METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 9:45 A.M., JUNE 11, 2021

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: GOOD MORNING I'M BERKELEY MAYOR JESSE ARREQUIN, CHAIR OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. I'LL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK THE CLERK TO RUN THE COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] 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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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM IS ROLL CALL. THE CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO CONFIRM A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: ARREGUIN.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: VICE CHAIR LICCARDO IN MEMBER AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: CANEPA?

DIR. DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

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CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: I AM HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: EKLUND?

PAT EKLUND: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: FLEMING? GIOCAPINI, NON-VOTING.

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: HALLIDAY?

BARBARA HALLIDAY: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: HERE.

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CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: MAR? MITCHOFF?

KAREN MITCHOFF: HERE RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: SCHAFF?

LIBBY SCHAAF: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: HERE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: WE HAVE A QUORUM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: NEXT ITEM CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 2A MINUTES OF OUR MAY 14TH MEETING AND DETAILED LIST OF BILLS TRACKING POSITIONS. DOES ANY MEMBER WISH TO PULL AN ITEM?

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DAVID E. HUDSON: I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. ONE IS ON A.B. 629. I'M HOPING I'M GETTING THIS IN THE RIGHT ORDER. IS THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE PART OF THIS? IT LOOKS LIKE IT KIND OF DIED AS IT WAS GOING ALONG, AND I'M THINKING MAYBE THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE RESULTS. AND THE SECOND ONE IS, A.B. 917, BLOOM, IT READS THAT THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO SPECIFY COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1ST, 2021. IS THAT DATE RIGHT? EARLY ON IN THE LEGISLATION, IT HAS 2022. BUT OUTSIDE OF EVERYTHING ELSE, I'LL MOVE TO APPROVE IT. AND YOU CAN GET ME THE ANSWERS LATER, JESSE.

JAMES P. SPERING: SPERRY WILL SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: REBECCA, DO YOU HAVE ANSWERS BRIEFLY TO DIRECTOR HUDSON'S QUESTIONS OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET BACK TO HIM OFFLINE?

REBECCA LONG: I CAN QUICKLY ANSWER ON A.B. 629 ASSEMBLYMENBER CHU'S BILL RELATED TO SEAMLESS TRANSIT. THAT BILL IS STILL LIVE BUT IT'S A TWO-YEAR BILL AND IT WAS HELD IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST IN LETTING THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE COMPLETE ITS WORK. I NEED TO GET BACK TO ON A.B. 917.

DAVID E. HUDSON: THANK YOU.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH REBECCA. COMMENT ON ITEM TWO, CONSENT CALENDAR. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MARTHA ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED?

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: NO WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: CONSENT CALENDAR HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: [ROLL CALL VOTE]. PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO ITEM 3A FISCAL YEAR 2021, '22 STATE BUDGET UPDATE. REBECCA LONG WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM THIS ITEM IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND NO ACTION IS BEING REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE. THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME IN THE BUDGET PROCESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO REBECCA'S UPDATE.

REBECCA LONG: GOOD MORNING CHAIR MEMBERS. REBECCA LONG MTC STAFF. THE MEMO IN YOUR PACKET IS UP TO DATE AS TO THE FUNDING LEVELS THAT ARE IN THE LEGISLATURE BUDGET. THE BILL WAS

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AMENDED YESTERDAY IT'S A.B. 128 FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO POUR OVER THE BUDGET BILL. THE BILL NEEDS TO REACH THE GOVERNOR'S DESK BY NEXT TUESDAY JUNE 15TH SOME MEMBERS MIGHT CHANGE I DON'T KNOW IF THEY NEED TO AMEND IT ONE MORE TIME. I WANT TO HIT AT A HIGH LEVEL SOME ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE MEMO. A GREAT BUDGET FOR US IN TERMS OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PRIORITIES WITH THE, BOTH FEDERAL FUNDS RELATED TO COVID RELIEF AND THE LEGISLATURE PROPOSED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS ABOVE THE STATUS QUO FOR TRANSIT, FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION, SO THERE IS A $1 BILLION INCREASE IN THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM. THERE IS A $2.3 BILLION ZERO-EMISSION PACKAGE, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A LOT OF DETAILS YET. THAT'S GOING TO BE INCLUDED IN SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION. THERE IS A NEW TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR, THAT 200 MILLION OF WHICH, APPROXIMATELY, WILL BE FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RELATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION, 25 MILLION OF WHICH IS ON THE PLANNING SIDE. SO IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT'S NOT A BIT LARGER, BUT BEGGARS WILL BE CHOOSERS TO HAVE A BRAND-NEW CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM. THERE IS 5 MILLION MORE FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION. AND REALLY, THE LIST GOES O AND WE WILL GET YOU A FINAL SUMMARY ONCE IT'S ALL COMPLETE. BUT WE'RE VERY ENCOURAGED WITH WHERE THE STATE BUDGET IS, AND APPRECIATE THE COMMITTEE'S SUPPORT ON A NUMBER OF ITEMS AS WE

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HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS. WITH THAT, I'LL CLOSE AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH REBECCA, AND THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF FOR ALL YOUR WORK IN ADVOCATES FOR OUR PRIORITIES AND IT'S GREAT TO HEAR THAT WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS WITH SOME OF OUR REQUESTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE? VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THANK YOU. THIS IS REMARKABLE, AND REALLY, REALLY ENCOURAGING THAT THE STATE IS REALLY INVESTING BEHIND ITS VALUES, AND WE ALL SAY THAT THE BUDGET IS A REFLECTION OF OUR VALUES AND THIS IS REALLY TERRIFIC. I HAVE A QUESTION. I KNOW THAT THERE WERE SOME ADVOCATES THAT WERE REALLY PUSHING TO HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING GO TO SOME OF THE SB1 PROGRAMS, THE FREIGHT PROGRAM, AND THE SOLUTIONS TO CONGESTED CORRIDOR PROGRAM, AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING GOING INTO THE SORT OF VARIOUS CALTRANS REHAB PROGRAMS. DID THAT -- HAS THAT COME THROUGH IN THIS BUDGET?

REBECCA LONG: COMMISSIONER I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE SOLUTIONS FOR CONGESTED CORRIDOR, THERE IS INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE SHOP, STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL PROTECTION PROGRAM FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE PRIORITIZING THROUGH THAT

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OVERALL TRANSPORTATION INCREASE LIKE THE ATP, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, THE TRANSIT INTERCITY RAIL AS I MENTIONED AND I ALSO FORGOT TO MENTION WHAT WAS PROBABLY OUR BIGGEST PRIORITY WHICH IS THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THAT IS IN THE BUDGET FOR 750 MILLION. SO, YEAH, I WOULD NEED TO CHECK ON SOME OF THOSE OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS. THAT CERTAINLY WILL INCLUDE THAT IN ANY SUMMARY.

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION. I KNOW THERE WAS A HUGE PUSH TO GET MONEY FOR BAHFA TO KIND OF STAND IT UP. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF MONEY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS BUDGET. YOU CAN HELP, SORT OF, ORIENT US TO AS TO WHAT COULD GO OUT OF THAT BUDGET COULD GO TO SORT OF STAND UP BAHFA?

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: REBECCA?

REBECCA LONG: THERE IS NOT A LINE ITEM IN THE STATE BUDGET THAT IS RELATED TO BAHFA, IF DO YOU A SEARCH, YOU WON'T FIND THAT, BUT WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY, YOU KNOW, VARIOUS INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED, THAT THERE WILL BE SOME FUNDING FOR BAHFA THAT WE HAVE NOT -- YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE IT IN WRITING AT THIS STAGE, BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THE BAHFA PILOT FUNDS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.

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COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: WELL DONE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: YEAH. VERY EXCITING. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIS REPORT? OKAY. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE'LL TURN TO PUBLIC COMMENT. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. MARTHA, I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. ARE THERE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS?

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. I'LL ASK ONCE MORE, ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. THANK YOU, ONCE AGAIN, REBECCA AND TO ALL THE TEAM AT MTCF THEIR GREAT WORK. NEXT ITEM 4A AN UPDATE ON THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL. AND GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM, AND NO ACTION IS BEING REQUESTED. SO, GEORGE A TAKE IT AWAY.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND THE ABAG BOARD MEMBERS. THIS IS A VERY INFORMATION HEAVY LEGISLATIVE,

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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AGENDA. SO WE DID WANT TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON SORT OF THE HAPPENINGS IN DC. IT'S THE PERPETUAL INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK IN DC, BUT IT'S GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO REALIZING SOMETHING ON THE GROUND FOR US. SO, JUST SOME CONTEXT FOR A LOT OF WHAT'S WHILING AROUND INSIDE THE BELTWAY ARE THAT THERE ARE TWO MAIN VEHICLES WHERE WE COULD END UP SEEING INFLUX TRANSPORTATION MONEY COMING TO THE BAY AREA AND FIRST PRESIDENT'S WORKING ON A MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE THAT WOULD ALMOST SURELY INCLUDE A BIG TRANSPORTATION -- [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT IS LARGE INFLUX OF ONE TIME TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS TO THE REGION. ANOTHER VEHICLE THAT'S MOVING IN PARALLEL TO INFRASTRUCTURE CONVERSATIONS IS A SERVICE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE A MODEST INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE REGION STILL A GROWTH IN FUNDING BUT MORE MODEST BUT WITH POLICY CHANGE ACCOMPANYING IT AND THE OTHER BIG PIECE THAT WE'RE TRACKING AND THAT WE DELINEATE OR DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN A SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION TRACK AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE TRACK IS THAT A SURFACE BILL WOULD GROW THE BASELINE TRANSPORTATION SPENDING AND SO IT WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO SEE FUNDING INCREASES INTO PERPETUITY YOU ALL KNOW ONCE YOU PUT SOMETHING INTO A BUDGET AND GROW IT AT A CERTAIN RATE IT'S HARDER TO CLAW BACK. ALL OF THE PROPOSALS AND CONVERSATIONS WE'RE SEEING IN DC ARE ENCOURAGING AND TRACK WELL WITH MTC'S LONG-STANDING PRIORITIES AND CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO HELP THE REGION CLOSE

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THE BIG TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT GAPS WE HAVE SEEN IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS. SO THAT'S REALLY ENCOURAGING. THERE IS PROBABLY, AT THIS POINT, 2,000 PAGES OF LEGISLATIVE TEXT IN BOTH OF THESE SUBJECT AREAS, OR IN THE SUBJECT AREA SO I'M NOT GOING TO DIG INTO ALL OF THAT WITH YOU ON THIS MEETING FOR THE SECOND TIME. BUT DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF MATERIALS BOTH IN YOUR PACKET AND THAT WILL BE FORTHCOMING SUMMARIZING WHAT THE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS ARE AND HOW THEY TRACK WITH MTC AND THE BAY AREA'S PRIORITIES. TOP LINE WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IS THAT, YOU KNOW, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE REALLY ENCOURAGED BY THE STARTING POINT OF WHERE THESE BILLS AND PROPOSALS ARE AT, THE DEVIL IS ALWAYS IN THE DETAILS. SO A COUPLE OF THINGS TO CALL OUT ARE WHAT WE'RE SEEING ON THE GROUND IS THAT ANY TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL, WE WOULD EXPECT, WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING THE NUMBERS, WE WOULD EXPECT TO BRING AN INCREASE IN RESOURCES TO THE -- IN THE FLEXIBLE HIGHWAY MONEY THAT MTC PROGRAMS THROUGH OBAG SO THAT IS A POSITIVE THING FOR US. ANOTHER THING WE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE, AND THIS IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ACTUALLY ON THE HOUSE SIDE, WE SAW THAT THE HOUSE PROPOSED TO BRING A HUGE INFLUX IN RESOURCES TO TRANSIT, AND IN PARTICULAR TO THOSE TYPES OF AREAS WHERE THERE IS HIGH RIDERSHIP, A LOT OF TRANSIT FREQUENCY, BIG STATE OF GOOD REPAIR NEEDS AND CAPITAL NEEDS FOR THE BAY AREA WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IS WE WOULD SEE AN 80% INCREASE IN ANNUAL FEDERAL RESOURCES COMING TO THE BAY AREA, SO THAT WOULD BE HUGE. THE

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OTHER THING THAT WE ARE TRACKING, AND THAT I THINK IS A REALLY POSITIVE STEP FORWARD FOR US IS, THERE ARE A LOT OF PROJECTS IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 THAT ARE REALLY LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TROUBLE FUNDING JUST ON OUR OWN TYPICALLY WE LOOK TO THE FEDS TO HELP CLOSE FUNDING GAPS ON MULTI-BILLION DOLLARS PROJECTS, THE FEDS ARE PROPOSING A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM THAT WE TYPICALLY USE TO FUND BIG TRANSIT PROJECTS BUT LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO POTENTIAL COMPETE FOR TO CLOSE THOSE FUNDING GAPS FOR MEGA PROJECTS IN THE REGION ALL THOSE THINGS ARE POSITIVE I ALSO WANT TO IDENTIFY FROM A THEMATIC PERSPECTIVE ONE OF THE BIGGEST SHIFTS WE'RE SEEING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AN EXPANSION OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY TO REALLY EMBRACE CLIMATE AND RESILIENCE. AND THIS IS -- I CAN'T UNDERSTATE OR OVERSTATE HOW BIG OF A SHIFT THIS IS FOR THE FEDS AS YOU ALL KNOW WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO SAY CLIMATE CHANGE, IN THE BAY AREA WHAT THAT COULD LOOK LIKE FOR US IT'S ENCOURAGING WE COULD IDEALLY SEE RESOURCES TO HELP US IMPLEMENT MORE PROJECTS OR IN TOWARDS CLIMATE RESILIENCE THERE COULD BE A SHIFT WHERE FEDERAL DOLLARS REALLY, IN THE FEDERAL PROGRAM, TENDS TO MAKE UP MANY AREAS AROUND THE COUNTRY, IT'S LIKE CORE OF THEIR TRANSPORTATION BUDGET, SO WHAT THOSE PROGRAMS ARE FOCUSED ON CAN END UP REALLY TARGETING OR REALLY DRIVING WHAT, WHERE, WHAT TYPES OF INVESTMENT THEY MAKE SO THIS COULD BE A

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MONUMENTAL SHIFT FOR THE COUNTRY EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT AN INCREDIBLY LARGE DOLLAR AMOUNT. TO SUM UP WITH SOME AREAS WE SEE REALLY FOR IMPROVEMENT -- AND I SEE MAYOR SCHAFF STRAIGHT IN MY LINE OF VISION RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO SAY THERE HAS BEEN A HUGE FOCUS ON EQUITY AS WELL IN THESE SPACES AND ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT SHE'S REALLY FOUGHT FOR IS CORRECTING COMMUNITIES OR RECONNECTING NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT THAT WOULD HELP COMMUNITIES BE ABLE TO TEAR DOWN THE TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAVE DECIDE THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF PLACES FOR IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL BE OUTLINED IN YOUR MATERIALS. I SAY THEMATICALLY THEY'RE AROUND ESTABLISHING A STRONGER FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP WITH POPULATION OF JOB CENTERS IN PARTICULAR WITH THE BAY AREA AIMING FOR THAT TARGET FROM A STANDPOINT OF ROUSES AND DECISION MAKING. WE THINK IN PART, I WILL SAY WE HAD SOME REALLY GREAT MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH MTC AND ABAG LEADERSHIP WITH A LOT OF THE IMPORTANT FOLKS THAT ARE WRITING THE BILLS AND HAVE COMMITTED TO EITHER OFFER AMENDMENTS FOR US OR, YOU KNOW, ADVOCATE FOR SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. AND THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR, THE CHANGES THAT YOUR LEADERSHIP BROUGHT UP IN THE MEETINGS, WITH THOSE MEMBERS. SO, THAT WAS JUST -- THANK YOU. THEN, SO THAT IS REALLY ALL I HAVE -- OH, EAR MARKS. I FORGOT AN IMPORTANT ITEM THAT PERHAPS SOME OF YOU MIGHT BE PAYING ATTENTION TO. IN ONE OF YOUR HANDOUTS THAT IS NOT READY -- WAS NOT READY FOR PRIME

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TIME THIS MORNING BUT THAT IS SNAG WE'LL GET OUT AS SOON AS WE CAN HAVE TIME TO HAVE IT REVIEWED IS A LIST OF THE 61 BAY AREA PROJECTS THAT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INCLUDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION BILL. IT TOTALLED $209 MILLION IN PROJECTS THAT WOULD BE DIRECTLY FUNDED IN THE BAY AREA IF THE TRANSPORTATION BILL IS TO BECOME LAW. YOU KNOW, I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL VERY AWARE OF THE PROJECTS YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED AND HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR IN YOUR JURISDICTIONS. I WANT TO CALL OUT THAT ON BEHALF OF YOU ALL, MTC DID REQUEST THREE PROJECTS THAT WERE MORE OF A REGIONAL-FOCUS PROJECTS RELATED TO BAY BRIDGE FORWARD, BAY TRAIL CONNECTIVITY, AND THE REGIONAL ADVANCED MITIGATION PROGRAM AND ALL THREE OF THOSE PROJECTS WERE INCLUDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION BILL. SO, AGAIN, YOU WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS ON THAT IN THE FOLLOW UP, AND I'LL CLOSE THERE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH GEORGE A ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE? IF SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS, JUST SAY, VERY EXCITING. AND, PARTICULARLY, THAT THE FOCUS ON ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCY. THAT'S SOMETHING WE TALKED ABOUT IN SOME OF OUR LOBBY VISITS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IT'S GREAT TO SEE A LOT OF OUR PRIORITIES BEING REFLECTED IN THE PRIORITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC

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COMMENT. IF ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE IF YOU ARE PHONING INTO THE MEETING. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MARTHA ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: OKAY. BRINGING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE AND ASK, ONCE AGAIN, ARE THERE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE? IF NOT, I'M ASSUMING THIS WILL BE SOMETHING WE'LL HEAR ABOUT IN FUTURE MEETINGS. LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN ALL DO INDIVIDUALLY AND ALSO COLLECTIVELY AS THE TWO REGIONAL AGENCIES TO ADVOCATE IN CONGRESS FOR THESE IMPORTANT PROPROPOSALS. THANK YOU. OKAY. THAT COMPLETES THIS ITEM. LET'S GO NOW TO THE NEXT ITEM. WHICH IS ITEM 4B, AN UPDATE ON FEDERAL HOUSING ADVOCACY AND GEORGIA WILL ALSO PRESENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND NO ACTION IS BEING REQUESTED TODAY.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN, MTC/ABAG STAFF. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO GIVE THIS COMMITTEE AN UPDATE ON SORT OF THE GOINGS ON IN HOUSING AS WELL AS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. SO, YOU KNOW, JUST A BIT OF CONTEXT IS THAT, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME PRETTY HISTORIC FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN

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HOUSING. THAT'S WOULD BE THROUGH AN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE. UNLIKE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING DOESN'T GO THROUGH A SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION PERIOD LIKE TRANSPORTATION. SO IT'S REALLY, KIND OF, ALL THE FOCUS IS NOW OR NEVER ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HOUSING. FOR A SENSE OF SCALE WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED FOR HOUSING INVESTMENTS IS OVER $200 BILLION IN ONE TIME HOUSING INVESTMENT AND THAT IS FOUR TIMES THE SCALE OF THE ENTIRE FEDERAL HOUSING BUDGET ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. SO THAT WOULD BE A BIG INFLUX. THERE IS GREAT OPPORTUNITY BUT PRETTY BIG HURDLES OR ONE CORE HURDLE TO A BIG INFLUX OF HOUSING RESOURCE AND THAT HURDLE IS THAT THERE IS A CORE GROUP OF FOLKS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT DO NOT CONSIDER HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE. SO IT IS AN OPEN QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HOUSING WOULD ACTUALLY BE INCORPORATED INTO ANY INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. SO, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT, AGAIN, YOUR CHAIR HAD REFERENCED A NUMBER OF MEETINGS THAT MTC AND ABAG LEADERSHIP HAD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., NOT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., VIA ZOOM, OVER TO WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THAT WAS REALLY A POINT THAT THESE TWO BODIES, FOUR BE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH MEMBERS HOW BIG OF A PRIORITY HOUSING IS IN THE REGION AND TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THAT'S SOMETHING OUR COMMISSIONERS ARE WORKING ON WITH THE MEMBERS ON CONGRESS ON AN ADVOCACY PERSPECTIVE. I THINK I WANT TO DIG INTO AND WHAT YOUR MEMO DUG INTO IS, AFTER WE GET OVER THAT HURDLE IS ONE REALLY EXCITING POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

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THAT'S ON THE TABLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IS ONE THING THAT IS RELATED TO THE LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT WHICH IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST TOOL THAT WE USE IN THE BAY AREA FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION. AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S SUCH A GOOD TOOL AND WE IN THE BAY AREA ARE SO SOPHISTICATED AT USING IT THAT WE HAVE MAXED OUT OUR TAX CREDIT CAPACITY. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE REALLY LOOKING AT AND PARTNERING WITH FOLKS ON IS TWEAKING THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA THAT EFFECTIVELY LIMITS TAX CREDIT CAPACITY IN THE BAY AREA TO BE ABLE TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY THAT CAN COME TO THE REGION IN THAT FORM. AND YOU KNOW, THE THING THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE WITH THAT, AND THE REASON WHY THIS IS SO EXCITING IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A REALLY LONG LIST OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION, NON-PROFIT HOUSING COALITION JUST SENT ME A LIST THAT HAS 80 DEVELOPMENT IN THE BAY AREA, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, THAT ARE ALMOST READY TO GO, BUT THEY'RE WAITING THE GAP FINANCING FOR TAX CREDIT IF WE COULD DOUBLE THE REGION'S FINANCING CAPACITY THAT COULD DOUBLE QUICKLY A LOT OF BIG IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN THE BAY AREA. THAT'S ONE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE'RE REALLY ENGAGING ON. AND THE OTHER ONE I WANT TO RAISE FOR THIS GROUP IS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A WAY TO BRING SOME FEDERAL RESOURCES TO BAHFA. YOU KNOW, JUST SO IT IS IN THE INITIAL STAGES, AND WE ARE REALLY IN THE BRAINSTORMING SPACE BUT HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT TO OUR MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SORT OF -- I TRY TO WORK WITH

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THEM TO IDENTIFY IF THERE IS A WAY TO BRING BAHFA SOME OF THE MASSIVE POTENTIAL FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN HOUSING. SO WITH THAT, ILL CLOSE AND RETURN TO THE CHAIR.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH GEORGIA. YEAH. I'M PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IS EXCITING THAT WE'RE EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL SUPPORT TO LAUNCH BAHFA, I KNOW IT'S SOMETHING WE MENTIONED WITH THE POINT PERSON AT HUDSON WHEN WE HAD MET WITH THEM. ALL OF THIS IS REALLY GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR NON-PROFIT DEVELOPERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO BUILD THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WE NEED AND ALSO TO BUILD AFFORDABLE RHNA TARGETS WE HAVE THE STATE INVESTMENT POTENTIALLY COMING DOWN THE LINE, AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP US LEVERAGE OTHER RESOURCES AND MAYBE THAT WILL HELP ENCOURAGE SOME POTENTIAL FEDERAL RESOURCES SO WE CAN REALLY EXPAND THE SCALE OF THIS NEW AGENCY, AND IT'S A VERY UNIQUE THING, THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF HOUSING FINANCE AGENCIES, REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND YOU KNOW, HOPEFULLY THERE IS SOME MONEY FOR, YOU KNOW, SORT OF NEW AND EMERGING PROGRAMS AND INNOVATION THAT CAN BE SUPPORTIVE. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL ASK, THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE PRESENTATION? IF SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. OKAY. SEEING NO COMMENTS, WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? IF SO PLEASE RAISE

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YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MARTHA PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED? UPON

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED BY THE 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. FINAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU GEORGIA FOR ALL YOUR WORK UPDATING US. NEXT ITEM, 4C WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE AND GEORGIA WILL ALSO PRESENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM, NO ACTION IS BEING REQUESTED.

GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: WHILE YOU CAN ENJOY THE MUSIC OUTSIDE MY OFFICE, EVERYBODY. JUST, THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN DC, AND THE WRITE UP IS THERE FOR YOU FROM OUR TEAM. THEY'RE WORKING HARD.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE DC UPDATE? IF NOT, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS MARTHA ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: NO WRITTEN CORRESPOND RECEIVED BY THE 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: OKAY. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY BURNING QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN ITEM NOT ON THIS MORNING'S AGENDA BUT THAT'S WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I SEE ONE RAISED HAND. ROLAND, AND WE'LL GIVE EACH SPEAKER TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: SO I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF READING THE SOMEWHAT STORMY LETTER THAT FORMER SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR, AND CURRENTLY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA TREASURER FIONA WROTE TO CONGRESS. SHE'S BASICALLY ASKING -- SHE WROTE THIS ON MONDAY ASKING CONGRESS TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX ABOUT INCENTIVIZING THE PROVE SECTOR TO DESIGN SOME BILLS -- MEGA PROJECT THIS -- THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE RIGHT OF WAY IN ANY INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENT [INDISCERNIBLE] AND RIGHT NOW, FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BE INVOLVED IN THE NUMBERS TO ADD UP -- WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN THE BAY AREA RIGHT NOW THAT DOES ADD UP AND IT'S LOW PRIORITY IN PLANNED BAY AREA, WHICH IS NOW TRANSBAY CUBE. SO, IN CLOSING, WHAT I'M ASKING, THAT THE COMMISSION, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, START A MEGA PROJECT THAT A TASK FORCE IS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THESE ISSUES HOW WE ENGAGE THE PRIVATE

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SECTOR, THE PLANNING, ANY ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION WE MIGHT NEED, AND BASICALLY THESE PROJECTS DOWN TO REASONABLE LEVELS WITH AFFORDABLE -- I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS, BUT YESTERDAY, IN SAN FRANCISCO, WE JUST [INDISCERNIBLE] ANOTHER $2 BILLION BOONDOGGLE -- WITH THE AUTHORITY WE'RE TRYING TO ADD A SECOND HIGH SPEED TRAIN STATION IN SAN FRANCISCO [INDISCERNIBLE] TRANSBAY TRANSIT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT? IF SO RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. MARTHA ANY COMMENT.

CLERK, MARTHA SILVER: NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED BY THE 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG: ITEM SIX ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE FRIDAY JULY 9TH 2021, 9:45 A.M. REMOTELY. ANY CHANGES WILL BE DULY NOTED TO PUBLIC. WITH THAT WE'RE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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