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WEDNESDAY, 9:35 A.M., APRIL 28, 2021

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA CHAIR OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WITH VICE CHAIR NICK JOSEFOWITZ THIS MORNING. IF WE COULD CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PLAY THE INTRODUCTORY RECORDING? DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND



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1 ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF
2 AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK,
3 THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR
4 ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT
5 THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

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7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY FOR THAT, LET'S
8 MOVE ON TO ROLL CALL.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR PEDROZA?

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12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

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16 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ABE-KOGA?

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20 **DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AHN? COMMISSIONER AHN, ARE YOU PRESENT?

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24 **EDDIE AHN:** YES. PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. CANEPA?

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3 **DIR. DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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

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7 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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

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11 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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15 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EL-TAWANSY? IS ABSENT. FLEMING?

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19 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

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

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23 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. GLOVER?



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2 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE.

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

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6 **SAM LICCARDO:** PRESENT.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY? COMMISSIONER MILEY IS ABSENT.

9 PAPAN?

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11 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBIT? COMMISSIONER RABBIT IS ABSENT.

14 RONEN?

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16 **DIR. HILLARY RONEN:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCHAFF?

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20 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SPERING?

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24 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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

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3 **AMY R. WORTH:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. LET'S MOVE ON TO

8 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I SEE COMMISSIONER CANEPA HAS A FLAG.

9 WOULD YOU LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PLEASE? I

10 THINK HE HAS MUTED HIMSELF. LET ME GO AHEAD AND START.

11 COMMISSIONER GO AHEAD.

12

13 **DIR. DAVID CANEPA:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

14 "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF

15 AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION

16 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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18 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ITEM THREE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I AM MAKING THE

21 FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY

22 WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A

23 MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A

24 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH

25 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY FOR THAT
3 ANNOUNCEMENT. ITEM FOUR CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. VERY EXCITED
4 THIS MORNING TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEWEST COMMISSIONER VICTORIA
5 FLEMING TO OUR NEWEST MEETING. COMMISSIONER FLEMING
6 REPRESENTING SONOMA COUNTY WHO IS FILLING THE VACANCY BY JAKE
7 MACKENZIE, VICTORIA YOU HAVE SOME ENTHUSIASTIC SHOES TO FILL.
8 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY WORDS TO SAY.

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10 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES. I V BIG SHOES TO FILL AND I AM NOT SURE
11 IF I AM GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET AS MUCH ENTHUSIASM ON THE
12 VERBAL FRONT AS MR. MACKENZIE GOT BUT I SHARE A PASSION FOR
13 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN PARTICULAR AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO
14 PICKING UP WHERE COMMISSIONER MACKENZIE LEFT OFF.

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16 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** YES. YOU ARE JOINING AN ENTIRE
17 ORGANIZATION. WE'RE WILLING TO BE BOLD AND MEET THE CHALLENGES
18 OF THIS GENERATION. SO WELCOME ABOARD.

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20 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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22 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO POINT COMMISSIONER
23 FLEMING TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES JOINT LEGISLATION
24 OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE. AT THIS POINT I WILL



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1 ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THOSE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND
2 WELCOME COMMISSIONER FLEMING.

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4 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING, MOVE.

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6 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI SECOND.

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. KIMBERLY DID WE
9 RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
12 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
13 ON THIS ITEM. IS IS.

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15 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. IF WE COULD DO THE ROLL
16 CALL, PLEASE?

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THE MOTION PASSES
19 UNANIMOUSLY.

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21 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY AND WELCOME TO THE
22 NEW TITLE COMMISSIONER FLEMING. ALL RIGHT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE
23 ON TO OUR NEXT ITEM. RESOLUTION 4476. TWO RESOLUTIONS HERE.
24 BOTH OF THESE FINE LEADERS HAVE A COMBINED OF 70 YEARS OF
25 INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE. AND THAT WAS NOT A TYPO. THAT IS



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1 TRUE. 70 YEARS OF INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE. BARE WITH ME
2 COMMISSIONERS WHILE I READ RESOLUTIONS HERE. 4476 IS AN
3 RESOLUTION FOR JIM MCCRAY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AT
4 THE END OF THIS WEEK AFTER 22 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE
5 OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS WORK RETIRING AFTER 20 YEARS OF
6 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE AGENCY WHERE WE DELIVERED AND
7 DEVELOPED MANY OF MTC'S FINEST CUSTOMER-FACING PROGRAMS JIM
8 PUT 501 ON THE REGIONAL EXPRESS LANES PROGRAM WHERE WE
9 LAUNCHED THE FIRST MTC OPERATED EXPRESS LANES ALONG INTERSTATE
10 680 IN CONTRA COSTA AND ALSO LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
11 EXPRESS LANES STRATEGIC PLAN; VERY TIMELY. AND WHEREAS IN
12 ADDITION BEING IN EXEMPLARY COLLEAGUE, JIM IS AN ACCOMPLISHED
13 TENNIS PLAYER, WINE TASTER -- I'M NOT GOING TO ASK WHICH
14 COUNTY YOU PREFER YOUR WINE FROM, JIM -- PIE BAKER, AND WILL
15 SOON GET TO SPEND HIS RETIREMENT IN HIS PURSUITS. WE
16 ACKNOWLEDGE HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY AND WISH HIM ALL THE BEST
17 AS WE ENJOYS HIS RETIREMENT. JIM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. WELL
18 DESERVED.

19

20 **JIM MACCRAE:** WOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S REALLY BEEN AN HONOR
21 WORKING HERE AT MTC AND FOR ALL OF YOU, THE COMMISSIONERS.
22 AFTER COLLEGE, I HAD AN A LOT OF DIFFERENT JOBS TRYING TO FIND
23 MY WAY TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING THEY FELT I WAS ABLE TO MAKE A
24 DIFFERENCE AND IT WASN'T REALLY UNTIL GRADUATE SCHOOL WHERE I
25 FELT I WAS HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION STUDYING CITIES AND



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1 HOW TO MAKE THEM MORE EFFICIENT, AND THEN I LANDED AN
2 INTERNSHIP AT MTC AND FELT I HAD LANDED AT THE RIGHT PLACE.
3 AND I GUESS IT HAD SHOWN, BECAUSE MY FELLOW INTERN, SHE WAS
4 SAYING GOOD BY AND SHE SAID YOU KNOW WHAT, IF I COME BACK IN
5 20 YEARS I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO STILL BE HERE. I THINK IT WAS
6 SHOWING MY FIT. I ENJOY WORKING HERE AND BELIEVE IN MTC'S
7 MISSION AND VISION TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION AND THE QUALITY
8 OF LIFE IN THE BAY AREA. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO SEE SOME OF THE
9 NEWER CHANGES, AND HOW THE COMMISSION IS ADDING IN NEW FILTERS
10 TO OUR WORK BY CHALLENGING STAFF TO IMPROVE EQUITY AND
11 CLIMATE. I KNOW THESE ARE HUGE CHALLENGES. BUT I THINK WITH
12 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE INTELLIGENCE AND DEDICATION OF OUR
13 STAFF, I THINK YOU'RE ALL UP TO THE CHALLENGE. SO I'M LOOKING
14 FORWARD TO WATCHING THAT. I'M SO INDEBTED TO SO MANY PEOPLE.
15 I DID WANT TO MENTION A COUPLE OF NAMES. WES WELLS, AND DESEAN
16 NIOMI WHO HIRED ME AS AN INTERN AND ANNE FLEMER WHO HIRED ME
17 ON 511 AND MELANIE KRODI WHO REALLY INSPIRED ME TO PROJECT
18 LEADERSHIP CAROL KURESTER WHO BELIEVED IN ME AND GAVE ME
19 OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL, AND LISA KLEIN WHO BROUGHT ME ON TO
20 THE EXPRESS LANES TEAM PROVIDED ME WITH SO MUCH LEADERSHIP AND
21 ACKNOWLEDGE AND REALLY HELPED SUPPORT ME IN GETTING THE
22 EXPRESS LANES UP AND RUNNING AND PRODUCING THE STRATEGIC PLAN.
23 AND ANDY FREMIER WHO HAS PROVIDED GREAT LEADERSHIP AND ALWAYS
24 THERE WITH SUPPORT ON SOME OF MY HARDER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
25 I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT. I FOUND THIS QUOTE FROM AUTHOR



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1 ROBERT BRAULT AND SAID ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS FOR ONE DAY YOU
2 MAY LOOK BACK AND REALIZATION THEY WERE THE BIG THINGS. AND
3 WHEN I LOOK BACK ON MY CAREER JUST MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH
4 COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS I REALLY SEE HOW THEY WERE THE BIG
5 THINGS IN MY CAREER. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR. AND I APPRECIATE THE
6 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AND JIM YOUR FINGERPRINTS HAVE BEEN
9 LEFT ALL OVER THE BAY AREA. COMMISSIONER WORTH?

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11 **AMY R. WORTH:** JIMMIE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF
12 MY HEART FOR YOUR CAREER WORK OVER THE YEARS. WE WERE TALKING
13 ABOUT THE EXPRESS LANES THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND GOING BACK
14 TO THE SUNOL GRADE AND ALL THE WORK. I DON'T THINK THERE IS
15 ANYTHING MORE CHALLENGING IN DEVELOPING A NEW CONCEPT IN A
16 REGION THAT'S SO STEEPED IN HISTORY. THE NEW CONCEPTS, AND THE
17 WORK YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH BEHIND THE SCENE WORK WITH STAFF
18 AND AGENCIES. YOU HAVE DONE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL JOB WITH
19 DEVELOPING THE OPERATIONAL CAPACITIES, AND IMPROVING THE
20 CAPACITIES OF OUR RESOURCES TREMENDOUSLY. AND OF COURSE THE
21 EXPRESS LANE STRATEGIC PLAN WAS FABULOUS, AND IT'S JUST GOING
22 TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR US TO CONTINUE THE WORK AND DO
23 MORE. BLESS YOU AND ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT. IT'S HARD EARNED
24 YOU'RE AN EXAMPLE OF WHY THIS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS SO
25 IMPORTANT. THANK YOU AGAIN, JIM.



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2 **JIM MACCRAE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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6 **JAMES P. SPERING:** JIM, I GO BACK TO THE 511 AND ALL THE JOBS
7 WE HAD THERE. AND I DON'T THINK PEOPLE APPRECIATE THE
8 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THAT YOU BROUGHT TO THAT. BUT REALLY IT
9 WAS JUST OUTSTANDING WORK. AND I ECHO AMY'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE
10 EXPRESS LINES. YOU ARE ONE OF THE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD, AND
11 NOT ONLY HERE IN THE REGION BUT IN THE NATION. SO THAT
12 LEADERSHIP IS GOING TO SERVE THIS REGION FOR A LONG TIME. AND
13 SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

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15 **JIM MACCRAE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S SO NICE.

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17 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AGAIN JIM. I LOVE THE STORY
18 FROM INTERNSHIP TO A LONG LASTING CAREER. THAT WAS A
19 MEANINGFUL CAREER. JIM WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE
20 AGENCY AND TO THE PUBLIC. AND YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TASTE
21 WINE IN NAPA COUNTY ANY TIME NOW THAT YOU HAVE SO MUCH FREE
22 TIME.

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24 **JIM MACCRAE:** I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT. THANK YOU.

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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE TO HAVE A MOTION
2 TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION. I'LL LOOK TO OUR FELLOW
3 COMMISSIONERS? WORTH?

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5 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL SECOND.

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7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE
8 ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
11 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
12 ON THIS ITEM.

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14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. LET'S DO THE ROLL
15 CALL, PLEASE.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. MOTION PASSES
18 UNANIMOUSLY.

19

20 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU JIM. ALL THE BEST. SEE YOU
21 SOON. ITEM 4B RESOLUTION 4477 IN APPRECIATION FOR JOEL
22 MARKOWITZ WHO IS RETIRING NEXT WEEK AFTER AN INCREDIBLE 49
23 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COMMISSION. A FRAMED COPY OF THIS
24 RESOLUTION WILL BE DELIVERED THIS AFTERNOON, I WON'T READ THE
25 WHOLE RESOLUTION. I'LL SELECT A FEW PHOTOGRAPHS TO READ. AS



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1 DR. JOEL MARKOWITZ RETIRING AFTER 49 YEARS OF DEDICATED
2 SERVICE. WHEREAS DURING THE PURSUIT OF HIS PURSUIT OF MASTERS
3 DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN THE EARLY 1970S JOEL
4 SET HIS SITES ON A CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR THROUGH A SPEND
5 THE DAY WITH A PLANNER PROGRAM. MTC THEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
6 PAUL WALT AS HIS ONE DAY MENTOR WHICH PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY
7 TO MEET THE CHAIR, AND AS BOTH C THEY DANGLED THIS SHOVEL OF A
8 FORM OF \$1,000 PER MONTH OFFER LETTER. THAT'S INCREDIBLE.
9 WHEREAS JOEL SPEARHEADED MTC VARIOUS INTELLIGENT AND
10 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS AND PROVIDED MUCH OF THEIR
11 ORIGINAL SOURCE DMA FOR THE CLIPPER IN THE 511 WHEREAS IN
12 ADDITION HIS SERIAL SECTION HOPPING AND TECHNOLOGICAL ENVELOPE
13 PUSHING AT HIS PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE GLOBE TROTTER JOEL
14 SOMEHOW FOUND TIME TO PICK UP ANOTHER MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC
15 ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS PH.D. IN URBAN PLANNING AND TO GET
16 MARRIED AND BE A DEVOTED FATHER TO TWO CHILDREN AND SOMEHOW
17 WITH ALL OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BECAME BEST KNOWN AS THE
18 OWNER OF A DAILY DRIVER FOR SOME OF DETROIT'S REAL IRON
19 MUSCLE, 1974 MUSTANG THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THE COMMISSION
20 WISHING YOU WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY TO
21 SHADED TRAILS, MORE MILES, AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON OF HIS
22 FAVORITE TEAMS, AND STAFF AT MTC ENCOURAGE JOEL TO RETURN TO
23 THE CIVIC CENTER WHEN THE PANDEMIC HAS ENDED TO ENJOY A
24 CELEBRATION FOR HIS REMARKABLE CAREER. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
25 YOU TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY WORDS TO SHARE.



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2 **JOEL MARKOWITZ:** IT LOOKS AS IF THEY TRIED TO CRAM IN AS MANY
3 WHEREAS FOR AS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. I APPRECIATE THAT. ONE
4 OF THE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS THINGS ABOUT RETIRING IS HAVING
5 TO GO THROUGH LOTS AND LOTS OF OLD FILES. WORKING ON THAT, I
6 DID FIND THAT ORIGINAL OFFER LETTER. LET ME READ YOU THIS. YOU
7 ARE TO START WORK ON JULY 17TH, 1972 AS A PERMANENT STAFF
8 MEMBER. I ACCEPT PERMANENT AND MUST HAVE TAKEN THAT LITERALLY.
9 I REALIZE THERE IS USUALLY AN AUDIBLE GASP WHEN PEOPLE HEAR
10 HOW LONG I HAVE WORKED AT MTC "HOW COULD YOU WORK AT A PLACE
11 FOR THAT LONG?" BUT THE ANSWER IS IN THE QUESTION IT'S NOT
12 BEEN IN THE SAME PLACE THE WHOLE TIME, THE ORGANIZATION AND
13 ITS MISSION HAS CONSTANTLY GROWN AND MORPHED INTO
14 RESPONSIBILITIES. I HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES
15 TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A WIDE VARIETY OF WORK FOR OUR
16 ACTIVITIES. I HAVE WORKED IN SEVEN OF MTC'S SECTIONS. SO I
17 DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET BOARD. I REMEMBER THE PLANNING GRAD
18 STUDENT, AND THERESE'S ALMA MATER, AND MANY OTHER MTC
19 ALUMNARIES. THE BAY AREA SEEING THAT FAMOUS APOLLO 11 EARTH
20 RISE PHOTO FOR THE FIRST TIME, EXCEPT THE OCEAN ALL OTHER
21 BOUNDARIES WERE ARTIFICIAL AND THIS COMMISSION HELPS PROMOTE
22 THAT VISION THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE A PART OF. WE HAVE HAD A
23 REMARKABLY CHALLENGING STAFF OVER THE YEARS I HAVE ENJOYED
24 WORKING WITH TO PURSUE THAT VISION AND A REMARKABLE SUCCESSION
25 OF REGIONAL LEADERS ON THIS COMMISSION. I WISH YOU ALL



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1 CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH YOUR EVER EXPANDING PORTFOLIO OF ISSUES
2 THAT ARE VITAL TO ALL WHO CALL THIS EXTRAORDINARY REGION HOME.
3 THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I KNEW AND WORKED WITH ALL COMMISSIONERS
4 BUT NOW IT'S ONLY COMMISSIONERS GIOCAPINI AND SPERING WHO
5 MIGHT REMEMBER THOSE DAYS. I HAVEN'T HAD THE PLEASURE TO
6 WORKING WITH MANY OF YOU, BUT I WOULD ENJOY THE PLEASURE OF
7 GETTING TOGETHER, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHANCE OF MEETING
8 YOU AT THAT TIME. AND AGAIN, IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THE
9 COMMISSION.

10

11 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM
12 STAFF. STARTING WITH COMMISSIONER SPERING.

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14 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AS JOEL SAID, I THINK DOREEN AND I WERE THE
15 TWO THAT WORKED WITH JOEL. ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO I WAS CHAIRING
16 THE WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE WHICH IS NOW THE PLANNING
17 COMMITTEE. AND YOU KNOW, LARRY DOMS FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
18 OF MTC HE REFERRED TO JOEL AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF MTC, ONE
19 OF THE PILLARS. AND I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OF THE OUTSTANDING
20 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MTC OVER THE YEARS THAT JOEL'S FINGERPRINTS
21 HAVEN'T BEEN ON, HE'S BEEN ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, LIKE MOST
22 STAFF AT MTC WELL EDUCATED VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN OUR FIELDS
23 VERY COMPETENT. THE REAL THING THAT'S MOST OUTSTANDING ABOUT
24 MTC EMPLOYEES THEY'RE JUST GREAT TO BE AROUND AND JOEL IS ONE
25 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU OVER



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1 THE YEARS, JOEL WE WORKED ON A LOT OF PROJECTS TOGETHER. I
2 CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP JOEL YOU'RE
3 CERTAINLY GOING TO BE MISSED AT MTC I ALWAYS REFER TO YOU AS
4 ONE OF THOSE SILENT LEADERS ONE OF THE BACKGROUND MAKING
5 EVERYTHING EXCELLENT. JOEL ON BEHALF OF THIS COMMISSION JOB
6 WELL DONE AND A CAREER YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF.

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8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THERESE.

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10 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** JOEL, WHAT AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO WISH YOU
11 RETIREMENT AFTER SUCH AN INCREDIBLE YEAR. AND THE COMMISSION
12 SHOULD KNOW, JOEL HIRED ME. HE WAS MY FIRST BOSS. TALK ABOUT
13 THE CIRCLE, YOU KNOW, OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE HERE. I'M HERE
14 BECAUSE IN JANUARY 1984, JOEL HAD, YOU KNOW, WELCOMED ME TO
15 THE CLAREMONT HOTEL. I BELIEVE, TODAY, JOEL, MYSELF, AND PETER
16 BIELER ARE THE ONLY THREE STAFF PERSONS WHO HAD ANY TIME OF
17 TENURE AT THE CLAREMONT HOTEL. BACK IN THE DAY, DEFINITELY.
18 BUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU OBSERVED, JIM, THAT JOEL'S MARK ON
19 THIS AGENCY AND ITS GROWTH AND ITS EVOLUTION, AND I THINK THAT
20 WORD IS AN APPROPRIATE ONE, THAT AS THE AGENCY EVOLVED TO THE
21 REGIONAL LEADER THAT IT IS, JOEL WAS ONE OF THE SUPPORTING
22 PILLARS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN IN TERMS OF INSIGHT AND INCOME
23 PARTICULAR WHEN WE WERE EVALUATING FAX MACHINES INTO THE WORLD
24 IN TRUE CONNECTEDNESS. AND I JUST WISH YOU, JOEL, ALL THE
25 BEST, AND TIME TO DELIGHT IN LIFE. THANK YOU.



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THERESE. COMMISSIONER
3 GIACOPINI?

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5 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HI. I'M IN A PLACE THAT'S NOISY AT THE
6 MOMENT. I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS SHORT. I WANT TO SAY, THE FIRST
7 WORD THAT ALWAYS POPS INTO MY HEAD WHEN I THINK ABOUT JOEL IS
8 TRANSLING. AND, YOU KNOW, WHERE WE ARE NOW, COMPARED TO WHERE
9 WE WERE WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE BOARD, AND JOEL SCHOOLED ME ON
10 TRANSLINK IS JUST AMAZING. I WISH YOU WELL. I THANK YOU SO
11 MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR MTC, AND PLEASE ENJOY
12 YOUR RETIREMENT. WE WILL MISS YOU. THANK YOU.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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16 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. JOEL I'LL SAY
17 FOR THOSE NEWER COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO WORK
18 WITH YOU, THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE COMMISSIONER WHO FOLLOW. WE
19 HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOOD WORK THAT MANY PEOPLE DID BEFORE
20 US THAT PUT US IN THE POSITION WE'RE IN TODAY. THANK YOU FOR
21 ALL OF THE WORK THAT WE KNOW ABOUT AND THAT WE DON'T KNOW
22 ABOUT. YOU BUILT THAT FOUNDATION AND WE'RE PRIVILEGED TO BE
23 LEADING THIS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF THE GOOD WORK YOU HAVE
24 DONE AND COMMISSIONER SPERING IS RIGHT OF THE PILLAR THAT IS



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1 SO FOUNDATIONAL TO OUR SERVICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY FINAL
2 WORDS, JOEL?

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4 **JOEL MARKOWITZ:** IT'S HARD TO LOOK BACK AND THINK THAT I HAVE
5 ACTUALLY BEEN HERE THIS LONG. I'M NOT A GOOD EXAMPLE OF
6 YOUNGER STAFF OF CAREER PLANNING. I JUST GOT REALLY, REALLY
7 LUCKY THAT OPPORTUNITIES CAME ALONG ONE AFTER ANOTHER TO DO
8 SOMETHING NEW, DIFFERENT, FUN, WITH GOOD PEOPLE, LEARN MU
9 THINGS, AND TRY TO PROGRESS AND HELP YOU SUPPORT WHAT YOU NEED
10 TO DO TO HELP THE REGION. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU.

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12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU JOEL. I THINK THIS
13 GENERATION CAN LEARN A LOT FROM THE PREVIOUS GENERATION. I'LL
14 JUST SAY THAT. AT THIS POINT, WE DO NEED A MOTION TO ACCEPT
15 THIS RESOLUTION WITH GREAT HONOR.

16

17 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL BE HONORED.

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19 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND?

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21 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** SECOND.

22

23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. KIMBERLY HAVE WE
24 RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GREAT. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE?

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION
8 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

9

10 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** I'LL REMIND YOU THAT MUSTANG HAS AN
11 ELECTRIC CAR. YOU CAN EXCHANGE YOUR GAS POWERED WITH THE EV.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** SOMEHOW IT DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME BUT I'LL LOOK INTO
14 THAT.

15

16 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOVING ON IN THE AGENDA ITEM FIVE
17 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT. RANDI KINMAN.

18

19 **RANDI KINMAN:** RECENT RETIREMENT OF JIM MACRAE SHOWS THE VALUE
20 OF INTERNSHIPS. THE EQUITY AND ACCESS COMMITTEE MET ON APRIL
21 15TH AGENDA INCLUDED REVIEW OF MTC SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
22 TITLE SIX UPDATES WHILE THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE PROGRAM
23 THEY ASKED FOR A FALL UP TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IF FINE
24 GRAINED MATTER REVIEW ON FASTRAK START PROGRAM AND FOLLOW UP
25 REGARDING OUTREACH THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN ON OUR LIST FOR A



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1 DECADE OR MORE. THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING MONTHLY TO STAY
2 ON TOP OF THE PLAN AND THE NEXT MEETING IS MAY 3RD. THE FARE
3 INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MET MARCH 12TH, THE
4 COMMITTEE REVIEWED DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS BEFORE THEY ARE
5 FINALIZED THEY ARE MEETING EVERY MONTH THROUGH THE END OF THE
6 YEAR AS THE TASK FORCE IS GOING THROUGH FINAL ANALYSIS. THE
7 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MET APRIL 14TH WE WILL BE MEETING FOR
8 EXTENDED SESSIONS TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE OBLIGATION OF REVIEW
9 ITEMS BEFORE THE COMMISSION WE WELCOME FRANK WELTE
10 REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY OF SAN FRANCISCO ALSO BEEN
11 APPOINTED AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE EQUITY AND ACCESS
12 SUBCOMMITTEE. WE REVIEWED THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY
13 TASK FORCE AND WERE PRESENTED WITH A COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE
14 REVIEW. INCLUDING A RECAP OF PRIOR COVID FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
15 EXISTING FUNDS TO BE DISBURSED AND LENGTHY REPORT ON PROGRAMS.
16 WE DISCUSSED ASSEMBLY BILLS AND THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL
17 COUNCIL RARELY BRINGS VOTES TO YOU IN THIS MATTER, ONE OF OUR
18 MEMBERS SAID WE CAN SEE HOW DOCUMENTS CHANGED BASED ON OUR
19 INPUT. COUNCIL VOTE WAS NUMEROUS WITH ABSTENTIONS FROM PEOPLE
20 TEMPORARILY OFFLINE TO SUPPORT A.B. 629 KNOWING THIS IS A WORK
21 IN PROGRESS IN CONDENSING THE COMMENTS AND CONCERN THE COUNCIL
22 WANTS TO EMPHASIZE WE FELT THAT IF WE DON'T ACT TO BUILD BACK
23 BETTER AS A RETURN TO A POST-COVID 19 SCENARIO WE WILL NEVER
24 BUILD A REGIONAL SYSTEM THAT SERVES EXISTING TRANSIT RIDERS OR
25 ENTICES NEW RIDERS NEVER MEET GHG REDUCTION GOALS AND NEVER



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1 HAVE A TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS AND
2 VISITS. THANK YOU. THAT'S MY REPORT.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU RANDI. ANY ADDITIONAL
5 COMMENTS? THANK YOU RANDI. ITEM SIX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
6 REPORT. THERESE MCMILLAN

7

8 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR. AND I'LL BE
9 BRIEF. APRIL WAS A BUSY MONTH, AND ONE OF THE THINGS I'M
10 EXCITED ABOUT WILL BE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMISSION FOR
11 ADOPTING THE EXPRESS LANES STRATEGIC PLAN BECAUSE THAT IS
12 DEFINITELY JIM MACRAE'S SWAN SONG. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK
13 JIM FOR BEING SO RESPONSIVE, AND, YOU KNOW, MOVING ALONG WITH
14 US, AS WE, REALLY, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, I THINK, TOOK
15 THE EXPRESS LANE PROGRAM AND MADE IT THE CENTERPIECE THAT IT
16 WILL BE FOR THE REGION. SO, JIM, ALL THE BEST TO YOU, AND
17 THANKS AGAIN. WITH RESPECT TO THE OTHER -- ANOTHER MAJOR
18 MILESTONE WAS CLIPPER. LAUNCHES, YOU KNOW, ON THE IPHONE AND
19 APPLE WATCH MOBILE APP WHICH WAS MET WITH APPROPRIATE FAN FAIR
20 AND EXCITEMENT ACROSS THE REGION. I KNOW COMMISSIONERS
21 JOSEFOWITZ AND AMY WORTH, I THINK, GET THE AWARD FOR PUTTING
22 IT ON THEIR PHONE ON THE COMMISSION SIDE OF THINGS, AS SOON AS
23 POSSIBLE. WE'RE REALLY THRILLED TO, AGAIN, HAVE ACHIEVED THAT
24 MAJOR IMPROVEMENT FOR OUR CUSTOMERS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO
25 CLIPPER COMING TO GOOGLE PAY IN MAY. SO MORE ACHIEVEMENTS IN



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1 STOCK. ALSO A COUPLE OF NOTES TO WRAP UP. THE CALIFORNIA
2 TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION, THIS MONTH, NAMED BATA AS ITS
3 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR FOR 2020, AND THERE WILL BE A REMOTE,
4 OF COURSE, CEREMONIES LATER ON IN THE MONTH, I BELIEVE. MAY
5 27TH. AND I THINK IT DOES RECOGNIZE THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK
6 THAT THE AGENCY HAS BEEN DOING, PARTICULARLY A RESPONSE TO THE
7 PANDEMIC, AND MOVING INTO THE ALL ELECTRIC TOLLING ENVIRONMENT
8 MUCH SOONER THAN WE DID. AND WHILE THAT BROUGHT A LOT OF
9 CHALLENGES IT REALLY IS A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF OUR ABILITY
10 TO PIVOT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AS THEY PROCEED.
11 THE LAST THING I'LL NOTE WAS, I DON'T OFTEN LIST PRESENTATIONS
12 THAT I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DO IN AN INSURER -- IN A NUMBER EVER
13 SPACES. BUT THIS ONE I WILL. I WAS ASKED TO BE A PANEL OF
14 EXPERTS BEFORE THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS,
15 SANDAG, A BOARD OF DIRECTORS'S MEETING, AND THEY ARE
16 ESSENTIALLY THE MTC REGIONAL EQUIVALENT IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA.
17 AND I POINT IT OUT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE, SINCE, I -- YOU
18 KNOW, EVEN BEFORE I CAME, BUT CERTAINLY AS PART OF MY MAJOR
19 EMPHASIS FOR THE REGION, HAVE BEEN REITERATING AND PUTTING
20 FORWARD AND COMMITTING TO EQUITY AS CUTTING -- AS A CROSS
21 CUTTING, NOT ONLY ISSUE, BUT MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR US
22 TO ADVANCE. AND I WOULD SAY THAT THE PRESENTATION IN SAN DIEGO
23 WAS VERY INSTRUCTIVE TO SEE, AS THEY ARE ALSO UPDATING THEIR
24 LONG RANGE PLAN, HOW THE NEED FOR EQUITY AND THE CHALLENGES
25 FOR INCORPORATING IT ARE SHARED AND MANIFEST THEMSELVES OFTEN



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1 IN VERY DIFFERENT WAYS. I HAVE INCLUDED THE LINK TO THE
2 MEETING WHERE I WAS WITH COMAE KASIGI WHO IS ALSO DOWN HERE IN
3 SCAG, AND I THINK IT'S OFTEN A GOOD REMINDER THAT WE'RE ALL
4 MOVING UP THE MOUNTAIN TOGETHER IN THIS SPACE. AND I JUST WANT
5 TO SAY, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR WHAT WE DO. I THINK THE
6 CHALLENGES ARE VERY DIFFERENT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE AND
7 COUNTRY. AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY, IT CERTAINLY WAS A MOMENT
8 FOR ME TO REFLECT ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE MISSION AND YOUR
9 INCREDIBLE SUPPORT OF ME AND THE STAFF AS WE MOVE ALONG THAT
10 SPACE. SO, THANK YOU.

11

12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH THERESE. DO WE
13 HAVE ANY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? AGAIN THERESE,
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR DETAILED REPORT. LET'S MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM
15 EIGHT. -- SEVEN. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. SEEING IF
16 COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY COMMENTS. I WILL SAY WE CONCLUDED OUR
17 VIRTUAL LEG MEETING WE LEARNED THINGS FROM OUR STATE
18 LEGISLATORS. BEING ABLE TO TALK ABOUT PLANNED BAY AREA WAS A
19 HIGHLIGHT OF HOW OUR REGION IS TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE OF
20 TRANSPORTATION HOUSING JOB HOUSING BALANCE DURING A PANDEMIC
21 IT WAS A GREAT STORY TO TELL. WE WERE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT
22 FUNDING GAPS IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ADVOCATE AND I WANT
23 TO THANK GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN FOR SETTING UP AN IMPACTFUL
24 EXPERIENCE. LET'S MOVE ON TO AGENDA ITEM EIGHT, CONSENT
25 CALENDAR. DO I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?



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2 **AMY R. WORTH:** SO MOVED.

3

4 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** I'LL MOVE APPROVAL.

5

6 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER WORTH. SECOND BY
7 COMMISSIONER GLOVER. KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC
8 COMMENT ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
11 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
12 ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL. AT THIS POINT, ROLL CALL,
15 PLEASE?

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION
18 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

19

20 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ITEM NINE, ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.
21 GLOVER.

22

23 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MET REMOTELY
24 APRIL 14TH OF THIS YEAR AND REFERS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE
25 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL FIRST BEING AGENDA ITEM 9A, MTC



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1 RESOLUTION NUMBER 4421 REVISED, FISCAL YEAR 2021 OVERALL WORK
2 PROGRAM AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE. THIS APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT
3 NUMBER THREE, WHICH DECREASES THE FINAL TRANSPORTATION
4 PLANNING [INDISCERNIBLE] BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
5 BY \$487,483,000 FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
6 BY \$173,178. AMENDMENT NUMBER ALSO INCLUDES MODIFICATION TO
7 THE SCOPE OF WORK AS WELL AS CHANGING THE REVENUE AND
8 EXPENDITURE LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE WORK ELEMENT. DESPITE THE
9 RECISSION OF FUNDS, MTC EXPECTS TO COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR 2021
10 OVERALL WORK PLAN -- OVERALL WORK PROGRAM TRANSPORTATION
11 PLANNING ACTIVITIES. I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER
12 4421 REVISED.

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST BY COMMISSIONER
15 GLOVER. ENTERTAIN A SECOND?

16

17 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN SECOND.

18

19 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND BY PAPAN. DO WE HAVE ANY
20 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT SEEING NONE.
21 KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH 9A.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
24 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
25 ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO ROLL CALL VOTE,
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION
6 PASS UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

7

8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. ONE MORE ITEM.

9

10 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4458 FOR FISCAL YEAR
11 2021 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM, PLANNING CERTIFICATION AND
12 AUTHORIZATION OF EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR THE FEDERAL AND
13 STATE PLANNING GRANT. THIS APPROVES OF FISCAL YEAR 2021
14 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM WHICH GUIDES A COLLABORATION --
15 COLLABORATIVE MTC OF MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS
16 INVOLVING MTC/ABAG, CALTRANS, AND OTHER LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
17 PARTNERS AND AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE
18 AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUNDS. I MOVE APPROVAL
19 OF MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4458.

20

21 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL SECOND.

22

23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY CHAIR GLOVER SECOND BY
24 COMMISSIONER SPERING. ANY COMMISSIONERS WHO WISH TO COMMENT ON



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1 THIS ITEM, 9B. KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT
2 ASSOCIATED WITH 9B?

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
5 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
6 ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GREAT. LET'S GO AHEAD WITH ROLL CALL,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. MOTION PASS UNANIMOUSLY
12 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIM. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER
15 GLOVER. ITEM TWO PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS REPORTS. PAPAN.

16

17 **GINA PAPAN:** PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MET REMOTELY
18 APRIL 14TH, 2021 REFERRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE
19 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AGENDA ITEM TEN [INDISCERNIBLE]
20 RESOLUTION NUMBERS REVISED AND 4412 REVISED ADOPTION OF SENATE
21 BILL ALTERNATIVE FUNDING PLAN FOR REGIONAL MEASURE THREE FUNDS
22 AND REGIONAL MEASURES AND LETTERS OF NO PREJUDICE ADOPTING
23 ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SENATE BILL SB1 PROJECTS MATCHING REGIONAL
24 MEASURE THREE FUNDS MAINTAINING DELIVER OF COMMITMENTS. I MOVE
25 APPROVAL OF 4202 REVISED AND 4412 REVISED.



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN SECOND BY
3 CONNOLY. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? I SEE A HAND
4 RAISED. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

5

6 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. WE HAD A ROBUST AND GOOD DISCUSSION
7 AT COMMITTEE. THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE THERE, THANK YOU FOR THAT.
8 ONE THING I WANTED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND IS, AS WE LOOK AT OBAG
9 FUNDING, ARE WE LOOKING AT OBAG FUNDING THAT'S ALREADY GOING
10 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THESE TWO COUNTIES? OR ARE WE LOOKING AT
11 OBAG FUNDING MORE AT-LARGE IN THE FUTURE?

12

13 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ. I THINK
14 OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

15

16 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** AND I'M JUST WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT I
17 UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. THE OBAG FUNDING OF THAT WAS
18 PROGRAMMATIC, AND THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THE OBAG CAPACITY,
19 IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR'S WORTH OF CAPACITY, OUR PROGRAMMING LAGS
20 AT LEAST A YEAR, SOMETIMES MORE, FROM THE ACTUAL FEDERAL
21 APPORTIONMENTS THAT COME TO US BECAUSE OF OUR INTENSE, YOU
22 KNOW, OUTREACH EFFORTS AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITIES AND
23 WHAT NOT. SO FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, CASH FLOW SITUATION,
24 THIS DOES NOT IMPACT THE UPCOMING ABAG THREE PROGRAMMING IN
25 TERMS OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AND BE



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1 PROGRAMMED. AND AS WE'RE JUST SAYING HERE, OUR ASSUMPTION IS
2 THAT WE WILL HAVE RM3 RESOLVED. IN WHICH CASE THAT CAPACITY
3 WILL COME BACK. BUT FOR A TIMING PERSPECTIVE, STAFF DOES NOT
4 SEE AN IMPACT ON THE PROGRAM.

5

6 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** GOT IT. I UNDERSTAND THAT CASH FLOW WILL NOT BE
7 AN ISSUE AS YOU SEE IT. WHICH MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO ME. I
8 KNOW A LOT OF THESE PROGRAMS TAKE SO MANY YEARS. WHAT I WAS
9 GOING TO ASK AND THIS ISN'T RELEVANT TO THIS PARTICULAR ITEM.
10 BUT I DO THINK THAT AS WE'RE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE
11 OPPORTUNISTIC WITH FUTURE FUNDING, THAT, IF POSSIBLE, THAT WE
12 -- THAT WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFICITY ABOUT THE PAY BACK
13 STRATEGIES. AND ONLY BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE MORE WE ALL
14 UNDERSTAND, THE LESS CONFLICT WE HAVE IN THE FUTURE. SO, I --
15 AND I -- BUT, I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF IT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE
16 SURE I UNDERSTOOD THAT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ. DO WE
19 HAVE ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS WITH OTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING
20 NONE. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH
21 TEN A?

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
24 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
25 ON THIS ITEM.



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASS
5 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

6

7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. GO AHEAD
8 COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

9

10 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM 10B, MTC
11 RESOLUTION 4403 REVISED, 2021 REGIONAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
12 PROGRAM, CYCLE FIVE PROGRAM PROJECTS, ADOPTS THE 2021 REGIONAL
13 T -- ATP, CYCLE FIVE, PROVIDING 37 MILLION IN NEW PROGRAMMING
14 COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH 2022, THROUGH 2024 AND
15 2025. FOLLOWING A COMPETITIVE EVALUATION OF PROJECT
16 APPLICATIONS, I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION 4303 REVISED.

17

18 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI SECONDS.

19

20 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN. SECOND BY
21 COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI. DO WE HAVE ANY COMMISSIONER
22 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, 10B. SEEING NONE. KIMBERLY DID WE
23 RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH 10B?

24



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVING RIGHT ALONG LET'S
6 PROCEED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION
9 PASS UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

10

11 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY.

12

13 **GINA PAPAN:** MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM 10C RESOLUTIONS 4430
14 REVISED 4431 REVISED ALLOCATION OF 124 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR
15 2020 THROUGH 2021 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AND STATE
16 TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO VARIOUS OPERATORS. ADOPTS AN
17 INITIAL ALLOCATION OF 48 MILLION TO SAN FRANS AND ADDITIONAL
18 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO OTHER OPERATORS BASED ON REVISED FISCAL
19 YEAR 2021, THROUGH 2031 REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR PROJECTS
20 THROUGH 2021 THROUGH 2022 FUND ESTIMATE. MTC RESOLUTION 4450
21 ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY 2021, I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTIONS
22 NUMBER 4430 REVISED AND 4431 REVISED.

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

25



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1 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** I'LL SECOND IT. DUTRA-VERNACI.

2

3 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. COMMISSIONER
4 COMMENTS? KIMBERLY ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING ON THIS
7 ITEM. MR. LEBRUN WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. HE HAS HIS
8 HAND RAISED.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO VERY BRIEFLY BRING TO THE COMMISSION'S
11 ATTENTION, AS OF JUNE OF THIS YEAR, THE VTA WILL HAVE A
12 SURPLUS OF APPROXIMATELY \$135 MILLION IN CASAC FUNDING. THEY
13 HAVE SINCE RELEASED THE DRAFT, 2022, 2023 BUDGET. THERE IS A
14 SLIDE IN THERE THAT INDICATES THAT THEY INTEND TO USE THIS
15 FUNDING TO BRING LIGHT RAIL AND BUS OPERATIONS GAP BETWEEN NOW
16 AND 2028. AND THE REASON WHY THIS IS HAPPENING, IS BECAUSE
17 THE TAXES THAT WE VOTED FOR LIGHT RAIL ARE BEING USED FOR
18 BART. ESSENTIALLY WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS USING CASAC FUNDING
19 FOR BART. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A FULL FTA AUDIT OF THE
20 VTA, AS TO WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE CASAC FUNDING IN THAT
21 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE
24 ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED, MR. CHAIR.

2

3 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ROLL CALL VOTE.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASS
6 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

7

8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY.

9

10 **GINA PAPAN:** MOVING TO ITEM 10D, MTC RESOLUTION NUMBERS 4456,
11 4457, 4169 REVISED, AND 4272 REVISED. PROGRAMS, 506.3 MILLION
12 IN FTA FORMULA REVENUES, A.B. 666 -- 664, EXCUSE ME, BRING
13 TOLLS, AND BATA PROJECT SAVINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 THROUGH
14 2021, FOR TRANSIT OPERATORS, STATE OF GOOD REPAIR, CONSISTENT
15 WITH THE TRANSIT CAPITAL PRIORITIES PROCESS AND CRITERIA.
16 INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED PLAN FOR FINANCING AGAINST
17 FUTURE FTA REVENUES AND UPDATES THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 THROUGH
18 2017, AND FISCAL YEAR 2019 THROUGH IT. CP PROGRAM TOTALING 41
19 MILLION. I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTIONS 4456, 4457, 4169
20 REVISED, AND 4272 REVISED.

21

22 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

23

24 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI SECONDS.

25



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI. ALL RIGHT
2 GOING THREE FOR THREE. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMISSION
3 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM, 10D? SEEING NONE. I SEE NO HANDS RAISED
4 BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. KIMBERLY LET'S GO TO PICTURE
5 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. ALETA
8 DUPREE YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.
11 THERE ARE LOTS OF GOOD THINGS IN THIS PROGRAM. I HAVE READ
12 THROUGH THE CHART, AND I WISH TO REITERATE FOR THE COMMITTEE
13 OF THE HALL, THAT WE ARE STILL PURCHASING TRANSIT VEHICLES
14 THAT OPERATE ON STRAIGHT PETROLEUM DIESEL, WHICH IS CERTAINLY
15 IN CONTRAVENTION TO OUR SUBSTANTIATE CLIMATE GOALS. I HOPE WE
16 CAN MOVE THE NEEDLE FORWARD IN BEING ABLE TO PURCHASE MORE
17 ELECTRIC AND HYDROGEN VEHICLES BECAUSE IT REALLY IS TIME TO
18 MOVE FORWARD. BECAUSE AS LONG AS WE KEEP PURCHASING EQUIPMENT
19 THAT OPERATES ON STRAIGHT DIESEL, WE'RE NOT MOVING FORWARD
20 ESPECIALLY WHEN CONSIDERING THAT IN GENERAL TRANSIT BUSES
21 HAVE TO BE USED FOR 12 YEARS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALETA. KIMBERLY, ANY
24 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS?

25



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** LET'S DO ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES
8 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

9

10 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. ITEM 11 OPERATIONS
11 COMMITTEE. COMMISSION CHAIR DUTRA-VERNACI. TAKE IT AWAY.

12

13 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGENDA ITEM 11 IS
14 THAT THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MET APRIL 9TH, 2021 AND REFERRED
15 ONE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. THAT'S 11A, THE
16 REGIONAL EXPRESS LANES STRATEGIC PLAN. ADOPTION OF A BAY AREA
17 EXPRESS LANE STRATEGIC PLAN WHICH LINKS THE BROADER EXPRESS
18 LANE NETWORK FOR GOALS AND STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE GOALS OF
19 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. BASED ON YEARS OF RESEARCH AND
20 COLLABORATION WITH EXPRESS LANE PARTNERS STAFF PROPOSES
21 RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEAR-TERM ACTIONS THAT REPRESENT CONCRETE
22 STEPS TO MOVE THE EXPRESS LANES NETWORK FORWARD AND LINK IT TO
23 REGIONALLY STRATEGIC GOALS. AT THE APRIL 9TH MEETING THE
24 COMMITTEE APPROVED THE STRATEGIC PLAN UNDER THE FOLLOWING
25 CONDITIONS. ONE, THAT THE STRATEGIC PLAN BE UPDATED TO STATE



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1 IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES SECTION THAT LEVERAGING
2 OPPORTUNITIES TO GARNER MORE SIGNIFICANT FUNDING THROUGH
3 PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL PROJECT DELIVERY ENTITIES ENHANCES A
4 PROJECT'S MERIT AND READINESS. AND, TWO, THAT UPON COMPLETION
5 OF THE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES FROM THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT
6 TASK FORCE AND PLANNED BAY AREA 2050'S IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,
7 STAFF WILL UPDATE THE EXPRESS BUS SECTION OF THE EXPRESS LANE
8 STRATEGIC PLAN. UPDATE ITS SUPPORTING WHITE PAPER AND RETURN
9 TO THIS COMMITTEE TO PRESENT UPDATED EXPRESS BUS STRATEGIES. I
10 MOVE TO APPROVE THE REGIONAL EXPRESS LANE STRATEGIC PLAN AS
11 AMEND INCORPORATING STAFF'S EDITS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT ONE OF
12 THIS AGENDA ITEM MEMO.

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14 **SPEAKER:** MOTION.

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16 **GINA PAPAN:** SECOND.

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18 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. COMMISSIONER
19 COMMENTS? VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ.

20
21 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR:** THIS IS A GOOD WAY OF TAKING
22 EXPRESS LANDING TO THE NEXT LEVEL DELIVERING MOBILITY AND
23 EQUITY THAT THIS REGION NEEDS, I BELIEVE THE PLAN WAS HEARD
24 AND INCORPORATED HERE BECAUSE EXPRESS LANES WITHOUT EXPRESS
25 BUSES ARE GOING TO DO NONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANT EXPRESS



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1 LANES TO DO. THEY'RE GOING TO DRIVE UP EMISSIONS, THEY'RE
2 GOING TO BE INEQUITABLE, AND ENHANCE MOBILITY. I WOULD LIKE TO
3 BRING UP TWO THINGS TO THE COMMISSION TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY
4 PLAN TO DO SOME WORK ON, FIRST REGIONAL CARPOOLING PLAN
5 BECAUSE EXPRESS BUSES ARE SUPER IMPORTANT FOR EXPRESS LANES
6 AND SO ARE CARPOOLS. AND WE KNOW THAT JUST PROVIDING THE LANE
7 IS NOT GOING TO GET PEOPLE INTO THEIR CARPOOL. AND I LOVE
8 COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI'S CAT. AND SO, I THINK -- AND THAT
9 WASN'T ADDRESSED IN THIS PLAN, BUT COMMITTING TO FUTURE WORK
10 MAYBE AFTER THE EXPRESS BUS STRATEGY. I THINK IT WOULD BE
11 REALLY IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THE PORTABLE OF THESE EXPRESS
12 LANES. WE'RE DOING SO MUCH GOOD WORK AT THE SUBREGIONAL SCALE
13 ON A CORRIDOR BASIS BUT NOT AT SAIL THAT WE NEED TO ACROSS THE
14 REGION. WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE
15 PREPANDEMIC WHO WERE CARPOOLING WHO ARE TAKING TRANSIT. THE
16 SECOND THING I WANT TO BRING UP, I DO BELIEVE PLANNED BAY AREA
17 AND A LOT OF THE EXPRESS LANE STRATEGY DOES HAVE A SORT OF A
18 CONVERSION FIRST -- I WOULD SORT OF TILT TO IT. BUT IN THE
19 LATEST VERSION OF THE EXPRESS LANE, OF THE EXPRESS LANES
20 STRATEGIC PLAN THAT WAS NO LONGER EXPLICITLY STATED, AND IT
21 WAS NO -- BECAUSE IT WAS SORT OF WATERED DOWN FROM DRAFT PLANS
22 THAT WE HAD SEEN. SO FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THIS BUS LANE
23 STRATEGY NO LONGER PROVIDES CLARITY ON KIND OF THE SORT OF,
24 THE CONVERSION, SORT OF APPROACH. AND I THINK THAT CLARITY IS
25 JUST REALLY IMPORTANT AS PROJECTS ARE GOING INTO DEVELOPMENT,



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1 TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER MTC IS GOING TO BE IN A POSITION TO
2 SUPPORT CONVERSION OR WILL SUPPORT HIGHWAY WIDENING. AND IT'S
3 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE SORT OF STARTING
4 PLANNING NOW, THAT ARE NOT ONES THAT ARE SORT OF WELL ON THEIR
5 WAY AND SHOULD GET DELIVERED. SO I WAS WONDERING IF THERESE,
6 IF YOU HAD ANY KIND OF FEEDBACK TO THAT?

7

8 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** WELL, WITH RESPECT TO THE EVALUATION OF
9 CARPOOL, I THINK, YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY AS WE LOOK AT EXPRESS
10 BUSES, THIS IDEA OF MAXIMIZING THE EXPRESS LANE CORRIDORS FOR
11 ALL MANNER OF SUPER HIGH-OCCUPANCY ALTERNATIVE USE, I THINK
12 IT'S EASILY ACCOMMODATED AND WE'LL TAKE DUAL NOTE OF THAT.
13 WITH RESPECT TO THE OTHER THING, MY RECOLLECTION OF THE
14 CONVERSATION WAS THAT STAFF'S, YOU KNOW, EVALUATIVE STRUCTURE
15 DID LOOK AT AND OBSERVE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THERE WAS A
16 NUMBER OF FACTORS INCLUDING THE LIMITED OPPORTUNITY TO FILL
17 CRITICAL GAPS IN EXPRESS LANE NETWORK THAT MIGHT LEAD YOU TO
18 LOOK AT SOMETHING ELSE TO SEE IT AS BACKING AWAY AS MUCH AS
19 SAYING THERE IS DELIBERATIVE SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO
20 BE EVALUATED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE MINIMIZING OF GREENHOUSE GAS
21 AND THE SYSTEM IS BEING PULLED TOGETHER. I BELIEVE THAT AN
22 EVALUATIVE STRUCTURE TAKES YOUR CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT IN
23 TERMS OF WANTING TO MAXIMIZE PRODUCTIVE OUTCOMES BUT THERE IS
24 ALSO TECHNOLOGY CIRCUMSTANCES THERE MAY BE A DECISION WHERE



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1 THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE MIGHT BENEFIT FROM HAVING THAT TYPE OF
2 INVESTMENT.

3

4 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT FEEDBACK. I'M NOT
5 PROPOSE TO THAT. THERE ARE CERTAIN SITUATIONS I THINK I
6 CLEARLY -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTIES] IT MAKES A TON OF SENSE TO
7 FILL GAPS. BUT I DIDN'T READ IT IN THE SAME WAY BUT IF THAT'S
8 THE WAY IT'S BEING INTERPRETED THAT'S GREAT. [INDISCERNIBLE]

9

10 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER SPERING?

11

12 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I WANT TO AGREE WITH THE CARPOOL. BUT I
13 WOULD, SLASH VANPOOL. CARPOOL/VANPOOL. I THINK THAT'S OPINION
14 IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ.
15 WE REALLY OUGHT TO HIGHLIGHT, WE HAVE MOST THE AGGRESSIVE
16 CARPOOL VANPOOL PROGRAMS IN THE REGION AND TO INTEGRATE THAT
17 PLAN I THINK IS A SMART THING TO DO. AGAIN ON THIS ISSUE
18 WHETHER WE CONVERT OR ADD LANES IT'S INHERENT. YOU CAN'T --
19 IT'S NOT A ONE OR THE OTHER. YOU CAN'T SAY WELL, I JUST WANT
20 TO EXPAND. YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH AN ANALYSIS NOW, TO
21 DETERMINE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WIDEN THE ROAD. THAT THERE IS
22 NO OTHER OPTION. SO YOU HAVE THAT IN PLACE TODAY. SO WHAT I
23 WAS CONCERNED ABOUT IN THAT CONVERSATION WAS BY ADDING ANOTHER
24 LAYER OF SCRUTINY ON THE PROJECT OR PROCESS, YOU JUST RUN THE
25 COST UP. AND, I MEAN, WE HAVE A PROJECT IN MY COUNTY THAT



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1 EDISON INCREASED BECAUSE OF DELAYS ALMOST 30% THOSE ARE
2 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A LOT OF MONEY LOST IN THESE
3 DELAYS. THAT WAS A CONCERN. I THINK CONVERSION FIRST, THAT IS
4 OUR PRIORITY. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. WE ALL SUPPORT THAT. BUT
5 DON'T PUT ANOTHER LAYER OF PROCESS ON TOP OF AN AREA THAT
6 CLEARLY YOU HAVE TO WIDEN IT IN ORDER TO DO IT IN THAT
7 CAPACITY IS NOT THERE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER WORTH?

10

11 **AMY R. WORTH:** I WANT TO CONCUR WITH COMMISSIONER SPERING'S
12 COMMENTS. I DO THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE REVISIT THE
13 WHOLE VANPOOL CARPOOL PROGRAM. THIS WAS ONE OF THE EARLY
14 PROGRAMS WE DID TO UTILIZE OUR HOV LANES, AND GIVEN THE
15 LIMITATIONS OF LARGER TRANSIT, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF HOME TO
16 WORK, I JUST THINK THAT THERE'S A REAL OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW
17 FOR US TO ENHANCE THOSE. I KNOW, THERESE YOU HAD A GOOD WORD
18 FOR T MINI MICRO -- SUPER -- WHATEVER THE TERM S I THINK ONE
19 OF OUR BIG GOALS IS HOW DO WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CAPACITY
20 THAT WE'RE BUILDING THROUGH THE EXPRESS LANES THROUGH OF THE
21 MULTIPLE RIDER OPPORTUNITIES. THE OTHER THING WITH THE ISSUE
22 AROUND THE GAPS, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT THESE NEW LANES ARE.
23 USING 680 AS AN EXAMPLE IS THAT WE HAVE DONE ALL WE CAN WITH
24 CONVERSIONS. YOU KNOW, AND THESE ARE CONVERTING HOV LANES TO
25 EXPRESS LANES. AND THEY HAVE BEEN IMMENSELY SUCCESSFUL. BUT IF



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1 YOU LOOK AT THE GAPS, THE GAPS ARE REALLY WHAT ARE PREVENTING
2 US FROM OPERATING A REALLY SUCCESSFUL EXPRESS LANE NETWORK
3 FROM THE FULL NORTH TO SOUTH CORE. IT'S AN EXAMPLE I'M SURE IT
4 EXISTS ELSEWHERE. IF THERE ARE ISSUES AROUND AREAS, I WOULD
5 WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK SPECIFICALLY. BUT I DO BELIEVE
6 THAT WE'RE, IN SOME OF THESE CORRIDORS WE'RE NOW AT THE POINT
7 WHERE THE ONLY WAY TO COMPLETE CORRIDOR IS WITH A GAP CLOSURE.
8 LIKE WALNUT CREEK. WE REFER TO IT AS UNTIEING THE WALNUT CREEK
9 KNOT, RIGHT NOW SOMEBODY CAN SAIL DOWN IN A BUS OR CAR FROM
10 BENICIA BRIDGE DOWN TO WALNUT CREEK BUT THEN THEY GET STUCK
11 AND THIS IS SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE ROUTES WON'T WORK
12 UNLESS WE HAVE A COMPLETE CORRIDOR.

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER
15 WORTH. COMMISSIONER LICCARDO THEN COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

16

17 **SAM LICCARDO:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. FIRST I WANT TO SAY THANK
18 YOU TO STAFF AND THE COMMITTEE ABOUT INCLUDING ADDITIONAL
19 LANGUAGE ABOUT PARTNERSHIP AND LOCAL DELIVERY ENTITY. I WANT
20 TO ARTICULATE SORT OF A CONCERN, NOT EXPECTING ANY ACTION HERE
21 TODAY BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY MODIFIED. BUT I THINK THE
22 CONCERN IS THAT, I GUESS I'LL DESCRIBE IT AS SORT OF THE
23 AMAZON PROBLEM. AMAZON CONTROLS THE MARKETPLACE PLATFORM AND
24 ALSO HAS PRODUCTS WHICH COMPETE ON THAT PLATFORM, AND
25 CERTAINLY I'LL LEAVE THAT TO THE REGULATORS TO SAY WHETHER



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1 THAT'S APPROPRIATE OR NOT AND CERTAINLY THROUGH NO IMPROPRIETY
2 MTC AND CALTRANS BOTH FUND AND HAVE PROJECTS THAT COMPETE FOR
3 THESE DOLLARS AND THERE IS A PERCEPTION FROM SOME, FOR
4 EXAMPLE, IF WE LOOK AT RM3, 240 MILLION THAT'S BEEN ALLOCATED
5 SO FAR, HAS NOT BENEFITTED FROM ANY OF THOSE DOLLARS FROM ANY
6 OF ITS LOCAL PROJECTS. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THERESE AND
7 YOUR STAFF'S PERSPECTIVE ON THIS, IS THERE A FAIRWAY FOR LOCAL
8 DELIVERY TO BE ABLE TO SORT OF COMPETE FOR THIS POOL OF
9 RESOURCES AS WE'RE TRYING TO DELVE OUT THE EXPRESS LANE
10 INFRASTRUCTURE?

11

12 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** WHAT I WOULD SAY, COMMISSIONER -- AND THANK
13 YOU FOR THE QUESTION, IS, UNDER ANY DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM, OR
14 COMPETITIVE PROGRAM, WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO DO IS TO ESTABLISH
15 A SET OF PRINCIPLES, NOT, YOU KNOW, ORIENTED TOWARD ANY
16 PARTICULAR SUBSET OF PROJECTS OR WHAT NOT. BUT TO SAY, YOU
17 KNOW, WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA THAT WILL MAKE, YOU KNOW, THE BAY
18 AREA'S PROJECTS MOST SUCCESSFUL IN A PARTICULAR, YOU KNOW,
19 FUNDING POT, AND IMPORTANTLY, AT A PARTICULAR FUNDING TIME.
20 SO YOU MAY HAVE THINGS, THE STATE, THE SB1 PROGRAMS, THE
21 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES -- NOT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, BUT
22 THE CORRIDOR PROGRAM READINESS, CTC HAS GOT TO SAY IT NEEDS TO
23 BE GROUND IT NEEDS X, Y, THAT'S OUR MODE US OP RANDI, YOU KNOW
24 WE BRING THAT TO THE COMMISSION IN ADVANCE TO MAKE SURE
25 EVERYONE IS ON BOARD. IT'S IMPORTANT WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK



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1 BACK OVER A PERIOD OF TIME TO SAY OKAY HOW ARE WE WORKING ON
2 BALANCE IN TERMS OF NEEDS OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. SO I WOULD
3 OFFER THAT THAT'S THE APPROACH THAT WE TAKE IN TERMS OF, YOU
4 KNOW, CALIBRATING OUR OVERALL REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND
5 SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T APPEAR EVEN AT ANY POINT IN TIME, BUT
6 TAKING THAT LOOK OVER, LIKE, OKAY OVERALL, SAY, OVER FIVE
7 YEARS, HOW ARE WE DOING IS AN IMPORTANT CHECK AND ONE THAT WE
8 CONNECT TO.

9

10 **SAM LICCARDO:** THANK YOU THERESE. APPRECIATE T.

11

12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER LICCARDO.
13 COMMISSIONER PAPAN AND COMMISSIONER WORTH.

14

15 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. TALKING ABOUT THE PROGRAM
16 AND PRINCIPLES AND HOW WE'RE PRESENTING IT ALL. WE IN SAN
17 MATEO ARE SITTING BACK AND WATCHING EVERYONE ELSE HERE. IT
18 WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE MTC IN THIS PROCESS HAD EYE PRINCIPLE
19 THAT ENCOURAGED EQUITY PROGRAMS I KNOW IT'S A BIG DISCUSSION,
20 ENCOURAGE JPA TO USE THOSE FUNDS FOR EQUITY WOULD BE GREATLY
21 APPRECIATED. THERE IS TALK ABOUT IT. AND WE JUST WANT TO DO
22 MORE, WHEN THEY DO COME INTO ACTION. THANK YOU.

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER PAPAN. I SEE
25 COMMISSIONER WORTH HAS LOWERED HER HAND. AT THIS POINT, SEEING



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1 NO OTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. KIMBERLY DID WE HAVE PUBLIC
2 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH
5 THEIR HAND RAISED. ALETA DUPREE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU
6 HAVE TWO MINUTES.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU CHAIR DUTRA-VERNACI. I'LL MAINTAIN EXPRESS
9 LANES ARE IMPORTANT TO ME AND I HAVE USED THEM IN ONE FORM OR
10 ANOTHER MOST RECENTLY RIDING IN BUSES ON THE INTERSTATE TEN,
11 JUST EAST OF LOS ANGELES. AND I HAVE NOT HAD A CAR IN A NUMBER
12 OF YEARS. I DON'T REGRET GETTING RID OF MY CAR, BUT EXPRESS
13 LANES WOULD CERTAINLY HELP ME TO ACCESS FREEWAYS MORE EASILY,
14 BECAUSE I'M WILLING TO RIDE IN CARS AND BUSES WITH OTHER
15 PEOPLE. IT ALL COSTS ABOUT \$700 A MONTH ON AVERAGE TO KEEP A
16 CAR IN AMERICA. SO I SPEND A LOT LESS THAN THAT ON TRANSIT
17 FARE. SOMETIMES I EVEN GET FREE TRANSIT FARE. SO I REMEMBER
18 USING THE EXPRESS BUS LANE IN NEW JERSEY TO TAKE ME TO LINCOLN
19 TUNNEL IN NEW YORK. I DISCOVERED IT WAS EASIER TO TAKE A BUS
20 FROM NEW JERSEY AS OPPOSED TO PARKING IN NEW YORK CITY. AND
21 EVENTUALLY THAT LEAD TO MORE BUS RIDES AND THEN TAKING AMTRAK,
22 EMPIRE SERVICE, WHICH AT THE TIME IN THE 80S, TOOK ME TO GRAND
23 CENTRAL TERMINAL, THE WORLD'S LARGEST RAILWAY STATION. I THINK
24 THIS IS A LOT OF GOOD WORK HERE. I DO SUPPORT EXPRESS LANES.



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1 WE HAVE GOT TO PAY FOR OUR ROADS AND I DO SUPPORT ALL LANE
2 TOLLING AS WELL. THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALETA. KIMBERLY, DO WE HAVE
5 ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
8 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
9 ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE
12 COMMISSION. WE DEFINITELY HAD A ROBUST CONVERSATION DISCUSSION
13 ON THE COMMITTEE LEVEL THAT DAYLIGHTED A LOT OF DISCUSSION
14 WE'RE HAVING TODAY. I THINK OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARIZED
15 IT WELL TALKING ABOUT THE EVALUATIVE PROCESS. I THINK THAT WAS
16 A GOOD SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS ON THAT AND CARPOOLING, WE NEED
17 A DISCUSSION HOW OUR EXPRESS LANES ARE PERFORMING AND BUSES
18 OTHER AND VEHICLES THAT CAN DO THAT SHOULD DO THAT. THAT'S A
19 CONVERSATION WE SHOULD BE HAVING AND LOOKING AT MODEL WHERE IS
20 IT DOES WORK. WE HAD A FIRST BY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI,
21 AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN. SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS
22 BEFORE THE COMMISSION. I'LL ASK FOR ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES
25 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO JIM MACRAE FOR DOING THIS
3 AS WELL, PARTING GIFT. AGENDA ITEM 12 MTC/ABAG LEGISLATION
4 COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER LICCARDO TAKE IT AWAY.

5

6 **SAM LICCARDO:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. I'M GUESSING THE CHAIR OF
7 THE COMMITTEE IS NOT AVAILABLE. IS THAT RIGHT?

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT IS CORRECT.

10

11 **SAM LICCARDO:** OKAY. THANK YOU. FORGIVE ME. I'M JUST CATCHING
12 UP NOW. ITEM 12A IS ASSEMBLY BILL 629 FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHU
13 SEAMLESS AND RESILIENT TRANSIT ACT REQUIRES MTC TO --
14 [INDISCERNIBLE] FAST RELIABLE SERVICE AND CREATE A BULLET
15 MULTI-OPERATOR TRANSIT FARE PASS THERE IS AN MTC
16 RECOMMENDATION FOR SEEK AND SUPPORT AMENDMENTS. REBECCA, DID
17 YOU WANT TO JUMP IN ON THIS ONE?

18

19 **REBECCA LONG:** I DON'T NEED TO PRESENT UNLESS THERE IS ANY
20 QUESTIONS. I'M JUST HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

21

22 **SAM LICCARDO:** OKAY.

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GREAT. COMMISSIONER LICCARDO MOVES
25 THIS ITEM.



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2 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL SECOND.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND BY SPERING. KIMBERLY DID WE
5 RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM OR DO WE HAVE ANY
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES WE RECEIVED SEVERAL WRITTEN COMMENTS.
9 I'LL NOTE THOSE NOW IF IT'S APPROPRIATE. FROM RICK COATES,
10 REBECCA RATCLIFF, STEPHANIE BEECHAM, DEBRA ARMSTRONG, FRANK
11 VIGGIANO, DONYELL, CRYSTAL [INDISCERNIBLE] ALLISON MACDOUGAL
12 WEIL, ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND
13 DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THE COMMISSIONERS THE LAST EVENING AND
14 I HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED
15 I'LL CALL UPON THEM NOW.

16

17 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** PLEASE DO.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SHEELA GUNN-CUSHMAN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF
20 YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HELLO MY NAME IS SHEELA GUNN-CUSHMAN AND I DON'T KNOW
23 THIS BILL VERY WELL BUT I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS SEAMLESS
24 PROCESS A BIT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE
25 HAPPENS IS THAT TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS ARE PUT FRONT AND



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1 CENTER. WE RIDE TRANSIT, RAIN, SHINE, SLEET, SNOW, HAIL,
2 FIRES, EVERYTHING. AND WE DON'T HAVE THE CHOICE TO GET INTO A
3 CAR WE CAN'T DRIVE -- AT LEAST I CAN'T -- AND SOME ARE -- SOME
4 CAN RIDE BIKES AND SCOOTERS AND SUCH. I CAN'T DO THAT EITHER
5 OF THE UBER AND LYFT ISN'T ALWAYS AN AFFORDABLE OPTION FOR ME
6 AND I CAN'T DO THAT EITHER. I NEED BUSES AND TRAINS, AND I
7 NEED THEM EVERYWHERE AND EVERY WHEN. I NEED NEIGHBORHOOD
8 SHUTTLES I NEED TO BE ABLE TO GO FROM FIRST TO LAST MILE
9 WITHOUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF HASSLE. AND IF YOU DO A TRANSIT
10 NETWORK PROVIDER, I NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S EQUITABLE FOR
11 PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR AND PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSIT DEPENDENT. AND
12 I'M SAYING THIS, IN THIS WAY, BECAUSE I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE
13 WHAT THE BILL SAYS SO I DON'T WANT TO TRY TO GUESS WHAT I
14 DON'T KNOW. BUT I NEED TO BE ASSURE THAT ELDERS AND PEOPLE
15 WITH DISABILITIES ARE TAKEN CARE OF IN THIS PROCESS AND PUT
16 FRONT AND CENTER. BECAUSE WE HAVE NO OTHER MEANS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS ROLAND
19 LEBRUN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT
22 SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED AT THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON
23 MONDAY, AND THAT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT. BEFORE I GO
24 THERE, WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY DOES NOT IN ANY WAY DISPARAGE
25 [INDISCERNIBLE] WHICH IN THIS CASE IS THE INTERIM CHIEF



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1 EXECUTIVE. THE SITUATION AT VTA IS THAT NURIA FERNANDEZ HAS IN
2 PLACE WITH CFO BEING SECOND IN COMMAND AND THE INVESTOR THING
3 THAT HAPPENED IS [INDISCERNIBLE] QUIT THREE WEEKS BEFORE NURIA
4 FERNANDEZ MOVED TO WASHINGTON. HERE IS THE COMMEND. THE
5 COMMENT IS THAT VTA DOES NOT NEED ANY ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT
6 OVER AND ABOVE THE FDA'S PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT
7 COMMITTEE [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THE PROGRAM WITH THAT STATEMENT
8 IS THAT -- MAINTAINING SEPARATE BOOKS ONE SET OF BOOKS FOR THE
9 [INDISCERNIBLE] OVERSIGHT AND ANOTHER SET OF BOOKS WITH
10 ABSOLUTELY NO OVERSIGHT WHATSOEVER BY THE BOARD. AND BY THE
11 WAY, NOT EVEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NURIA FERNANDEZ DID NOT
12 KNOW ABOUT THIS. NOW THIS IS HOW THEY GOT AWAY WITH \$2 BILLION
13 IN COST OVERRUN ON PHASE ONE OVERRUN AND NOW FACING ANOTHER
14 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE FUTURE THAT'S BASICALLY [INDISCERNIBLE]
15 ARE OUTSTANDING. I'M GOING TO CLOSE OFF BY WARNING YOU AND THE
16 VTA BOARD, THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO THE EXACT SAME THING WITH
17 PHASE TWO. BUT I AM NOT TO THE POINT WHEN I GOT INTO THE BOOKS
18 FAR ENOUGH TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION AND VTA BOARD BUT
19 CERTAINLY WOULD BE DOING SO IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT SPEAKER IS ALETA DUPREE. PLEASE
23 UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

24



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU CHAIR SAM LICCARDO AND MEMBERS
2 OF THE COMMITTEE. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. I THINK
3 ENABLING LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT AND I HAVE BEEN ON MANY
4 SYSTEMS AND SUBSYSTEMS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND SOME LIKE
5 CHICAGO AND PORTLAND OREGON MAKE IT VERY EASY. THEY HAVE A
6 SOMEWHAT INTEGRATED FARE SYSTEM THAT I CAN USE TO MOVE FROM
7 ONE SUBSTATION TO ANOTHER. OTHER SYSTEMS I HAVE BEEN ON, THEIR
8 FARE SCHEDULES ARE BASICALLY CLEAR AS MUD. AND IN NEW YORK
9 CITY AND NEW JERSEY, I THINK I WENT ON SEVEN OR EIGHT
10 DIFFERENT SUBSYSTEMS, OPERATED BY DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND
11 DEPARTMENTS. AND CLIPPER AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS MAKE THE
12 MECHANICAL WORK OF PAYING FOR FARE EASY. BUT I STILL HAVE THE
13 BILL. AND SO THIS WORK NEEDS TO BE FUNDED AND CONTINUED
14 BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PREDICTABILITY IN ORDER FOR ME TO
15 RIDE ON ALL THESE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS AND HOW MUCH THINGS ARE
16 GOING TO COST AND TO HAVE A CAP TO MINIMIZE MY UPPER LEVEL
17 EXPENSE. SO I THINK WE HAVE TO CONTINUE ON THIS WAY AND
18 PRODUCE A FARE SCHEDULE FOR THIS, SO THAT WAY FIGURING OUT
19 FARE COSTS AND PROCESSES WON'T BE CLEAR AS MUD, THEY WILL BE
20 CLEARER. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKERS WITH
23 THEIR HAND RAISED, MR. CHAIR.

24



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. WE HAD FIRST BY
2 COMMISSIONER LICCARDO SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SPERING. ANY
3 FINAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS? SEEING NONE. WE CAN PROCEED
4 WITH ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. MOTION PASS UNANIMOUSLY.

7

8 **SAM LICCARDO:** ITEM 12D RESILIENCY CLIMATE ADAPTATION ADVOCACY
9 PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO MULTIPLE ITEMS LEGISLATION INCLUDING BUT
10 NOT LIMITED TO BILL 1180, 5851 AND 8897 AND 815 AND SB45 AND I
11 BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO GET AN UPDATE FROM STAFF SINCE RECENT
12 ACTION TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

15

16 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU. A QUICK UPDATE WE BROUGHT THESE
17 PRINCIPLES FORWARD LAST MONTH BUT THERE WAS A REQUEST BY THE
18 ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD TO
19 POSTPONE JUST TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR FEEDBACK FROM
20 OUR OTHER REGIONAL AGENCY PARTNERS INVOLVED IN CLIMATE
21 ADAPTATION AS WELL AS OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. SO WE HAD A GOOD
22 MEETING THAT INVOLVED A LOT OF DIFFERENT PARTIES AND WE MADE
23 SOME REVISIONS SO WHAT YOU SEE TODAY IS THE REVISED VERSION
24 FROM LAST MONTH, THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD DID ADOPT IT AT



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1 THEIR MEETING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. THAT CONCLUDES MY
2 REPORT.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU REBECCA. FIRST BY
5 COMMISSIONER LICCARDO. I'LL ENTERTAIN A SECOND.

6

7 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** SECOND CHAVEZ.

8

9 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** I HEARD CHAVEZ'S VOICE OF THE WE'LL
10 GIVE IT TO CHAVEZ. KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT
11 ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
14 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
15 ON THIS ITEM.

16

17 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE
18 COMMISSION. DO WE HAVE ANY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS ON
19 THE MOTION? SEEING NONE. I'LL SAY OUR LEG COMMITTEE MEETING
20 CLIMATE CONSISTENCY AND RESILIENCY WAS A GREAT POINT AND WE'RE
21 PROCEEDING WITH ADVOCACY. HAPPY TO SEE IT GOING FORWARD.
22 SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. MOTION PASSES
25 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. ITEM 12C ASSEMBLY
3 BILL 917 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BLOOM CAMERA AND TRANSIT ONLY LANES
4 EXISTING PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZING CAMERA ENFORCEMENT TO
5 ENFORCE BUS AND PARKING TRAFFIC LANES ONLY TRANSIT STOPS. I
6 MOVE TO SUPPORT.

7

8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER LICCARDO.

9

10 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** SECOND BY SCHAFF. ANY QUESTIONS? KIMBERLY HAVE
11 WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT OR COMMUNICATION?

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING AND I
14 HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ALETA
15 DUPREE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO THE CHAIR. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE
18 RECORD. THIS IS IMPORTANT AND LONG OVERDUE BECAUSE I RIDE
19 BUSES AND SOMETIMES I RIDE BUSS THAT USE DEDICATED TRANSIT
20 LANES. AND A DEDICATED LANE IS NO GOOD IF IT CAN'T PERFORM.
21 AND I HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS ON BUSES. AND I HAVE ALSO
22 EXPERIENCE THIS WHEN RIDING BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS IN DEDICATED
23 BIKE LANES, AND THEN YOU HAVE VEHICLES THAT ARE BLOCKING
24 THINGS AND DOORS OPENING. SO INTRUSION UPON DEDICATED LANES,
25 IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT TIME BEING EFFECTIVE, BUT INTRUSIONS ARE



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1 SAFETY HAZARDS WITH HIGHER RISK OF ISSUES BETWEEN BUSES AND
2 OTHER VEHICLES INTRUDING ON THAT SPACE. I ASK TO YOU TAKE THIS
3 TO LEGISLATURE SO WE CAN HAVE A REASONABLY REGULATED PROGRAM
4 AND ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE WHEN I RIDE BUSES NOT ONLY DO I WANT
5 GET SOMEWHERE ON TIME, BUT ALSO SAFELY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALETA.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
10 THEIR HAND RAISED.

11

12 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** LET'S BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION.
13 I SEE COMMISSIONER PAPAN WITH HER HAND RAISED.

14

15 **GINA PAPAN:** QUICK QUESTION HERE AS FAR AS CAMERA TECHNOLOGY I
16 KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REMOVING THE BRIDGE TOLL BOOTHS I
17 JUST WONDER IF WE'RE AWARE OF WHAT KIND OF CAMERAS WE INTEND
18 TO USE AND WE INTEND TO USE IN THE FUTURE CONSISTENCY OR
19 TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS THAT I HOPE WE STAY ON TOP OF IN
20 THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER
23 PAPAN. ALL RIGHT SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM
24 COMMISSIONERS. WE HAD A FIRST BY COMMISSIONER LICCARDO SECOND



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1 BY COMMISSIONER SCHAFF. THE MAYORS ARE IN THE HOUSE. ALL
2 RIGHT. LET'S SEE A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES
5 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

6

7 **SAM LICCARDO:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. ITEM 12D, A.B. 476 BY PRO
8 TEMPORE MULLIN AND FORMER MTC COMMISSIONER PILOT PROGRAM
9 AUTHORIZES CALTRANS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM PROJECT
10 ALLOWING FOR OPERATION OF TRANSIT BUSES ON SHOULDERS AND STATE
11 HIGHWAYS I RECOMMEND TO MOVE AND SUPPORT.

12

13 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** MOVE.

14

15 **AMY R. WORTH:** MOVE. YOU GOT TO DAMON. IT'S ALL IN GREAT
16 APPRECIATION TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER MULLIN.

17

18 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR THIS ONE AND HAVE
19 GREAT APPRECIATION.

20

21 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** EXTRA BOLDNESS THERE, SECOND BY
22 CONNOLLY. COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS OR COMMENT? SEEING NONE.
23 PUBLIC COMMENT?

24



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
3 ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** LET'S DO ROLL CALL VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION
8 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

9

10 **SAM LICCARDO:** THANK YOU. ITEM 12E IS, A.B. 43, VISION ZERO
11 SETTING SPEED LIMITS TO ENHANCE ROADWAY SAFETY PROVIDES
12 FLEXIBILITY TO SET LIMITS ON STREETS WITH HIGH INJURIES AND
13 FATALITIES. I MOVE TO SUPPORT.

14

15 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** SECOND.

16

17 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY LICCARDO SECOND BY
18 COMMISSIONER SCHAFF. ANY COMMISSION COMMENTS? KIMBERLY HAVE WE
19 RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM 12E.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
22 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
23 ON THIS ITEM.

24



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** BRINGING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION FOR
2 ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE. THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASS
3 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

4

5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** BRING US HOME SAM.

6

7 **SAM LICCARDO:** FINAL ITEM 12F ON THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA
8 A.B. A 550 FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVID CHIU ESTABLISHES SPEED
9 SAFETY CAMERA PILOT PROGRAM AND HIGHWAY WORK AND LOCAL ZONES.
10 I MOVE.

11

12 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** I SECOND.

13

14 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY LICCARDO SECOND BY
15 COMMISSIONER SCHAFF. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS?
16 SEEING NO QUESTIONS. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANYONE ON THE LINE
17 THAT WISHES TO COMMENT OR HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY WRITTEN
18 COMMUNICATION

19

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

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S BRING IT BACK TO THE
25 COMMISSION FOR ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES
3 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

4

5 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER LICCARDO FOR
6 PUTTING IN THE EXTRA WORK TODAY. AND I WILL SAY TO THE PUBLIC
7 WE MOVE THROUGH THESE ITEM QUICKLY BUT THERE IS A LOT OF
8 ROBUST CONVERSATION THAT HAPPENS AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL. THERE
9 IS A LOT OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION THAT ITEM PASSES -- THAT
10 HAPPENS ON THIS. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 13 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC
11 TRANSIT NETWORK MANAGEMENT EVALUATION ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE
12 CONSULTANT BENCH ARCHITECTURE BRIEF REPORT. MCMILLAN.

13

14 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THE ENTIRE COMMISSION KNOWS ABOUT THE BLUE
15 RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE AND A KEY PART OF OUR
16 EVALUATION AT THIS POINT WAS TO BRING IF A THIRD PARTY
17 CONSULTANT THAT WOULD PROVIDE NECESSARY ADDITIONAL LENS ON THE
18 QUESTIONS WE'RE EXPLORING IN TERMS OF NETWORK MANAGEMENT
19 STRUCTURE AND RELATED GOVERNANCE REFORMS THAT MAY BE ATTACHED
20 TO THAT. THE TIME FRAME IS QUITE SHORT TO PERFORM THIS WORK
21 NORMALLY THIS IS A TYPE OF CONTRACT THAT WOULD TAKE TO THE
22 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE BUT IN ORDER TO GET THE CONSULTANT ON
23 BOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND STARTING THE WORK WE'RE BRINGING
24 IT DIRECTLY, THE AMOUNT WOULD BE FOR \$200,000 AND UNLESS THERE
25 ARE FURTHER QUESTIONS, THAT IS MY REPORT, MR. CHAIR



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2 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I'M
3 GOING TO CALL ON COMMISSIONER SPERING WHO IS THE CHAIR OF THE
4 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE AND SEE IF HE HAS ANY COMMENTS ON THIS
5 ITEM.

6

7 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I'LL MOVE THE ITEM. THIS IS CRITICALLY
8 IMPORTANT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE HAS MET ALMOST A YEAR NOW
9 WE HAVE HAD 12 MEETINGS AND THE COMMITTEE HAS IDENTIFIED THESE
10 NETWORK MANAGEMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE ARE
11 CERTAINLY THAT ARE HIGH PRIORITY, FARE POLICY, BRANDING,
12 WAYFINDING, A WHOLE SERIES WHICH TOOK A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND
13 BUILDING A LOT OF CONSENSUS, AND THE CONSULTANT IS GOING TO
14 ANALYZE AND BRING ALL OF THIS TOGETHER TO HELP US FORMULATE
15 WHAT THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE OF THE NETWORK
16 MANAGEMENT OR MANAGER. AND SO VERY CRITICAL TO THE WORK THAT
17 WE'RE DOING, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM.

18

19 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE FIRST BY
20 COMMISSIONER SPERING.

21

22 **AMY R. WORTH:** SECOND, WORTH.

23

24 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND BY WORTH. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
25 OR QUESTIONS. I WILL SAY, IS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TALK ABOUT



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1 THE DEPTH OF WHAT THIS TASK FORCE, WHAT THIS BLUE RIBBON
2 COMMITTEE IS DOING IS VERY CRITICAL IT'S VERY FORWARD THINKING
3 AND WE GOT A LOT OF THE ACCOLADES FOR SOME OF THE WORK THAT
4 WE'RE DOING, NOT JUST GOING BACK TO WHERE IT WAS BUT COMING
5 OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC STRONGER FOR THOSE THAT NEED OUR
6 SERVICES. THANK YOU ON THAT FRONT COMMISSIONER SPERING. FIRST
7 BY COMMISSIONER SPERING SECOND BY WORTH. SEEING NO OTHER
8 COMMENTS. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM
9 AND HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON THIS?

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE HAVE RECEIVED NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS
12 ITEM BUT BEE HAVE ONE HAND RAISED. SHEELA GUNN-CUSHMAN. PLEASE
13 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** SHEELA GUNN-CUSHMAN FOR THE RECORD. WAYFINDING,
16 THAT'S A BIG HELL YEAH. I -- ONE OF THE THINGS THEY STRUGGLE
17 WITH WHEN MOVING THROUGH TRANSIT SYSTEMS IS GOING FROM ONE
18 MODE TO ANOTHER, OR ONE BUS TO ANOTHER, EVEN WHEN THE STOPS
19 ARE SITUATED SUCH THAT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET FROM ONE
20 STOP TO ANOTHER EVEN WHEN THEY'RE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. AND THAT
21 IS A VERY, YOU KNOW, DOWN, CLOSE TO THE TABLE MAGNIFICATION
22 THING. BUT YOU CAN WRITE THAT LARGE AS WELL AS SMALL.
23 WAYFINDING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WITH
24 DISABILITIES. AND I'M TOTALLY BLIND, AND I CAN'T JUST READ A
25 STREET SIGN FROM 300 FEET AWAY. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. WE



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1 NEED RAIL ON BUS STOPS. WE NEED -- WE NEED THE TALKING
2 SCHEDULING THINGIES, LIKE SAN FRANCISCO HAS, LIKE WHERE YOU
3 CAN PUSH A BUTTON AND FIND OUT WHEN THE NEXT BUS IS COMING. WE
4 NEED APPS FOR EACH TRANSIT OPERATOR TO BE COMPLETELY 508
5 COMPLIANT AND COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL COMERS. THAT NEEDS
6 TO BE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY. AND ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS TO WORK
7 FOR EVERYONE, BECAUSE ELDERS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
8 CAN'T JUST PUT ON THEIR GLASSES AND MAKE THINGS ALL BETTER. SO
9 I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THIS NETWORK MANAGEMENT STUFF
10 HAPPENS, THAT THERE IS A VERY LOCAL LENS THAT THERE ARE USER
11 STUDY GROUPS THAT THERE ARE TESTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSSIBLE
12 SCENARIOS, AND THAT THE SCENARIOS ARE LOGISTICALLY REALISTIC.
13 AND, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WAS A TIMER BUT --

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANKS.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
20 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, MR. CHAIR.

21

22 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION BY SPERING SECOND BY WORTH. NO
23 COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS. LET'S DO ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

24



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE MOTION
2 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ITEM 14 PUBLIC COMMENT I'LL ASK THE
5 PUBLIC TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED SENT TO
6 INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY. THIS IS THE
7 TIME.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE WAS WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED
10 FROM GREENBELT ALIGNMENT AND SIGNED BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
11 THAT ITEM HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE ONLINE AGENDA AND SENT TO
12 COMMISSIONERS. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT WITH THEIR HAND
13 RAISED. ROLAND LEBRUN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** 50 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE PROCESS OF THE
16 RUNNING OF THE MEETING AND MAKING IT EASIER FOR MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE. MOVING ALONG I WANT TO MAKE IT
18 CLEAR, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO ABOUT THE CRAFTING OF THE BILL
19 A.B. 1019, I DISCOVERED THE EXISTENCE OF THE BILL ONE DAY
20 AFTER ASSEMBLYMEMBER -- THE BILL PROPOSES TO REPLACE THE
21 ENTIRE VTA BOARD BY NINE NEW MEMBERS WHICH WILL BE NON-ELECTED
22 OFFICIALS, FIVE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TWO BY
23 THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AND TWO BY CITIES. MEMBERS OF THE
24 BACKGROUND EXPECTED TO BE IN FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION MEGA
25 PROJECT DELIVER ET CETERA. THE [INDISCERNIBLE] WROTE A LETTER



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1 IN OPPOSITION OF THIS BILL AND I'M ASKING THE COMMISSION TO
2 WRITE A LETTER IF SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. WHATEVER HAPPENS AT
3 THE VTA WILL HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE ENTIRE BAY AREA
4 INCLUDING NORTH OF 15, \$15 BILLION IN MEGA PROJECTS THAT ARE
5 SO BADLY DESIGNED THAT IT WILL DISCOURAGE ANY MORE
6 [INDISCERNIBLE] TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THANK YOU.

7

8 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ROLAND.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
11 SHEELA GUNN-CUSHMAN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO
12 MINUTES.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THE CAT WHO KEEPS COMING BACK. SHEELA GUNN-CUSHMAN
15 FOR THE RECORD. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
16 A.B. 339. I BELIEVE THE AUTHOR IS LEE. THAT IS A BILL THAT
17 WILL CONTINUE THE REMOTE MEETINGS STUFF THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING
18 FOR THE LAST YEAR. FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE IT HARD GETTING TO
19 PUBLIC MEETINGS, FOR WHATEVER REASON, THIS BILL IS A GOD-SEND.
20 AND IT ALLOWS US TO HEAR VOICES THAT WE NEVER HEAR. AND MAYBE
21 FOR SOME PEOPLE THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING BUT FOR ME I THINK
22 IT'S A GREAT THING. AND SO THE BILL IS ISSUE HEARD THIS
23 AFTERNOON. AND I KNOW THAT THE COMMISSION DOESN'T DO ANYTHING
24 WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS AS FAR AS COMMENTING ON THEM OR WHATEVER.
25 BUT I WOULD LIKE THAT TO BE NOTED. THE OTHER THING IS, I HAVE



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1 SAID, FOR YEARS, THAT THE MTC NEEDS TO USE ITS POWER AND THE
2 COMMISSION HAS SEEMED NOT TO WANT TO, TO MAKE THE OPERATORS
3 COMPLY WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ACCESSIBILITY LAWS AND
4 BEST PRACTICES. REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY, AND WAYFINDING AND
5 USABILITY OF PUBLIC TRANSIT BY THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST.
6 YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITIES, AND YOU NEED TO USE THEM. I HAVE NOT
7 BEEN AT THE BRTF. THE TWO OR THREE MEETINGS WE WENT TO,
8 EVERYBODY WAS TOO BUSY USING 15 THERE WORDS TO MAKE IT
9 EXPLAINABLE TO SOMEONE WHO IS JUST TRYING TO BE A TRANSIT
10 ADVOCATE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. AND I HAVE BEEN
11 AROUND THE TRANSIT ADVOCATE SCENE SINCE 1997 AND I WAS STILL
12 VERY CONFUSED. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT TRANSIT DEPENDENT
13 RIDERS ARE, AGAIN, FRONT AND CENTER. YOU'RE GOING TO GET SICK
14 OF ME HEARING IT -- YOU'RE GOING TO BE SICK OF ME SAYING IT,
15 I'M SICK OF SAYING T I'M SICK OF HAVING TO BE DOING THIS. BUT
16 WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT TRANSIT DEPENDENT RIDERS GET WHAT
17 THEY NEED BECAUSE WE CAN'T JUMP OFF AND GET A BIKE. WE CAN'T
18 DO OTHER THINGS. AND SO WE NEED TO DO THIS AS SOON AS
19 POSSIBLE. YES. I HEAR YOU. THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
22 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ALETA DUPREE, PLEASE
23 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA AND MEMBERS. ALETA
2 DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. YOU KNOW, I LOVE A GOOD PUBLIC MEETING.
3 CAN'T SEEM TO GET ENOUGH. THANK YOU FOR THE RECENT
4 IMPROVEMENTS WITH CLIPPER AND THE APP. I HAVE SETUP THE APP ON
5 MY PHONE. AND SO THAT'S GOING HELP ME AND A LOT OF OTHER
6 PEOPLE. AND CLIPPER START NEEDS TO HAVE A FRONT PAGE BILLING
7 AS WELL. BECAUSE EQUITY INVOLVES INCLUDING ALL THE
8 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FUTURE, NOT HANGING ON TO AN ANACHRONISTIC
9 THING OF THE PAST. AND CONNECTIVITY IS IMPORTANT. I HAVE
10 THOUGHT ABOUT THE IDEA OF A SECOND TRANSBAY CROSSING. IN ORDER
11 FOR A SECOND TRANSBAY RAIL CROSSING TO BE TRULY CONNECTED,
12 BECAUSE BART AND OTHER RAILROADS HAVE DIFFERENT TRACK GAUGES,
13 THE TUNNEL IS GOING HAVE TO HAVE TWO DIFFERENT TRACK GAGES AND
14 TWO DIFFERENT POWER SYSTEMS BECAUSE BART RUNS ON RAIL AND
15 CALTRAIN IS GOING RUN ON OVERHEAD WIRE. WE'LL HAVE TO DO THAT,
16 AND THE TUNNEL SHOULD BE OF BIG ENOUGH DIAMETER TO BE ABLE TO
17 OPERATE DOUBLE STACK TRAINS THROUGH ALLOWING ENOUGH CLEARANCE
18 UNDER THE OVERHEAD WIRE. SO THAT WAY THOSE ELECTRICALLY
19 POWERED DOUBLE STACK TRAINS TRAVEL THROUGH SO YOU DON'T HAVE
20 TO TRANSFER CONTAINERS. THE TRAVEL WAY IN BETWEEN ENGLAND AND
21 FRANCE IS VERY GOOD AT MIXING PASSENGER FREIGHT TRAFFIC WE
22 HAVE TO BE BOLD IN MAKING DECISIONS SOLUTIONS SHOULD NEVER BE
23 HALF BAKED. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
2 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. MR. CHAIR.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY AND THANK YOU TO
5 THE PUBLIC FOR PARTICIPATE INCOME TODAY'S MEETING. WE'RE GOING
6 TO MOVE TO ADJOURNMENT AND SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING TO BE
7 WEDNESDAY MAY 26TH REMOTELY BY WEBCAST AND CHANGES TO THE
8 SCHEDULE WILL BE NOTED TO THE PUBLIC. WITH THAT THE MEETING IS
9 ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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