METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Meeting Transcript



1	PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS
2	WEDNESDAY, 9:45 A.M., JUNE 9, 2021
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4	GINA PAPAN: OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. WELCOME TO THE PROGRAMMING
5	AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE. CAN WE PLEASE RUN THE COVID
6	ANNOUNCEMENT? GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS GINA PAPAN,
7	PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE CAN YOU PLEASE RUN THE
8	COVID ANNOUNCEMENT? DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE
9	CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
10	GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN
11	REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST
12	ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS,
13	PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT
14	THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING
15	COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND
16	ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR
17	ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS
18	OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD
19	USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR
20	WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE
21	ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
22	PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE
23	THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION
24	IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
25	INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO



THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE 1 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD 2 3 LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD 4 5 NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. 6 7 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: OKAY. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRM OUORUM. 8 9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: ABE-KOGA ABSENT. CHAVEZ ABSENT. EL-TAWANSY 10 IS ABSENT. GLOVER? COMMISSIONER GLOVER? COMMISSIONER GLOVER IS 11 ABSENT --12 FEDERAL D. GLOVER: HERE. 13 14 CLERK OF THE BOARD: MILEY? 15 16 SUP. NATHAN MILEY: HERE. 17 18 19 CLERK OF THE BOARD: RABBIT IS ABSENT. EXCUSE ME. RONEN. 20 DIR. HILLARY RONEN: I'M HERE, BUT JUST FOR QUORUM PURPOSES, I 21 22 HAVE TO LEAVE AT 1:00.





- 1 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. WORTH? QUORUM IS PRESENT AT THE
- 2 MOMENT. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND DEPUTIZE
- 3 CHAIR PEDROZA AT THIS TIME, OR IF YOU WANT TO WAIT UNTIL --

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5 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: YEAH. I THINK WE SHOULD. FOR RONEN TOO.

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- 7 CLERK OF THE BOARD: FOR PURPOSES OF ROLL CALL, I'M GOING TO
- 8 CALL ON CHAIR PEDROZA.

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10 ALFREDO PEDROZA: HERE.

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12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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- 14 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN A LONG
- 15 DAY, AND CHAIR RABBIT HAD TO RUN TOO. SO GOING OVER THE
- 16 CONSENT CALENDAR. DO WE HAVE ANY BOARD MEMBERS WHO WANT TO
- 17 PULL ANY ITEMS FROM CONSENT?

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19 ALFREDO PEDROZA: SO MOVED, MADAM CHAIR. PEDROZA.

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21 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS?

- 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.





1 2 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: OKAY GREAT. WE HAVE A MOTION BY OUR 3 CHAIR PEDROZA. DO WE HAVE A SECOND ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? 4 5 FEDERAL D. GLOVER: SECOND. 6 7 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER GLOVER. ROLL 8 CALL, PLEASE. 9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY 10 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. 11 12 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO ITEM 13 14 THREE, MTC RESOLUTION 4320 REVISED, CLIPPER START PILOT 15 EXTENSION. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION? 16 SPEAKER: NO PRESENTATION. BUT I'M DRENNEN SHELTON, CLIPPER 17 18 STAFF. 19 DRENNAN SHELTON: SOME OF YOU RECALL BACK IN 2018 THE 20 21 COMMISSION ESTABLISHED FRAMEWORK FOR THE REGIONAL MEANS-BASED 22 TRANSIT FARE PILOT PROGRAM BRANDED CLIPPER START INTENTION OF 23 THE PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY FOR LOW INCOME ADULT TRANSIT RIDERS. THE FRAMEWORK PARTICIPATING 24

TRANSIT AGENCIES OFFER EITHER 20 OR 50% DISCOUNT ON SINGLE





- 1 RIDES AND MTC REIMBURSEMENT OF 10% OF THE DISCOUNT. CLIPPER
- 2 START BEGAN IN MID-JULY 2020 WITH FOUR TRANSIT AGENCIES
- 3 PARTICIPATING IN BART CALTRAIN GOLDEN GATE AND MUNI IN THIS
- 4 PAST NOVEMBER 17TH ADDITIONAL AGENCIES JOINT THE PILOT BUT
- 5 SINCE THE PILOT LAUNCHED PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN LOW WE HAVE
- 6 SEEN 4500 BAY AREA RESIDENTS JOIN THE PROGRAM AND 2600 OF
- 7 THOSE CLIPPER CARDS HAVE BEEN USED SHORT OF THE PROGRAM'S GOAL
- 8 OF 15,000 PARTICIPANTS WITHIN THE PILOT PERIOD STAFF IS DUE TO
- 9 BRING A 12 MONTH PROGRAM EVALUATION BUT GIVEN THE LOW
- 10 RIDERSHIP AND LIMITED AVAILABLE DATA WE'RE ASKING TO YOU
- 11 EXTEND THE PILOT PERIOD FOR AN ADDITIONAL 18 MONTHS UNTIL JUNE
- 12 2023 USING THE CURRENT ADOPTED FRAMEWORK. THE ADDITIONAL TIME
- 13 WILL ALLOW A FEW THINGS. FIRST ALLOW US TO ADD MORE
- 14 PARTICIPANTS TO THE PROGRAM UNDER THE BACK OF THE SCENARIO
- 15 SECOND ALLOW US TO ALIGN OUR TIMELINE WITH THE FASTRAK START
- 16 PILOT FOR DECISION MAKING AROUND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- 17 THIRD EXTENSION TO BETTER COINCIDE WITH THE TIMING AND ROLL
- 18 OUT OF THE NEXT GENERATION CLIPPER SYSTEM AND ALLOW MORE TIME
- 19 TO CONSIDER THOSE ADDITIONAL TRANSIT AGENCIES UNDER THE PILOT
- 20 EVALUATION YOU HAVE BUDGETED \$8 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THE
- 21 SUBSIDY FUNDS FOR THE ORIGINAL TRANSIT AGENCIES AND ADDED 1.5
- 22 MILLION FROM THE CARES ACT TO COVER SUBSIDY FOR ADDITIONAL
- 23 TRANSIT AGENCIES THROUGH APRIL 2021 TOTAL AMOUNTS TO ABOUT
- 24 \$40,000 FUNDING FOR SUBSIDIES REMAINS AVAILABLE AND WE
- 25 ESTIMATE THERE ARE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE 18 MONTH EXTENSION



- 1 FOR BOTH SUBSIDIES IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE COST. IF APPROVED
- 2 BY THE COMMISSION STAFF WILL SET ABOUT EXTENDING THE CONTRACTS
- 3 OF THE ELIGIBILITY VERIFIER. THE EVALUATION CONSULTANTS AND
- 4 WILL -- WE WILL PROCURE A NEW MARKETING AND OUTREACH
- 5 CONTRACTOR AND WE'LL ALSO PLAN TO RETURN HERE IN THE FALL TO
- 6 GIVE YOU THAT 12 MONTH PROGRAM EVALUATION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW
- 7 THAT WE HAD NUMEROUS SUPPORT FROM THE STAFF AT PARTICIPATING
- 8 TRANSIT AGENCIES FOR THE EXTENSION. AND THEY ARE CONCURRENTLY
- 9 SEEKING BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE EXTENSION. EACH OF THOSE
- 10 AGENCIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
- 11 BOARDS AND OTHER FORMAL ACTION SUCH AS TITLE SIX. I AM YOU SEW
- 12 REFER MTC RESOLUTION 4320 REVISED TO THE COMMISSION FOR
- 13 APPROVAL AND I'M HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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- 15 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS BUT WILL ASK MY
- 16 FELLOW COMMISSIONERS IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. I'LL JUMP IN.
- 17 AS FAR AS OUR ELIGIBILITY VERIFIER. HOW CLEAR ARE WE ON THAT?
- 18 THIS CAME UP IN MY REGION. HOW IS THAT INFORMATION OUT THERE?
- 19 HOW DO PEOPLE KNOW THAT THEY QUALIFY FOR THIS?

- 21 LYSA HALE: LYSA HALE MTC STAFF. WE HAVE LET PEOPLE KNOW IN A
- 22 VARIETY OF DIFFERENT WAYS, DONE ADVERTISING ON BUSES, ON
- 23 TRANSIT SHELTERS, INSIDE BUSES AT BART STATIONS TO LET THEM
- 24 KNOW ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS BENEFIT, IF THEY QUALIFY.
- 25 BUT WE HAVE ALSO PUT A FAIR AMOUNT OF EFFORT INTO WORKING WITH



SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES. HOUR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS LINE UP 1 2 WITH THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER PROGRAMS, LIKE CAL-3 FRESH, THAT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ARE PROMOTING. SO, WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO ALSO PROMOTE THIS PROGRAM, ALONG WITH THE OTHER 4 5 PROGRAMS THAT THEY PROMOTE. SO THEY'RE NOT ACTUALLY SIGNING PEOPLE UP FOR OUR PROGRAM, BUT THEY'RE HANDING OUT BROCHURES, 6 THEY'RE DISPLAYING POSTERS AND TALKING TO CLIENTS ABOUT THE 7 8 PROGRAM. THEY HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED IN THE LAST YEAR, DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE A LOT OF UNANTICIPATED 9 ASSISTANCE TO THEIR CLIENTS SO WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE WORKING 10 WITH THEM IF THIS PROGRAM TO EXTEND AND GO BACK AGAIN TO 11 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WE HAVE OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY-BASED 12 ORGANIZATIONS TO INVOLVE THEM AND HAVE A LARGE LIST WE HAVE 13 NOTIFIED AND HAVE BEEN DOING FOLLOW-UP CALLS AS WELL. 14 15 16 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: I'M SEEING A DISCONNECT IN TRYING TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE SIGNED UP AS POSSIBLE. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THE 17 TRANSIT AGENCIES, ARE THEY ALL ADVERTISING IN THE SAME WAY? OR 18 IS MTC DOING THE ADVERTISING? AND THEN THE SECOND QUESTION S 19 LISA, DO THEY CONTACT YOU FOR FURTHER INFORMATION? WHO IS THE 20 21 CONTACT HERE?

23 LYSA HALE: YOU MEAN THE CONTACT FOR THE TRANSIT AGENCIES?

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GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: ARE TRANSIT AGENCIES CONTACTING YOU TO 1 2 GET ADVERTISING AND THE MESSAGE OUT? 3 LYSA HALE: MTC IS COORDINATING ADVERTISING AND OUTREACH FOR 4 5 THE PROGRAM. WE DEVELOP THE ADVERTISING MATERIALS THAT WOULD BE USED BY ALL THE DIFFERENT TRANSIT OPERATORS AND WE REACH 6 OUT TO THEM AND ASK THEM WHAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING DONATE. I 7 8 BELIEVE TRANSIT AGENCIES PARTICIPATING HAS DONATED SPACE ON THEIR VEHICLES WE SUPPLEMENTED THAT WITH ADVERTISING SO THAT 9 WE CAN ENSURE WE HAD GOOD COVERAGES ALL OF THE TRANSIT 10 OPERATORS IN THE REGION. WE MEET WITH THEM ON A DAILY BASIS 11 AND I AM CONSTANTLY SENDING THEM INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THEY 12 CAN CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM. THEY KNOW IT'S AVAILABLE. 13 THEY CAN ORDER BROCHURES FROM US AND WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR 14 15 NEW IDEAS ON THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO HELP THE PROGRAM. SO I 16 AM OPEN TO HEARING ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS MIGHT HAVE. 17 18 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: GREAT. I'LL CONTACT YOU OFFLINE THERE. 19 BECAUSE WE I HAVE LONG DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR 20 21 HARDWORKING EFFORT TOO. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM 22 COMMISSIONERS? I THINK WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT. 23 CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE RECEIVED 24

ONE LETTER IN WRITING FROM SPUR. THAT LETTER HAS BEEN POSTED



TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS. AND 1 THE MEMBER OF THEIR PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED IS LAURA 2 3 TOLKOFF. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. 4 5 SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS. LAURA TOLKOFF TRANSPORTATION POLICY DIRECTOR FOR SPUR. WE SUPPORT EXTENDING 6 THE CLIPPER START PILOT BY 18 MONTHS. IT EXPANDS ACCESS TO 7 8 TRANSIT FOR PEOPLE FOR WHOM COST IS A TRANSIT BARRIER AND WE SUPPORT THE EXTENSION TO ENSURE TRANSMITTING AFFORDABILITY AND 9 INTENT OF THE PROGRAM AND GRANTING TIME NECESSARY TO REACH THE 10 TARGET THANKS FOR SUPPORTING EQUITY AND FLEXIBILITY AND WANT 11 TO BE INSTITUTE IN THE REGION'S TRANSIT RECOVERY STRATEGY. 12 13 CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO ADDITIONAL RAISED HANDS, MADAM CHAIR. 14 15 16 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO EXTEND THE CLIPPER PILOT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 18 MONTHS TO 2023. A MOTION? 17 OR OUESTIONS? 18 19 FEDERAL D. GLOVER: MOVE APPROVAL. GLOVER. 20 21 22 DAVID RABBIT, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SECOND? 23

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AMY R. WORTH: SECOND. WORTH.



DAVID RABBIT, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ROLL CALL PLEASE. 1 2 3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: MOTION BY GLOVER, SECOND BY WORTH. [ROLL CALL VOTE 1 4 5 CLERK OF THE BOARD: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS 6 7 PRESENT. 8 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: AGENDA ITEM 3B MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 9 4111 REVISED AND 4212 REVISED. RM3 NORTH BAY TRANSIT ACCESS 10 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND LETTER OF NO PREJUDICE TO THE NAPA 11 VALUE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE WINE TRANSIT 12 MAINTENANCE FACILITY. DO WE HAVE SOMEBODY PRESENTING ON THIS? 13 14 SPEAKER: YES. 15 16 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: HELLO. 17 18 ANNE SPEVACK: THIS ITEM HAS TWO DISTINCT ACTIONS FOR YOUR 19 CONSIDERATION. FIRST INITIAL PROGRAMMING OF RM3 PROJECT NUMBER 20 21 26 NORTH BAY TRANSIT ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADOPT 22 PROPOSAL BY THE FIVE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES CTAS TO 23 SPLIT FUNDING EQUALLY. UNDER THIS DIVISION EACH COUNTY WILL BE PROGRAMMED AT 20 MILLION FOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE 24 COUNTY. PROGRAMMING FUNDS EACH PROJECT SELECTION DELEGATES 25



- 1 FUNDS INCLUDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLICITING PUBLIC INPUT MTC
- 2 WILL REVIEW PROJECTS FOR CONSISTENCY AND WITH THE LEGISLATION
- 3 AND GROUP POLICIES BEFORE ISSUING RFPS OR ALLOCATING FUNDS IF
- 4 AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE
- 5 COMMITTEE REFER RESOLUTION 4411 REVISED INITIAL PROGRAMMING
- 6 FUNDS FOR THE NORTH BAY TRANSIT ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO
- 7 THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROVE. SECOND ACTION RECOMMENDED ITEM
- 8 ISSUES LETTER OF NO PREJUDICE TO THE NAPA VALLEY
- 9 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY
- 10 IF THE NORTH BAY TRANSIT PROGRAM IS APPROVED AND PROPOSED USE
- 11 OF \$20 MILLION CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MAINTENANCE FACILITY WITH
- 12 EXPANDED SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE PLANNED SERVICE INCREASES OVER
- 13 THE NEXT 50 YEARS STAFF RECOMMEND TO THE COMMITTEE FORWARD
- 14 RESOLUTION NUMBER 4212 REVISED AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE
- 15 FACILITY TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.
- 17 DAVID RABBIT, CHAIR: QUESTIONS? SEEING NO HANDS. DO WE HAVE
- 18 ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?
- 20 CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED ON NOTHING IN WRITING, AND
- 21 I HAVE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. AND
- 22 JUST A HEADS UP, I THINK I MUTED COMMISSIONER GLOVER, JUST IN
- 23 CASE HE HAD SOMETHING. OKAY.

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June 9, 2021

GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: OKAY. DO I HAVE A MOTION FROM THE

3 AMY R. WORTH: MOVE APPROVAL. WORTH. 4 5 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: COMMISSIONER WORTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. 6 7 DO I HAVE A SECONDS? 8 ALFREDO PEDROZA: SECOND. 9 10 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: ROLL CALL PLEASE? MOTION PASSES 11 UNANIMOUSLY. 12 13 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: MOVING TO NEXT ITEM MTC RESOLUTION 4464, 14 4465, 4466, 4467, AND 4471 APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF 344 15 16 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, TO 2022, TDA AND AB 1107 FUNDS FOR TRANSIT OPERATORS AND MTC AND THE TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS 17 AUTHORITY TJPA TO SUPPORT TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL 18 PROJECTS IN THIS REGION. CHERYL CHI WILL PRESENT. 19 20 CHERYL CHI: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. IT'S CHERYL CHI WITH 21 22 STAFF TO PRESENT THIS ITEM. SO THIS ITEM, I WILL KEEP THIS SHORT BECAUSE YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM THE FOUR OPERATORS WHO 23 ARE PROPOSED TO RECEIVE ALLOCATIONS, LATER THIS AFTERNOON, AT 24 THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS 25



- 1 COMMITTEE. THIS ITEM PROPOSES ALLOCATIONS OF FOUR DIFFERENT
- 2 TYPES OF FUNDS TO FOUR DIFFERENT OPERATORS PLUS MTC TO SUPPORT
- 3 CLIPPER AS WELL AS TJPA TO SUPPORT THE SALESFORCE TRANSIT
- 4 CENTER OPERATION FOR A TOTAL OF \$344 MILLION AGAIN FISCAL YEAR
- 5 2022, ALL OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH MTC
- 6 RESOLUTION 3866, THE TRANSIT COORDINATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- 7 AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING FUNDING AND THE COMMISSION COULD
- 8 CONSIDER FURTHER COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION OF
- 9 RECEIVING THIS FUNDING. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND
- 10 I ASK THAT YOU REFER THESE FIVE RESOLUTIONS TO THE COMMISSION
- 11 FOR APPROVAL. THANK YOU.

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- 13 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS?
- 14 SINCE IT INVOLVES COORDINATION, I DO. [LAUGHTER] SO, I THINK
- 15 WE'LL GET INTO MORE DETAILS ON THIS. BUT, AND I DON'T EXPECT
- 16 TO YOU ANSWER IT AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME. AS TO THE
- 17 COORDINATION, HOW DO WE ENSURE THE COMPLIANCE WITH
- 18 COORDINATION MEASURES OR MEASURES PRESENTED, HOPEFULLY IN THE
- 19 FUTURE, BY THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT TASK FORCE?

- 21 THERESA ROMMELL: MAYBE I CAN WEIGH IN HERE, COMMISSIONER, BUT
- 22 RESOLUTION 3366 HAS SPECIFIC COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS
- 23 INCLUDED WITHIN IT. AND I THINK THAT THE PROCESS, YOU KNOW, IT
- 24 INVOLVES JUST WORKING WITH THE OPERATOR TO ENSURE THEY ARE
- 25 MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS COMPLIANCE OR ACTUALLY IN COMPLIANCE



- 1 TO RECEIVE FUNDING AND THERE WOULD BE HAVE TO BE FINDING OF
- 2 SOME SORT TO FIND THEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND BLUE RIBBON
- 3 TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE CONCERNED ANY COORDINATION
- 4 REOUIREMENTS IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY EM BETTED IN 3866 THE
- 5 COMMISSION MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER INCORPORATING THEM INTO SOME
- 6 SORT OF RESOLUTION.

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- 8 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE T AND
- 9 I DO COMPLIMENT THE OPERATORS PRESENTLY FOR ALL THE WORK
- 10 THEY'RE DOING IN THAT DIRECTION. SEEING NO FURTHER
- 11 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE ONE PUBLIC
- 12 COMMENT.

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- 14 CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH
- 15 THEIR HAND RAISED. I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. MR.
- 16 ROLAND LEBRUN, GO LED AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO
- 17 MINUTES.

- 19 SPEAKER: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO ATTRACT YOUR
- 20 ATTENTION TO ATTACHMENT A, WHICH IS THE BUDGET SUMMARY,
- 21 SPECIFICALLY WITH VTA WHICH SHOWS UNEXPECTED CARRY OVER
- 22 FEDERAL COVERAGE FUNDING \$140.3 MILLION. THE BUDGET SUMMARY
- 23 CARRIES ON AND STATES THAT THE CASE AND THE CRRSAA FUNDING
- 24 SURPLUS IS PROJECTED TO LAST THROUGH FY '27, '28. ESSENTIALLY
- 25 TO BREACH A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT ISSUE THAT VTA OPERATIONS



ENTIRELY CAUSED BY THE BART PROJECT MY RECOMMENDATION TO THE 1 COMMISSION IS TO ESTABLISH A POLICY WHEREBY IN ANY CASE 2 3 FUNDING NOT EXPANDED BY ANY AGENCY BY JANUARY 2022 BE RETURNED TO FULL DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER AGENCY IN NEED. THANK YOU. 4 5 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS 6 7 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, MADAM CHAIR. 8 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU. INTERESTING OUESTION. CAN 9 STAFF ENLIGHTEN US ANY FURTHER ON THAT? ARE THERE ANY 10 BENCHMARKS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDING AS IT COMES OUT? 11 12 THERESA ROMMELL: COMMISSIONER, I BELIEVE THERE ARE EXPENDITURE 13 REQUIREMENTS FOR CRRSAA IF NOT CARES ACT FUNDING AND AS CHERYL 14 15 MENTIONED IN HER SUMMARY YOU WILL HEAR FROM VTA DIRECTLY IN 16 THEIR PLANS FOR THEIR COVID RELIEF FUNDING. I WILL SAY FOR FUTURE COVID RELIEF FUNDING THIS COMMISSION HAS ENTERTAINED 17 18 THE TRUE-UP PROCESS AND OTHER KIND OF CONDITIONS ON FUTURE FUNDING. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE A CONSIDERATION IN 19 THE PROGRAMMING OF THE ARP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING. 20 21 22 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: WONDERFUL. SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS.

DO I HAVE A MOTION FROM THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL?

25 AMY R. WORTH: I'LL MOVE APPROVAL.

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1 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH. 2 3 FEDERAL D. GLOVER: SECOND, GLOVER. 4 5 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER GLOVER. ROLL 6 7 CALL, PLEASE. 8 CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE MOTION 9 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. 10 11 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONERS MOVING 12 TO NEXT ITEM 4225 APPROVES REVISION OF THE OBAG PROGRAM 13 INCLUDING PROGRAMMING OF \$3 MILLION TO VARIOUS PROJECTS WITHIN 14 15 THE SAFE AND SEAMLESS MOBILITY QUICK START PROGRAM. MALLORY 16 ATKINSON. 17 MALLORY ATKINSON: THANK YOU. HERE TO PRESENT FOR THE SAFE ASK 18 SEAMLESS OUICK STRIKE PROGRAM LAST MONTH COMMISSION APPROVED 19 AUGMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM FOR \$34 MILLION OF FEDERAL COVID 20 RELIEF OF CRRSAA HIGHWAY FUNDING FOR NEW PROGRAM TOTAL OF 89 21 22 MILLION AND TODAY WE'RE PROPOSING 83 MILLION TO VARIOUS BIKE, 23 PED PROJECTS TRANSIT ACCESS TRANSIT PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE STREETS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. I'M GOING TO 24

SKIP GOING OVER MORE DETAILS ON THE PROJECT WITH THE FULL LIST



- 1 OF PROJECTS AND OVERVIEW OF COMPONENTS AND DISCUSSION OF
- 2 PRIORITIZATION PROCESS FOR THIS CALL FOR PROJECTS ARE PROVIDED
- 3 IN THE AGENDA MATERIALS. A FEW HIGHLIGHTS I WANTED TO SHARE
- 4 RIGHT NOW. THIS RECOMMENDATION DOES INCLUDE RESERVING ABOUT 6
- 5 MILLION FOR FUTURE BLUE RIBBON IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS. AND AS
- 6 THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE WORK WRAPS UP STAFF WILL RETURN FOR
- 7 A RECOMMENDATION FOR HOW TO PROGRAM THE 6 MILLION BALANCE TO
- 8 PROJECTS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS OF
- 9 THE PRIORITY THAT IS IDENTIFIED THROUGH THAT TASK FORCE
- 10 EFFORT. ANOTHER POINT IS THIS ACTION ALSO INCLUDES ADDITIONAL
- 11 PROGRAMMING OF 1 MILLION IN PRIOR CYCLE PROJECT SAVINGS FOR
- 12 DIRIDON STATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES. AND FINALLY THIS
- 13 RECOMMENDATION IS DONE IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S MAY
- 14 BUDGET REVISE PROPOSAL TO ADD FIVE HELPED MILLION IN AUGMENTED
- 15 FUNDING FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. ONE PROJECT
- 16 INCLUDED ON THE QUICK STRIKE RECOMMENDATION LIST, SFMTA
- 17 STREETS PROJECTS POTENTIALLY RECEIVING ADDITIONAL ATP AS
- 18 BUDGET PROPOSALS GO LIEU THROUGH LATER THIS MONTH.
- 19 TRANSFERRING \$5 MILLION FROM THE FOLSOM STREET PROJECT TO THE
- 20 STREET SCAPE PROJECT WEST SIDE, BRIDGES, SEISMIC RETROFIT
- 21 PROJECT. WE'RE ASKING TO REFER OF MTC RESOLUTION 4202 FOR
- 22 APPROVAL, INCLUDES PROGRAMMING OF THE \$83 MILLION FOR THE
- 23 REHABILITATION AND OUICK STRIKE PROGRAM.



GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: OUESTIONS? THE 1 MILLION TO THE DIRIDON 1 STATION HOW DID THAT COME ABOUT? 2 3 ALIX BOCKELMAN: THIS IS ALIX BOCKELMAN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE 4 5 DIRECTOR FOR POLICY. WE DID MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION. AND I DON'T REMEMBER THE EXACT MONTH. ONE OF THE 6 THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT WAS CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE 7 8 CONCEPTUAL PLANNING THAT'S HAPPENING AT DIRIDON SO WE DO SERVE ON ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEES FOR THAT PROJECT. 9 THIS WOULD JUST CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT. WE CAN COME BACK WITH 10 MORE INFORMATION ON SCOPE. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE PARTNER ON 11 THAT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SCOPE FITS WITH THE BEST INTENT FOR 12 THE PROJECT. 13 14 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT. ONE ADDITIONAL 15 16 QUESTION. FOR MY COUNTY ALONE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE TALK ABOUT FUTURE FUNDING HERE. IS IT BENEFICIAL FOR CITIES TO 17 PARTNER UP IN THEIR PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS IS THAT MORE 18 19 LIKELY FOR SUCCESS? 20 SPEAKER: I DON'T KNOW THAT WAS NECESSARILY CONSIDERATION IN 21 22 EVALUATION CRITERIA UNLESS THERE WAS A PROJECT THAT WAS 23 CONOMINATED BY MTC OR OTHER AFFILIATES. THOSE PROJECTS DID GET

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING.

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GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: OKAY. I'M SURE WE WILL BE IN TOUCH. WE 1 2 DO HAVE SUPERVISOR CANEPA. I'M SURE HE HAS A COMMENT HERE. 3 DIR. DAVID CANEPA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A 4 5 LONG MEETING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I DO WANT TO SAY, IT'S GOODS TO SEE THAT THE FIVE PROJECTS IN SAN MATEO 6 COUNTY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED TO RECEIVE FUNDING. I WANT TO 7 8 THANK THE STAFF. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING IN MY DISTRICT, WHICH I AM INTERNAL GRATEFUL FOR AND HOPEFUL WE'LL BE ABLE TO 9 MOVE FORWARD AND PASS THIS ITEM. WHEN I SERVED ON THE CITY 10 COUNCIL FROM 2008 TO 2016, WE HAD MANY ISSUES ON A COUPLE OF 11 STREAMS RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC INCIDENTS. BEN FRANKLIN, 12 INTERMITTENT SCHOOL AND GARDEN VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. VERY 13 DANGEROUS. I THINK THE WORK STAFF HAS DONE, THE SPECIFIC 14 15 ALLOCATION, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WILL BE CURVE 16 EXTENSIONS AND RAMPS PEDESTRIAN, SOMETHING THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS DESIRED FOR A LONG TIME. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE 17 BUT EXPRESS THE COUNTY FAMILY GRATITUDE IN AWARDING THESE 18 DOLLARS OR THE CONSIDERATION OF THAT. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, 19 20 MADAM CHAIR. 21 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CANEPA, AND AS AN

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- ALUMNI OF BEN FRANKLIN SCHOOL, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THAT. IT 23
- IS A VERY NEEDED PROJECT. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM 24
- COMMISSIONERS? OKAY. DO I SEE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT. 25



1 CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM PEOPLE'S 2 3 TRANSIT ALLIANCE AND HAS BEEN POSTED ONLINE. WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ROLAND LEBRUN. 4 5 SPEAKER: WE HAVE \$15 MILLION SO FAR INTO THIS. ABSOLUTELY NO 6 END IN SITE. THERE IS NO SUPERVISION. I ASK THE COMMISSION 7 8 THAT WE ESTABLISH A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THE DPX WHICH IS AN IBM TEAM AND EXECUTIVE STEERING 9 COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE SOME DIRECTION. WE HAVE NO PLANS 10 WHATSOEVER OF INTEGRATING BART WITH THE REST OF THE STATION. 11 SO MY ASK TO THE COMMISSION IS TO IMMEDIATELY START PROBABLY 12 THROUGH THE TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE, IS AN EFFORT TO 13 ESTABLISH A MEGA PROJECT DELIVERY ENTITY THAT WILL START AT 14 15 THE VERY DESIGN OF THIS MULTI-BILLION DOLLARS PROJECT, AND 16 LOOK AT HOW THEY DESIGN AND BASICALLY PROVIDE SOME KIND OF DIRECTION MOVING FORWARD OTHERWISE NOBODY WILL EVER USE THE 17 18 INFRASTRUCTURE DOWN THE ROAD. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN 19 MILPITAS. THANK YOU. 20 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU MR. LEBRUN. ANY FURTHER 21 22 QUESTIONS? I KNOW INTEGRATION IS A BIG ISSUE WITH THE BLUE RIBBON. THANK YOU, SIR. DO I HAVE A MOTION WITH THE 23 24 COMMISSIONERS ON AGENDA ITEM 4A?



FEDERAL D. GLOVER: GLOVER MOVES THE ITEM. 1 2 3 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER GLOVER. SECOND? 4 5 ALFREDO PEDROZA: PEDROZA. 6 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA. ROLL CALL 7 8 PLEASE? 9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE 10 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. 11 12 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONERS MOVING 13 TO Y FOUR B AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TRANSIT FUNDING POLICY 14 CONSIDERATIONS. THERESA? 15 16 THERESA ROMMELL: THANK YOU. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A PRESENTATION 17 FOR THIS ITEM. GOOD AFTERNOON. I KNOW WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE 18 BIT LATE IN THE DAY. ILL TRY TO MOVE THIS ALONG AS OUICKLY AS 19 POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO THE PRINCIPLES YOU APPROVED LAST 20 MONTH AND THE CONTEXT THAT YOU WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE TRANSIT 21 22 OPERATORS AT THIS AFTERNOON'S SPECIAL WORKSHOP, STAFF IS ALSO 23 BRINGING TO YOU SOME ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS TO KEEP IN MIND, AHEAD OF DISCUSSION HOW THE LATEST AND LIKELY LAST ROUND 24 OF FEDERAL COVID RELIEF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT \$1.7 25





- 1 BILLION IN FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE BAY AREA TO THE AMERICAN
- 2 RESCUE PLAN MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO AID RECOVERY IN THE TRANSIT
- 3 OPERATIONS IN THE BAY AREA. PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE DISTRIBUTION
- 4 OF THE \$1.7 BILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OR AARP FUNDS
- 5 WON'T GO INTO DETAILS HERE BUT PRINCIPLES INCLUDE STABILIZE
- 6 AND STAN TRANSIT RESTORE REIMAGINED SERVICE AND TO IMPROVE
- 7 CUSTOMER SERVICE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THIS AFTERNOON AT THE
- 8 SPECIAL PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS WORKSHOP YOU WILL BE
- 9 HEARING DIRECTLY FROM TRANSIT OPERATORS HOW THE IMPACTS OF
- 10 COVID-19 HAVE HAD ON OPERATORS AND THEIR OUTLOOKS FOR THE
- 11 COMING FISCAL YEAR WORKSHOP IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE CONTEXT
- 12 AHEAD OF DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO DISTRIBUTION OF NEARLY \$1.7
- 13 BILLION IN AARP FUNDING. IN ADDITION TRANSIT OPERATOR CONTEXT
- 14 AND REPORTS STAFF HAS COME UP WITH THE FIVE DIGITAL QUESTIONS
- 15 THAT COMMISSIONERS SHOULD CONSIDER RELATED TO HOW AND WHEN ARP
- 16 FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED HOW DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS CAN PROMOTE A
- 17 LEVEL PLAYING FIELD HOW MUCH ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE
- 18 WAY RELIEF FUNDING WAS APPORTIONED TO THE BAY AREA URBANIZED
- 19 AREAS, DISTRIBUTION STANDARDIZED MEASURABLE AND VERIFIABLE HOW
- 20 SHOULD ARP FUNDING TRANCHES BE SIZED AND TIMING AND
- 21 CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY
- 22 INITIATIVES. FIRST QUESTION HOW DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS CAN
- 23 PROMOTE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD IF YOU RECALL PRINCIPLES LAST
- 24 MONTH RELATED TO ENSURING OPERATORS WERE ON SIMILAR FINANCIAL
- 25 FOOTING AS THEY BEGIN RECOVERY. SOME OPERATORS HAVE RECEIVED





- 1 MORE FEDERAL COVID RELIEF FUNDS AS PROPORTIONAL TO ACTUAL
- 2 REVENUE LOSSES AND TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD WITHIN THE
- 3 DISTRIBUTION ARP COULD MEAN TO SOME OPERATORS. HOW MUCH
- 4 ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ARP APPORTIONMENT TO BAY AREA. IT
- 5 IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT APPORTIONMENTS ARE BASED ON
- 6 PREPANDEMIC REPORTED OPERATING EXPENSES, NOT NEEDS. WITH
- 7 CARES AND CRISS A WE PRIORITIZED FINANCIAL NEED RELATED TO
- 8 PANDEMIC RELATED REVENUE LOSSES RATHER THAN THE UZA
- 9 APPORTIONMENT FACTORS. IF WE WERE TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS BASED ON
- 10 THE UZA APPORTIONMENT FACTORS THAT WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE
- 11 WITH LEVELING THE FINANCIAL PLAYING FIELD AMONG OPERATORS.
- 12 COULD RESULT IN SOME OPERATORS CARRYING FUNDING FORWARD WHILE
- 13 OTHER OPERATORS STILL IMPACTED WITH REVENUE LOSSES COULD BE
- 14 FORCED TO LAY OFF STAFF AND CONSTRICT SERVICE WITHIN THE YEAR.
- 15 NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THIS NEXT OUESTION IS MAYBE MORE TECHNICAL
- 16 IN NATURE BUT STILL VERY IMPORTANT FOR DISCERNING EQUITABLE
- 17 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. SHOULD DISTRIBUTION FACTORS BE
- 18 STANDARDIZED AMONG OPERATORS. THE METHODOLOGY USED TOO BASE
- 19 DISTRIBUTION OF ARP FUNDS IS CRITICAL TO ADDRESS OPERATOR
- 20 REVENUE NEEDS, BUILDING CONSENSUS AS TO HOW MUCH ARP FUNDING
- 21 EACH OPERATOR WILL RECEIVE WILL BE DIFFICULT WITHOUT
- 22 STANDARDIZATION OF INPUTS AND FORWARD FACING FACTORS SUCH AS
- 23 COST SERVICE RESTORATION FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE
- 24 MEASURABLE AND VERIFIABLE. NEXT, HOW SHOULD FUNDING TRANCHES
- 25 BE SIZED AND TIMED? THE PRINCIPLES APPROVED LAST MONTH





- 1 PROVIDED SOME LEVEL OF CERTAINTY THAT OPERATING REVENUE LOSSES
- 2 WOULD BE COVERED WITH ARP FUNDING. WE KNOW THAT OPERATORS NEED
- 3 MORE SPECIFICITY AS TO WHAT THEY CAN ASPECT TO RECEIVE FOR
- 4 SERVICE PLANNING. YOU MAY CONSIDER A SIGNIFICANT FIRST
- 5 TRANCHE OF FUNDING THIS SUMMER FOLLOWED BY THE RELEASE OF A
- 6 SUBSEQUENT TRANCHE OR TRANCHES IN THE WINTER ONCE RECOVERY IS
- 7 MORE CERTAIN. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER CONDITIONING THE
- 8 RELEASE OF ONE OR MORE TRANCHING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SERVICE
- 9 IMPROVEMENTS OR ONGOING FINANCIAL NEED. SHOULD ARP FUNDING BE
- 10 SET-ASIDE TO FUND BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE
- 11 INITIATIVES? IF SO HOW MUCH AND WHAT SHOULD BE TIMING OF THAT
- 12 BE. FOR THOSE OF YOU FOLLOWING OR INVOLVED IN THE BLUE RIBBON
- 13 TASK FORCE, THAT BODY IS EXPECTED TO FINALIZE ITS
- 14 TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN AND CONCLUDE IN JULY. THE ACTION
- 15 PLAN WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEAR-TERM INITIATIVES
- 16 THAT COULD BENEFIT POST PANDEMIC TRANSIT RECOVERY BUT THAT
- 17 WOULD NEED RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO I
- 18 HOPE THAT YOU WILL KEEP THESE CONSIDERATIONS, THESE OUESTIONS
- 19 IN MIND AS WE MOVE INTO THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP LATER TODAY TO
- 20 HEAR FROM THE TRANSIT OPERATORS. BASED ON WHAT WE HEAR AT THE
- 21 WORKSHOP, WE WILL PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION
- 22 TO THE JUNE COMMISSION MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. AS WELL AS
- 23 FURTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF
- 24 ARP FUNDS. DEPENDING ON THE PACE OF OUR WORK, WE PLAN TO
- 25 FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN INITIAL



- 1 TRANCHE OF ARP FUNDING TO EITHER THE PROGRAMMING AND
- 2 ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE OR DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION IN JULY.
- 3 FOLLOWING THAT, WE COULD RECOMMEND -- WE WOULD RECOMMEND AN
- 4 UPDATE AND FURRING DISCUSSION REGIMENTED TO THE RELEASE OF THE
- 5 ADDITIONAL ARP FUNDING IN THE FALL. THAT CONCLUDES THE
- 6 PRESENTATION. AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

8 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU MS. ROMMELL. ANY COMMISSIONER

- 9 QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. DID WE RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON
- 10 THIS ISSUE?
- 12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES, MADAM CHAIR, AND ACTUALLY, I MISSPOKE
- 13 ON THE PREVIOUS ITEM. THE TWO LETTERS WE RECEIVED WERE FROM
- 14 PEOPLE'S TRANSIT ALLIANCE AND FROM SPUR ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
- 15 ITEM, NOT THE PRIOR ITEM, 4A, AND IT HAS BEEN POSTED TO THAT -
- 16 THE CORRECT ITEM ON THE ONLINE AGENDA. AND THE MEMBER OF THE
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- 19 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: AND I SEE COMMISSIONER SPERING HAS A
- 20 QUESTION.
- 22 CLERK OF THE BOARD: AND JUST SO YOU KNOW, THERE IS ONE MEMBER
- 23 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED AND WE'LL GO BACK TO THEM
- 24 AFTER COMMISSIONER SPERING.



JAMES P. SPERING: MADAM CHAIR, THERESE, WERE YOU LOOKING FOR 1 SOME COMMENT ON THESE QUESTIONS TODAY? SOAR IS THIS JUST 2 3 SOMETHING YOU WANT US TO BE CONSIDERING IN THE FUTURE? 4 5 THERESE MCMILLAN: THERESE OR THERESA? 6 7 JAMES P. SPERING: THERESE A THAT WAS THERESA. 8 THERESA ROMMELL: YEAH. I THINK THAT WE WANT YOU TO JUST HAVE 9 THEM IN YOUR MINDS TO CONSIDER, ESPECIALLY AS WE GO THROUGH 10 THE WORKSHOP, YOU KNOW, WE CERTAINLY WOULD WELCOME ANY INPUT 11 YOU HAVE NOW. BUT I YOU THINK THE INTENT WAS JUST SO THAT YOU 12 HAVE THIS BACKGROUND AS YOU GO INTO THE WORKSHOP LATER TODAY. 13 14 15 JAMES P. SPERING: BECAUSE I CERTAINLY HAD COMMENTS ON, YOU 16 KNOW, ON MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS THAT YOU'RE ASKING. AND I KNOW IN SOLANO COUNTY THERE, IS AN OPPORTUNITY, AND I KNOW 17 THERESE, YOU HAVE BEEN HELPING WITH THIS, BUT IT'S A REAL 18 OPPORTUNITY TO JUST SORT OF STREAMLINE AND GET A HIGHER LEVEL 19 OF TRANSIT IN SOLANO COUNTY THAT MEETS THE TRANSIT DEPENDENT, 20 AND JUST MAKE A MUCH BETTER SYSTEM, FEEDING INTO THE LARGER 21 OPERATION. SO YOU KNOW, I'LL JUST SAY, MY COMMENTS, AS TO WHY 22 I THINK SOME OF THESE INITIATIVES THAT THE BLUE RIBBON 23 COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AT, YOU KNOW, NONE OF THEM ARE REALLY NEW 24

ISSUES, IT'S JUST THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BUILD A



- 1 CONSENSUS OAR REALLY COME UP WITH A STRATEGY HOW TO FUND OR
- 2 ADVANCE THESE INITIATIVES AND I'LL SAY ALL MY COMMENTS AT THE
- 3 APPROPRIATE TIME. THERESE, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND WHOEVER. I
- 4 THINK THESE OUESTIONS ARE VERY APPROPRIATE AND VERY TIMELY.
- 5 AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP GUIDE US INTO MAKING SOME OF
- 6 THE RIGHT DECISIONS. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THESE QUESTIONS.
- 7 THANK YOU.

- 9 THERESE MCMILLAN: AND IF I COULD, COMMISSIONER SPERING, AND
- 10 OTHER COMMISSIONERS, I WANTED TO REMIND YOU ALL OF A THEME
- 11 THAT WE INTRODUCED LAST MONTH, THAT, I THINK, JUST RESONATED,
- 12 AS WELL AS YOU CONSIDER THE WORKSHOP GOING FORWARD IS, WE
- 13 REALLY WANT TO STOP LOOKING IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR OF HOW WE
- 14 HAVE EVALUATED PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE BASED ON THE NOTION OF, YOU
- 15 KNOW, HOW CAN WE RETURN, I COULD SAY TO FEBRUARY OF 2020, AND
- 16 INSTEAD, WELL OVER A YEAR LATER, LOOKING THROUGH THE FRONT
- 17 WINDSHIELD AS TO WHAT DOES THE TRANSIT LANDSCAPE LOOK LIKE,
- 18 GOING FORWARD, FOR THE BAY AREA, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF THE
- 19 ABILITY TO RECOVER, BUT AS YOU POINTED OUT SEVERAL TIMES AS
- 20 CHAIR OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, JIM, HOW DO WE UPON COME
- 21 BACK BETTER, STRONGER, MORE CUSTOMER FOCUSED, AND DEALING WITH
- 22 A CHANGED MOBILITY LANDSCAPE THAT MAY BE BEFORE US. AND SO
- 23 THAT SORT OF FORWARD LOOKING PERSPECTIVE SHOULD BE, YOU KNOW,
- 24 IN MY VIEW, SORT OF SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE VERY SPECIFIC
- 25 QUESTIONS THAT THERESA LAID OUT. BECAUSE I THINK IT DOES,



REALLY, LEAD US TO HOW WE ULTIMATELY WILL BE DISTRIBUTING 1 2 FUNDING FROM THE ARP. 3 JAMES P. SPERING: THROUGH THE CHAIR, YOU KNOW, THERESE, IN 4 5 ORDER TO MAKE THIS CHANGE, WE HAVE TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. WE CANNOT GO BACK TO DOING THINGS THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN DOING 6 THEM. AND YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE LEVEL OF COOPERATION 7 8 THIS'S BEEN DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE LARGE TRANSIT OPERATION, HOW DO WE INSTITUTIONALIZE THAT. HOW DO WE CONTINUE THAT? THERE IS 9 CONCERN THAT ONCE WE THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC THAT WE'RE BACK TO 10 DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL. AND WE CAN'T PERMIT THAT. SO WE'RE 11 GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SHOULD TOUGH DECISIONS, BUT THINGS HAVE 12 TO BE DONE DIFFERENTLY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THIS TRANSFORMED 13 TRANSIT PLAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO, BOTH THERESA AND 14 THERESE, I THINK THE WORK THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING AND THAT 15 16 STAFF IS DOING IS JUST OUTSTANDING. AND I THINK YOU'RE CHALLENGING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND THE COMMITTEE, 17 WHICH IS HAPPENING. THESE OPPORTUNITIES AREN'T GOING TO COME 18 VERY OFTEN IN THE CAREERS OF MOST OF US ON THESE MEETINGS. SO 19 THIS IS THE TIME TO MAKE THOSE VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT ARE 20 GOING TO TRANSFORM THIS TRANSIT SYSTEM. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. 21 22 23 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH COMMISSIONER 24 SPERING. I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. CHAIR PEDROZA?



ALFREDO PEDROZA: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO CONCUR WITH 1 2 THE COMMENTS THAT COMMISSIONER SPERING MADE. AND THERESE THOSE 3 WERE SOME GREAT QUESTIONS BUT I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THAT WE ACCOMPLISHED WITH CARES AND CRRSAA AND THAT'S THAT WE CAN HAVE 4 5 THESE OUESTIONS TO BE ASKED AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE WE DID DO WHAT WAS INTENDED TO BE DONE AT THAT TIME. AND I THINK THIS IS 6 WHERE WE DO NEED TO LOOK FORWARD. RIGHT? AND THAT'S WHY TODAY 7 8 IS VERY INTENTIONAL. WE HAVE THE WORKSHOP LATER TODAY, I THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE A BIG BREAK BETWEEN THE MEETINGS BUT 9 WE'RE GOING TO RUN UP TO THE MEETING BUT IT'S VERY INTENTIONAL 10 TO UNDERSTAND AND SHARE WITH THE OPERATORS TO TALK ABOUT 11 SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANCE WHICH IS THE BASELINE FOR HAVING A 12 HOLISTIC UNEMPLOYMENT CONVERSATION SO I THINK THIS IS THE 13 RIGHT CONCEPT AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS AFTERNOON TO 14 15 HAVE THE CONNECTION AND CONVERSATION TO GO FORWARD INTO THE 16 FUTURE. THANK YOU. 17 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA. COMMISSIONER. 18 19 AMY R. WORTH: WORTH I AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE JUST 20 21 BEEN MADE. AND I THINK WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY WITHIN OUR 22 OWN ORGANIZATION TO LOOK AT HOW BEST WE CAN POSITION OUR RESOURCES TO DO THIS. WE HAVE JUST GONE THROUGH THIS BUDGET 23 PROCESS AND I REALIZE WE HAVE GOT TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES, AND I 24

JUST, UP, REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF STAFF. AS THIS THING



HAS EVOLVED WE HAVE DISCOVERED BOTH THE OPERATIONAL AND 1 FINANCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE AND THE BATA 2 3 RECOVERY TASK FORCE THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER. SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK. SO, THANK YOU. 4 5 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH. OTHER 6 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? AS CHAIR HERE, I WANT TO REITERATE, I 7 8 COMPLETELY AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES ALONG THESE LINES, AND I THINK WE'RE APPROACHING SITUATIONS, CALTRAIN JUST ANNOUNCED 9 10 300 MILLION IN DEBT, AND THERE ARE PROJECTS THAT ARE KIND OF MID-STREAM HERE THAT IF THEY'RE NOT APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED, 11 IT'S JUST -- IT'S NOT GOING TO REACH THE ULTIMATE GOAL, WHICH 12 WE HAVE, WHICH IS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PUTTING EVERYTHING 13 TOGETHER. SO THERE IS A LOT OF FUNDING NEEDS OUT THERE THAT 14 WE'RE GOING TO BE THROWN AT, OR HAVE TO LOOK AT. I SEE NO MORE 15 16 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. BUT I DO SEE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. 17 CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. ADINA LEVIN. PLEASE GO AHEAD AND 18 UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. 19 20 SPEAKER: GOODS AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS. MEMBER OF THE POLICY 21 ADVISORY COUNCIL STARTING OUT THIS COMMENT SPEAKING FOR MYSELF 22 AND ALSO WITH A TRANSIT ADVOCACY GROUP PARTICIPATING IN 23

VOICING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTING THE INTENT OF

USING ARPA FUNDING WITH THE GOAL OF RESTORING TRANSIT SERVICE.

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UNFORTUNATELY THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL OVERLAPS WITH, I 1 BELIEVE, THE AFTERNOON'S MEETING, BUT IN PAYING CLOSE 2 3 ATTENTION TO HOW TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE RESTORING SERVICE IT'S GOING TO BE ESSENTIAL TO PUT SERVICE ON THE STREET IN ORDER TO 4 5 BE ABLE TO BRING RIDERS BACK TO TRANSIT. ALSO, WITH, NOT SPEAKING FOR POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, BUT AS A MEMBER OF THAT 6 BODY, THAT BODY HAS REALLY BEEN ENCOURAGING, THE BLUE RIBBON 7 8 TASK FORCE HAVING A SEAMLESS INTEGRATED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND WANTED TO COMMEND THE 9 COMMISSIONERS WHO WERE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF USING THIS FUNDING 10 IN A FORWARD LOOKING MANNER TO MAKE THE SYSTEM BETTER THAN 11 BEFORE, AND WOULD, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, SUPPORT THE USE OF THE 12 FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BLUE RIBBON TASK 13 FORCE AS LONG AS THAT IS NOT TAKING AWAY FROM THAT PRIMARY 14 GOAL OF RESTORING SERVICE, KEEPING IN MIND, HOW PEOPLE ARE 15 16 USING TRANSIT AND WITH THE GOAL OF BRINGING RIDERS BACK TO USING TRANSIT ON THE PANDEMIC. THANK YOU. 17 18 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: I SEE ONE MORE PUBLIC COMMENT. 19 20 CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP KATIE SCOTT SMITH. YOU HAVE TWO 21 22 MINUTES. 23

SPEAKER: GOODS AFTERNOON THIS KATIE SCOTT SMITH WITH THE

PEOPLE'S TRANSIT ALLIANCE. I WANT TO SPEAK FROM THE BAY AREA

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- 1 ELECTED OFFICIALS SIGNED BY 15 ELECTED OFFICIALS ALMOST ALL
- 2 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR WHO ARE OPPOSE SAID
- 3 TO MTC'S HANDLING OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT RESCUE FUNDS. MTC'S
- 4 ACTIONS DIRECTLY HARM THE BAY AREA'S MOST VULNERABLE
- 5 CONSTITUENTS SUCH AS LOW INCOME DISABLED AND BLACK AND BROWN
- 6 COMMUNITIES. THIS LETTER STRONGLY URGES MTC'S STATEMENTS THAT
- 7 WOULD PLAY THE LONG GAME WITH THESE FUNDS AS FUNDS ARE TO BE
- 8 USED FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSIT RESTORATION IN SHORT ELECTED
- 9 OFFICIALS FROM ALL OVER THE BAY OPPOSE MTC POSITIONING ITSELF
- 10 AS THE GATE KEEPER OF THESE FUNDS \$1.7 BILLION IN RESCUE FUNDS
- 11 SHOULD BE USED TO RESCUE TRANSIT AGENCIES RESTORING SERVICE
- 12 THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND NOT YEARS IN THE FUTURE. ELECTED
- 13 OFFICIALS OPPOSE TO THIS PLAN OF SAVING MONEY FOR FUTURE YEARS
- 14 AS OPPOSED TO USING IT NOW. THERE IS OVERWHELMING BLACK LASH
- 15 TO YOUR PROPOSED ACTION YOU MUST BE RECEPTIVE TO THAT AND
- 16 CHANGE COURSE BY PRIORITIZING FUNDS TO RESTORE SERVICE THIS
- 17 NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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- 19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NEXT SPEAKER IS JOTY DAHLIWAL. PLEASE
- 20 UNMUTE YOURSELF. TWO MINUTES.
- 22 SPEAKER: HIGH. WORDS SUCH AS FORWARD AND BOLD DON'T CONCRETELY
- 23 ALIGN WITH YOUR ACTIONS YOUR PLANNING TO TAKE. I WOULD ASK
- 24 WHAT WAYS ARE YOU PLANNING ON BEING BOLD AND LOOKING FORWARD.
- 25 IN LOOKING TO UNDERFUNDING IN REGARDS TO OPERATIONS SOLUTIONS

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- 1 FAILURE TO PUBLIC TRANSIT. IT MAY NOT SEEM SEXY OR INNOVATIVE,
- 2 BUT MOST COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS ARE QUITE SIMPLE AND A LOT OF
- 3 RIDERS ARE JUST WANTING MORE SERVICE AND MORE ROUTES. I HOPE
- 4 YOU WILL LOOK TO THE LETTER THAT THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER ALSO
- 5 MENTIONED. I HAVE SEEN IT, AND A NUMBER OF ELECTED
- 6 SUPERVISORS, SUCH AS MATT HANEY AND CARSON IN SAN FRANCISCO,
- 7 BECK ELSE OF AC TRANSIT BOARD MEMBERS OF RICHMOND, EMERYVILLE,
- 8 BERKELEY AND MULTIPLE LABOR COUNCILS HAVE SIGNED ON WANTING
- 9 FUNDS TO BE SPENT SO WE CAN GET TRANSIT BACK UP AND RUNNING
- 10 I'M CONFUSED AS TO WHY THIS HAS SEEMED SO ARDUOUS TO THE
- 11 BOARD. THE BAY AREA IS BEHIND, AND I THINK IT'S BECAUSE THIS
- 12 BOARD, MTC BLOCK MONEY GETTING DIRECTLY TO THE AGENCIES. I
- 13 URGE YOU TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS, GET IT OVER W DO IT, AND LET
- 14 THE TRANSIT AGENCIES DECIDE. THIS MIGHT BE LOOKING SERVICE,
- 15 RAMPING UP SERVICE, HIRING OPERATORS, MIKE LOOK LIKE HAZARD
- 16 PAY. MTC SHOULD DO ITS PART AND EXPEDITE SPENDING. THIS IS
- 17 COMING FROM ELECTED'S, RIDERS, AND MULTIPLE TRANSIT AGENCIES.
- 18 THANK YOU.

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- 20 CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT SPEAKER IS ANDREA. PLEASE UNMUTE
- 21 YOURSELF.

- 23 SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THIS IS ANDREA FROM THE PEOPLE'S TRANSIT
- 24 ALLIANCE. I'M SPEAKING TO URGE TO YOU ALLOCATE THE INITIAL
- 25 DISTRIBUTION OF ARP FUNDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I THINK JODY



AND KATE DID A GREAT JOB IN SUMMARIZING WHY. LOCAL OFFICIALS 1 HAVE BEEN CLEAR THE URGENT NEED TO RESTORE SERVICE AS THINGS 2 3 OPEN UP. IN ADDITION THIS FUNDING COULD BE ALLOCATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO AGENCIES CAN PROVIDE BACK HAZARD PAY TO TRANSIT 4 5 WORKER WHO IS HAVE BEEN ON THE FRONT LINES DURING THE PANDEMIC MANY WORKERS PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE. WE SHOULD SHOW THEM 6 THAT WE STAND WITH THEM BY RESTORING SERVICE AND GIVING THEM 7 8 THE COMPENSATION THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU. 9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER SEAMLESS BAY AREA. 10 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. 11 12 SPEAKER: GOODS AFTERNOON. IAN GRIFFITHS WITH SEAMLESS BAY 13 AREA. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS 14 15 YOU HAVE ASKED HERE IS, SHOULD ARP FUNDING BE SET-ASIDE TO 16 FUND BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE INITIATIVES. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS ISSUE CLOSELY. I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT 17 RESTORING SERVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE A MEMBER OF 18 VOICES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THIS 19 REPORT IS THAT WE DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE AND OPPORTUNITY 20

- 25 POSSIBLE. SO THANK YOU FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE STAFF ANALYSIS,

ALSO SUPPORT BRINGING BACK SERVICE LEVELS AS QUICKLY AS

TO INTEGRATE EQUITABLE PROGRAMS IMMEDIATELY. CLIPPER START

PROGRAM WOULD BE EXCELLENT USES OF INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT

THE TRANSIT RECOVERY EFFORTS TO HELP BRING BACK RIDERSHIP BUT

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- AND REALLY STRONGLY SUPPORT LEVERAGING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR 1 BOLD TRANSFORMATION THAT CAN ENHANCE OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM FROM 2 3 YEARS TO COME. AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL REFORMS GOING FORWARD. THANK YOU. 4 5 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE 6 7 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, MADAM CHAIR. 8 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GIVEN THE ACTIVE 9 DISCUSSION HERE, DO WE HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? 10 DO I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE? 11 12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: INFORMATIONAL ITEM MADAM CHAIR. 13 14 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I GUESS WE'LL 15 16 ALL BE GETTING TOGETHER THIS AFTERNOON. AND MOVING ON, ITEM 5A, CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE. WE WANT TO 17 GIVE YOU GUYS A BREAK, SOMETIME WE'RE GOING TO PUT THIS AT THE 18 HEAD OF THE AGENDA. 19 20
- KENNETH KAO: NO PROBLEM. GIVEN TIME WE REFER YOU TO THE STAFF 21
- 22 REPORT IN YOUR PACKET AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
- 23 OUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.



GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: YOU GET OFF EASY TODAY. THANK YOU VERY 1 2 MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT. ANY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS? SEEING 3 NONE. ANY PUBLIC QUESTIONS? 4 5 CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING ON THIS ITEM MADAM CHAIR, AND I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH 6 7 THEIR HAND RAISED. 8 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL 9 10 COMMISSIONERS. I THINK WE CAN MOVE ON THEN, CORRECT. ITEM SIX, PUBLIC COMMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS. WAIT. SORRY. ONE HAND JUST 11 POPPED UP. I SAW THAT. 12 13 CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING 14 FOR NUMBER SIX PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE 15 16 PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND LEBRUN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. 17 18 SPEAKER: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. THIS IS A COMMENT THEY DO NOT 19 WANT TO MAKE. BUT REGRETTABLY, I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT 20 21 SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION. HERE WE GO. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL RIGHT NOW FOR ANYBODY WHO LIVES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY 22 TO BARB ON VTA BECAUSE WE'RE BURYING FALLEN EMPLOYEES. I ASKED

AT LAST WEEK'S BOARD MEETING THAT AS A MATTER OF COMMON

DECENCY THE CHAIR TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEFER THE AGENDA TO

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- 1 THE JUNE 18TH BOARD MEETING AND ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OUR
- 2 FALLEN [INDISCERNIBLE] THIS DID NOT HAPPEN. AND THE BOARD
- 3 IMMEDIATELY APPROVED AN FY '22, '23 BUDGET WHICH INCLUDED ZERO
- 4 DOLLARS FOR CALTRAIN AND \$2.1 BILLION FOR THE BART EXTENSION.
- 5 THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M. AT 9:26 P.M., I RECEIVED A
- 6 RESPONSE FROM VTA, THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MASSACRE WHICH
- 7 REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PLANS OF \$22.1
- 8 BILLION RESPONSE INCLUDED \$116 MILLION IN RM3 FUNDS. IN
- 9 CLOSING, I'M ASKING THAT THE COMMISSION CONDUCT AN EXTERNAL
- 10 AUDIT OF VTA AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME BECAUSE AT THIS POINT IN
- 11 TIME THE ONLY RESULTS I HAVE LEFT IS THE FEDS. THANK YOU.

13 SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS NATHAN. PLEASE UNMUTE

- 14 YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.
- 16 SPEAKER: HI, CAN Y'ALL HEAR ME?
- 18 CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES.
- 20 SPEAKER: NATHAN WITH EAST BAY DSA THE PEOPLE'S TRANSIT
- 21 ALLIANCE. I WOULD LIKE MTC TO RELEASE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
- 22 MONEY TO INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES SO INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES CAN USE
- 23 THE MONEY TO DO SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
- 24 AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE BEEN SPEAKING VERY CLOSELY WITH WORKERS
- 25 AT MANY DIFFERENT AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY VTA, AND WE ARE VERY

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- 1 INTERESTED IN MAKING SURE THAT DIFFERENT AGENCIES HAVE THE
- 2 MONEY AVAILABLE TO ACTUALLY GET BACK HAZARD PAY TO TRANSIT
- 3 WORKERS. THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED TWO WEEKS AGO, AT VTA
- 4 REALLY ACTIONS THE FACT THAT IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE MAKE SURE
- 5 THAT THESE TRANSIT HEROES ARE ACTUALLY COMPENSATED IN A
- 6 MATERIAL WAY FOR THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY IN
- 7 DANGEROUS CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE PANDEMIC.
- 8 IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND
- 9 THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MONEY WHEN ITS RELEASED CAN MAKE IT
- 10 POSSIBLE FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES TO DO THIS. THERE ARE SO MANY
- 11 THINGS THAT THIS MONEY CAN BE USED FOR NOW THAT DO NOT
- 12 NECESSARILY NEED TO WAIT FOR 2, 3, 5, 10 YEARS. I REALLY DO
- 13 URGE MTC'S RELEASE AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MONEY TO THE
- 14 AGENCIES. WE CAN REALLY USE THIS MONEY IN THE WAY THAT IT
- 15 NEEDS TO BE USED. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.
- 17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
- 18 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, MADAM CHAIR.
- 20 GINA PAPAN, V. CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, KIMBERLY. WE NOTED
- 21 THROUGHOUT MTC WE STAND WITH VTA WITH THE GREAT LOSS THAT
- 22 HAPPENED IT HAS AFFECTED US ALL IT'S TRAGIC AND OUR PRAYERS
- 23 AND THOUGHTS TO BE WITH VTA AND FAMILIES AND ALL THE PEOPLE
- 24 THAT WERE LOST, AND OUR COLLEAGUES AS WELL. I THINK, IF WE
- 25 HAVEN'T DONE IT YET, THERESE, I'M SURE THE MTC WEB SITE SHOULD

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- 1 BE POSTING ALL THE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO DATE.
- 2 AND THAT MIGHT HELP SOME PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING IN
- 3 MOVING FORWARD HERE. SO, WITH THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER
- 4 MEETING IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND EVERYBODY GETS A QUICK BREAK. TO
- 5 ADJOURN THIS MEETING TO JULY 14TH, 2021. THANK YOU EVERYONE
- 6 FOR YOUR PARTICIPATING AND ALL YOUR HARD WORK. [ADJOURNED]



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