

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

3 **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021, 9:45 AM**

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



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

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. COULD THE CLERK PLEASE
11 CONDUCT ROLL CALL.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CANEPA?

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19 **DIR. DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CHAVEZ?

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23 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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



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2 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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

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6 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** HERE.

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

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10 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

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

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14 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

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

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18 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** PRESENT.

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

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

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

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER PEDROZA? MEMBER RABBIT?

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5 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER RAMOS?

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9 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER SPERING?

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13 **JAMES P. SPERING:** HERE.

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

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM IS THE
18 CONSENT CALENDAR. AND THAT CONSISTS OF TWO ITEMS, APPROVAL OF
19 THE MINUTES AND THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY. DOES ANY MEMBER WISH
20 TO DISCUSS AN ITEM ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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22 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** MOVE.

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24 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** I'LL MOVE.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** SECOND BY MACKENZIE. DISCUSSION ON THE
2 CONSENT CALENDAR? I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT
3 CALENDAR.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE SUBMITTED
6 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM AND NO HANDS RAISED.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** CALL THE ROLL.

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

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** IT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
13 PRESENT.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO TO ITEM 3A
16 A PRESENTATION ON GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL '21/'22 STATE
17 BUDGET. REBECCA LONG.

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19 **REBECCA LONG:** REBECCA LONG MTC STAFF. THE STATE BUDGET IS
20 DOING MUCH BETTER THAN WE WOULD EXPECT GIVEN WE'RE IN A
21 PANDEMIC THERE IS AN ESTIMATED SURPLUS OF \$34 BILLION AND THE
22 GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING TO ENSURE HALF OF THAT IS PUT INTO
23 RESERVES CREATING SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUITE A BIT OF ONE
24 TIME FUNDING. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE BUDGET
25 IS FORECAST TO RETURN TO SOME DEFICITS BEGINNING IN THE NEXT



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1 FISCAL YEAR IN 2023. HENCE THE EMPHASIS ON ONE TIME FUNDING.
2 FOR TRANSPORTATION I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT'S
3 NOTED IN THE MEMO IS THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS ON THE
4 HIGHWAY SIDE. AND SOME PORTION OF THOSE WERE DIRECTLY
5 DISTRIBUTED TO URBANIZED AREAS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE BAY AREA
6 ESTIMATES RECEIVING ABOUT 37 MILLION OF THOSE. HOWEVER, IN
7 RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE, IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS
8 SOME RESISTANCE TO DISTRIBUTING THOSE FUNDS ACCORDING TO THE
9 NORMAL SUBALLOCATION APPROACH FOR THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
10 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WHICH IS WHAT WE AND MANY OTHER MPOS HAD
11 EXPECTED. SO WE'RE WORKING WITH CALTRANS AND THE CTC ON THAT.
12 THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION EARLIER THIS WEEK IN A MEETING WITH
13 THE CTC THAT THEY HAD ENVISIONED USING THE STIP AS THE
14 MECHANISM TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE LOCAL FUNDS WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS
15 A MUCH MORE CUMBERSOME PROCESS WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
16 STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS ON THAT AND HOPEFULLY HAVE AN
17 EFFICIENT WAY OF GETTING FUNDS TO THE REGIONS. IN ADDITION,
18 THERE WAS SOME PROVISION IN THE FEDERAL BILL ABOUT BACKFILLING
19 FOR TOLL REVENUE SO WE DID WANT TO PURSUE THE OPPORTUNITY
20 THERE TO FUND SOME OF THE CRITICAL MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE
21 BRIDGE -- BRIDGES, ON THE STATE OWNED TOLL BRIDGES THAT REALLY
22 WE COULDN'T FUND RIGHT NOW GIVEN THAT WE LOST \$250 MILLION
23 RELATIVE TO WHAT WE ANTICIPATED TO REDUCE BRIDGE TRAFFIC. SO
24 THAT'S IT ON THE TRANSPORTATION SIDE THAT I WANTED TO
25 HIGHLIGHT. AND ON THE HOUSING SIDE WE'RE CONTINUING TO PURSUE



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1 SUPPORT FOR THE \$18.5 MILLION BUDGET ASK. WE'RE WORKING WITH
2 BAY AREA CAUCUS, TRYING TO BRING THAT WHOLE CAUCUS IN SUPPORT
3 OF THE ASK, AND WE ALSO PLAN TO REACH OUT TO THE
4 ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE REQUEST,
5 AND AS A REMINDER THIS IS TO HELP FUND THE PILOT PROJECTS TO
6 HELP LAUNCH THE REGION'S EXPANDED REGIONAL HOUSING PORTFOLIO.
7 IN TENANT PROTECTION THE MEMO HIGHLIGHTS THAT WE DID RECEIVE
8 QUITE A BIT OF FUNDING FROM THE LAST COVID RELIEF PACKAGE FROM
9 WASHINGTON. EIGHT OF OUR NINE COUNTIES RECEIVED A DIRECT
10 ALLOCATION IN THE WAY THAT THE FEDERAL BILL WAS STRUCTURED,
11 AND THEN A NUMBER OF OUR CITIES DID AS WELL. SO WE'RE LOOKING
12 AT RECEIVING AT LEAST \$225 MILLION TO ASSIST WITH TENANT
13 PROTECTION FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND THEN THERE IS
14 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE SHARE THAT WILL ALSO BE
15 COMING TO THE REGION. SO THAT CONCLUDES WHAT I WANTED TO
16 HIGHLIGHT AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE COMMITTEE
17 MAY HAVE. THE

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO
20 SUGGEST, YOU KNOW, FROM THE ABAG SIDE, MAYBE EITHER AT THE
21 HOUSING COMMITTEE OR AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IF WE CAN
22 CALENDAR A DISCUSSION, JUST GET A REPORT, A DISCUSSION ON THE
23 HOUSING AND SORT OF TENANT PROTECTION ELEMENTS, AND THE
24 HOMELESSNESS ELEMENTS OF THE BUDGET. THERE IS SOME NEW
25 ENFORCEMENT FUNDING, AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING



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1 PROPOSED THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RHNA. AND
2 I THINK THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD SHOULD BE AWARE OF THAT.

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4 **REBECCA LONG:** YEAH, ABSOLUTELY, WE CAN DO THAT. AND JUST TO
5 HIGHLIGHT THAT, I WAS JUST LOOKING AT THOSE REQUEST IN A
6 LITTLE BIT OF DETAIL TODAY. THE MAIN ITEM IS INCREASED
7 STAFFING AT HCD TO REALLY WORK WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO
8 MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE VERY FAMILIAR WITH ALL OF THE HOUSING
9 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT REQUIREMENTS SO IT'S ABOUT 60 ADDITIONAL
10 POSITIONS THAT THEY'RE PROPOSING TO ADD.

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THAT I WANT TO CREATE AN ENFORCEMENT
13 UNIT AND THERE IS A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER STUFF THAT MAY CREATE
14 RAMIFICATIONS IF YOU'RE NOT MEETING TARGETS.

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16 **REBECCA LONG:** YES.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** DO OTHERS HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON
19 THE REPORT? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I DO NOT SEE ANY
20 RAISED HANDS. I'LL TAKE IT THAT THERE ARE NO COMMENTS ON THIS
21 REPORT. THIS IS FOR INFORMATION. SO I'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.
22 IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 3A THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED
23 FISCAL '21/'22 STATE BUDGET.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM
2 AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** OKAY. LAST QUESTIONS FOR QUESTIONS OR
5 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. SEEING NONE. I WANT TO THANK MS. LONG
6 FOR THIS GREAT REPORT AND ALL YOUR WORK. WE'LL GO TO ITEM 3B
7 SENATE BILL WIENER SB10.

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9 **REBECCA LONG:** SB10 IS A REINTRODUCTION OF A BILL THAT MTC
10 SUPPORTED LAST YEAR, SP 902 IT'S BEEN MODIFIED SLIGHTLY AND
11 HIGHLIGHT THAT BASICALLY WHAT THIS BILL DOES IS ALLOWS FOR
12 LOCAL JURISDICTION TO UPZONE SPECIFIC SITES FOR UP TO A
13 MAXIMUM OF TEN UNITS PER SITE WITHOUT THE ORDINANCE ITSELF
14 BEING SUBJECT TO CEQA. AS YOU KNOW, CURRENTLY, ANY KIND OF
15 ZONING CHANGE, IS ITSELF SUBJECT TO CEQA AND THAT CAN BE BOTH
16 COSTLY AND TIME CONSUMING, AND GIVEN THAT THE REGION IS JUST
17 GOING THROUGH THE RHNA PROCESS NOW AND ALL OF THE LOCAL
18 JURISDICTIONS ARE GOING HAVE TO UPDATE THEIR HOUSING ELEMENT
19 TO REFLECT THE ZONING CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THEIR
20 RHNA OBLIGATION, DOES SEEM LIKE A VERY USEFUL TOOL TO HELP
21 WITH MODEST UPZONING. THERE ARE SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC
22 REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LOCATIONS, SO THEY NEED TO
23 BE EITHER TRANSIT-RICH, BASICALLY HIGH PROXIMITY TO JOBS, OR
24 AN URBAN INFILL SITE. THERE IS ALSO A COUPLE OF NEW CHANGES TO
25 THE BILL THIS YEAR, ONE IS THAT IT WOULD EXCLUDE AREAS THAT



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1 ARE DESIGNATED AS VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES ALSO
2 SPECIFY THAT IS A PROJECT THAT WOULD BE ALLOWED AS A RESULT OF
3 THIS UPZONING WILL NOT ITSELF BE ALLOWED TO BE A BI-RITE
4 PROJECT IF IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ALLOWED WITH THIS UPZONING
5 AUTHORIZE. THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE AUTHORIZED WITH CEQA.
6 WITH OUR ADVOCACY THIS YEAR IT'S CONSISTENT AND WE WANT TO
7 BRING IT BACK TO YOU BEFORE WE GO BACK ON THE RECORD IN 2021.
8 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND WE'RE ASKING YOU TO
9 FURTHER SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND ABAG.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** JUST TO CLARIFY THIS IS VOLUNTARY.

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13 **REBECCA LONG:** CORRECT.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** IF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WANTS TO TAKE
16 ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPTION THEY CAN DO SO. SECONDLY, BY ALLOWING
17 THIS, THOSE PROJECTS, THOSE PROJECTS WOULD NOT BE EXEMPT FROM
18 DISCRETIONARY REVIEW? OR WOULD THEY BE EXEMPT FROM
19 DISCRETIONARY REVIEW.

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21 **REBECCA LONG:** IF THE PROJECT WAS LESS THAN TEN UNITS THEN IT
22 COULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCRETIONARY REVIEW AT THE LOCAL
23 JURISDICTION'S DISCRETION. IF THAT I WANT TO MAKE IT BY RIGHT,
24 THEY COULD DO SO BUT NOT FOR ANY PROJECT OVER TEN UNITS. IN
25 OTHER WORDS THE ISSUE THERE IS IF YOU WERE TO COMBINE MULTIPLE



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1 PARCELS AND YOU HAD UPZONED FOR UP TO TEN, BUT NOW YOU HAVE A
2 PROJECT THAT IS MORE THAN TEN UNITS THAT BEING NOT BE PROVED
3 ON A BY RIGHT BASIS.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** HOW WOULD THAT HAPPEN? THAT WOULD BE
6 BASED ON ADDING A DENSITY BONUS ON TOP OF THAT?

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8 **REBECCA LONG:** THEY THINK'S CORRECT.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** AND A [INDISCERNIBLE] RATIO I'M JUST
11 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU WOULD GO BEYOND TEN.

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13 **REBECCA LONG:** I THINK IT'S IF YOU ARE COMBINING MULTIPLE
14 PARCELS AS WELL AS DENSITY BONUS.

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16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR EKLUND?

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18 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR ARREGUIN. I HAVE TWO
19 QUESTIONS. IT SAYS, THE FIRE EXEMPTION, "VERY HIGH AND HIGH"
20 IS THAT FOR THE CAL FIRE MAPS?

21

22 **REBECCA LONG:** YES.

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24 **PAT EKLUND:** OKAY. GREAT. AND THEN THE SECOND QUESTION IS, IT
25 APPEARS AS THOUGH THE POISON PILL FOR ME, ANYWAY, IS STILL IN



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1 HERE THAT IT ALLOWS A CITY COUNCIL OR LEGISLATIVE BODY OR THE
2 COUNTY OR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OR CITY COUNCIL TO OVERRULE A
3 RESTRICTION ENACTED BY A LOCAL VOTER INITIATIVE. IS THAT STILL
4 IN THERE?

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6 **REBECCA LONG:** YES, THAT IS STILL IN THERE.

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8 **PAT EKLUND:** OKAY. THAT'S THE POISON PILL FOR ME.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** OKAY. THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES, ANY OTHER
11 QUESTIONS? OR IS THERE A MOTION TO TAKE A SUPPORT POSITION ON
12 SB10?

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14 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL MOVE TO SUPPORT.

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16 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** SECOND.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** SECOND BY MACKENZIE TO TAKE A SUPPORT
19 POSITION ON TEN. FURTHER QUESTIONS COMMENTS? IF SO PLEASE
20 RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS, I'LL GO TO PUBLIC
21 COMMENT ON ITEM THREE B SENATE BILL TEN. ANYONE WISHING TO
22 COMMENT? I SEE WE HAVE ONE RAISED HAND.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THEM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I'M GOING GO WITH SPERING AND DO ONE AND
2 A HALF MINUTES.

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4 **JAMES P. SPERING:** THANKS JESS. [LAUGHTER]

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KEN, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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8 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I HAD A QUESTION. IS THAT LAWFUL FOR THE STATE
9 TO OVERALL THE VOTERS.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** MR. BUKOWSKI WE DON'T ENGAGE IN BACK AND
12 FORTH BUT IF STAFF WANTS TO ANSWER AT THE CONCLUSION OF PUBLIC
13 COMMENT THAT WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

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15 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO ADD?

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19 **SPEAKER:** NO THAT'S IT.

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?
22 SEEING NONE. REBECCA, WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION THAT WAS
23 ASKED, I MEAN, I MEAN, THE LEGISLATURE CAN ADOPT LAWS THAT SET
24 THE PARAMETERS AROUND LOCAL PLANNING, RIGHT?

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1 **REBECCA LONG:** RIGHT. THIS TYPE OF PROVISION HAS BEEN IN A FEW
2 BILLS LATELY, YOU MIGHT REMEMBER ONE OF THE SKINNER BILLS AND
3 THE CONSTITUTIONALITY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED AND IT'S MY
4 UNDERSTANDING IT'S NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND TO ANSWER YOUR
5 POINT IT'S AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION NOT THE
6 STATE BUT THE LOCAL BODY WITHIN A JURISDICTION.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** WITH THAT IF THERE ARE NO COMMENTS WE'LL
9 TAKE A VOTE ON SB10.

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

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** 12 AYES TWO NOS, THE AYES HAVE IT.

14

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

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17 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** CHAIR, POINT OF ORDER WE'RE
18 OFTEN UNMUTING TO VOTE AND THEN BEING AUTOMATICALLY MUTED WE
19 THINK WE'RE MUTED AND WE'RE NOT. I WANT TO MAKE THAT POINT TO
20 FOLKS, TO UNDERSTAND WHEN WE'RE UNMUTING BE PREPARED TO VOTE
21 AND STAYING UNMUTED.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** GOOD POINT. WHEN WE GO TO ROLL CALL
24 PREPARE TO UNMUTE UNLESS YOU HAVE A DOG BARKING IN THE



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1 BACKGROUND. NEXT ITEM 3C SENATE BILL SEVEN ATKINS EXTENSION OF
2 CEQA JUDICIAL REVIEW.

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4 **REBECCA LONG:** THIS IS A SIMILAR TO A BILL YOU SUPPORTED LAST
5 YEAR SB995, AUTHORED BY SENATOR ATKINS THIS WAS A BILL THAT
6 WAS A CASUALTY OF THE LAST NIGHT OF SESSION WHERE IT DID GET
7 THROUGH TO THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY THE ASSEMBLY HAD MADE SOME
8 MINOR CHANGES AND IT DIDN'T GET BACK TO THE SENATE FOR FINAL
9 CONCURRENCE. THE BILL IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO WHAT WAS
10 SUPPORTED LAST YEAR, AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT THIS BILL DOES IS
11 THIS BILL IS NOW A RENEWAL OF A STREAMLINING PROVISION THAT
12 EXPIRED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR THAT PROVIDES FOR EXPEDITED
13 JUDICIAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT MEET PRETTY
14 RIGOROUS STANDARDS AS FAR AS LABOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL
15 EFFICIENCY, CLIMATE CHANGE, WHAT HAVE YOU. THE KEY CHANGE THAT
16 DREW OUR ATTENTION WAS IT ADDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT A LOWER
17 COST THAN WAS IN THE ORIGINAL STREAMLINING PROPOSAL. SO
18 ORIGINALLY THE ONLY HOUSING PROJECT THAT QUALIFIED FOR THIS
19 HAD TO BE AN INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$100 MILLION AND ALSO HAD
20 TO BE LEAF GOLD CERTIFIED. THUNDER BILL AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING
21 PROJECT THAT DEDICATED AT LEAST -- AND THERE'S MY DOG -- AT
22 LEAST 15% OF THE UNITS TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IS AT LEAST 15
23 TO \$100 MILLION, WOULD QUALIFY, DOES HAVE TO MEET SKILLED AND
24 TRAINED LABOR REQUIREMENTS AND THEN ONE OF THE CHANGES THAT IS
25 MADE IN THIS VERSION OF THE BILL IS SOME ADDITIONAL



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1 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT, SO THE WAY THIS WORKS IS AN APPLICANT
2 WOULD SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT THEY
3 BELIEVE THEIR PROJECT QUALIFIES UNDER THE REVISED VERSION. THE
4 GOVERNOR THEN NEEDS TO SUBMIT THAT TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR
5 CONCURRENCE FOR NON-CONCURRENCE THAT'S JUST ONE ADDITIONAL
6 STEP. AND WITH THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING YOUR SUPPORT AND I'M
7 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH REBECCA. COLLEAGUES
10 ANY QUESTIONS OR READY TO TAKE A MOTION TO SUPPORT SB7.

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12 **SCOTT HAGGERTY:** SO MOVED.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** MOVED BY HAGGERTY.

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16 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SECOND.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** SECONDED BY MAYOR LICCARDO. I'M GOING TO
19 GO TO DIRECTOR HALLIDAY.

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21 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** COULD YOU GO BACK TO THE LABOR PROVISIONS IN
22 THE BILL WHAT THEY ARE AND THE PARTICULAR MENTION OF PROJECT
23 LABOR AGREEMENTS?

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1 **REBECCA LONG:** YES, CERTAINLY. THE BILL REQUIRES A PROJECT TO
2 HAVE SKILLED AND TRAINED AS A REQUIREMENT AND A FOOTNOTE IN
3 THE MEMO THAT THE WORKFORCE HAS TO HAVE AT LEAST 60% FROM
4 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, HOWEVER IF THE PROJECT HAS A PROJECT
5 LABOR AGREEMENT, THAT CAN SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SKILLED AND
6 TRAINING REQUIREMENT, AND THERE IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT TO PAY
7 THE PREVAILING WAGE.

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9 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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

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13 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT WHY THE STAFF WAS
14 CONCERNED THAT PERHAPS THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE
15 CONCERNS ABOUT THE BILL?

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17 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, DIRECTOR CHAVEZ. YOU
18 KNOW, THIS IS REALLY AROUND JUST THE FACT THAT IT IS
19 ACCELERATING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SO, AS I MENTIONED, YOU
20 KNOW, IT DOES STILL REQUIRE CEQA, AND IN FACT, THERE IS VERY
21 STRONG CLIMATE PROTECTIONS IN HERE, SO IT SPECIFIES THAT THE
22 PROJECT HAS TO BE NET CARBON NEUTRAL, AND IN FACT, THE
23 MITIGATION HAS TO BE IN THAT SAME GEOGRAPHIC AREA ET CETERA SO
24 IT'S VERY STRONG BUT I THINK THERE IS, FOR THOSE WHO ARE ON
25 THE STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL SIDE, THEY WOULD JUST BE CONCERNED



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1 ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'S GOING TO ACCELERATE THE JUDICIAL REVIEW
2 PROCESS.

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4 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** GOT IT. THANK YOU. THAT'S HELPFUL.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR EKLUND?

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8 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ASK, AS I UNDERSTAND THIS IS
9 PURELY A DISCRETIONARY PIECE OF LEGISLATION, IF THE LOCALLY
10 ELECTED OFFICIAL, OR GOVERNMENT, GETS A GRANT, OR WHATEVER, TO
11 DO AN EIR FOR A GENERAL PLAN, THEN THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN
12 THIS PROGRAM, THAT IF YOU DON'T, THEN YOU DON'T PARTICIPATE;
13 CORRECT?

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15 **REBECCA LONG:** THE REQUEST ON THE PART OF THE PROJECT SPONSOR,
16 SO ONE OF THE EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE
17 OF THIS IS THE WARRIORS STADIUM, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WOULD HAVE
18 BEEN A REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAYING, YOU KNOW, WE
19 BELIEVE OUR PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR THIS, SO I DON'T -- IT'S NOT
20 DISCRETIONARY ON THE PART OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION, BUT THE
21 PROJECT SPONSOR.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON
24 SB7? SEEING NONE, I'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE ANY



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1 PUBLIC COMMENT? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR
2 NINE. DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** UNLESS THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS
7 OR COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM FROM THE COMMITTEE, WE'LL GO TO A
8 ROLL CALL VOTE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AND THE MOTION WAS BY HAGGERTY, AND THE
11 SECOND WAS BY LICCARDO. [ROLL CALL VOTE] SO THAT IS 13 AYES
12 AND TWO NOS. THE AYES HAVE IT.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO TO OUR
15 LAST DISCUSSION ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM 4A, THE WASHINGTON, D.C.
16 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT. AND
17 WE HAVE MARC FROM SENATE STRATEGIES.

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19 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** HI. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, MTC AND BAG
20 LEGISLATIVE STAFF. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM
21 THE STRATEGIES, THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN DC. I'M GOING TO
22 HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF KEY ITEMS BUT I WOULD ASK THROUGHOUT
23 CHAIR IF THERE ARE THINGS THAT FOLKS WANT TO JUMP IN AND ASK
24 QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT YOU DO SO AND THEN WE HAVE MARC HERE AS
25 YOU MENTIONED TO HELP ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. THE



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1 FIRST PIECE I WANT TO CALL OUT IS THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BEEN
2 BUSY FOR THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION STAFFING UP THEY'RE GETTING
3 READY TO ROLL OUT A VERY AMBITIOUS AGENDA AND WITHIN THAT
4 WE'RE GLAD TO REPORT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FRIENDLY FACE IN DC
5 THAT ARE TAKING UP POST. I THINK THE FIRST ONE I WANT TO CALL
6 ATTENTION TO IS POLLY TROTTENBERG WHO IS NOMINATED TO BE
7 NUMBER TWO AT USDOT, WE HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP AND WAS A
8 CLOSE COLLEAGUE WITH YOUR GUYS' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THEY WORKED
9 TOGETHER WITH THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AT DOT AND I WORKED
10 CLOSELY WITH POLLY DURING MY TIME AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN NEW
11 YORK. AND CHRISTOPHER COLES WHO HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO BE THE
12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY AT USDOT FOCUSED ON SMART
13 GROWTH WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION SO WILL HAVE GREAT
14 PHILOSOPHICAL ALIGNMENT WITH MTC AND ABAG. A COUPLE OF OTHER
15 PEOPLE TO POINT OUT IS THE BAY AREA'S LOSS IS DC'S GAIN WITH
16 NURIA FERNANDEZ MOVING OVER TO BE THE ACTING FEDERAL TRANSIT
17 ADMINISTRATOR. AND THEN ON THE CONGRESSIONAL SIDE WE DID GET
18 SOME GOOD NEWS RECENTLY THAT OUR NEWEST SENATOR PADILLA IS
19 PLACED ON THE SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
20 THEY HAVE JURISDICTION OVER TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE ISSUES.
21 SO THAT'S REALLY GREAT NEWS FOR US. AND THEN THE OTHER BIT OF
22 NEWS THAT CAME IN TODAY IS SENATOR BRIAN SCHATZ FROM HAWAII IS
23 SITTING AS HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING APPROPRIATIONS
24 COMMITTEE AND IS FOCUSED ON PRIORITIES IN CONGRESS. AND DC HAS
25 BEEN WORKING HARD ON SETTING UP YOUR FIRST VIRTUAL JOINT MTC



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1 ABAG MARCH ADVOCACY TRIP AND MAKING SURE TO GET SOME OF THOSE
2 NEW FACES INTO YOUR LINE UP AT YOUR MEETINGS. THE NEXT PIECE
3 THAT I WANTED TO CALL OUT FOR YOU IS OVERVIEW OF THE COVID
4 PACKAGE THAT'S THE \$2 TRILLION, OR \$1.9 BILLION COVID RELIEF
5 PACKAGE THIS'S BEEN MOVING PRETTY QUICKLY THROUGH CONGRESS.
6 THE PACKAGE DOES INCLUDE STATE AND LOCAL AID, AND AN
7 ADDITIONAL, PRETTY BIG INFUSION INTO HOUSING AND
8 TRANSPORTATION. TWO IMPORTANT PIECES THAT ARE, I THINK, OF
9 NOTE FOR THIS JOINT COMMITTEE IS FIRST AS WAS ADVOCATED FOR BY
10 A LOT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND A NUMBER OF YOU GUYS SIGNED ON
11 TO THE CONFERENCE WITH MAYORS TO ASK FOR DIRECT LOCAL
12 ASSISTANCE TO COME DIRECTLY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REGARDLESS OF
13 POPULATION SIZE SO THAT IS IN THE BILL. AND IN THE BAY AREA
14 EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOULD RECEIVE DIRECT RESOURCE OR WOULD
15 RECEIVE RESOURCES AND THE TOTAL FOR THE REGION BY OUR QUICK
16 CALCULATIONS AROUND 3.1 BILLION AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHARE
17 IF ANYBODY'S INTERESTED IN THE LIST OF WHAT ESTIMATES ARE FOR
18 JURISDICTIONS TO RECEIVE. THEN THE OTHER PIECES ON THE TRANSIT
19 SIDE THERE IS ANOTHER \$30 BILLION IN TRANSIT EMERGENCY RELIEF
20 INCLUDED IN THE COVID PACKAGE. MOST OF THAT WOULD BE
21 DISTRIBUTED VIA FORMULA, A BIG POT, \$26 BILLION, AND OF THAT
22 THE BAY AREA IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ABOUT 1.7 BILLION THAT
23 WOULD COME TO MTC TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR TRANSIT OPERATORS.
24 JUST TO FLAG ON THAT IS THAT IT'S PRETTY EXTRAORDINARY THAT,
25 AGAIN, WE'LL BE SEEING A 50% INCREASE IN THE THERE AMOUNT THAT



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1 WILL BE COMING TO THE REGION ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WE WOULD
2 HAVE EXPECTED IF THIS MONEY HAD FLOWN THROUGH -- HAD COME
3 THROUGH NORMAL TRANSIT FORMULA, WHAT WE NORMAL GET FROM
4 FEDERAL TRANSIT MONEY. SO I THINK IT IS A TESTAMENT TO REALLY
5 HOW BAD OUR TRANSIT OPERATORS HAVE BEEN HIT IN THE REGION, BUT
6 ALSO THE POWER OF DIRECT ADVOCACY, AND REALLY WHAT THE SPEAKER
7 PELOSI HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO TO BRING RESOURCES TO THE REGION.
8 THE OTHER PIECE OF THAT, THEY THINK IS OF INTEREST IS THAT
9 WITHIN THE TRANSIT MONEY THERE IS A \$1.25 BILLION SET-ASIDE
10 FOR MAJOR TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND OF THAT CALTRAIN, BART
11 TRANSBAY PROJECT, AND BART SILICON VALLEY PHASE TWO SHOULD
12 EXPECT TO SEE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SO WITH THAT, I
13 WILL -- I GUESS, ONE OTHER THING IS THAT, THAT IS WHY THEY
14 EXPECTED TO BE AT LEAST IN DC ON THE PRESIDENT'S DESK, IN
15 MARCH, AND I'LL LET MARC ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
16 PACKAGE, REALLY MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE THINGS CAN ALWAYS
17 CHANGE IN DC. THANKS.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** BEFORE WE GO TO COMMITTEE MEMBER
20 COMMENTS MARC ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THAT SUMS IT UP. THE HOUSE WILL BE TAKING IT UP IN
23 THE COMMITTEES THIS WEEK AND THE HOUSE TAKE IT UP FEBRUARY
24 22ND AND AS GEORGIA MENTIONED ACTIONS EXPECTED TO HAPPEN
25 MIDDLE OF MARCH IS WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD NEWS. DIRECTOR
3 HUDSON?

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5 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** GEORGIA AM I READING THIS RIGHT PAGE 2 OF 2
6 BAY AREA TRANSIT EMERGENCY RELIEF? AND IT SAYS CON -- CONCORD
7 CALIFORNIA I'M ASSUMING THE TRANSIT AGENCY LOCATED IN CONCORD
8 IS GETTING \$96 MILLION?

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10 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** THAT WOULD GO TO MTC TO BE DISTRIBUTED
11 TO TRANSIT OPERATORS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESOURCES WITHIN
12 THE CONCORD URBANIZED AREA.

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14 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** OH MAN.

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16 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** YES IN THE CONCORD URBANIZED AREA
17 THERE'S 96 MILLION.

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19 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** SO WE HAVE TO SHARE WITH BART. I WAS GETTING
20 EXCITED BUT NOW COOLED OFF.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR THE
23 JOINT COMMITTEE? I'M NOT SEEING ANY RAISED HANDS. THANK YOU
24 GEORGIA AND MARC FOR YOUR WORK. HAVE WE SCHEDULED DATES YET
25 FOR THE LOBBY VISITS?



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2 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** NO. THE FOLKS HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT TO
3 FIND OUT THE BEST DATES.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** GOOD NEWS ON THE WAY IF THE BILL PASSES.
6 DIRECTOR MACKENZIE DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

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8 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** NO. NOT AT THE MOMENT. I WOULD
9 LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT BEFORE YOU ADJOURN.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** WILL DO. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC
12 COMMENT ON ITEM 4A, THE WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.
13 IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS AND
14 ASSUMING NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE SUBMITTED.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS
17 ITEM.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** UNLESS THERE IS FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM
20 THE JOINT COMMITTEE THAT WILL COMMITTEE THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.
21 LET'S GO TO ITEM FIVE IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO
22 HAS GENERAL COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO TODAY AGENDA. IF SO PLEASE
23 RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC
24 COMMENTS, NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS?

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WAS NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
2 SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE
5 DIRECTOR MACKENZIE AND THEN DIRECTOR HALLIDAY.

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7 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. 12 YEARS,
8 THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, I HAVE BEEN A FRIDAY
9 COMMITTEE GUY. AND I HAVE CHAIRED A COUPLE OF THE COMMITTEES
10 AND BEEN PRESENT AS VICE CHAIR, AND CHAIR OF MTC. SO, THIS IS
11 A VERY BITTER SWEET MOMENT FOR ME. I HAVE ENJOYED IT
12 IMMENSELY. AND THE CHALLENGES ARE GREAT, AND AS WE HAVE HEARD
13 DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MORNING, LOTS OF WORK TO COME. NICK
14 JOSEFOWITZ OBSERVED THE OTHER DAY THAT HE WAS KIND OF
15 FRIGHTENED THAT I WAS GOING TO RETURN AS A CITIZEN ACTIVIST,
16 AND I PROMISE YOU, I WILL NOT BE SILENT IN THE FUTURE, BUT I
17 JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL, AS COLLEAGUES, AND I
18 PARTICULARLY WANTED TO THANK STAFF; IT REALLY, REALLY HAS BEEN
19 A FUN TRIP. AND THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ME WELL, KNOW THAT I
20 LIKE TO HAVE FUN. AND SO, WE'LL SEE YOU AROUND WHEN WE'RE ALL
21 ALLOWED TO COME BACK TOGETHER AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE AND, I
22 GUESS I WON'T BE -- MAYBE I'LL BE ALLOWED TO HANG OUT IN THE
23 GREEN ROOM WITH YOU GUYS IF THAT EVER HAPPENS AGAIN. SO, THANK
24 YOU, CHAIR, THANK YOU CHAIR HAGGERTY, THANK YOU VICE CHAIR



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1 PEDROZA, AND ALL OF YOU GUYS. WE'LL BE SEEING YOU AROUND. IT'S
2 BEEN A GRAND -- IT'S BEEN A GRAND JOURNEY.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** WELL, JAKE, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME, AND
5 CERTAINLY WHEN WE'RE ALL ABLE TO ALL MEET AGAIN, WE'LL DO IT
6 THE RIGHT WAY AND, YOU KNOW, RECOGNIZE YOU IN PERSON, THE
7 CONTRIBUTIONS YOU HAVE MADE TO MTC AND THIS REGION ARE
8 SIGNIFICANT. YOU WILL BE MISSED, YOUR HUMOR AND WISDOM. SAME
9 GOES TO MR. HAGGERTY, BUT I'LL SAVE MY COMMENTS FOR THE MTC
10 MEETING FOR CHAIR HAGGERTY.

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12 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** SO WILL I SAVE MY COMMENTS UNTIL
13 THEN.

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15 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** I'LL SIDE MY COMMENTS TO YOU JAKE, I WILL
16 MOST DEFINITELY MISS YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR AND YOUR WISDOM.
17 WE'RE ALL WISE I THINK BUT ANYWAY I'M SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVING
18 AND OUR CHAIR ARREGUIN MENTIONED WHEN WE CAN GET TOGETHER
19 AGAIN AND I WOULD MENTION TO THERESE IF YOU HAVE ANY
20 INFORMATION ON THAT. I WAS IN THIS COMMITTEE FOR JUST ONE
21 MEETING BEFORE WE WENT INTO ZOOM MODE. I ALWAYS PUT ZOOM ON AT
22 THE TIME OUR MEETING IS SUPPOSED TO START AND IT LEADS TO
23 BEING ABLE TO HEAR A LOT OF INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS WHICH I'M
24 SURE WILL HAPPEN IN REALTIME TOO. TODAY, IN PARTICULAR, WAS IT
25 THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, THE DISCUSSION OF MOBILITY HUBS,



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1 I THOUGHT WAS REALLY INTERESTING, AND I HOPE THAT THAT IS
2 COMING BACK -- COMING TO THE ENTIRE ABAG BOARD SOMETIME SOON.
3 WOULD IT BE?

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I THINK IT'S MORE OF AN MTC ITEM. BUT
6 I'LL TALK TO MS. MCMILLAN.

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8 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT AT THE FULL MEETING
9 AND JUST TO CONSIDER IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON WHEN WE MIGHT
10 START GETTING MORE BACK TO NORMAL, AND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.
11 OR IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

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13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I HAVE SPOKEN TO MS. MCMILLAN ON THIS
14 AND IT DEPENDS ON WHEN ORDERS WILL ALLOW AND STAFF AT THE
15 METRO CENTER AND KNOWING ABOUT HOW TO TRANSITION BACK. A DATE
16 HASN'T BEEN SET YET IT DEPENDS ON VACCINATION AND ALLOWANCE.

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18 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** YOU'RE RIGHT THERE. DEPENDING ON THE POINT
19 OF VIEW, WHEN WE HAVE THE CLEAR DIRECTION FROM THE CITY AND
20 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, AS TO, YOU KNOW, WHAT THEIR
21 ALLOWANCES ARE IN TERMS OF COMING BACK TO THE BUILDING RIGHT
22 NOW IT'S NOT THERE. AND SO WE WILL BE TRYING -- WE HAVE
23 TRACKED THIS LITERALLY EVERY DAY. [LAUGHTER] AND I WOULD
24 ASSURE YOU, THOUGH, THAT WE HAVE BEEN VERY DILIGENT IN
25 PREPARING THE BUILDING FOR YOUR RETURN. SO, AT THE POINT THE



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES WITH ACCESS AND IN ALIGN WITH MTC AND
2 ABAG LEADERSHIP ON HOW THAT TRANSITION WOULD BEST WORK FOR THE
3 BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** THANK YOU. MAYOR LICCARDO?

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7 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO
8 OFFER TO JAKE, THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME AND THE REST OF US
9 HOW WE COULD TAKE THIS WORK SERIOUSLY WITHOUT BEING SOLEMN
10 ABOUT IT THERE HAS BEEN NOBODY MORE FUN TO WORK WITH IN MY
11 CAREER, AND I JUST REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR
12 WHOLE REGION. THANK YOU JAKE.

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

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16 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE, MAYOR SAM.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** I DID CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-
19 AGENDA MATTERS. I DID SEE RAISED HANDS. WE'LL GO TO ROLAND
20 BEFORE WE ADJOURN. ROLAND, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR, APPRECIATE IT. VERY
23 BRIEFLY, I WANT TO LET FORMER COMMISSIONER MACKENZIE KNOW THEY
24 REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO HIS FURTHER COMMENTS AT THIS COMMISSION
25 AS LONG AS HE KEEPS THEM AROUND ONE MINUTE AND 30 SECONDS.



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2 **JAKE MACKENZIE, VICE CHAIR:** IT WILL BE DIFFICULT BUT I'LL TRY
3 DO MY BEST.

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5 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** THE MEETINGS ARE ON FRIDAY AT 2:00.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG:** WELL JAKE, WE KNOW IT'S NOT A GOOD BY
8 BECAUSE YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN IMPORTANT ISSUES AREN'T THE
9 REGION BUT YOU WILL BE DEFINITELY MISSED. WITH NO FURTHER
10 BUSINESS THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE
11 WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEGISLATION WILL BE
12 HELD MARCH 12TH, 2021 AT 9:45 REMOTELY OR BY WEBCAST AS
13 APPROPRIATE DEPENDING ON SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS. WITH THAT
14 WE'RE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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