

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **REGIONAL ADVISORY WORKING GROUP**

3 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 9:35 A.M.**

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5 **DAVE VAUTIN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE
6 FOLKS A FEW SECONDS HERE TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING THEN WE'LL
7 CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. SO JUST GIVE US A FEW SECTIONS.
8 GOOD MORNING. I'M DAVE VAUTIN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANS OF
9 THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ASSOCIATION OF BAY
10 AREA GOVERNMENTS AND I'LL BE CALLING THE REGIONAL ADVISORY
11 WORKING GROUP FOR OCTOBER 5TH, 2021. I'LL REQUEST THE
12 BROADCASTING TEAM ROLL THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT. [RECORDED
13 MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING
14 WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
15 OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS
16 CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING
17 WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON
18 COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME
19 AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE
20 GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST
21 AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR
22 ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS
23 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD
24 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR
25 WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE



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1 ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
2 PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE
3 THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION
4 IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
5 INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO
6 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE
7 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD
8 LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL
9 BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD
10 NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

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12 **DAVE VAUTIN:** I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE REGIONAL
13 ADVISORY GROUP IS NOT A BROWN ACT MEETING AND WE REQUEST THE
14 PUBLIC MEMBERS USE THE CHAT FEATURE FOR THE MEETING. I AM
15 GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MY COLLEAGUES TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES
16 STARTING WITH URSULA VOGLER.

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18 **URSULA VOGLER:** I'M URSULA, PROJECT MANAGER OF PUBLIC
19 ENGAGEMENT FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE
20 FOR OUR LAST RAWG MEETING FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. AND I'LL
21 TURN IT OVER TO ADAM NOELTING.

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23 **ADAM NOELTING:** I'M ADAM NOELTING PRINCIPLE PLANNER AT
24 MTC/ABAG. HERE TO HELP ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE ENVIRONMENTAL



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1 IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PLANNED BAY AREA I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
2 RALEIGH.

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4 **RALEIGH MCCOY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RALEIGH MCCOY, HERE TO
5 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PLAN DOCUMENT. AND, CHIRAG?

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7 **CHIRAG RABARI:** GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. CHIRAG RABARI PRINCIPAL
8 WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM AND I AM THE PROJECT
9 MANAGER FOR THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

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11 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THAT BRINGS US TO THE AGENDA FOR PLANNED BAY AREA
12 2050. I'LL ASK TECHNICAL STAFF TO BRING UP THE SLIDE DECK.
13 PLEASE USE THE QUESTION AND ANSWER FIELD FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU
14 HAVE. AND AT THE END OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION, I'LL ADDRESS
15 QUESTIONS AS WELL AS COMMENTS. I'LL BEGIN THE PRESENTATION,
16 AND I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050
17 REGIONAL PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, ECONOMY, AND
18 ENVIRONMENT WHICH WAS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC LAST WEEK. BEFORE
19 I BEGIN, I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE A THANK MTC AND ABAG STAFF WHO
20 CONTRIBUTED TO THE HORIZON PLANNED BAY AREA OVER THE YEARS
21 HELPING TO CRAFT THIS DYNAMIC PLAN FOR THE REGION INFORMED BY
22 ONGOING ENGAGEMENT FROM THE PUBLIC, OFFICIALS, AND
23 STAKEHOLDERS LIKE YOURSELVES, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 ONGOING PARTICIPATION AND INPUT FOR THIS LONG-RANGE PLAN.
25 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 HAS GONE THROUGH AN EXTENSIVE



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1 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS SPANNING NEARLY FOUR YEARS FROM THE
2 HORIZON INITIATIVE IN 2018 AND 2019 MTC AND ABAG EXPLORE
3 DIVERGENT FUTURES FOR THE REGION FOCUSING ON RESILIENT
4 STRATEGIES AND ADVANCE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES FOR AN UNCERTAIN
5 FUTURE BETTER UNDERSTANDING STRATEGIES PUBLIC POLICIES AND
6 PACKAGES OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER WIDE RANGING FUTURE
7 CONDITIONS SET US ON A FIRMER FOUNDATION WHEN COVID HIT EARLY
8 IN 2020. DURING THE BLUEPRINT PROCESS THROUGH 2020 STRATEGIES
9 WERE ADDED REFINED AND PLANS PROGRESSED TOWARDS KEY OBJECTIVES
10 TO WEAVE IN FURTHER PUBLIC INPUT AND INTEGRATE EMERGING ISSUES
11 RELATED TO POST-COVID RECOVERY. ULTIMATELY COMMISSION AND THE
12 ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTED IN JANUARY 2021 TO ADVANCE THE
13 FINAL BLUEPRINT INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS AS THE PROPOSED
14 PLAN. LATER TODAY WE'LL HIGHLIGHT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
15 THE FINAL PLAN. COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL VISION FOCUSED ON
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE
17 COMPLIMENTING STRATEGIES AND TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING FOR
18 THE FIRST TIME. NOTABLY PLANNED BAY AREA 20502050 HOSTS MAJOR
19 EVOLUTION OF REGIONAL VISION COMPARED TO PAST ITERATIONS OF
20 THE PLAN. IT INTEGRATED A STRATEGIC PIVOT AWAY FROM PREDICTING
21 THE FUTURE TOWARDS EMBRACING UNCERTAINTY AND PREPARING FOR IT.
22 EMBRACING EQUITY FRONT AND CENTER AS WE WORKED TO CRAFT EACH
23 STRATEGY WITH AN EQUITY FIRST MINDSET. IT INTEGRATED NEW AND
24 DYNAMIC FORMS OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FROM MOBILE GAMES LIKE THE
25 MAYOR OF BAYVILLE TO PRECOVID POP-UP EVENTS AT LIBRARIES AND



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1 FARMERS MARKETS. AND AS THE FIRST PROJECT TACKLED BY AN
2 INTEGRATED TEAM OF FORMER MTC AND ABAG STAFF, COMING TOGETHER
3 IN 2017, IT REALLY DEMONSTRATES HOW EFFECTIVE A UNIFIED
4 REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM CAN BE FOR THE BAY AREA. WHEN IT COMES
5 TO POLICY, PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 GOES WELL BEYOND ITS
6 PREDECESSORS NOT JUST ACKNOWLEDGING THE HOUSING CRISIS THAT
7 OUR REGION FACES BUT LAYING OUT SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO TACKLE
8 IT AND TO BRING DOWN OUR REGION'S EXTREME COST OF LIVING. IT
9 INTEGRATED STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES AND
10 ACHIEVE AMBITIOUS GREENHOUSE GAS TARGETS SET BY THE STATE IN
11 PRICING MANY OF THE REGION'S FREEWAYS TO LOWERING SPEED LIMITS
12 TO SAVE LIVES AND REDUCE EMISSIONS. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME
13 RATHER THAN ANALYZING SEA LEVEL RISE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
14 IMPACT IT LAYS OUT A VISION OF PROTECTIONS GREEN AND GRAY
15 BRINGING THE BAY AND ALONG THE COAST THAT WOULD MITIGATE
16 NEARLY ALL IMPACTS OVER THE NEXT THREE DECADES. AND THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 SPECIFIES THE
18 ACTIONS THAT ABAG AND MTC WILL WORK TO ADVANCE OVER THE NEXT
19 FIVE YEARS NOT JUST FOR A SUBSET OF 35 STRATEGIES BUT ALL OF
20 THEM. NEXT SLIDE. CREATING THIS PLAN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
21 POSSIBLE WITHOUT DEEP SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT FROM THE PUBLIC
22 ACROSS OUR DIVERSE NINE COUNTY REGION MORE THAN 450 MEETINGS
23 AND EVENTS TARGETED AT PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDERS HELD OVER FOUR
24 YEAR LONG PROCESS WITH INNOVATIVE TARGETED ENGAGE AND
25 TECHNIQUES ABLE TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION AND INPUT AT END OF



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1 THE DAY WE HAD MORE THAN 234,000 COMMENTS AND 23,000
2 PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS. TO LEAD WITH
3 EQUITY MEANS YOU NEED TO LISTEN AND LEARN FROM THE START OF
4 THE PROCESS WE EMPHASIZED HEARING FROM THOSE WHOSE VOICES
5 HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD ENOUGH IN TRADITIONAL PLANNING EFFORTS WE
6 TARGETED MORE THAN 60% OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN EQUITY
7 PRIORITY COMMUNITIES AND FOCUSED ON UNDERSERVED GROUPS WORKING
8 TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE THROUGH POP-UPS IN NEIGHBORHOODS
9 AND LIBRARIES OR THROUGH VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
10 MEETINGS. NEXT SLIDE. OUR ENGAGEMENT INCLUDED LISTENING AND
11 LEARNING FROM THE NEXT GENERATION, THE VERY PEOPLE WHO WILL
12 LEADING THIS REGION IN 2050. AND RATHER THAN JUST TELLING YOU
13 WHAT THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO THEMSELVES BY VIDEO THIS MORNING THROUGH
15 SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SUMMER 2021 YOUTH VIDEO CHALLENGE. AND
16 I'LL ASK THE TECHNICAL STAFF TO PLEASE ROLL THE VIDEO CLIP.
17 [MUSIC] [VIDEO PLAYING]

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19 **SPEAKER:** HI. I LIVE IN PLEASANTON CALIFORNIA MY FAVORITE
20 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 STRATEGY IS PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO
21 EMPLOYERS TO SHIFT JOB LOCATION TO HOUSING-RICH AREAS PEOPLE
22 LIKE MY MOM WHO HAVE LONG COMMUTES TO WORK AND THESE COMMUTES
23 AREN'T SERVED BY PUBLIC TRANSIT USUALLY DRIVE LONG HOURS DAY
24 IN AND DAY OUT THIS WOULD HELP NOT ONLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF



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1 CARS BEING USED BUT ALSO REDUCES STRESS OF A LOT OF THESE
2 WORKERS.

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4 **SPEAKER:** HEY MY NAME IS URIEL CARDOZA AM FROM PITTSBURG HERE
5 IN THE EAST BAY AREA AND MY FAVORITE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050
6 STRATEGY IS MAINTENANCE IN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY IT'S SUPER
7 IMPORTANT STRATEGY ESPECIALLY FOR INLAND CITIES WHERE THERE IS
8 A LOT OF OPEN PLOTS OF LAND BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW US TO
9 PREVENT AND DECREASE BIO DIVERSITY WHICH IS SUPER IMPORTANT TO
10 ME AND ALLOW MAINTAINING FOCUS ON COMMUNITIES AND ALLOWING
11 IMPROVEMENT OF QUALITY OF LIFE FOR BAY AREA RESIDENTS THROUGH
12 THAT FOCUS.

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14 **SPEAKER:** HI I'M FROM CALIFORNIA, AND -- [INDISCERNIBLE]
15 BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE SLEEP ON THE FLOOR BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO
16 SLEEP ON THE FLOOR. THEY CAN SLEEP ON THE BED.

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18 **SPEAKER:** OUT OF EVERYTHING IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, I'M THE
19 MOST EXCITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLETE STREETS NETWORK
20 WHEN COMPLETED THIS NETWORK WILL HELP BAY AREA RESIDENTS BY
21 PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE
22 COMPLETE STREETS ALLOW FOR ROAD SAFETY ALLOW FOR A MORE
23 LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT AND FASTER TRANSPORT I HOPE BY 2050 THE
24 BAY AREA RESIDENTS WILL HAVE MORE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.

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1 **SPEAKER:** HI. WHAT EXCITES ME MOST ABOUT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050
2 IS THE REGIONAL RAIL NETWORK MODERNIZATION, CALTRAIN
3 ELECTRIFICATION, JUST ONE OF THE THINGS HAPPENING NOW, BUT IN
4 THE FUTURE WE WILL SEE SECOND TRANSBAY, RAIL, VALLEY LINK,
5 WHICH WILL HELP TAKE CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR ELECTRIFIED TRAINS.
6 THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

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8 **SPEAKER:** HI. I'M HILLARY FROM HERCULES CALIFORNIA ONE OF MY
9 FAVORITE STRATEGIES ON THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IS EXPANDING
10 RELIABILITY AND FREQUENCY OF BUSES, IN FACT, I SEE A BUS RIGHT
11 THERE, AND ACROSS THE STREET THERE'S A BUS STOP THIS WOULD
12 HELP WITH PEOPLE GET TO WORK AND SCHOOL ON TIME AND COULD BE
13 COMBINED WITH CONVERT SUGGEST BUSES INTO CLEAN AIR VEHICLES SO
14 THEY COULD REDUCE THE IMPACT OF POLLUTION.

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16 **DAVE VAUTIN:** IT'S BEEN REALLY GREAT TO REENGAGE WITH OUR
17 FUTURE LEADERS IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH OUR TEAM
18 EFFORTS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS DURING COVID AND IT GIVES US A
19 LOT OF HOPE ABOUT OUR REGION'S SHARED FUTURE. NEXT SLIDE
20 PLEASE. SO PIVOTING TO THE PLAN BEFORE ALL OF US TODAY, WE
21 WANT TO PROVIDE A REAL QUICK REFRESHER ON FINAL PLANNED BAY
22 AREA 2050 BEFORE TURNING TO THE MINOR UPDATES AND ENHANCEMENTS
23 MADE IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK FROM THIS SUMMER'S PUBLIC COMMENT
24 PERIOD. YOU MAY RECALL IN 2019 THE COMMISSION AND THE ABAG
25 BOARD ADOPTED THE PLAN VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO ENSURE



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1 THAT BY THE YEAR 2050 THE BAY AREA IS AFFORDABLE, CONNECTED,
2 DIVERSE, HEALTHY, AND VIBRANT FOR ALL. AND THAT'S DRIVEN ALL
3 OF OUR STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FROM HORIZON TO THE PLAN. FINAL
4 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WE HAVE
5 COMPLETED TO DATE WITH FOUR ELEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING,
6 AND THE ECONOMIC, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WITH 11 THEMES AND 35
7 STRATEGIES AT THE CORE OF THE PLAN. AND IT'S BEEN GIVEN THE
8 UNCERTAIN FUTURE THAT WE FACE ESPECIALLY IN 2021 IT'S THESE
9 POLICY IDEAS AND INVESTMENTS THAT ARE PROPOSED IN THE PLAN
10 THAT ARE FRONT AND CENTER. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE
11 TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE PLAN FOCUSES ON MAINTAINING AND
12 OPTIMIZING EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS WHILE CREATING
13 HEALTHY SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ROADWAY USERS AND BUILDING A
14 HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS NEXT GENERATION TRANSIT NETWORK
15 HOUSING ELEMENT FOCUSES ON THE THREE PS OF HOUSING PROTECTION
16 PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION STARTING WITH FIRST PROTECTION AND
17 PRESERVING EXISTING AFFORDABLE UNITS WHILE SPURRING NEW
18 CONSTRUCTION AT EVERY INCOME LEVEL WHILE WORKING TO CREATE A
19 MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AND MORE INCLUSIVE REGION. IN THE
20 ECONOMY ELEMENT OF THE PLAN, THE STRATEGIES FOCUS ON IMPROVING
21 ECONOMIC MOBILITY, CREATING THOSE PATHWAYS TO THE MIDDLE CLASS
22 WHILE SHIFTING THE LOCATION OF JOBS TO GET TOWARDS A BETTER
23 JOBS JOBS/HOUSING BALANCE WITHIN THE REGION AND THE
24 ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT OF THE PLAN INCLUDES STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
25 RISK FROM HAZARDS LIKE EARTHQUAKES AND SEA LEVEL RISE EXPAND



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1 ACCESS TO PARKS RECREATION FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE AND
2 REDUCE CLIMATE EMISSIONS THROUGH ELECTRIFICATION DEMAND
3 MANAGEMENT. THESE STRATEGIES WILL HELP US ACCOMMODATE
4 ESTIMATED 1.4 MILLION NEW HOUSEHOLDS AND 1.4 MILLION NEW JOBS
5 THROUGH 2050, A CRITICAL IN THE REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED SENATE
6 BILL 375. NEXT SLIDE. PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PUT A PRICE TAG ON
7 THE PLAN'S STRATEGIES AND ELEMENTS, SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW
8 FUTURE NEEDS ALIGN WITH EXISTING REVENUES, ULTIMATELY
9 TRANSFORMING OUR REGION TO ALIGN WITH THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES
10 WILL REQUIRE \$1.4 TRILLION OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS. AND WHILE
11 MOST TRANSPORTATION MONIES ARE EXISTING, THE REMAINDER OF THEM
12 ANTICIPATED FROM TOLLS REVENUES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
13 ENVIRONMENTAL SPACE THAT NEED TO BE FILLED WITH NEW MONEY AS
14 WE REALIZE PLANS AND VISIONS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT REGIONAL
15 AND LOCAL ACTION TO GENERATE NEW REVENUES WILL LIKELY ALSO BE
16 NECESSARY IN THE NEXT DECADE. NEXT SLIDE. LASTLY, WE WANT TO
17 REFRESH ON YOU SOME OF THE KEY OUTCOMES OF FINAL PLANNED BAY
18 AREA 2050. WHILE WE CAN'T PREDICT THE FUTURE, THESE ESTIMATES
19 HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW THE STRATEGIES OF THE CORE OF THE PLAN
20 WOULD INFLUENCE THE REGION'S TRAJECTORY. MOST IMPORTANTLY,
21 THE PLAN STARTS BY IMPROVING AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL BAY AREA
22 RESIDENTS. IN 2015 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SPENT 58% OF THEIR
23 ANNUAL INCOME ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION WHICH IS WELL
24 ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. AND THE STRATEGIES IN PLANNED BAY
25 AREA 2050 WOULD BRING THAT DOWN BY 13 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 45%



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1 OF A HOUSEHOLD'S ANNUAL INCOME BY 2050. LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS
2 SEE EVEN GREATER GAINS FOR INCOME BASED DISCOUNTS FOR TOLLS
3 AND TRANSIT FARES PRIORITIZATION FOR DEED RESTRICTED
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THOSE IN GREATEST NEED AND THE
5 ADVANCEMENT OF A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAM. IMPLEMENTING
6 THE PLANNED BAY AREA WOULD MAKE THE BAY AREA MORE CONNECTED BY
7 MOST OF TRANSPORTATION BY FREQUENT MORE SEAMLESS TRANSIT
8 NETWORK CONNECTIONS AND FOCUSING ON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN.
9 SHIFTING AWAY FROM AUTO COMMUTING. PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
10 IN HISTORICALLY EXCLUSIONARY JURISDICTIONS WHILE CREATING
11 CHOICE IN HOUSING LOCATIONS FOR LOW-INCOMES AND ENABLING
12 DIVERSE AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. FAMILIES WITH LOW-INCOMES
13 PLANE DISPLACED FROM THE REGION'S PERIPHERY WILL HAVE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO RELOCATE WITH THE TRANSIT, WITH BEST SCHOOLS
15 HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE THANKS TO THE REGION'S BEST SCHOOLS
16 PARKS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES. PLANNED BAY AREA
17 MEETS STATE-MANDATED GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS
18 INCLUDING STRATEGIES TO PROTECT HOMES FROM SEA LEVEL RISE
19 THROUGH 2050 AND THE PLAN LOOKS TO MAKE THE BAY AREA MORE
20 VIBRANT BY BALANCING JOBS/HOUSING IN COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE
21 BAY AND BRING BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND HOMES IN JOB RICH
22 COMMUNITIES IN THE WEST AND SOUTH. OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIES
23 FUNDING AND OUTCOMES THE CORE OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 REMAINS
24 THE SAME AS THE DRAFT PLAN BUT THERE ARE MINOR UPDATES AS WELL
25 AS OUTCOMES WITH RESPONSES AND REVISIONS IN THE FINAL PLAN.



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1 I'LL DESCRIBE THE PLAN AND DESCRIBE TARGETED UPDATES RELEASED
2 IN MAY AND JUNE OF 2021 AS THE DRAFT PLAN AND THE FINAL
3 ITERATION RELEASED IN OCTOBER 2021. TRANSPORTATION
4 PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES AND FUNDING LEVELS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE
5 SHARE OF TRIPS TAKEN BY VARIOUS MODES OF TRANSPORTATION HAVE
6 SLIGHT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND FINAL PLAN. THESE ARE
7 DRIVEN BY THREE MAIN UPDATES. FIRST, MINOR TWEAKS WERE MADE TO
8 STRATEGY FUNDING LEVELS AND CATEGORIZATION OF SPECIFIC
9 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS NESTED WITHIN. MOST NOTABLE CHANGE
10 STRATEGY EN8 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
11 IN THIS CASE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD ASKED MTC AND ABAG
12 TO GIVE THE STATE CREDIT FOR A PORTION OF GHG REDUCTIONS
13 COMING FROM STRATEGY EN EIGHT. IN RESPONSE MTC/ABAG STAFF
14 SHIFTED FUNDING FROM SOME PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORIES TO OFFSET
15 POTENTIAL LOSSES FROM THIS STATE REQUEST. THIS ENABLED THE
16 STRATEGY'S POSITIVE IMPACTS FOR THE REGION TO REMAIN CONSTANT
17 BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND FINAL PLAN. SECOND, STAFF CORRECTED A
18 TECHNICAL ISSUE IN TRAVEL DEMAND MODELS THAT ASSUMED AN
19 INCREASE IN VACATION, SICK, AND PERSONAL DAYS TAKEN BY WORKERS
20 THROUGH 2050. SINCE THERE IS NO STRATEGY IN THE DRAFT OR FINAL
21 PLAN THAT MANDATES GREATER PAID TIME OFF FOR WORKERS, THE
22 FINAL PLAN, MORE CONSERVATIVELY ASSUMES THAT THIS EXOGENOUS
23 ASSUMPTION REMAINS CONSTANT OVER THE DECADES AHEAD. THE RESULT
24 IS WITH FEWER BAY AREA RESIDENTS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THOSE
25 EXTRA VACATION DAYS TO JET OFF HAWAII OR GO HIKING AT THE



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1 GRAND CANYON, THEY, INSTEAD, CONTRIBUTE TO MORE EMISSIONS TO
2 THE REGION IN COMMUTE AND NOT COMMUTE TRIPS THIS MEANS A NET
3 IMPACT OF ONE OR TWO GHG PERCENTAGE POINTS FOR ALL
4 ALTERNATIVES ACROSS THE BOARD; THE NO PROJECTS, PROPOSED PLAN,
5 EIR ALTERNATIVE ONE AND TWO, ALL HAVE SLIGHTLY HIGHER
6 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. THIRD, STAFF FIXED CODING ERRORS FOR
7 A FEW TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, BOTH BASED ON EXTERNAL FEEDBACK
8 FROM TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS IN A FINAL ROUND OF QUALITY
9 CONTROL. ALL MINOR UPDATES RELATED TO TRAVEL DEMAND MODELS AND
10 NO CHANGES MADE TO ANY HOUSING OR ECONOMIC STRATEGIES AND THE
11 LAND USE PATTERN REMAINS THE SAME AS IN JANUARY 2021 WHEN IT
12 WAS APPROVED AS THE PROPOSED PLAN. AND IT REMAINS CONSISTENT
13 WITH WHAT IS BEING USED THROUGHOUT THE ONGOING RHNA PROCESS.
14 NEXT SLIDE. THESE MINOR UPDATES TO TRAVEL MODEL OUTPUTS WERE
15 FOLDED INTO THE FINAL EIR AND FINAL PLAN DOCUMENT AS WELL AS
16 VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS. LET'S START WITH THE EIR, SO,
17 THESE REVISIONS AND REFINEMENTS DISCUSSED ON THE PREVIOUS
18 SLIDE CAN HELP TO CLARIFY AND AMPLIFY THE ANALYSIS IN THE
19 DRAFT EIR. MOST OF THE FINAL EIR, THOUGH, FOCUSES ON
20 RESPONDING TO THE APPROXIMATELY 150 EIR RELATED COMMENTS
21 RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. IN A MANNER
22 CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA. NOTABLY MANY OF THE
23 COMMENTS RELATED TO EIGHT KEY ISSUE AREAS FOR WHICH
24 CONSISTENCY AND CLARITY -- FOR WHICH CONSISTENCY AND CLARITY
25 WERE RESPONDED TO BY WHAT ARE KNOWN AS MASTER RESPONSES. THE



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1 EIGHT MASTER RESPONSES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: THERE IS
2 ADDITIONAL CONTEXT ON THE REGION'S GROWTH FORECAST, AS WELL AS
3 COMPARISONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, FORECASTING, AND THE
4 REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION DEVELOPED BY HCD. THERE IS
5 A DISCUSSION OF COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PLANNED
6 BAY AREA 2050 PROCESS. THE MASTER RESPONSES INCLUDE FURTHER
7 CONTEXT ON WATER SUPPLY AND ADEQUACY OF THE EIR ANALYSIS ON
8 THIS TOPIC. AND INFORMATION ON EIR ALTERNATIVES STUDIED AS
9 WELL AS OTHER ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED DURING SCOPING AND WHY
10 THEY WERE NOT ADVANCED AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE SELECTION
11 OF THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE EIR ALTERNATIVE
12 ONE. OTHER MASTER RESPONSES INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SEA
13 LEVEL RISE ASSUMPTIONS IN THE PLAN AND THEIR INTEGRATION
14 CONTEXT ON MTC AND ABAG'S ROLES AND AUTHORITY AS WELL AS
15 BAHFA'S ROLE IN THE HOUSING SPACE, FURTHER INFORMATIONS ON THE
16 PROCESS FOR CRAFTING THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LIST INCLUDING
17 FEDERAL, FISCAL CONSTRAINT ASSUMPTIONS AND WRITE UP OF TRAVEL
18 MODEL REFINEMENTS DISCUSSED ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE. NEXT SLIDE.
19 THE FINAL EIR, WHICH DUE TO ITS FILE SIZE IS NOT INCLUDED IN
20 TODAY'S PACKET, IS AVAILABLE ON PLANNEDBAYAREA.ORG AND YOU
21 WILL SEE A LINK OF THAT IN THE STAFF MEMO. THERE ARE THREE KEY
22 TAKEAWAYS TO BE AWARE OF, FROM THE FINAL EIR. FIRST, NO
23 SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION WAS ADDED TO THE DRAFT EIR IN THE
24 FINAL EIR THAT WOULD WARRANT RECIRCULATION. AS MENTIONED
25 EARLIER, REVISIONS, REFINEMENTS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS



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1 SERVE TO CLARIFY AND AMPLIFY PAST ANALYSIS IN THE DRAFT EIR.
2 SECOND, THE FINAL EIR DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY NEW SIGNIFICANT
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS RELATIVE TO THE DRAFT. FURTHERMORE, THE
4 FINAL EIR DIDN'T IDENTIFY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE SEVERITY
5 OF ANY IMPACT. AND EIR ALTERNATIVE ONE REMAINS THE
6 ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE IN THE FINAL. THIRD, THE
7 EIR DOES NOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON WHICH ALTERNATIVE TO
8 ADVANCE. THE JOINT COMMITTEES DIRECTION ON FRIDAY WILL SHAPE
9 THE CEQA FINDING AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION FOR
10 THE OCTOBER 24/21ST JOINT COMMISSION AND ABAG BOARD MEETING.
11 GIVEN THESE THREE TAKE-AWAY'S FROM THE FINAL EIR AND THE
12 COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS THIS SUMMER, STAFF IS
13 RECOMMENDING THE COMMISSION AND BOARD CERTIFY THE FINAL EIR.
14 FURTHERMORE, STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE JOINT PLANNING AND
15 ADMIN COMMITTEE THIS FRIDAY RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED
16 PLAN AS THE FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 FOR THE FOLLOWING
17 REASONS WHICH WILL BE WOVEN INTO THE CEQA FINDINGS NEXT WEEK.
18 CEQA FINDINGS INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION
19 TO IDENTIFY LEGAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER FACTORS TO
20 SUPPORT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED THE PLAN, GIVEN THAT THE
21 DRAFT EIR IDENTIFIES SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. FOUR
22 REASONS FOR THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION ARE SHOWN ON THE SCREEN.
23 FIRST, THE PROPOSED PLAN REFLECTS MUCH GREATER PUBLIC AND
24 STAKEHOLDER INPUT THAN THE OTHER EIR ALTERNATIVES. THE
25 STRATEGIES DRIVING THE PLAN WERE GENERATED, ITERATED, REVIEWED



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1 BY THE PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDERS AND REVISED FROM FUTURES TO
2 DRAFT BLUEPRINT TO FINAL BLUEPRINT. STRATEGIES IN THE EIR
3 ALTERNATIVES WHILE RESPONSIVE TO COMMENTS HEARD DURING SCOPING
4 OFTEN WERE IN CONFLICT WITH PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT
5 RECEIVED EARLIER IN THE PROCESS. TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS, THE
6 DEFERMENT OF ALL FREEWAY EXPANSION PROJECTS IN EIR ALTERNATIVE
7 ONE IS GENERALLY INCONSISTENT WITH PROJECT PRIORITIES AND
8 COUNTY SALES TAX MEASURES SECOND INCLUSION OF OFFICE
9 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN EIR ALTERNATIVE TWO DOES NOT ALIGN
10 WITH COMMISSION BOARD DIRECTION ON ECONOMIC STRATEGIES
11 PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE APPROACH RATHER THAN STICK APPROACH ON
12 THE LOCATION OF JOBS AND HOUSING. LESS STRESS TESTING DURING
13 HORIZON AND BLUEPRINT PHASES IN CONTRAST WITH THE STRATEGY IN
14 THE PLAN THAT WERE CONTINUALLY HONED AND REFINED AND MAXIMIZED
15 IN EFFICACY TOWARDS THE RESILIENCE AND EQUITY GOALS AND
16 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PROPOSED PLAN INVESTMENTS FIVE OF THE
17 GUIDING PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS
18 MEETING FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS NOTABLY MANY PROJECT
19 ALTERNATIVES FAILED IN THIS REGARD TO MEET MEAN OF THE PROJECT
20 OBJECTIVES. -- -- FINALLY, THE PROPOSED PLAN IS BEST
21 POSITIONED TO ADVANCE IN IMPLEMENTATION DUE TO THE BUY-IN ON
22 STRATEGIES AND THE EXTENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PHASE OVER
23 THE PAST YEAR WITH ACTIONS IDENTIFIED FOR EACH OF THE
24 STRATEGIES MTC AND ABAG WILL BE ABLE TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING
25 IN 2022, AND IMPORTANTLY THE LAND USE PATTERN REMAINS



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1 CONSISTENT WITH THE USAGE OF THE FINAL BLUEPRINT IN THE
2 PARALLEL RHNA PROCESS WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL AVENUE FOR HOUSING
3 IMPLEMENTATION. WE'LL DIVE INTO THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
4 MORE IN ONE MINUTE. IN CONCLUSION, WE'LL BE ASKING THAT THE
5 JOINT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR ADVANCEMENT AS
6 THE FINAL PLAN. WHICH WILL TRIGGER STAFF TO BRING FORWARD
7 FINDINGS TO THAT EFFECT LATER THIS MONTH VIA THE COMMISSION
8 AND BOARD MEETING PACKET. PIVOTING TO THE FINAL PLAN DOCUMENT
9 AND THE VARIOUS SUPPLEMENT REPORTS THAT UNDERGIRD IT. THIS
10 COMPONENT OF FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 SAW FOCUSED
11 IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND FINAL THAT WERE DESIGNED TO
12 CLARIFY THE PLAN AND RESPOND TO COMMENTS RECEIVED. THE FINAL
13 PLAN DOCUMENT IS INCLUDED IN THIS WEEK'S MEETING PACKET AND
14 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AVAILABLE ON PLANNEDBAYAREA.ORG. CRITICAL
15 ISSUES LIKE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE'S
16 RECOMMENDATIONS THIS SUMMER WERE ADDED TO THE FINAL PLAN
17 DOCUMENT AS WELL AS CONTEXT HOW HIGHLIGHTING COVID-19 WAS
18 CONSIDERED IN INTEGRATING THE PLANNING PROCESS BUT MOST
19 ESPECIALLY IN 2020. NEW AND IMPROVED MAPS WERE ADDED ON
20 STRATEGIES LIKE EN FIVE AND EN SIX TO SHOWCASE PARKS
21 RECREATION AND CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS AS WELL AS
22 COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT ON EXPRESS BUSES FUNDED UNDER
23 STRATEGY T12. LAST BUT NOT LEAST ADDITIONAL CLARITY ADDED TO
24 ISSUES IN THE PLAN DOCUMENT SUCH AS GREATER REFLECTION ON THE
25 ELDER AND DISABLED PERSONS IN EACH ELEMENT OF THE CAPACITORS.



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1 PLEASE NOTE COMMENTS THAT WERE RAISED ON NON-EIR MATTERS WERE
2 RESPONDED TO VIA E-MAIL OR LETTER AS OPPOSED THOSE RELATED TO
3 THE EIR THAT WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE FINAL EIR ITSELF. NEXT
4 SLIDE. TURNING NOW TO THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, BUT
5 PERHAPS MORE BROADLY TURNING TO THE NEAR-TERM IMPLEMENTATION
6 ACTIONS. MTC AND ABAG ARE READY TO PIVOT FROM THIS FOUR YEAR
7 EFFORT TO CRAFT A LONG RANGE PLAN TO THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IF
8 NOT MORE IMPORTANT EFFORT, TO IMPLEMENT IT. NEXT SLIDE.
9 STAFF ARRIVED AT A PREVIEW OF THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN
10 EARLY SEPTEMBER WHICH WE HAVE NOW WOVEN INTO THE FINAL CHAPTER
11 OF THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 DOCUMENT. SINCE THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WAS A MORE FOCUSED EFFORT OVER THE PAST
13 YEAR WITH PARTNERSHIP PHASE HAVING MUCH ACTIVITY OVER THE
14 SUMMER THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND
15 FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN CONTRAST TO MOST OTHER ASPECTS OF
16 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 THIS ALLOWED US TO INTEGRATE PUBLIC AND
17 STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ABOUT HOW MTC/ABAG SHOULD PRIORITIZE
18 EFFORTS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS ALSO INTEGRATING THE IMPORTANT
19 ROLE OUR PARTNERS PLAY IN ADVANCING THE WIDE RANGING
20 STRATEGIES LAID OUT IN THE FINAL PLAN. THE 80 PLUS
21 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS IN THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
22 PROVIDE MORE SPECIFICITY, AND HOW MTC AND ABAG WILL PLAY A
23 ROLE IN THE NEAR-TERM AS WELL AS WHETHER A LEAD PARTNER OR
24 SUPPORT ROLE IS MOST APPROPRIATE. THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION
25 PLAN ACKNOWLEDGES MANY OF THE POTENTIAL PARTNERS THAT WILL BE



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1 ESSENTIAL IN REALIZING THE PLAN'S VISION WITH REFLECTION ON
2 THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT LABOR ORGANIZATIONS CAN PLAY IN DOING
3 SO. THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SPOTLIGHTS THE GENERAL TIME
4 FRAME FOR EACH IMPLEMENTATION ACTION WHICH ENABLES US TO ZOOM
5 IN AND HIGHLIGHT A HANDFUL OF THE HIGH PROFILE PLAN
6 IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS WHICH WE ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO MAKE
7 PROCESS ON NOT JUST IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS BUT IN THE NEXT
8 YEAR 2022. I'LL SPEAK TO THE RELATED FOUR ELEMENTS. ARE NEXT
9 SLIDE. STARTING FIRST WITH THE WORK IN THE HOUSING SPACE. A
10 LOT GOING HERE RIGHT NOW INCLUDING CONTINUING TO ASSIST LOCAL
11 JURISDICTIONS WITH THE IMPORTANT WORK OF UPDATING THEIR
12 HOUSING ELEMENTS GOING INTO 2022, THE ADVANCING EXPANDED
13 REGIONAL HOUSING PORTFOLIO WILL ENABLE MTC AND ABAG TO MAKE
14 PROGRESS ON A REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SYSTEM DOORWAY
15 TO APPLICATION PLATFORMS AND OTHER INITIATIVES. ANOTHER KEY
16 INITIATIVE FOR 2022 WILL BE MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE
17 TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT OR TOD POLICY UPDATE WHICH WILL
18 YIELD ENHANCED GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ON CRITICAL
19 LAND USE AND TRANSIT CONNECTIONS. 2022 ALSO PRESENTS
20 OPPORTUNITIES FOR MTC/ABAG TO WORK WITH PARTNERS TO ACCELERATE
21 THE REGION'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY POST-COVID AND WITH NEW FUNDING
22 PROGRAMS LIKE ONE BAY AREA GRANTS CYCLE THREE AND REAP 2.0
23 ACTIVELY BEING CRAFTED, THESE MAY PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES TO
24 FUND WORK ON THE PRIORITY PRODUCTION AREA PROGRAM AS WELL AS
25 OPPORTUNITIES TO UPDATE THE REGION'S ADVOCACY PLATFORM TO



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1 REFLECT NEW ECONOMIC PRIORITIES. NEXT SLIDE. IN THE
2 TRANSPORTATION SPACE, 2022 WILL BE A PRIME OPPORTUNITY TO
3 POSITION BAY AREA TRANSIT FOR SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
4 BLUE RIBBON IMPLEMENTATION, FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE MAJOR
5 PROJECT ADVANCEMENT POLICY AND COMPLETION OF THE FARE
6 COORDINATION STUDY WILL ALL PLAY A ROLE ON THIS FRONT.
7 ADDITIONAL E THE NEXT GENERATION FREEWAYS THAT WE WILL KICKOFF
8 IN EARLY 2022 CONDUCTING DEEP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
9 LISTENING SESSIONS TO FURTHER EXPLORE HOW WE CAN EVOLVE THE
10 REGION'S AGING FREEWAY NETWORK AND INTEGRATE PRICING TO MORE
11 EFFECTIVELY MANAGE CONGESTION IN THE DECADES AHEAD.
12 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS IN THE ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT FAST TRACKED
13 IN 2022 AND 2023 ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE AND FUNDING
14 INVESTMENT STRATEGIES SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS A PRIORITY IN
15 BOTH PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND BCDC'S BAY ADAPT WORK. KICKING
16 OFF EARLY NEXT YEAR LOOK BROADLY AT SHORELINE SOLUTIONS TO
17 REFINE ITERATIONS OF SEA LEVEL RISE PROTECTIONS AND PLANNED
18 BAY AREA 2050 AND EXPLORING FUNDING. MTC AND ABAG WILL
19 CONTINUE WORKING WITH PARTNERS AT THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY
20 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACCELERATE
21 IMPLEMENTATION OF CRITICAL CLIMATE STRATEGIES FROM SUSTAINABLE
22 COMMUTE TARGET IN STRATEGY EN7 AND INCREASES IN ELECTRIC
23 VEHICLE SUBSIDIES AND MARKETING ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL. WHILE
24 NOT SPOTLIGHTING EVERY INITIATIVE TO BE PRIORITIZED IN THE
25 COMING YEAR THESE INITIATIVES WILL HELP BRING THE LONG RANGE



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1 PLAN TO LIFE. WE TALKED TO THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS DURING THE
2 CREATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND LOOK FORWARD TO
3 CONTINUING TO ENGAGE AS WE MOVE INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE.
4 THROUGH DELIBERATE AND SUSTAINED PARTNERSHIP WE BELIEVE MTC
5 AND ABAG CAN MAKE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TOWARDS THE BOLD 30 YEAR
6 STRATEGIES LAID OUT IN THE REGIONAL PLAN. NEXT SLIDE. BEFORE
7 WE CAN TRANSITION TO IMPLEMENTATION, AND ADVANCING THESE
8 IMPORTANT EFFORT IN 2022, THE REGION NEEDS TO ADOPT PLANNED
9 BAY AREA 2050 AS THE OFFICIAL REGIONAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050
10 FOR TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, THE ECONOMY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
11 AND IT WILL SERVE IN THAT ROLE THROUGH 2025. WE'LL BE ASKING
12 MTC AND ABAG TO DO SO LATER THIS MONTH BY ADOPTING SIX
13 RESOLUTIONS. THESE INCLUDE MTC'S APPROVAL OF FINAL AIR QUALITY
14 CONFORMITY ANALYSIS TO MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, JOINT
15 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL EIR, AND THE FINAL PLAN, AND MTC'S
16 APPROVAL TO SYNC UP THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OR
17 TIP WITH THIS FINAL PLAN TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT. BEFORE WE
18 TURN OVER FOR QUESTION, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
19 SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT IN THE LONG RANGE PLANNING PROCESS OVER
20 THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY OF YOUR
21 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

22

23 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANK YOU, DAVE, SO MUCH. SO NOW IS THE TIME
24 FOR QUESTIONS FOR DAVE AND STAFF. SO WE HAVE A COUPLE OF
25 QUESTIONS ALREADY. BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS,



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1 PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE Q&A BOX NOW. SO WE'LL START WITH A
2 QUESTION FROM ROLAND: "WHAT IS THE BEST STRATEGY FOR
3 ADDRESSING INEQUITY ISSUES BETWEEN ADJACENT, INCORPORATED, AND
4 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES?"

5

6 **DAVE VAUTIN:** GOOD QUESTION I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHAT YOU'RE
7 ASKING ABOUT HERE BUT I THINK ASKING ABOUT JURISDICTIONS
8 ACROSS THE REGION THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL RESOURCES
9 MANY OF THE REGION'S JOBS AND PLACES THAT ARE VERY HOUSING-
10 RICH AND FINANCIAL CONCERNS IN JURISDICTIONS TERMS OF
11 BALANCING CITY BUDGETS. WE'RE PROPOSING IN PLANNED BAY AREA
12 2050 WORKING TO ACHIEVE BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN JOBS AND
13 HOUSING WHICH WE'RE ABLE TO DO AS I MENTIONED IN THE
14 PRESENTATION, AND STRATEGIES THAT ENCOURAGE MORE HOUSING IN
15 JOB RICH AREAS IN COMMUNITIES WE'RE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE MORE
16 JOBS TO CREATE A BETTER BALANCE IN THOSE LOCATIONS. I HOPE I
17 ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION, IF NOT PLEASE TYPE MORE IN THE Q&A
18 BOX.

19

20 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANK YOU DAVE. NEXT COMMENT IS FROM HELEN
21 MARIE. MY COMMENT IS CONCERNING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC I
22 FEEL THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN NO BRIDGE CHARGES AND WE HAD A TON
23 OF FINANCIAL BURDEN THERE WAS LOSS OF FINANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO
24 WERE FORCED TO TRAVEL THE BRIDGE, THE AMOUNT CHARGED ON THE
25 BRIDGE IS SO HIGH THAT IT MAKES IT NON-DIVERSIBLE, ALSO A



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1 HINDRANCE TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO HAVE TO CROSS, IN MOST
2 CASES, IF ONE LIVES IN VALLEJO TO CROSS TWO BRIDGES AND PAY
3 MULTIPLE CHARGES THIS HAS BECOME A FINANCIAL BURDEN EVEN
4 RELYING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. HOWEVER, THE TOLL BRIDGE,
5 THE COST IS UNACCEPTABLE AND IT'S RIDICULOUS ESPECIALLY WHEN
6 I'M HEARING YOUR PLANS FOR 2050 TO ACCOUNT TO INCLUDE LOW-
7 INCOME FAMILIES. ALSO DURING THE PANDEMIC A LOT OF PUBLIC
8 TRANSPORTATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE SO PEOPLE HAD TO RELY ON
9 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO HELP THEM GET TO THEIR DESTINATION,
10 ESPECIALLY FOR WORK. ALSO REGARDING CROSSING THE TOLL
11 BRIDGES, THE PRICE IS OUTRAGEOUS, 6 TO \$8 TO CROSS THE BRIDGE,
12 ESPECIALLY FOR LOW-INCOME PEOPLE." SO, THANK YOU, HELEN MARIE
13 FOR THAT COMMENT.

14

15 **DAVE VAUTIN:** JUST TO ADD A BIT MORE TO HELEN'S COMMENT. I
16 THINK WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT PAST COUPLE
17 OF YEARS WITH COVID AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT THE REGION
18 IS SEEING. THERE ARE SPECIFIC STRATEGIES IN THIS LONG RANGE
19 PLAN THAT WE'RE WORKING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE EQUITY
20 CHALLENGES IN OUR REGION INCLUDING TOLL DISCOUNTS FOR LOW-
21 INCOME RESIDENTS. SO THAT WAY, YOU KNOW, PRICING ON OUR
22 REGION'S FREEWAYS IS NOT CREATING AN EQUITY BURDEN, LIKE WHAT
23 YOU DESCRIBED. AND THERE IS ALREADY WORK BEING DONE ON THAT
24 FRONT WITH OUR EXPRESS LANES PROGRAM, AS WELL, TO START
25 PROVIDING THOSE SORTS OF DISCOUNTS ON SELECT EXPRESS LANE



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1 CORRIDORS. SO WE'RE WORKING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THAT EFFORT
2 RIGHT NOW, AND OUR LONG RANGE PLANS LAY OUT SOME EVEN BOLDER
3 STRATEGIES ON THAT FRONT. SO WE REALLY CONSIDER FOLKS INCOMES
4 AS WE'RE LOOKING AT TOLLING POLICIES.

5

6 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANK YOU DAVE. NEXT QUESTION FROM AUDREY. "HOW
7 IS MTC AND BACK ABAG WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY FAITH BASED
8 ORGANIZATIONS WITH OUTREACH FOR FEEDBACK WITHIN BLACK, LATINX
9 AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR?" I THINK I CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION.
10 WE HAVE CYCLES OF COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS WHERE
11 WE EARLY IN THE PROCESS GO OUT TO COMMUNITY BASED
12 ORGANIZATIONS AND IT'S BEEN SUCCESSFUL FOR US WE HAVE HAD
13 FOCUS GROUPS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND THE GROUPS HELP US TO
14 GET PEOPLE MEMBERS TO COME TO EVENTS LIKE THE WORKSHOPS, AND
15 POP-UPS, AND ALSO SENDING OUT E-MAILS REQUESTING INPUT AND
16 DOCUMENTS. IT'S BEEN A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP AND WE'RE ALWAYS
17 LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS AND HOPE TO IMPROVE THAT IN THE NEXT
18 PLAN. NEXT QUESTION IS FOR LAURA. YOU MENTIONED THE PLAN
19 ADJUSTING TO WORK-FROM-HOME, WITH REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS
20 EMISSIONS, COULD YOU CLARIFY OVERALL IMPACT OF INCREASED WORK-
21 FROM-HOME I WOULD HOPE THAT WOULD RESULT IN OVERALL
22 SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OVERALL.

23

24 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THIS IS NOT RELATED TO TELECOMMUTING. THIS IS
25 RELATED TO PERSONAL DAYS AND I WAS DESCRIBING IN THE



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1 PRESENTATION, THE ASSUMPTIONS FOR ALL ALTERNATIVES CONTINUED
2 TO INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SICK AND VACATION AND PERSONAL
3 DAYS FOR RESIDENTS TAKING OVER THE NEXT THREE DECADES,
4 RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TAKE SICK DAYS. THEY WERE TAKING VACATIONS
5 CONTRIBUTING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ASSUMING VACATION
6 DAYS DON'T INCREASE MEANS MORE PEOPLE ARE CONDUCTING COMMUTE
7 AND NON-COMMUTE TRIPS WITHIN THE BAY AREA AND THAT INCREASES
8 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY A POINT OR TWO FOR ALL OF THE
9 ALTERNATIVES.

10

11 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANK YOU, DAVE. NEXT QUESTION IS AN ADD-ON
12 FROM ROLAND. WHAT HE'S GETTING AT IS WHAT IS NOT HAPPENING IN
13 SOUTH REDWOOD CITIES SPECIFICALLY FAIR OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD
14 WEDGED BETWEEN DOWNTOWN AND REDWOOD CITY AND ATHERTON. DO YOU
15 HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

16

17 **DAVE VAUTIN:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO A SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD, GIVEN
18 THE COMMENT ON NORTH FAIR OAKS AND SOME OF ITS NEIGHBORS THIS
19 IS WHERE WE PRIORITIZED PLANNED BAY AREA PRIORITY FAIR HOURS
20 IN EQUITY IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND RHNA HAS A PROCESS
21 WRAPPING UP BY YEAR END OF FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING
22 REQUIREMENTS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE HOUSING ESPECIALLY IN
23 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE HIGHEST RESOURCE JURISDICTIONS IN
24 THE REGION.

25



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1 **URSULA VOGLER:** AND CLARIFIES INCORPORATED REDWOOD CITY. NEXT
2 QUESTION, HAS PROPOSED MAJOR INCREASE IN FREEWAY TOLLING PART
3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN
4 OTHER URBAN AREAS?

5

6 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THERE ARE PRICING STRATEGIES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN
7 GLOBAL EXAMPLES, CORRIDOR PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED
8 IN LONDON AND OTHERS BE CONSIDERED IN NEW YORK CITY. THERE ARE
9 OBVIOUSLY TOLL ROADS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES THAT EXIST
10 TODAY. SO THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A TOTALLY KIND OF
11 INTERNATIONAL CONCEPT THAT WOULD BE BRAND-NEW TO THE UNITED
12 STATES. THERE ARE TOLL ROADS THROUGHOUT MOSTLY IN THE EASTERN
13 UNITED STATES TODAY. THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS THAT, IN ORDER TO
14 IMPLEMENT THIS STRATEGY, IT WOULD REQUIRE EITHER PILOT
15 AUTHORIZATION ON THE FEDERAL OR STATE LEVELS TO ADVANCE IT.
16 SO, CURRENTLY, THERE IS NOT AN ABILITY TO TAKE FREEWAYS AND
17 TURN THEM INTO TOLLED FACILITIES BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WILL
18 BE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY ON THIS FRONT PROVIDED BY NEW
19 INFRASTRUCTURE LAWS, AND FURTHER WORKING WITH OUR FEDERAL AND
20 STATE PARTNERS TO PILOT THIS STRATEGY ON ONE OR MORE CORRIDORS
21 IN THE FUTURE. SO I THINK WE CAN LEARN A LOT FROM LOOKING AT
22 REGIONS IN THE US AND ABROAD BUT WE WILL BE DOING THESE DEEP
23 COMMUNITY CONSERVATIONS IN 202022 TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
24 CUSTOMIZE FOR THE BAY AREA.

25



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1 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANK YOU, DAVE. AND I'LL ASK ONE LAST TIME,
2 PLEASE ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS IN THE Q&A BOX. WE
3 HAVE A FEW MORE MINUTES. CHIRAG DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD?

4
5 **CHIRAG RABARI:** REGARDING THE TIMELINE FOR THE PCA REVAMP
6 PROCESS, I WAS GOING TO OFFER THAT THIS IS GENERALLY EXPECTED
7 TO BE A 2022 AND 2023 PROJECT. I THINK WE HAVE APPLIED FOR
8 SOME GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE WHICH WE SHOULD BE GETTING
9 NEWS ABOUT END EVER THIS YEAR THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADJUSTMENTS
10 NECESSARY TO THE DEPENDING ON WHETHER WE RECEIVE THAT GRANT
11 BUT GENERALLY SPEAKING SHOULD TAKE OFF APPROXIMATELY IN THE
12 SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2022 AND FALL OF 2023. WE WILL HAVE A
13 ROBUST STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OF THAT COMPONENT
14 OF THAT PROJECT. ANYONE INTERESTED, ENGAGE AND STAY TUNED AND
15 WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

16

17 **URSULA VOGLER:** NEXT QUESTION FROM ZOEY, SHE SAYS I AGREE THAT
18 USE OF VIDEOS ARE FANTASTIC AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK AND
19 CONTINUE INNOVATION FOR ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES. IF YOU'RE
20 REFERRING TO THE REVAMP, DAVE HAS US ON A SCHEDULE WE'RE GOING
21 TO LOOK BACK TO SEE WHAT WAS SUCCESSFUL, WHAT WASN'T, SO OVER
22 THE COURSE OF EARLY 2022, THERE WILL BE CHANGES FOR THAT.

23

24 **DAVE VAUTIN:** TO ADD TO WHAT CHIRAG SHARED, THE PCA REVAMP
25 EFFORT OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE MORE THAN EIGHT INITIATIVES THAT WE



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1 WILL BE ADVANCING IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO, IS SLIDES FOCUSED
2 ON A HANDFUL OF THE ACTIONS ON THE EIGHT-PLUS IMPLEMENTATION
3 INSTEAD OF JUST PCA WORK. IT DIDN'T MAKE THE CUT FOR THE SLIDE
4 TODAY BUT DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WILL BE MOVING FORWARD IN
5 THE COMING MONTHS.

6

7 **URSULA VOGLER:** GREAT. AND SHE DID MEAN PCA. SO THANK YOU FOR
8 THAT. THERE IS A COMMENT FROM HELEN MARIE. WITH MOST LOW-
9 INCOME AND BLACK AND BROWN HAVE SEEN IN OUR EXPERIENCE MOST
10 PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED OF THE GENTRIFICATION. THAT'S A COMMENT
11 FROM HELEN MARIE. ROLAND HAS AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT. YES, I
12 UNDERSTAND PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 BUT THE SPECIFIC QUESTION IS
13 HOW DO YOU ADDRESS AN INEQUITY ISSUE THAT IS CAUSED BY
14 DIFFERENT ADJACENT GOVERNMENT ENTITIES? HOW DO YOU ADDRESS
15 THESE KINDS OF ISSUES ENFORCING CORPORATION OR? QUESTION MARK.

16

17 **DAVE VAUTIN:** GOOD QUESTION THAT'S NOT A STRATEGY OR
18 IMPLEMENTATION ACTION IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 BUT IT MIGHT BE
19 A GOOD SOLUTION ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FOCUS
20 ON, BASED ON THE ADOPTED LANGUAGE OF THE VIBRANT GUIDING
21 PRINCIPLE FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IS MAKING SURE THAT ALL
22 COMMUNITIES HAVE AMPLE CONSIDERATIONS WHETHER INCORPORATED
23 LOCATIONS OR UNINCORPORATED LOCATIONS FOR BALANCE OF HOUSING
24 AND JOBS. THERE ARE THINGS TO CONSIDER ON THAT FRONT IN THE



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1 YEARS AHEAD LIKE REVENUE SHARING BUT THIS'S BEYOND THE SCOPE
2 OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050.

3

4 **URSULA VOGLER:** OKAY. HELEN MARIE HAS A FOLLOW-UP. SHE HAS A
5 FEW TYPOS AND SHE ALSO SAID HOW WOULD ONE FIND OUT ABOUT THE
6 DISCOUNTS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND TOLLING?

7

8 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THAT WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO IS THERE IS KIND OF
9 NEAR-TERM FOCUS ON TOLL DISCOUNTS FOR EXPRESS LANES IN THE
10 REGION AND YOU CAN CERTAINLY REACH OUT TO OUR EXPRESS LANES
11 TEAM. I BELIEVE THAT IS BEING PILOTED ON THE 680 CORRIDOR.
12 BUT THIS'S KIND OF AN AREA, A NEAR-TERM AREA OF FOCUS. LONGER
13 TERM WITH PLANNED BAY AREA SUGGESTING A BROADER TOLL DISCOUNT
14 PROGRAM THAT GOES BEYOND EXPRESS LANES TO MORE CORRIDORS IN
15 THE REGION AND THAT'S SOMETHING WHERE WE NEED TO CONTINUE THE
16 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON THAT FRONT THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION
17 FREEWAYS PROJECT STARTING NEXT YEAR. SO THAT'S NOT KIND OF AN
18 IMMEDIATE NEAR-TERM ACTION IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO
19 CONTINUE TO REFINE AND DEVELOP THROUGH THE PROCESS IN 2022,
20 AND 2023.

21

22 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANKS DAVE. NEXT QUESTION FROM SADIE. WHAT IS
23 THE PROCESS FOR ADVANCING THE MAJOR PROJECT ADVANCEMENT
24 POLICY?

25



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1 **DAVE VAUTIN:** ON THIS ONE I'M GOING TO TURN TO MY COLLEAGUES ON
2 THE MOBILITY TEAM, ADAM AND RALEIGH TO SEE IF THEY HAVE
3 ANYTHING TO ADD ON THE SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION ACTION. OR
4 CHIRAG, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHIME IN HERE.

5

6 **ADAM NOELTING:** GOOD QUESTION, DAVE. I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE A
7 GREAT ANSWER TO THAT ONE RIGHT NOW. IT'S ONE WE'RE ACTUALLY
8 WORKING ON. WE WOULD SAY STAY TUNED. WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH
9 MORE DETAIL, SADIE, ON THIS QUESTION, AND PROVIDE SOME ANSWERS
10 ON THIS. OUR TEAM IS LOOKING INTO THE ADVANCEMENT POLICY. SO I
11 DON'T HAVE ANY GREAT ANSWERS FOR YOU TODAY BUT I CAN CERTAINLY
12 FOLLOW UP AFTER THE MEETING.

13

14 **DAVE VAUTIN:** AND MAYBE JUST TO ADD FOR THE BROADER AUDIENCE
15 JOINING TODAY, JUST SO EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THE MAJOR PROJECT
16 ADVANCEMENT POLICY IS, THIS IS BASICALLY THE IDEA THAT THERE
17 ARE PROJECTS IN, WHAT WE CALL THE SECOND HALF, OR BIN TWO OF
18 THE PLAN, THAT IF ADDITIONAL, UNFORESEEN REVENUES BECAME
19 AVAILABLE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE PLANNING PERIOD, COULD BE
20 ACCELERATED FROM BEYOND 2035 TO, CLOSER TO A NEAR-TERM DATE.
21 AND SO THAT POLICY WILL HELP INFORM IF THOSE MONEYS BECAME
22 AVAILABLE HOW THAT PROCESS MIGHT WORK. AND SO, YOU KNOW, WE
23 HAD FLAGGED FOR THAT, AS KIND OF A KEY ACTION ITEM COMING OUT
24 OF THE PROJECT PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR PLANNED BAY AREA
25 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND IT'S BEEN IN THE BACKGROUND AS WE



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1 TRY TO FINISH UP THIS PLAN BUT WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL MOVE
2 FORWARD AT A MORE POST ADOPTION OF THE PLAN IN 2021.

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4 **URSULA VOGLER:** LAST QUESTION FROM VAUGHN SINCE YOUR PLAN
5 DEPENDS ON INCREASED TOLLING NOT TO MENTION CITY REVENUES FROM
6 SALES TAX AUTOMOBILES AND GASOLINE TAXES WHAT INCENTIVE IS
7 THERE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE AUTOMOBILE USE?

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9 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THERE IS A LOT OF INCENTIVES FIRST OF ALL WE'RE
10 SEEING AUTOMOBILE USE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINE AS A RESULT
11 OF ADVANCING THE FULL SUITE OF STRATEGIES IN THE PLAN. YOU
12 KNOW? EVEN WITH ONE FIFTH OF ALL WORKERS CHANGING THEIR
13 COMMUTE PATTERNS AWAY FROM DRIVING, WE'RE STILL, YOU KNOW,
14 GENERATING SIGNIFICANT REVENUES FROM THE PROPOSED TOLLING
15 STRATEGY IN THE PLAN, BUT THEN HELP TO FUND SOME OF THE KEY
16 TRANSIT INVESTMENT IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. YOU KNOW,
17 FURTHERMORE, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SALES TAXES FROM
18 AUTOMOBILES. I MEAN, CERTAINLY, WE CAN ELECTRIFY OUR FLEET, AS
19 WELL. SO WE CAN STILL GENERATE SALES TAXES FROM ELECTRIC
20 VEHICLES WHICH AGAIN CAN HELP FUND SOME OF OUR CRITICAL NEEDS
21 FOR NON-AUTO TRIPS, TOO. SO I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, IT ISN'T
22 ABOUT TRYING TO ELIMINATE ALL AUTO USE, IT'S TRYING TO MANAGE
23 THE DEMAND ON THE SYSTEM THROUGH STRATEGIES THAT CUT ACROSS
24 TRANSPORTATION LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND THROUGH



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1 INVOLVEMENT OF THESE STRATEGIES WE WOULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT
2 HEADWAY ON THAT FRONT TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN PRIOR DECADES.

3

4 **URSULA VOGLER:** THANK YOU, DAVE. SO THOSE ARE ALL THE QUESTIONS
5 I HAVE IN THE Q&A BOX. DOES ANYONE -- WE DO HAVE A PHONE
6 CALLER, MARTHA.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, YOU CAN PRESS
9 STAR NINE, AND WE'LL UNMUTE YOU, IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO
10 GIVE COMMENT? NO PUBLIC COMMENT, AND NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS
11 RECEIVED.

12

13 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THANK YOU, MARTHA AND THANK YOU, URSULA. I THINK,
14 WITH THAT WE'LL TURN TO AGENDA ITEM THREE, WHICH IS NEXT
15 STEPS, OTHER BUSINESS, AND PUBLIC COMMENT. SO STAKEHOLDERS
16 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM, WISHING TO
17 SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE, DIAL STAR NINE OR
18 USE THE QUESTION AND ANSWER FIELD AS APPROPRIATE. AND WHEN
19 CALLED UPON, YOU CAN UNMUTE YOURSELF OR DIAL STAR SIX. SO
20 WE'LL GIVE FOLKS 30 SECONDS OR SO TO SEE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY
21 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR
24 HAND RAISED. VAUGHN, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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1 **SPEAKER:** ASSUMING YOU CAN HEAR ME.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE CAN.

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5 **SPEAKER:** NATIVE OF THE BAY AREA, 71 YEARS OLD BORN AND RAISED
6 IN THE SILICON VALLEY. BEFORE IT WAS LOOKING LIKE A VALLEY. I
7 HAVE NO CONFIDENCE WHATSOEVER IN THE ABILITY TO PLAN GOING ON
8 TO ACCOMPLISH THE THINGS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, THE BUILDING
9 TRADE AND CONSTRUCTION PEOPLE DECIDE WHAT'S GOING TO GET
10 FUNDED BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO SHOW UP FOR TAX INCREASES
11 AND ALL THAT STUFF. AS LONG AS WE'RE SPENDING, TO SAN JOSE, A
12 BILLION DOLLARS A MILE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY
13 TO BUILD ALL THE STUFF YOU'RE TALKING, AND BESIDES,
14 CALIFORNIA, AND THE UNITED STATES POPULATION IS DECREASING.
15 WHY THE BIG RUSH? ANOTHER ISSUE IS, THERE IS A LOT OF VACANT
16 HOUSES IN THE BAY AREA. ACCORDING TO SOME NEWSPAPER REPORTS,
17 THERE IS MORE VACANT HOUSES THAN THERE ARE HOMELESS PEOPLE.
18 HOW IS THAT GOING TO AFFECT THAT AT ALL?

19

20 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THANKS FOR YOUR COMMENT, VAUGHN. MARTHA, IT LOOKS
21 LIKE WE HAVE ANOTHER HAND RAISED.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT UP IS HELEN MARIE. GO AHEAD AND
24 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WHAT GREAT
2 INFORMATION. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO. I DID PARTICIPATE IN
3 A LOT OF COMMUNITY EVENT WHERE IS WE WERE ABLE TO VOICE OUR
4 CONCERNS. ONE OF THE THINGS I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS COUNTIES
5 SUCH AS VALLEJO, SOLANO. I LIVE IN VALLEJO. THAT WE'RE NOT
6 PART OF THE PIE, SO TO SPEAK. AT LEAST NOT FROM, AS A
7 RESIDENT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, HOW CAN WE ENGAGE MORE
8 RESIDENTIAL PEOPLE, SINCE MOST OF THIS IS RELATING TO THEM?
9 WONDERFUL THAT WE HAVE CONSULTANTS AND ALL OF THAT JAZZ, BUT
10 WE NEED TO REALLY HEAR FROM RESIDENTS, SUCH AS MYSELF, WHO IS
11 DEFINITELY INVOLVED DURING THE PANDEMIC, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE
12 LOST JOBS BECAUSE OF LACK OF TRANSPORTATION. AND I DO HEAR
13 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS
14 FAMILIES, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT THAT FOR THE FUTURE?
15 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOUSES WITH ONE BEDROOM, IN THE MILLIONS.
16 AND THIS REALLY BLOWS MY MIND. SO MY CONCERN IS BUILDING OUR
17 EQUITY FOR COUNTIES, HOW CAN WE BETTER REACH OUT TO
18 RESIDENTIAL CITIZENS? THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ASK MY
19 QUESTIONS.

20

21 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THANK YOU, HELEN. URSULA, DID YOU WANT TO GIVE A
22 BRIEF RESPONSE ON THE ENGAGEMENT TOPIC THERE?

23

24 **URSULA VOGLER:** YEAH. HELEN, THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M SO HAPPY TO
25 HEAR THAT YOU WERE PART OF THE PROCESS. AS DAVE MENTIONED AND



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1 SINCE YOU PROBABLY KNOW BECAUSE YOU WERE INVOLVED, WE TRY TO
2 HEAR FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN, AND AS CHIRAG MENTIONED
3 THIS WORK IS ONGOING SO AS WE MOVE INTO PLANNING AND
4 IMPLEMENTATION WE HOPE THAT YOU AND OTHERS WILL STAY INVOLVED.
5 WE HAVE USED A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES TO ENGAGE AS MANY MEMBERS
6 OF THE PUBLIC AS POSSIBLE AND WE WILL CONTINUE THAT AS WE MOVE
7 FORWARD. SO, THANK YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO TACKLING SOME
8 OF THE PROBLEM, OR ALL OF THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
9 WITH THE STRATEGIES SOLUTIONS IN THE PLAN.

10

11 **DAVE VAUTIN:** I'M NOT SEEING ANY MORE HANDS RAISED HERE. MARTHA
12 DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

13

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

16

17 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT BRINGS US TO OUR FINAL
18 AGENDA ITEM, ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF
19 THE REGIONAL ADVISORY WORKING GROUP WILL BE HELD TUESDAY
20 NOVEMBER 9TH, 2021 AT 9:35 A.M. REMOTELY OR BY WEBCAST AS
21 APPROPRIATE DEPENDING ON THE STATUS OF SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS
22 AND CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTED. THANK YOU TO
23 ALL THE PUBLIC THAT PARTICIPATED AND FOR JOINING US. HAVE A
24 GREAT DAY. [MEETING ADJOURNED]

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