SO THAT WE CAN REALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE
2 HAVE, NOT JUST A DIVERSE GROUP OF APPLICANTS, BUT ALSO FOLKS,
3 YOU KNOW, THAT CAN REPRESENT THE DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIES THAT WE
4 HAVE WITHIN OUR REGION, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY THE NEEDS ARE GOING
5 TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE IN THE REGION
6 AND IT WOULD BE REALLY GREAT IF WE COULD HAVE A BENCH THAT'S
7 REFLECTIVE OF THOSE NEEDS. AND NEXT SLIDE. WAIT, BEFORE WE GO
8 TO THE NEXT SLIDE. LET'S SEE, WE HAVE A QUESTION AND ANSWER
9 PERIOD, AND ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE DUE ON THE 13th, SO I WOULD
10 SUGGEST THAT IF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING THAT THEY GO
11 CHECK OUT THE RFQ AND THEN SUBMIT ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE,
12 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN PROPOSALS WILL BE DUE ON THE
13 21st. SO, I ANTICIPATE GOING TO THE MTC ADMIN COMMITTEE AND
14 COMMISSION IN MARCH TO HAVE THEM APPROVE THE FINAL VERSION OF
15 THIS BENCH WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THOSE THAT
16 HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. AND I WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU'RE INTERESTED
17 TO COME BACK TO PRESENT THE FINAL BENCH TO THIS COMMITTEE
18 PROBABLY SOMETIME EARLY IN APRIL DEPENDING ON WHEN YOU'RE
19 MEETING FOR THAT MONTH. NEXT SLIDE. YEAH. THAT CONCLUDES MY
20 PRESENTATION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS TIME
21 TO GIVE THIS UPDATE ON THE ON-CALL EQUITY BENCH AND I AM MORE
22 THAN HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.
23



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1 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NALUGO, THE WORK YOU'RE
2 DOING WITH KY-NAM IS PHENOMENAL. THE PROPOSALS ARE DUE MARCH
3 21ST.

4

5 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** THE 13th IS WHEN QUESTIONS ARE DUE, SO IF YOU
6 HAVE QUESTIONS ON THE RFQ THEY ARE DUE ON THE 13th BUT THE
7 PROPOSALS ARE DUE ON THE 21st.

8

9 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I SEE A HAND FROM RICK
10 COATES.

11

12 **RICK COATES:** YEAH. I HAVE A COMMENT AND QUESTION. FIRST OF
13 ALL, SOMEBODY AT MTC IS VERY CREATIVE IN COMING UP WITH NAMES
14 FOR THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES AND WHAT HAVE YOU.
15 EQUITY CONSULTANT BENCH, THAT'S A NEW ONE ON ME, AND I HAVE TO
16 SAY THAT IF I WERE JUST WALKING IN OFF THE STREET, I WOULD
17 HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT WAS. BUT IT SOUNDS NICE. BUT MY REAL
18 QUESTION IS THIS: I NOTICED UNDER THE TITLE THERE OF
19 INNOVATION, FOR SOME REASON THERE WAS NO TENSION OF THE
20 DISABLED OR ELDERLY. WAS THAT INTENTIONAL? OR IS IT JUST
21 FOCUSED ON LOW INCOME AND PEOPLE OF COLOR?

22

23 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** NO, SO, THERE, I BELIEVE, WAS MENTIONED IN THE
24 RFQ, WE'RE LOOKING AT SORT OF -- AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A LOT
25 OF, SORT OF, LEVELS TO EQUITY. REALTIME? THERE IS SORT OF THE



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1 INCOME ASPECT, THERE IS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THERE ARE THOSE
2 WHO ARE DISABLED, THERE IS JUST -- THERE IS LANGUAGE, I MEAN
3 THERE IS A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT LEVELS TO EQUITY. I MEAN, NO
4 ONE IS REALLY BEING EXCLUDED FOR THIS PARTICULAR MEMO, AND I
5 THINK, THE PRESENTATION, JUST TO BE BRIEF, WE SORT OF JUST
6 USED THESE LITTLE PAT EXAMPLES. BUT THE RFQ HAS A LOT MORE
7 DETAIL, AND I AM HAPPY TO FORWARD TO YOU OR THE COMMITTEE THE
8 LINK TO CHECK OUT THAT DOCUMENT IT'S JUST SORT OF LONG AND I
9 DIDN'T WANT TO OVERWHELM WITH A LOT OF WORDS. SO, NO, THE IDEA
10 HERE IS TO ACTUALLY SORT OF ADDRESS ALL OF THOSE THINGS,
11 ESPECIALLY FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES, BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW THERE
12 IS CHALLENGES WITH SOME OF THE SORT OF MICRO MOBILITY FIRST
13 AND LAST MILE REALLY INNOVATIVE TOOLS THAT FOLKS REALLY --
14 THAT WERE BROUGHT TO MARKET, BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY PROVIDE THE
15 SAME LEVEL OF ACCESS FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, FOR A VARIETY OF
16 REASONS. SO NO IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL TO SORT OF LEAVE OFF
17 THOSE COMMUNITIES IN THAT DESCRIPTION.

18

19 **RICK COATES:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RAHMON, AND THEN RANDI?

22

23 **RAHMON MOMOH:** HELLO? SOMEBODY IS SHARING SCREEN?

24

25 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** YES. GO AHEAD.



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2 **RAHMON MOMOH:** ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT THE RFP, AND
3 THE RFQ, I BELIEVE I SAW IN DECEMBER -- I'M LOOKING FOR IT
4 AGAIN -- IS IT POSSIBLE -- I THINK YOU SAID YOU WOULD SEND IT
5 TO US?

6

7 **MARTI PASCHAL:** THIS IS MARTI PASCHAL, I SENT IT TO THE POLICY
8 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 30TH.

9

10 **RAHMON MOMOH:** SORRY. I MUST HAVE MISSED IT DURING THE NEW
11 YEARS CELEBRATION. THIS IS GREAT. AND DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN
12 THE OUTCOME, YOU KNOW, AND I -- YOU KNOW, ONE QUESTION I HAVE
13 IS, WHY YOU SAY ON-CALL, MY DAUGHTER, AS YOU KNOW, SHE IS ON-
14 CALL ALL THE TIME SO I AM MORE FAMILIAR WITH ON-CALL, WITH
15 MEDICAL PRACTICE, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, NOT -- YOU'RE ON CALL,
16 WHEN YOU'RE AVAILABLE -- SO IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT? ON-
17 CALL, EQUITY BENCH?

18

19 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** I THINK ON-CALL WAS REALLY JUST THE IDEA THAT
20 WHAT WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW IS GATHERING A GROUP OF, YOU KNOW,
21 EQUITY SPECIALISTS, RIGHT? AND SORT OF THOSE CATEGORIES, AND
22 ON-CALL, MORE SO DESCRIBES THE FACT THAT THE PROCESS OF WHICH
23 YOU CAN ENGAGE WITH THEM. RIGHT? SO RATHER THAN SORT OF
24 ISSUING ONE CONTRACT, IT'S MORE SO WE'RE SETTING UP A RESOURCE
25 FOR ALL OF STAFF, SO THAT WHEN THEY HAVE A PROJECT OR THEY



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1 HAVE A PROGRAM AND THEY MEET TO ENGAGE, THAT THEY CAN SORT OF
2 REACH OUT AND EITHER DIRECT CONTRACT, OR DO A MINI PROCUREMENT
3 OFF OF THIS BENCH. I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

4

5 **RAHMON MOMOH:** THANK YOU. STILL A LITTLE CONFUSED BUT I THINK
6 MAYBE I'M NOT SURE IF YOU FIND A DIFFERENT NAME FOR IT INSTEAD
7 OF CALLING IT, YOU KNOW, USE IT "ON-CALL" BUT YOU ARE THE
8 EXPERTS AND IT BRINGS A DIFFERENT MEANING TO ME WHEN I SEE T
9 BUT YOU ARE THE EXPERTS SO I DEFER IT TO YOU.

10

11 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** THIS IS GOOD FEEDBACK. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
12 WE HAVE SET AT THE BENCH FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS. GETTING
13 FEEDBACK IS VERY GOOD. WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE CONFUSING, SO WE
14 CAN LOOK AT THAT.

15

16 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RANDI?

17

18 **RANDI KINMAN:** HI. I WANTED TO FIRST CIRCLE BACK TO RICK'S
19 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS UNDER INNOVATION. WHEN YOU OMIT TWO
20 CATEGORIES THAT THIS COMMITTEE REPRESENTS IN JUST A SLIDE SHOW
21 LIKE THIS, IT -- IT SUGGESTS AN EXCLUSION. SO I JUST WANT YOU
22 TO BE VERY AWARE OF HOW THAT PRESENTS TO A COMMITTEE THAT'S
23 TASKED BY THE COMMISSION OF WORKING ON BEHALF OF SENIORS AND
24 THE DISABLED WHO ARE ACTUALLY PROBABLY AS MUCH IF NOT MORE IN
25 NEED OF TECHNOLOGY AND WHO INCREASINGLY HAVE TO USE TECHNOLOGY



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1 TO GET TO GO ALONG. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF GOING FORWARD
2 WE CAN KIND OF KEEP AN EYE ON THAT. IT MAY BE IN THE RFQ BUT
3 IT'S NOT IN A DOCUMENT THAT YOU ARE PRESENTING TO THE PUBLIC.
4 AND ONLY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN IN FAR TOO MANY PUBLIC MEETINGS
5 WHICH WHERE THE REAL DOCUMENT, IN THE RFQ AND SOLID AND GOOD,
6 BUT JUST LOSING TWO WORDS IN A STAFF PRESENTATION CAN REALLY
7 DERAIL THE PROCESS. I'M NOT HARPING ON YOU I'M JUST BASICALLY
8 SAYING DON'T DO THIS IF YOU DON'T WANT ADVOCATES COMING DOWN
9 ON TOP OF YOU. MY QUESTION IS, DO YOU HAVE DEFINITIONS FOR
10 THINGS LIKE SYSTEMICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES?

11

12 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** WE DO, BUT NOT IN THIS PARTICULAR RFQ.

13

14 **RANDI KINMAN:** SO I WOULD HAVE NO IDEA WHO, WHO YOU'RE
15 CONSIDERING A SYSTEMICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY.

16

17 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** SO HERE IS THE PURPOSE THAT, I THINK -- WELL,
18 THIS, I THINK, IS THE IDEA OF BEHIND GETTING MORE SPECIFIC
19 ABOUT WHAT THAT PARTICULAR PHRASE WOULD REPRESENT RIGHT IN
20 THIS BENCH IS THAT IF I HAD A PROJECT THAT I WAS WORKING ON,
21 OR TWO PEOPLE, RIGHT, AT THE AGENCY HAD A PROJECT THAT THEY
22 WERE WORKING ON, AND THAT PARTICULAR DEFINITION COULD ACTUALLY
23 REPRESENT TWO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, RIGHT, OF INDIVIDUALS THAT
24 THEY'RE ADDRESSING. AND SO, I THINK PART OF THIS WAS TRYING TO
25 BALANCE NOT MAKING OUR DEFINITIONS TOO SPECIFIC, BUT SO THAT



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1 THE PEOPLE WHO APPLY TO BE ON THIS BENCH UNDER, SO INVESTMENTS
2 AND POLICY, WHATEVER THEIR AREA OF EXPERTISE S THEY CAN BE
3 SPECIFIC, BUT THAT WAY BOTH OF US CAN USE PEOPLE IN THAT
4 CATEGORY OFF THE BENCH BUT IT DOESN'T EXCLUDE ONE OR BOTH OF
5 OUR PROJECTS BECAUSE WE SORT OF PIGEON-TOED THE RESPONDENTS TO
6 SORT OF ONLY FIT WITHIN ONE PARTICULAR DEFINITION.

7

8 **RANDI KINMAN:** THAT'S HELPFUL BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS I WILL BE
9 EVENTUALLY ASKING FOR A REPORT-OUT ON THE GENDER OF THESE
10 EQUITY POLICIES SIMPLY BECAUSE I DON'T -- IF WE DON'T
11 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, ESPECIALLY IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE, WHERE
12 IT'S NOTHING BUT WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS BASICALLY,
13 THEN I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT -- AND THAT HELPS, BECAUSE THAT
14 KEEPS THE LANGUAGE -- THANK YOU, TO REMAIN REALLY CLEAR AND
15 OPEN IN THAT -- BUT I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULD
16 TARGET, IF YOU ARE NOT SEEING -- IF YOU ARE NOT SEEING A
17 GENDER PARITY IN THE RESPONSES, OR THE PEOPLE WHO APPLY, THEN
18 WE NEED TO STEP BACK AND FIGURE THAT OUT BEFORE WE GO FORWARD
19 WITH THIS. IT'S JUST -- THAT'S JUST ONE OF MY BIG BUGS. BUT,
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** NO. ABSOLUTELY. AND I AM GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT
23 UP, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME, AND SO YOU KNOW,
24 NOT SORT OF KNOWING WHAT THE RESPONSES IN THE PROPOSALS WILL
25 LOOK LIKE, ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE ALLOWED OURSELVES, TOO,



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1 IS THE TIME TO REISSUE. THE IDEA IS, IF WE DO NOT HAVE SORT OF
2 THAT DIVERSITY THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR THEN WE CAN OPEN UP
3 EITHER ALL OF THE CATEGORIES OR SPECIFIC CATEGORIES AND THEN
4 ADD ON, YOU KNOW, SPECIFIC, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, OR, YOU
5 KNOW, THAT WE THINK WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL IN SORT OF GETTING
6 THAT PARITY THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

7

8 **RANDI KINMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THAT ALSO CIRCLES BACK TO THE
9 INNOVATION PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IN THAT THE INNOVATION ALWAYS
10 SEEMS TO BE PRIMARILY FOR ABLE-BODIED YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, LIKE,
11 SCOOTERS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT ARE CONSIDERED INNOVATIVE
12 AND BIKE SHARES IS AWESOME BUT CERTAINLY DID NOT HELP ME WHEN
13 I WAS IN A CAST FOR SIX MONTHS AND DOESN'T HELP MY
14 NEIGHBORHOOD WHO IS -- I'M NEVER ALLOWING THAT PERSON ON A
15 SCOOTER, BECAUSE THEY WILL WIND UP IN A CAST FOR SIX MONTHS.
16 SO, THANK YOU. THAT HELPS A LOT. IT CLEARS UP A LOT. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** AND WE'RE COMING BACK TO PRESENT TO THIS
20 COMMITTEE THE FINAL BENCH SO YOU CAN SEE WHO ACCEPTED ON THE
21 BENCH IN THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES THEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO
22 FIND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY PROPOSER THAT IS THERE. SO
23 WE CAN BRING THAT BACK. YES.

24



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1 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO LIFT UP
2 RANDY'S COMMENTS AS WELL, WITHOUT HAVING THESE DEFINITIONS TO
3 CLOSE THE LOOP, IT JUST LEAVES MORE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO READ
4 INTO, TO WHAT'S LACKING AND TO WHAT YOU'RE NOT DOING. SO I
5 REALIZE IT MAY BE A LITTLE BIT OF WORK ON YOUR END, IT WILL BE
6 SURE BE A LOT MORE CLEAR ON OUR END, AND WE CAN HELP EXPLAIN
7 IT TO THE COMMUNITY. SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. I DID WANT
8 TO ASK ONE FINAL QUESTION, WHILE I WAIT AND SEE IF THERE ARE
9 ANY OTHER PANELISTS, ANY OF OUR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAVE
10 A QUESTION. BUT MY QUESTION S UNDER INNOVATIONS, AND I KNOW WE
11 WANT TO HELP COMMUNITIES BUILD PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES SUCH AS
12 THE CANAL NEIGHBORHOOD IN SAN RAFAEL IN MARIN COUNTY I'M
13 WONDERING IF ANY OF THESE FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR PUBLIC
14 ACCESS TO OVERCOME THE DIGITAL DIVIDE BY PROVIDING FREE WI-FI
15 SERVICES. THAT COULD BE HELPFUL. SO I'M NOT SURE IF WE COULD
16 STRETCH THIS ENOUGH TO BUILD A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY BY
17 OVERCOMING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.

18

19 **NALUNGO CONLEY:** SO THIS BENCH ACTUALLY DOESN'T ALLOCATE ANY
20 FUNDS. THIS IS ACTUALLY A BENCH TO COLLECT RESOURCES. SO WHEN
21 WE GET THE PROPOSERS -- OR THE PROPOSALS, WHAT WE WILL DO IS,
22 WE'LL ACCEPT A NUMBER OF THEM IN THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES, AND
23 THEN YOU AS AN MTC EMPLOYEE, OR REGIONAL PARTNER, YOU SAY, OH,
24 WE REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO COME IN AND HELP WITH THIS PROJECT,
25 THIS PILOT PROJECT THAT WE'RE DOING, PERHAPS, AS YOU SPOKE



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1 WITH, YOU KNOW, PUTTING OUT SOME SORT OF RFQ FOR INNOVATIVE
2 TOOLS THAT ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THOSE WITH
3 DISABILITIES OR FOR SENIORS OR BOTH. AND SO TO THAT TOO, THEY
4 MAY HAVE A POT OF MONEY. THEY MAY HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS. AND
5 SO PART OF THEIR PROJECT DESIGN COULD INCLUDE SOMETHING ALONG
6 THOSE LINES. BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS BENCH, WE'RE NOT
7 SAYING, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE X NUMBER OF DOLLARS FOR EACH OF
8 THESE CATEGORIES. SO, AGAIN, LIKE I SAID, PART OF WRITING
9 THESE CATEGORIES SO BROAD IS THAT, IT DOESN'T EXCLUDE, YOU
10 KNOW, SOME OF THOSE LINKS IN TERMS OF, YOU KNOW, PERHAPS
11 BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT ACCESS TO
12 THE INTERNET, RIGHT NOW, IS SORT OF FOUNDATIONAL TO A LOT OF
13 THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING, WITH REGARDS TO TECHNOLOGY AND
14 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES AND SO IT COULD BE THAT SOMEONE HAS A
15 PROJECT THAT WOULD ALLOW THOSE LINKS AND THEN THEY COULD USE
16 THIS BENCH TO FIND SOME TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND TO HELP THEM
17 SORT OF CRAFT WHAT THAT COULD LOOK LIKE.

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19 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DON'T SEE
20 ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM OUR SUBCOMMITTEE. SO I'M GOING TO GO
21 AHEAD AND MOVE ON TO ANY WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS.

22
23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
24 RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM. THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH
25 THEIR HAND RAISED. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THEM.



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2 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** LET'S GO AHEAD AND GIVE THEM THREE
3 MINUTES.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. WALTER, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
6 YOURSELF. WALTER? WALTER, YOU MUTED YOURSELF. WALTER, YOU HAVE
7 TO UNMUTE YOURSELF. TRY SPEAKING. WALTER WILSON. DO YOU HAVE
8 YOUR PHONE MUTED? OKAY. WE TRIED. YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN
9 PUBLIC COMMENT TO INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV, AND I'LL ADD IT TO
10 THE PACKET IF YOU SEND IT BY 5:00 P.M. TODAY.

11

12 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO ITEM
13 SEVEN NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY BRING UP
14 NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION OR ADDITIONAL TO FUTURE AGENDAS. I
15 SEE RANDI HAS HER HAND UP. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **RANDI KINMAN:** HI. WE HAVE TWO VACANCIES ON THIS PARTICULAR
18 COMMITTEE THAT I'LL BE APPOINTING TO, DAISY OZIM IS NO LONGER
19 A MEMBER OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, CHRISTINA GOTUACO, AS
20 YOU INDICATED, HAS -- IS STILL ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL, BUT
21 HER -- SHE WILL NOT BE ON THE EQUITY AND ACCESS. SO WALTER
22 WHITE WILL BE ONE OF THE PEOPLE APPOINTED AT OUR NEXT MEETING,
23 AND IF ANYBODY ELSE IS INTERESTED, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE
24 BEEN IN THE -- WHO HAVE BEEN SIDE CHAIRS -- I HAVE LOST THE



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1 WORD THERE -- ALTERNATES. PLEASE LET ME KNOW, PERSONALLY,
2 BEFORE THE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, I THINK, YEAH. THANK YOU.
3

4 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER
5 ITEMS? I DID WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MARIN MOBILITY
6 CONSORTIUM. THEY'RE DOING A GREAT JOB IN MARIN AND HAVE BEEN
7 NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD IN OUR COUNTY SO IT JUST GOES TO SHOW
8 YOU THAT COMING TOGETHER AS A GROUP CAN REALLY MOVE US
9 FORWARD. AND I DO SEE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS A
10 COMMENT. MARTHA WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO ASK --
11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** IT'S WALTER AGAIN, SO LET'S TAKE IT UNDER
13 THE NEXT ITEM, GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.
14

15 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** GREAT. OKAY. BEFORE WE MOVE ON, ARE
16 THERE ANY COMMENTS FROM OUR SUBCOMMITTEE. SEEING NONE, LET'S
17 MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENTS OR OTHER BUSINESS. OH, PARDON ME. I
18 SEE RICK HEDGES.
19

20 **RICHARD HEDGES:** I WANT TO SAY BEFORE WE GET OFF RICHARD
21 BURNETT SEEMS TO BE SOMEWHAT A CELEBRITY THESE DAYS. HE WAS
22 FOCUSED IN AN ARTICLE I READ, I THINK IT WAS IN THE NEW YORK
23 TIMES ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSIT IN THE BAY AREA. HE WAS THE LEAD
24 PERSON THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT. I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT



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1 HAPPENED, BUT IT WAS CERTAINLY COMPLIMENTARY OF RICHARD.

2 ACTUALLY THAT WAS THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE.

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4 **RANDI KINMAN:** IT WAS THE TIMES.

5

6 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** COULD YOU FORWARD IT TO US?

7

8 **RICHARD BURNETT:** IT WAS PRINTED IN THE SUNDAY PAPER, NOT THIS

9 PAST SUNDAY, THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY. JANUARY 2ND OR 3RD,

10 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SO YO HAVE TO CHECK THE SUNDAY PAPER, I

11 THINK IT WAS JANUARY 3RD. WHAT I CAN DO IS I CAN FORWARD THE

12 LINK TO MARTHA, AND MARTHA CAN GIVE IT TO THE REST OF THE

13 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

14

15 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND, I SEE A

16 HAND UP IN BLUE, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS NEXT TO ANYONE'S

17 NAME. SO WE'LL GO AHEAD AND MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER EIGHT.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. WALTER, LET'S GIVE THIS ANOTHER GO.

21 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

24

25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, WE CAN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** MY APOLOGIES. I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. SO, I HEARD RANDI
3 SAID WALTER WHITE. WAS SHE REFERRING TO WALTER WILSON?

4

5 **RANDI KINMAN:** I'M SORRY. I HAVE BEEN WATCHING TOO MUCH
6 TELEVISION.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** IT'S ALL GOOD.

9

10 **RANDI KINMAN:** I'M SORRY. WALTER WITH A W. YES.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. W.W. WALTER WILSON. THANK YOU.

13

14 **RANDI KINMAN:** YEAH, THAT WOULD BE AWFUL.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WAS THAT YOUR ONLY COMMENT WALTER?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE OTHER THING THAT I
21 DIDN'T GET TO TALK ABOUT. CAN I?

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SURE. GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY FIRST I WANT TO SAY THAT THE WORK THAT NALUNGO
2 AND HER GROUP HAVE DONE IN PHENOMENAL. SO PEOPLE WHO WORK IN
3 THE SPACE LIKE I DO, FOR A LIVING UNDERSTAND WHAT EQUITY
4 CONSULTANT IS ALL ABOUT EVERYBODY I CIRCULATED IT TO, THE
5 RESPONSES I GOT WERE VERY EXCITED THAT MTC IS MOVING IN THIS
6 DIRECTION AND PROVIDING AN AVENUE NEW FOR PEOPLE TO BE
7 INCLUDED, AND PROVIDE INTO THE PROCESS. THE IDEA THAT WE
8 LEADING WITH IS GREAT, GENERALLY TODAY THOUGH MOST PEOPLE ARE
9 STARTING WITH RACE. RANDI IS RIGHT, A LOT OF WOMEN HAVE AND
10 ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS MOST OF WHICH ARE WOMEN OF COLOR WHO ARE
11 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S
12 GOING ON WITH COVID IN GENERAL. AND I WANT TO SAY SYSTEMICALLY
13 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES BY AND LARGE ARE COMMUNITIES OF
14 COLOR. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THAT'S
15 JUST WHAT THE DEFINITION IS, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, POOR
16 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, GENERALLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND
17 GREAT WORK. THANK YOU.

18

19 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. RICH HEDGES.

20

21 **RICHARD HEDGES:** I SENT A DOCUMENT WITH A GRAND JURY REPORT TO
22 MARTHA, AND AS YOU READ IT, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PEOPLE GET ON
23 THE GRAND JURY FOR MANY REASONS. ONE OF THEM IS TO SEARCH FOR
24 PARTICULAR FACTS IF THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT, BECAUSE THEY
25 ALREADY COME WITH AN OPINION ON THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE LOOKING



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1 AT. SO, IN WRITING THIS REPORT, THERE WAS A LOT OF
2 DISAGREEMENT ON IT. THERE ARE THINGS IN THAT REPORT THEY DON'T
3 AGREE WITH. I AGREE WITH THE OVERALL GENERAL MESSAGING REPORT
4 WHICH IS THAT READY WHEELS NEEDS A LOT OF WORK BUT THEY'RE
5 DOING THE BEST THEY K BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT I WISH WAS
6 NEVER IN THE REPORT AND THAT'S TO LIMIT THE HOURS TO TRY TO
7 SAVE MONEY. THAT WAS JUST WRONG TO PUT IN THE REPORT. AND THAT
8 HAS NOT BEEN DONE, BY THE WAY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **VEDA FLOREZ, CHAIR, CHAIR:** THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR INPUT
11 TODAY. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER NINE. ADJOURNMENT. AND TO
12 THE NEXT MEETING. OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE POLICY ADVISORY
13 COUNCIL EQUITY & ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY
14 FEBRUARY THE FIFTH, 2021, AT 10:00 A.M. SO, WE'RE ON A FRIDAY,
15 IN THE MORNING, BY WEBCAST, AS APPROPRIATE, DEPENDING ON THE
16 STATUS OF ANY SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS. ANY CHANGES TO THE
17 SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. SO, NO MOTION IS
18 NEEDED, AND I CALL THIS MEETING ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

19 [ADJOURNED]

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