METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021, 9:40 A.M.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY. I'M GOING TO CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. I'M ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR, ALONG WITH NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR. MAY WE PLAY THE 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 RAISE 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

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

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THE RECORDING. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM ONE, ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GOOD MORNING. PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: JOSEFOWITZ? JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. ABE-KOGA? ABSENT. AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?

DIR. DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EL-TAWANSY?

DINA EL-TAWANSY: HERE GIOCAPINI IS ABSENT. GLOVER? COMMISSIONER GLOVER? ABSENT. LICCARDO? ABSENT. MILEY?

SUP. NATHAN MILEY: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF?

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LIBBY SCHAFF: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WORTH? COMMISSIONER WORTH? IS ABSENT. WE HAVE A QUORUM, MR. CHAIR.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM TWO, IF COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ CAN LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, PLEASE?

CINDY CHAVEZ: HAPPY TO. PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM THREE, COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT, IF THE CLERK COULD PLEASE READ THAT ANNOUNCEMENT?

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE $100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF $500 PER MEETING, PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIMBERLY, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM FOUR WHICH IS THE CHAIR'S REPORT. QUITE A BIT TO REPORT HERE. THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MET ON MONDAY AND APPROVED ITS ACTION PLAN. I WANT TO TAKE TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE COMMISSIONER SPERING. IT WAS 16 MONTHS OF HARD WORK. WE CAME INTO THIS WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE OUTCOMES WERE GOING TO BE BUT COMMISSIONER SPERING DID A TREMENDOUS JOB OF CREATING OUTCOMES. BUT WHAT I WANT TO QUICKLY SHARE IS WE ALL GOT TO SEE THE END PRODUCT OF THESE MEETINGS BUT THERE WAS SO MUCH WORK THAT COMMISSIONER SPERING DID, LEADING UP TO THESE MEETINGS, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE FOCUSED, DISCIPLINED, AND EVERYONE WAS PARTICIPATING. AND REALLY GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE WAS INCLUDED AND ENGAGED. SO COMMISSIONER SPERING, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU ALWAYS GET THESE ACCOLADES, AND THEY'RE NOT JUST WORDS, THEY'RE ACTUALLY WELL DESERVED AND I GOT TO SEE IT FIRSTHAND OF WHAT YOU DO FOR THIS INSTITUTION AND FOR RIDERS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. JIM, AGAIN, THANK YOU

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FOR YOUR SERVICE. IF YOU COULD ALL JOIN ME IN GIVING COMMISSIONER SPERING A QUICK ROUND OF APPLAUSE? AND THE FUN IS ONLY BEGINNING, AS I MAY WARN YOU. SO, I DID WANT TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO JUST ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE OPERATORS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO STAKEHOLDERS TO OUR STAFF, WE DID A GREAT JOB LANDING THIS PLANE, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH ROADWAY FOR US TO GO FORWARD, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE BOLD AND GET UNCOMFORTABLE. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE STEPS WE HAVE A LOT TO DO WE'RE GOING TO BE TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE STARTING WITH THE ACTION PLAN THAT IS GOING TO GET PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION IN SEPTEMBER. SO THAT ACTION PLAN WILL GET PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOLLOWED BY ALSO TALKING ABOUT THE NETWORK MANAGEMENT BUSINESS CASE ADVISORY GROUP THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ESTABLISHING. WE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS AT THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE, AROUND THIS ADVISORY GROUP LOOKING AT THE NETWORK MANAGEMENT, EXCLUSIVELY THE BUSINESS CASE. THAT IS GOING TO BE TALKED ABOUT AT THE COMMISSION MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. AND LOOKING AT THE COMPOSITION THAT WE REALLY SPENT TIME BEING REALLY THOUGHTFUL OF WHO IS GOING TO BE SERVING ON THAT AND MORE FOCUSED ON THE NETWORK MANAGEMENT SIDE, TECHNICAL ASPECT OF IT AND IN OCTOBER I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION WORKSHOP THAT WE TALKED ABOUT WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING, THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ACTION PLAN ACCELERATED OUTCOMES ON TO ACHIEVE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FARE INTEGRATION AND NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THAT,

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BUT ACHIEVING OUTCOMES THAT WE WANT TO SEE. THOSE ARE WHAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT WE WANT TO SEE THOSE ACTIONS WE WANT TO SEE AND THAT MIGHT LEAD TO ADDITIONAL ADVISORY GROUPS OR TECHNICAL GROUPS GETTING CREATED, WANT TO BE INCLUSIVE, WANT TO MOVE QUICK AND NIMBLY TOWARDS THOSE OUTCOMES I WANT TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMITTEE THERE IS SO MUCH WORK WE WANT TO DO AND THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR REGION TO TRANSFORM OUR SYSTEMS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS TO WORK OUT AND SO MUCH MORE WE CAN DO. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN SACRAMENTO AROUND TRANSPORTATION AND I HAVE ASKED STAFF TO BRING AN UPDATE TO THIS COMMISSION WHICH WE TALKED ABOUT UNDER LEGISLATIVE ITEM 11 A MY GOAL IS DISCUSSION AND COMMUNICATION TO THE DELEGATION REINFORCE THE MISSION FOR KEEPING HIGH SPEED RAIL ON TRACK AND ALSO TO PLANNED BAY AREA THERE ARE MULTIPLE PROJECTS THAT STILL REMAIN A PRIORITY AND THAT WE LOOK AT THOSE PROJECTS, BEING ELIGIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AS FUNDING IS MADE AVAILABLE. WE'RE GOING TO TALK MORE ABOUT THAT UNDER 11A BUT AGAIN WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING OUT OF THAT WITH AN ACTION ITEM TO REINFORCE OUR COMMITMENT TO PLANNED BAY AREA AND HIGH SPEED RAIL. SO, AT THIS POINT, KIMBERLY, I'M GOING TO ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, QUICKLY, ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPORT I JUST GAVE AND ASK IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS AS WELL

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING HOWEVER WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND LEBRUN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I HAVE A QUESTION, THROUGH THE CHAIR. IF AND WHEN WE ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH A MEGA PROJECT DELIVERY TASK FORCE, AND IF SO, WHAT IS THE TIMELINE? THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ROLAND. KIMBERLY, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO. I SEE NO ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED AT THIS TIME.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THEN WHAT I WOULD SAY TO THE COMMENT, AGAIN, AT THE COMMISSION WORKSHOP WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC TO ASK QUESTIONS TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES IN MORE SPECIFICS. WHAT I WILL SHARE IN THE TRANSFORMATION -- TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN, THERE ARE SOME DELIVERABLES UPDATES SOME THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FLEXIBLE ON AND SOME MORE FAR REACHING BUT AGAIN OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN MORE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE WORKSHOP. SO, AT THIS POINT, I DON'T SEE ANY

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS OR ANY HANDS RAISED. KIMBERLY? WE'RE GOING DO MOVE ON?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I DON'T SEE ANY EITHER. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT KIMBERLY LET'S MOVE TO ITEM FIVE, THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT. RANDI?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RANDI IS OUT TODAY, UNEXPECTEDLY, HOWEVER DID ASK THAT WE MENTION THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL SUBMITTED. THEY HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA, AND WERE DISTRIBUTED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. KIMBERLY, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM?

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

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM SIX, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. THERESE MCMILLAN, TAKE IT AWAY.

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THERESE MCMILLAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR, AND I KNOW WE HAVE A PACKED AGENDA FOR THE DAY, SO I WILL BE QUICK. THE FIRST THING I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT IS, WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. [LAUGHTER] AND WE WILL BE HOSTING A SPECIAL WEBINAR ON AUGUST THE 17TH FROM 9:30 TO 11:00 A.M., WHERE WE CAN, YOU KNOW, BASICALLY PRESENT WHAT WE HAVE HEARD IN THIS LATEST AND LAST SUMMER OUTREACH ATTACHED TO PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLY UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO WRAP THINGS UP. AND OF COURSE, INVITE ALL OF YOU AND OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT. EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2021, THE BAIFA EXPRESS LANES CENTER INTEGRATED ALAMEDA EXPRESS LANES OPERATIONS ON 580 NOW OUR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS PROVIDES EXPRESS LANES ON I 580 AND 680 IN ALAMEDA COUNTY IN ADDITION TO THE LANES ON I-880 AND I 680 IN CONTRA COSTA. TRY TO SAY THAT REALLY FAST. WE EXPECT TO HAVE EFFICIENCIES AND STREAMLININGS COMING OUT OF THIS COORDINATED OPERATIONS. I WANT TO FLAG THAT FOR YOU. AS WELL AS WORK ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, OUR LONG RANGE PLAN, I WANT TO GIVE HIGHLIGHT AND THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION COMING ON THIS, A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE MTC COMMISSION AND THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD TO TAKE A FINAL VOTE ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, THAT IS SET FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, AT 5:00 P.M. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE HAVING TO WORK ON AND MANAGE AS BEST WE CAN WITH INFORMATION THAT IS STILL QUITE FLUID IS THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

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ON THE BROWN ACT, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY ORDERS EXPIRE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, SO WE'RE STILL AWAITING DETAIL AS TO WHETHER THOSE ARE GOING TO BE EXTENDED, FOR EXAMPLE, BEYOND THIS SPECIAL MEETING, OR WHETHER WE WILL BE REVERTING BACK TO OLD RULES, IN WHICH CASE THE LOGISTICS ATTACHED TO THE SPECIAL MEETING BECOME MORE OR LESS COMPLICATED. SO WE WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED OF THAT, OUR GENERAL COUNSEL KATHLEEN CANE IS ON TOP OF THIS AND IS ADVISING US ON HOW TO BE PREPARED BUT WE WANT TO IDENTIFY THAT THAT'S AN IMPORTANT MEETING FOR YOUR CALENDARS. POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL RECRUITMENT IS STILL OPEN UNTIL ESSENTIALLY MIDNIGHT SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST, IF YOU AS COMMISSIONERS HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL, PLEASE DO SO. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, OR MARTI PASCHAL, OF OUR STAFF, AND, YOU KNOW, WE EXPECT STAFF TO REACH OUT TO YOUR OFFICE IN AUGUST SUMMARIES OF APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE COME IN, FROM YOUR COUNTIES, RECOMMENDED NOMINEES, ET CETERA. THIS IS A BIG CHANGEOVER FOR THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THEY SERVE A CRITICAL ROLE, AND WE THANK YOU FOR ADVANCE IN YOUR ROLE IN SETTING UP THE NEXT ROUND. FINALLY, AND REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS, THE -- WE HAVE AN EQUITY ON--CALL BENCH. WE HAVE REPORTED ON THIS IN THE PAST AND I WANT TO GIVE LOTS OF KUDOS TO NALUNGO CONLEY, THIS IS A MAJOR PART OF OUR EQUITY PLATFORM. WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A CONSULTANT CAT LORE THAT ARE PART OF THE FIRMS OF THAT BENCH BECAUSE NOT ONLY CAN IT

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SERVE BUSINESS BUT WE HAVE ALSO EXTENDED THE BENCH TO FELLOW GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO USE. THAT CATALOG IS POSTED AND AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE AND WE'LL BE SENDING EACH OF YOU A COPY OF THAT DIRECTLY, AGAIN THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN TERMS OF ENSURE THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, TO SMALL BUSINESS, MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES, ET CETERA, GET FULL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MTC AND ABAG'S PORTFOLIO, AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THEIR FOOTPRINT THROUGHOUT THE REGION. SO WITH THAT, MR. CHAIR, I WILL CONCLUDE MY REPORT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, THERESE. DO WE HAVE ANY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON OUR REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR? NOT SEEING ANY. KIMBERLY, ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM?

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

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, THERESE, FOR THE REPORT. ITEM SEVEN, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? AT THIS POINT I'LL SEE IF THERE ARE ANY COMMISSIONERS THAT WISH TO MAKE COMMENTS AT THIS TIME? KIMBERLY, DON'T SEE ANY ON MY SIDE. LET'S PROCEED WITH ITEM EIGHT, OUR CONSENT

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CALENDAR. WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS ON CONSENT. DO WE HAVE ANY QUICK QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

DAVID RABBIT: SO MOVED, RABBIT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY RABBIT.

AMY R. WORTH: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: SECOND BY WORTH. KIMBERLY ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE A FIRST BY RABBIT, SECOND BY WORTH. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE]

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIMBERLY, LET'S MOVE TO ITEM NINE. PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS CHAIR RABBIT, TAKE IT AWAY.

DAVID RABBIT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS MET REMOTELY ON JULY 14TH, 2021 AND REFERRED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. AGENDA ITEM 9A, MTC RESOLUTION NUMBERS 4481 AND 4202 REVISED, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, PHASE ONE, DISTRIBUTION AND ACCELERATED FUNDING FOR INTEGRATION STRATEGIES, PROPOSES PROGRAMMING OF $912 MILLION OF ARP FUNDING TO BAY AREA TRANSIT OPERATORS FOR COVID-19 RELIEF, AND 1.75 MILLION IN FEDERAL SAFE AND SEAMLESS QUICK STRIKE FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SMALL OPERATOR FOCUSED RECOVERY EFFORTS. AND I BELIEVE THERESA ROMMEL HAS A PRESENTATION ON THIS ITEM, BEFORE I WILL MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE.

THERESA ROMMELL: YES. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. I'M GOING TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THIS ITEM BRIEFLY BEFORE YOUR ACTION. GOOD MORNING. AS A REMINDER TWO WEEKS AGO AT THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING STAFF PRESENTED PROPOSAL TO DISTRIBUTE 912 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS AS WELL AS SET-ASIDE OF APPROXIMATELY 157 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE INITIATIVES SPECIFIC HARDSHIPS DISPARITIES

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AND FOCUSED RECOVERY STRATEGIES. IN LIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION RELATED TO SPECIFIC STRATEGIES, PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION WOULD REMAIN THE SAME HOWEVER STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THREE SPECIFIC CONCERNS CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING FROM THE PORTION OF THE $157 MILLION SET-ASIDE INCLUDING SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO ASSIST WITH THE HARDSHIP RELATED TO THE MAY 2021 TRAGEDY AT THE LIGHT RAIL FACILITY SONOMA COUNTY OPERATORS HARDSHIPS RELATED TO PASS ONGOING FIRE CONCERN FOCUSED RECOVERY STRATEGIES TO ALLOW CONSISTENT SERVICE PROVISIONS UNTIL REAUTHORIZATION OF SONOMA COUNTY SALES TAX IN 2025 AND MORE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE TO RECOVERY STRATEGY, WORKING TOWARDS DETERMINING SPECIFIC FUNDING NEEDS FOR SET-ASIDE FUNDS OVER THE NEXT MONTH AND RETURN TO THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS IN SEPTEMBER WITH MORE DETAILED PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SPENDING AMOUNTS. MAKING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED INITIATIVES CONTAINED IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE TASK FORCE TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDS COMMISSION CONSIDERING DIRECTING STAFF TO RETAIN A MINIMUM OF 5% OR APPROXIMATELY $85 MILLION OF SET-ASIDE FUNDS TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY FOR BLUE RIBBON INITIATIVE, AND LASTLY COMMISSIONER CALLS FOR FOCUSED RECOVERY STRATEGIES IN SEVERAL COUNTIES STAFF IS PROPOSING ACCELERATED PROGRAMMING OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION EFFORT IN CONTRA COSTA SONOMA COUNTY SOLANO COUNTY AS PART OF THE ACTION PLAN. SET-ASIDE APPROXIMATELY $6

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MILLION FROM THE SAFE AND SEAMLESS QUICK STRIKE PROGRAM FOR INVESTMENT IN BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE INITIATIVES THAT COULD BE DELIVERED IN THE NEAR-TERM PROPOSED THE PROGRAM $175,000 TO JUMP-START THE INTEGRATION STRATEGIES AND COORDINATE INTEGRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE TRANSIT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE. PROPOSED 500,000 FOR THE CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY $500,000 FOR THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND $750,000 FOR THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STAFF WILL RETURN TO THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS IN A FUTURE MONTH TO RECOMMEND PROGRAMMING FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 4 MILLION IN REMAINING FUNDS FOR BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE INITIATIVES THAT WERE SET-ASIDE FROM THE SAFE AND SEAMLESS QUICK STRIKE PROGRAM. THAT'S MY UPDATE FOR TODAY, AND WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AND I REQUEST THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 4181 AND 4202 REVISED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: CHAIR RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: THROUGH THE CHAIR, I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTIONS 4481 AND 4202 REVISED, AS DESCRIBED BY THERESA ROMMEL.

JAMES P. SPERING: SPERING WILL SECOND.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY RABBIT, SECOND BY SPERING. AT THIS POINT I'LL SEE IF THERE IS ANY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. I SEE SOME HANDS RAISED. COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK IT'S GREAT TO SEE THIS FUNDING GOING OUT. I KNOW THERE ARE SOME BACKGROUND ISSUES HERE. SO I'M HOPING THAT STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CALTRAIN CALCULATIONS MOVING FORWARD HERE, BUT IT'S NICE TO SEE THIS FUNDING REALLY GOING TO WHERE IT'S NEEDED. SO, THANK YOU EVERYONE.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER PAPAN. ALL RIGHT. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER COMMISSIONER HANDS AT THIS POINT. KIMBERLY, HAVE WE RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES, WE DID RECEIVE ONE LETTER FROM CALTRAIN THAT HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA, AND WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMISSION. AND I SEE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HUNDRED RAISED, ROLAND LEBRUN, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. VERY BRIEFLY. I WISH TO BE ON THE RECORD AS BEING OPPOSED TO ANY FURTHER ALLOCATION TO AGENCIES WITH ACCUMULATED AROUND HALF A BILLION DOLLARS IN

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SURPLUS CARES AND CRRSAA FUNDING AND HOLD THE AGENCIES ACCOUNT FOR HOW THEY PLAN ON SPENDING THE MONEY THAT INCLUDES $1 MILLION TO VTA. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I SEE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, HOWEVER I SEE ONE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. WE HAVE ONE MORE COMMENT LET'S BRING IT BACK TO COMMISSIONER SPERING.

JAMES P. SPERING: I WANT TO THANK THERESA AND THE MTC STAFF THIS HAS BEEN A REAL BALANCING ACT THE WAY THIS MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED IT'S GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH ISSUES FOR A LONG TIME. THANK YOU THERESA AND STAFF FOR THE VERY GOOD WORK.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: THANK YOU. I, TOO I WANT TO SAY THIS HAS BEEN REALLY CHALLENGING FOR STAFF TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH ALL THE NEEDS OF THE REGION. I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE INVESTMENTS THAT, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE COUNTIES, AND I WANT TO SAY I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT

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THAT WE REINFORCE THE WORK THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WITH AS MANY CARROTS AS POSSIBLE. BECAUSE I YOU THINK WE ARE BALANCING THIS, WHAT POWER DOES MTC HAVE OVER THE SERVICE PROVIDERS. AND THE REALITY IS THIS HAS GOT TO LOOK MORE LIKE A PARTNERSHIP, AND TO ME THIS FEELS LIKE A PARTNERSHIP. AND I WANT TO VERY MUCH CONGRATULATE JIM FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH THE OPERATORS OUT THERE, AND WITH MTC TO REALLY HELP PEOPLE SEE THE, YOU KNOW, A SHARED OUTCOME. I ALSO JUST WANTED TO, JUST SAY TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO REINFORCE THE EMERGENCY NEED THAT A NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS STILL HAVE, INCLUDING VTA. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, JUST TO SHARE WITH EVERYBODY, THAT WE'RE WORKING VERY, VERY HARD ON RECOVERING GETTING LIGHT RAIL UP AND GOING AGAIN. AND THERE WILL BE SOME LONG-TERM IMPACTS TO OUR ORGANIZATION. I ALSO AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE TRANSIT IN THE HEART OF SILICON VALLEY LONG-TERM. AND PART OF THE REASON THAT, YOU KNOW, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, IS I LOOK AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOTMENTS OF EMERGENCY RELIEF SO FAR, AND VTA'S PERCENTAGE OF THE ALLOTMENT CONTINUES TO DECLINE DURING A TIME WHEN OUR NEEDS ARE REALITY INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY, VTA'S CURRENT PERCENTAGE OF THE FUNDS ARE 6% OF THE FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING AND 3% OVERALL AND FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON RECOVERY AND ALSO AROUND RIDERSHIP AND AS WE LOOK AT OUR NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE VERY BEST WAY TO MOVE PEOPLE FROM POINT A TO POINT B AND

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WANT TO EMPHASIZE LOOKING AT TRANSIT IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT OUR TRANSIT SERVICES ARE WORTHY OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SONOMA AND MARIN FOR WORKING TOGETHER. I AM SO EXCITED WHEN I SEE ORGANIZATIONS DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO GET RIDERSHIP UP AND WE SUPPORT THAT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ. COMMISSIONER FLEMING AND THEN COMMISSIONER CONNOLY.

VICTORIA FLEMING: I WANT TO ECHO WHAT WAS SAID BY THE PREVIOUS COMMISSIONERS. THERE ARE ONGOING AND SERIOUS TRAGEDIES WITH VTA, AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, REGARDING THE HARDSHIP DOLLARS, THEY JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE BACKING OF THOSE DOLLARS GOING THERE. AND ALSO GRATITUDE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME SUPPORT TO FOLLOW-THROUGH HERE. AND JUST FOR PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE LOW-INCOME RIDERS OF 86% ON OUR CITY BUS HERE. WE HAVE 63% OF PETALUMA TRANSIT, 65% OF PETALUMA TRANSIT HOUSEHOLDS HAVE NO CARS. 54% OF THEIR RIDERS ARE STUDENTS. SO, A LOT OF THIS INTEGRATION WORK IS GOING TO GO TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST IN NEED OF THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE, AND WE'RE REALLY GRATEFUL TO BE REWARDED FOR THE EFFORTS AND INTEGRATION, AND JUST MUCH APPRECIATION TO ALL THE STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS WHO WORKED ON THIS.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER FLEMING. COMMISSIONER CONNOLY AND THEN WORTH.

DAMON CONNOLLY: YES, THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST CONCURRING IN THOSE REMARKS AND WHAT HAS BEEN SAID, AND A TREMENDOUS THANKS TO THE WORK THAT OCCURRED AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL, STAFF LEVEL, REACHING OUT TO OPERATORS THROUGHOUT THE REGION, BRINGING FOLKS TOGETHER. THESE ARE TOUGH ISSUES WE'RE NAVIGATING, BUT I'M VERY HAPPY AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE RESULT, RECOGNIZING THERE ARE UNIQUE SITUATIONS, PARTICULARLY, AS WAS MENTIONED, WITH SOME OF THE SMALLER OPERATORS IN THE NORTH BAY, RECOGNIZING A FOCUSED RECOVERY STRATEGY APPROACH TO THE NEXT ALLOCATION, COMBINED WITH, REALLY, AGAIN, I'LL CONCUR WITH YOUR ACCOLADES EARLIER ABOUT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, AND COMMISSIONER SPERING'S LEADERSHIP ON THAT. JUST WHAT'S GOING TO BE COMING OUT OF THAT, AS WELL, I THINK WILL DOVETAIL. AND OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, OUR LARGER OPERATORS, WHO ALSO FACE THEIR OWN UNIQUE CHALLENGES, INCLUDING IN THE NORTH BAY. SO, GREAT WORK EVERYONE. AND I'LL CERTAINLY BE SUPPORTING THIS TODAY.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CONNOLY. COMMISSIONER WORTH, THEN COMMISSIONER CANEPA.

AMY R. WORTH: THANK YOU. I WANT TO ECHO THE COMMENTS NEED BY MY COLLEAGUES AND APPRECIATION TO STAFF OF OUR BLUE RIBBON

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CHAIR AND WORKING SO HARD WITH ALL OF THE AGENCIES AND AS COMMISSIONER FLEMING POINTED OUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF MANY OF OUR SUBURBAN RIDERS, THE DEMOGRAPHICS THE COORDINATE EFFORTS AND GOALS OUTLINED AND RESOURCES WILL ENABLE OUR AGENCY TO SERVICES TO THOSE AGENCIES, AND OUR REGION IS GOING TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS AND DECREASE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] IN THE CORRIDOR -- IN OUR REGION -- SORRY ABOUT THAT. I APOLOGIZE.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: TIME IS UP COMMISSIONER WORTH. [LAUGHTER]

AMY R. WORTH: IF WE'RE GOING ACHIEVE THOSE GHG TARGETS THESE EFFORTS ARE GOING TO BE VITALLY IMPORTANT IN INCREASING TRANSIT RIDERSHIP. THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH. COMMISSIONER CANEPA?

DIR. DAVID CANEPA: I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AND THE COMMITTEE. THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE, AND EVERYONE HAS AN ARRAY OF NEEDS, BUT, JUST, REALLY PUTTING THIS ALL TOGETHER, AND HOW IT SITS NOW IS REALLY, REALLY AMAZING. SO I JUST, REALLY, WANT TO THANK THE STAFF IN PARTICULAR. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THERESE MCMILLAN. WE'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS AROUND

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CALTRAIN, AND THERESE AND THE STAFF HAVE REALLY -- AND I THINK COMMISSIONER PAPAN HAD ADDRESSED THIS -- HAS REALLY SORT OF WORKED IN A COLLABORATIVE MANNER. SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE, I KNOW THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS THAT NEED TO CONTINUE WITH MICHELLE BOUCHARD FROM CALTRANS RECOGNIZING TODAY IT'S REALLY A HISTORIC VOTE AROUND THE REGION AND VALUES AND ON TRANSPORTATION AND JUST SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY TO SAN MATEO COUNTY, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY SANTA CLARA COUNTY THE ALLOCATION IS FOR $41 MILLION AT SAMTRANS FOR $15 MILLION WE'RE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE STAFF AND THE COMMITTEE AND THE WONDERFUL WORK YOU HAVE DONE, MR. CHAIR, AND SORT OF SHEPHERDING THIS AND GUIDING THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER PAPAN. COMMISSIONER RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: $912 MILLION IS A LARGE NUMBER AND I AM SURE EVERY AGENCY WOULD LIKE AND COULD USE MORE FUNDING BUT THANKS TO THE WORK OF ALL THE OPERATORS AND THE PHENOMENAL WORK OF STAFF, WE'RE AT THAT PLACE THAT CAN ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD. AND, CERTAINLY, OUR COLLECTIVE CHALLENGES BEFORE US ARE NOT OVER, ESPECIALLY AS WE MOVE INTO THIS, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER WE'RE IN NOW, LATE SUMMER, INTO FALL, AND THE WINTER, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO STAFF. I DO THINK THAT THE -- AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE USE OF THE SAFE AND

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SEAMLESS FUNDS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS OF THE THREE COUNTIES DIRECTLY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR THE LAST 16 MONTHS IN THE TASK FORCE, THIS BODY HAS PRIORITY AND ALL MEMBERSHIP HERE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE FUNDED SOONER I'M VERY HAPPY THAT WE HAVE ACCELERATED THAT GOING FORWARD. REALLY, THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR WORKING THROUGH THESE ISSUES, FOR GETTING EVERYONE KIND OF ON THE SAME PAGE MOVING FORWARD, AND I AM GLAD THAT WE HAVE DONE IT IN TWO TRANCHES. THAT SECOND TRANCHE IS GOING TO BE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO LOOK OVER THAT HORIZON EVEN FURTHER WHICH MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT, PERHAPS, BUT I THINK I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CHALLENGE AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN TURN THAT INTO AN OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER RABBIT. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE STAFF AND OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALSO, ALIX, YOU KNOW, THEY HEARD CONCERNS FROM COMMISSIONERS AT THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, THEY STARTED TALKING TO STAFF AND CONTINUE TO TALK TO STAFF AND OPERATORS. I APPRECIATE YOU ACKNOWLEDGING SOME OF THE OUTCOMES AND PROGRAMS IN THE NORTH BAY, AND I THINK THAT IS WHAT THIS COMMISSION IS SO GOOD AT IS ACKNOWLEDGING. IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT KEEPING SCORE LOCALLY. IT'S ABOUT THIS REGION AND THAT'S MANIFESTED IN THIS ACTION AT THIS MOMENT. THANK YOU TO ALL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, LAST WORD?

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CINDY CHAVEZ: YEAH. THANK YOU. AND I DO WANT TO SAY I'M SUPPORTIVE OF MOST PARTS OF IT. I'M GOING TO BE VOTING NO CONSISTENT WITH MY COMMENTS IN THE PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE. BUT I DO -- I THINK THERE IS A LOT RIGHT HERE BUT I THINK FOR VTA, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO SUPPORT WHAT I DON'T THINK IS GOING TO BE HELPFUL, REGION -- TO EVERYBODY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO DIMINISH HOW HARD THIS WAS. I RECOGNIZE IT'S A BALANCE. AND I DO RECOGNIZE WE'RE PART OF A BIGGER REGION, AND I AM TRYING TO REMEDY AND RECTIFY THAT EVEN THE PRESENTATION TODAYS. I DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A REFLECTION ON STAFF. EVERYBODY'S WORKING REALLY HARD BUT I THINK WE NEED TO DO MORE THAT WE'RE ALL SUSTAINABLE IN THE LONG RUN. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, AND AGAIN, I'LL NOTE THAT STAFF CONTINUES TO REACH OUT TO VTA AND OPERATORS TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION. WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR BY COMMISSIONER RABBIT AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SPERING. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE]

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES WITH 14 AYES AND ONE NAY.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIM, LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 10A CONTRACT WITH REGIONAL RAIL PARTNERSHIP I'M GOING TO CALL ON OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GIVE THE REPORT.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THANK YOU. I'LL INTRODUCE THIS ITEM AND THEN TURN IT OVER TO SCHRUTI TO GIVE UPDATES. THIS REGIONAL RAIL PARTNERSHIP GRANT FOCUSED ON PROJECT DELIVERY AND GOVERNANCE WAS PURSUED AND AWARDED BY CALTRANS IN ADVANCE OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE, OR CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT, AND IT'S BECOME AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF MANY OF THE THINGS WE WILL BE EVALUATING IN THE AFTERMATH -- NOT AFTERMATH -- IN THE FOLLOWING STEPS, AS YOU POINTED OUT, MR. CHAIR, FOR THE BLUE RIBBON, WHICH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO, YOU KNOW, A DEEPER DIVE ON SOME OF THESE NETWORK MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS, SPECIFIC TO RAIL IN THE REGION. SO IT'S AN IMPORTANT STUDY, AND I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO SCHRUTI HAR FOR SPECIFICS.

SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY REQUEST FOR APPROVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT DEAL TO PRODUCE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MTC'S PARTNERSHIP GRANT. WITH THE BACKGROUND, HIGH LEVEL GOAL IS FOR MTC TO FACILITATE AND ADVANCE REGIONAL SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION ON REAL PROJECTS BY IDENTIFYING AND ASSESSING REAL PROJECT DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP

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GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT. THE ORDER TO BUILD OFF OF EXISTING LOCAL PLANS AND PROGRAMS THAT WERE SIMILARLY CONDUCTED AND MTC WOULD WORK TO INVOLVE ITS REGIONAL ROLE TO ENSURE PROJECT SPONSORS AND IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT PASSENGER INVOLVEMENT IN THE BAY AREA. THIS ADVANCEMENT WAS OPENED UP TO THE ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE CONSULTING BENCH THAT WAS ESTABLISHED FOR SIMILAR PROJECT FOR REFORMS TO THE REGION TRANSIT SYSTEM AND EVALUATION PANEL OF MTC BART, CALTRAIN AND CITY OF SAN JOSE STAFF UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED -- FOR THIS WORK BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR PROJECTS AND SEVERAL STRENGTHS THAT LEAD TO THE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT IS DESCRIBED DETAIL IN YOUR MEMO. WITH THAT, STAFF RECOMMENDS AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE TERM EVER AUGUST OF THIS YEAR TO JUNE OF 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $451,824 TO PRODUCE A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARTNERSHIP. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT-OUT. AT THIS POINT, I WILL SEE IF WE HAVE A MOTION.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR: I'LL MOVE IT. NICK JOSEFOWITZ.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. THEN WE NEED A SECOND AND I'LL TAKE COMMENTS.

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JAMES P. SPERING: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: SECOND BY SPERING. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR. I WANT TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS OF STAFF AROUND THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT. AND, INITIALLY, FEEDBACK I GOT -- AND THIS WAS VERBALLY WHICH IS PART OF THE REASON I'M ASKING THIS QUESTION. THERE WAS HIGH LEVEL AT MTC LOOKING AT HOW RAIL SERVICE COULD BE IMPROVED REGIONALLY, BUT IN THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT, AND IN MS. HARI'S COMMENTS, THERE IS AN EMPHASIS ON THE MTC'S REGIONAL ROLE. RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND ADVANCEMENT. AND REALLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS, ORIGINALLY, I THOUGHT THE PURPOSE OF THIS WAS REALLY TO LOOK AT HOW REGIONAL RAIL COULD BE STRUCTURED IN A WAY THAT MADE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GET AROUND, AND YOU KNOW, HAD ONE, KIND OF, MORE SEAMLESS PROCESS. SO, COULD YOU JUST HELP ME UNDERSTAND THE, HOW THOSE TWO INITIATIVES ALIGN?

SPEAKER: LOOKING AT REAL ISSUES IDENTIFYING REAL PROJECT DELIVERY AROUND GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT AND P STRUCTURES AND MODELS, TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE REGIONAL COORDINATION,

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COLLABORATION ASPECTS OF ENHANCING THAT SORT OF PROJECT DELIVERY AND PARTNERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE APPROACHES. SO THAT'S THE ROLE WE WOULD BE PLAYING IS THAT REGIONAL COORDINATION, COLLABORATION, ON THIS PROGRAM.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU SCHRUTI.

CINDY CHAVEZ: I'M NOT SURE I COULD, EXACTLY, JUST SO I UNDERSTAND THIS, IN THE END WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT GOING TO BE LIKE WHAT WILL WE BE REVIEWING? A DEEP DIVE INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR MTC'S ROLE FOR REGIONAL RAIL? AND ARE WE REALLY GOING TO BE LOOKING AT REGIONAL RAIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED CUSTOMER SERVICE, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE ROLE OF MTC, OR FRANKLY, ANY OTHER INSTITUTION, BUT JUST WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS THAT NEED TO COME FORWARD IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THOSE SERVICES?

SPEAKER: I THINK YOU WOULD BE LOOKING AT THE LATTER IN WHAT YOU HAVE DESCRIBED, IT'S JUST THAT MTC WOULD BE COORDINATING THE LEAD AND PROJECT MANAGING SO THESE EFFORTS COME TOGETHER IN A COORDINATED FASHION. THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY BUT WHAT YOU DESCRIBED ABOUT THE LATEST EVALUATION AND MODELS AND ORGANIZATIONAL SYNERGIES ALL OF THAT WOULD BE EVALUATED TO MAKE A REAL SERVICE MORE CUSTOMER FOCUSED.

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CINDY CHAVEZ: I SAY THIS FOR EVERY BOARD I'M ON, I ASK FOR THE CONTRACT LINKED -- YOU'RE RIGHT I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO READ THE WHOLE THING. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE MEGA PROJECTS AND THE ROLE OF MTC I'M NOT COMING FROM THE SCHOOL THAT ONE MORE LAYER OF GOVERNMENT MAKES MEGA PROJECTS BETTER. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT WORKS BUT MAYBE THAT'S AROUND THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO LOOK AT THAT AS A SEPARATE SUBTITLE -- I MEAN SEPARATE SUBJECT I'M GOING TO BE EXCITED TO LOOK AT WHERE WE'RE SEEING THAT WORK IN OTHER PLACES. I DON'T WANT -- I GUESS I WOULD BE MORE INTERESTED IN THE SERVICE MODEL THAN THE MEGA PROJECT, SO I -- THOSE -- ONE STARTS TO WEIGH DOWN OUR ABILITY TO GET ANSWERS TO THE OTHER, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE PRIORITIZE THE SYSTEM PROJECTS. AND THEN THE OTHER, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE STAFF IS REALLY AWARE OF THE INCREDIBLY GOOD WORK DONE BY CALTRAIN ON THE BUSINESS PLAN THAT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED, AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS A SIMILAR PRODUCT FROM BART THAT EXISTS ABOUT BART'S FUTURE. DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT?

ALIX BOCKELMAN: COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, THIS ALIX BOCKELMAN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY I BELIEVE THAT BART SURRENDER TAKING SOME SIMILAR WORK WITH CAPITAL CORRIDOR WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW RAIL CROSSING I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING OF BUT I THINK THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE WORK RIGHT NOW.

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CINDY CHAVEZ: I'M PRESUMING THERE WILL BE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT GOES ALONG WITH THIS WORK OF THE AGENCIES THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED, AS IF THEY COULD BE PRESENT TO EACH OTHER IN THEIR BUSINESS PLAN AND PROCESSES. I BELIEVE THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN A LOT OF THESE SYSTEMS THAT THEY'RE JUST KIND OF GOING ON THEIR OWN PATH, THEIR OWN RAILS I THINK IF THEY COULD SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH EACH OTHER IT WOULD MAKE THE PRODUCT THAT COMES OUT OF THIS VERY RICH. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ. DON'T SEE ANY OTHER HANDS FROM COMMISSIONERS. WE DO HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR. SO, AT THIS POINT, I'M GOING TO ASK KIMBERLY, HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH 10A AND DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT RAISED THEIR HANDS

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE RECEIVED ONE PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WAS SUBMITTED FROM BAY AREA COUNCIL THAT HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMISSION AND WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HUNDRED RAISED, ROLAND LEBRUN, IF YOU WOULD UNMUTE YOURSELF, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: I WAS GOING TO BRING THIS UP IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT BUT THIS IS A DIFFERENT SEGUE. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE WHY THIS WORK IS NECESSARY. WE HAD THE CALTRAIN

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BUSINESS PLAN, BUT DOES ANYBODY KNOW THAT VTA ACTUALLY OWNS THE STATIONS AND THE PARKING LOTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY? AND AT END OF THE LINE, CALTRAIN BUSINESS PLAN, GILROY, GUESS WHAT? VTA IS OUT THERE WITH PROPOSAL TO TURN OUT THE ENTIRE STATION, THE STATION BUILDING, THE PARKING LOT, AND ACTUALLY THE SAME PARCEL COMPANIES BEFORE CALTRAIN, OVER TO TOD [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THE RIGHT HAND DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE LEFT HAND IS DOING HERE AND AS SOON AS WE GET THIS COORDINATION GOING AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, THE BETTER. THE QUESTION ABOUT BART AND CAPITAL CORRIDOR, THEY ACTUALLY ARE DOING TWO THINGS, THEY'RE WORKING ON SOUTH BAY CONNECT WHICH IS TAKING A DIFFERENT ALIGNMENT BETWEEN OAKLAND AND SAN JOSE AND THE FIRST PART OF THE PROJECT WILL REDUCE TRAVEL TIME BY 30 MINUTES. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU ROLAND.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL SPEAKER. ADINA LEVIN, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO UNMUTE YOURSELF, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

ADINA LEVIN: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. ADINA LEVIN WITH FRIENDS OF CALTRAIN, WHICH IS ONE OF THE SIGNATORY LETTERS THAT WAS SENT IN BY THE BAY AREA COUNCIL. I WANTED TO MAKE A COUPLE OF POINTS RELATING TO THAT. ONE IS TO SUPPORT WHAT

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COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A SERVICE VISION, THE INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICE IS TO FIRST START WITH THE SERVICE VISION AND THEN HAVE OTHER ELEMENTS REALLY FOLLOW FROM THAT SERVICE VISION. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHERE THAT FITS IN TERMS OF THIS STUDY, VERSUS OTHER STUDIES THAT ARE GOING ON, BUT THAT IS AN IMPORTANT AND CORE ELEMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE BAKED IN. NEXT POINT IS IN TERMS OF, AS THE GOVERNANCE TOPICS, THERE IS THE CALTRAIN GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT IS ONGOING, AND THAT SHOULD HAVE A WAY OF DOVETAILING WITH THE REGIONAL RAIL GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS, ALSO BUILDING ON WHAT COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ SAID, AND THE ROLE OF OPERATORS, THE MODEL OF THE FARE STUDY WAS VERY GOOD WHERE IT WAS MTC WORKING CLOSELY. BART STAFF CO-LEAD THE STUDY WITH OTHER OPERATORS WORKING CLOSELY, SO THAT WAS A VERY GOOD AND SUCCESSFUL MODEL, AND WOULD ENCOURAGE OPERATORS TO BE REALLY INTEGRATED INTO THE PROCESS OF THE STUDY. AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, TO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, I DO THINK THAT HAVING A MEGA PROJECT DELIVERY IS IMPORTANT. WE HAVE MANY MEGA PROJECTS THAT ARE DONE WITH MANY AGENCIES, AND WHILE EVERYONE HAS VERY GOOD INTENT TO WORK TOGETHER, THE FRAGMENTED NATURE OF THESE PROJECTS REALLY POSSESSIONS A BURDEN ON THE COST AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PROJECTS, AND THAT IS A GOOD THING TO INCORPORATE TO LOOK FOR IMPROVEMENTS. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ADINA.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: I SEE NO ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED, MR. CHAIR.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE A MOTION VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SPERING. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 11A, AS I REFERENCED IN ITEM IN THE REPORT-OUT. EARLIER IN THE FISCAL UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2022 STATE BUDGET FUNDING HIGH SPEED RAIL AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS. I'LL CALL ON REBECCA LONG TO PROVIDE A REPORT-OUT.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. AS MENTIONED THE BUDGET REALLY ISN'T YET RESOLVED ON CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION ITEMS TO INCLUDE THE $4.2 BILLION APPROPRIATION THAT GOVERNOR REQUESTED AS PART OF THE MAY REVISE WITH HIGH SPEED RAIL ON THIS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON THE CENTRAL VALLEY SEGMENT SOME ADDITIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDING TO BE USED ELSEWHERE, AND OTHER FUNDING CATEGORIES THAT LEGISLATURE HAS APPROVED IN THE BUDGET CONTINGENT ON FURTHER LEGISLATION

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BEING ADOPTED BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION LAST SESSION SEPTEMBER 10TH HAS WIDELY UNDERSTOOD, $2.5 BILLION FOR THE TRANSIT INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SOME NEGOTIATING FUNDS ON THIS HIGH SPEED RAIL APPROPRIATION. THE BUDGET LANGUAGE AS IT SITS NOW ASSOCIATED THE LARGER AMOUNT HOWEVER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO DIRECT $1 BILLION TOWARDS THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN 2028 IN LOS ANGELES AND FOR TRANSIT RAIL PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT $1 BILLION TO BE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE FOR RAIL AND TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AGAIN SUBJECT TO FURTHER LEGISLATION AND $500 MILLION FOR GRADE SEPARATION NONE OF THAT IS IN STATUTE AT THIS POINT WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE IS THE PLAN TO ADOPT THAT STRUCTURE AND IF THE LA REGION IS MADE INELIGIBLE FOR THE OTHER $1 BILLION BY VIRTUE OF HAVING ITS OWN SET-ASIDE THE BAY AREA COULD RECEIVE ON ORDER OF $500 MILLION UNDER THE COMPETITIVE GRANT APPROACH ON THE PROGRAM AVERAGE WE RECEIVED 41% OF THE FUNDS, DOUBLE OUR POPULATION SHARE. THERE IS CONTEXT AROUND EARMARKING SOME OF THESE FUNDS, AND WE ARE SEEKING YOUR DIRECTION TODAY IN THE -- JUST AS PART OF ALL OF THIS NEGOTIATION PROCEEDS TO REITERATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE 4.2 BILLION FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL YOU HAVE IN YOUR PACKET LETTER WE SENT IN JUNE ALONG THESE LINES REITERATING OUR DELEGATION THAT SOMEBODY ON THE SENATE SIDE SUPPORT. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OUTSIDE OF TRADITIONAL COMPETITIVE PROJECT PROCESS, PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. WE'RE

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ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THOSE BASIC ADVOCACY PRINCIPLES FOR US TO COMMUNICATE IN THE NEXT SESSION. WITH THAT I AM COMPLETE.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU REBECCA, AS REFERENCED IN REPORT-OUT EARLIER I HOPE THE ACTION ITEM OF THIS ITEM IS TO SEND A LETTER REINFORCING THE POINT THAT REBECCA JUST OUTLINED DOLLARS FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL AND SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT OF PLANNED BAY AREA. I'LL TAKE COMMENTS.

JAMES P. SPERING: I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT ITEM CAME FORWARD, WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSING, I SUPPORT YOUR LETTER THAT REINFORCES PROJECTS IN 2050, OUR SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL. THIS CLARIFIES TO THE LEGISLATURE WHAT PROJECTS WE SUPPORT. THANK YOU REBECCA. I'LL MAKE THE MOTION WHEN YOU'RE READY TO SEND THAT LETTER, MR. CHAIRMAN.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ.

NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR: I WAS GOING TO MAKE THE SAME COMMENTS THAT COMMISSIONER SPERING MADE I DON'T NEED TO REPEAT IT. HAPPY SECOND THE MOTION.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PAPAN.

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GINA PAPAN: THANK YOU. I DO SUPPORT. REBECCA I HAD CONCERNS THE WAY THE REPORT WAS WRITTEN, PROJECTS COULD POTENTIALLY RECEIVE 500 MILLION UNDER THE TRADITIONAL? DOES THAT MEAN 500 MILLION LESS?

REBECCA LONG: NO. NOT LESS. WHAT WE'RE SAYING -- THAT'S AN ESTIMATE, RIGHT? WITH ANY COMPETITIVE PROCESS WE THINK ABOUT HOW DOES THE BAY AREA USUALLY PERFORM AND WHAT WE'RE SAYING THERE IS IF THE 1 BILLION WAS DISTRIBUTED COMPETITIVELY WE WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE ON THE ORDER OF 500 MILLION OR MORE.

GINA PAPAN: TWO OTHER POINTS. PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE SEND THIS MESSAGE WE'RE CURRENTLY LEAVING OUR LOCAL LEGISLATOR THE ABILITY TO STILL NEGOTIATE WHEN IT COMES TO HIGH SPEED RAIL? WE WANT TO REALLY MAKE SURE THIS WORKS. THAT IT HAPPENS THAT, IT REALLY BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY, AND FOR SOME OF US, WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF APPROVED HOUSING UNITS, WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ABLE TO BUILD. AND ALSO, WITH THE GRADE CROSSINGS, OR SEPARATIONS, 500 MILLION REALLY JUST BARELY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE. BETWEEN SANTA CLARA, SANTA MAT, AND SAN FRANCISCO. SAN MATEO COUNTY HAS 29 GRADE SEPARATIONS, AND WE REALLY -- I SUPPORT THIS, JUST IN THE ANTICIPATION THAT I HOPE WE CAN GET ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THE ELECTRIFICATION OF CALTRAIN, IN ORDER TO REALLY REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES AND MAKE IT AS EFFICIENT AS

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POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT SITUATION. AND AS A FINAL NOTE, I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR BEING SO SUPPORTIVE AND ASSIST US WORKING THROUGH THESE ISSUES WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO WITH HIGH SPEED RAIL BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS. THANK YOU EVERYONE. AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORTS. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER PAPAN. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YES, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT THAT I APPRECIATE THE LANGUAGE IN HERE THAT WE ARE COMMUNICATING SUPPORT FOR ALL OF THE PROJECTS, INCLUDED WITHIN OUR FINAL BLUEPRINT OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, AND JUST TO REAFFIRM THAT, THAT BLUEPRINT DOES INCLUDE THE VALLEY LINK PROJECT. THANK YOU.

REBECCA LONG: THAT'S CORRECT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THAT WAS CORRECT, RIGHT REBECCA?

REBECCA LONG: YES.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, COMMISSIONER. COMMISSIONER MILEY?

SUP. NATHAN MILEY: YEAH, THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY SAME QUESTION, BECAUSE A FORMER MTC COMMISSION SUPERVISOR SCOTT HAGGERTY CONTACTED ME. I HAVE TALKED TO OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR ALAMEDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND THE VALLEY LINK DIRECTOR, AS L SO EVERYONE IS JUST REALLY, REALLY WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT VALLEY LINK IS GOING TO BE INCLUDED. IN ADVANCE, I SUPPORT ALL THE PROJECTS, BUT WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE TO VALLEY LINK. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MILEY. I THINK COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY WOULD BE HAUNTING US IF WE DIDN'T ASK THAT QUESTION. COMMISSIONER PAPAN? FINAL QUESTION?

GINA PAPAN: YES. FINAL QUESTION, MR. CHAIR. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS IS NOT A RUBBER STAMP OF THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLAN. WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT FUNDING, MOVING FORWARD, PLEASE?

REBECCA LONG: THAT'S CORRECT. WHAT WE ARE SUGGESTING IS THAT WE SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL FOR THE 4.2 BILLION, AND SO, YOU KNOW, AS NOTED IN THE MEMO, THERE ARE SOME PROPOSALS TO REDIRECT SOME OF THOSE FUNDS AWAY FROM CENTRAL VALLEY ALIGNMENT. WE'RE NOT ENDORSING THAT. SORT OF REOPENING

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OF HOW THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BUT THERE ARE MANY MILESTONES TO COME, AS YOU ALL KNOW, WITH THE FULL PROJECT.

GINA PAPAN: YEAH. I THINK YOU POINTED OUT CLEARLY, THE DETAILS ARE NOT THERE. SO WE HAVE TO WORK THROUGH SOME OFTHOSE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE'RE TRYING TO GET AS MUCH MONEY INTO THE REGION. I SEE NO COMMISSIONER HANDS RAISED. HAVE WE RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NO PUBLIC COMMENT. AND I SEE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THEIR HAND RAISED.

SPEAKER: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF COMMISSIONERS COULD BE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT WHAT HIGH SPEED RAIL IS AND IS NOT BEFORE THEY EXPRESS SUPPORT. LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY. HIGH SPEED ALIGNS ALWAYS AVOID DOWNTOWN ANYWAY, LIKE PLAGUE. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GO SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 125 MILES AN HOUR. THE END RESULT IS CENTRAL VALLEY AVERAGE SPEED BETWEEN MERCED AND BAKERSFIELD HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED AS 126 MILES AN HOUR THAT'S QUITE REMARKABLE BECAUSE THE BRITISH OPEN 400 MILE LINE BETWEEN LONDON AND GLASGOW, THIS IS NOT HIGH SPEED LINE, IT WILL BE ONE DAY, $25 BILLION INCREASING THE SPEAK OF 20 TIMES AN HOUR

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THE VERY REASON WHY WE SHOULD TRY TO LOOK AT STUDYING MORE DIRECT ROUTE BETWEEN GILROY AND FRESNO THIS DOESN'T REQUIRE HIRING CONSULTANTS, THIS IS DONE ENTIRELY WITH SOFTWARE THAT ANALYZES THE TOPOLOGY OF THE ALIGNMENT AND GENERATES CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES. WE NEED TO GET MORE INVOLVED INTO THIS PROJECT AND HOW WE ARE MOVING FORWARD, AND ACTUALLY ASK THE LEGISLATURE TO COMPLETELY BAN THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY OF HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH ALIGNMENT BELOW 25 MILES AN HOUR. THAT'S SAN FRANCISCO TO GILROY, AND BURBANK TO ANAHEIM AND IN THE SOUTH. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, ROLAND. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I SEE NO ANY ADDITIONAL HANDS RAISED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: I BELIEVE COMMISSIONER SPERING -- VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ MADE THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONER SPERING SECONDED IT.

JAMES P. SPERING: I SECOND THE VOTE.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: MOTION AND SECOND. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 12, PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO LIST ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD. KIMBERLY ANY PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NOTHING RECEIVED IN WRITING FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. AND ALETA DUPREE HAS A HAND RAISED. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA AND VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ, ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER. I AM IN LAS VEGAS, THE LAND OF FUN AND MONEY. MTC IS DEAR TO ME BECAUSE I WANT TRANSIT AND TOLL BRIDGES TO BE THERE WHEN I COME BACK AND I PLAN TO COME BACK SOON. CERTAINLY WHEN WE NAVIGATE THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC THE WORK OF CLIPPER START IS ESSENTIAL AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT A LESS EXPENSIVE AND MORE EFFICIENT WAY OF COLLECTING MONEY IT ALSO ALLOWS BUILDING OF RELATIONSHIPS ESPECIALLY IN OUR EQUITY COMMUNITIES. EVERY TICKET IS ONE LESS CLIPPER CARD THAT GETS SOLD WE HAVE A $460 MILLION SYSTEM TO PAY FOR WE NEED TO GET MORE MONEY INTO THE SYSTEM SO IT PAYS FOR MORE QUICKLY IT'S A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT HOW CAN WE

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ENCOURAGE OUR AGENCIES TO GET IN ON THIS. I KNOW I'M USING CASINO TERMINOLOGY. PEOPLE GOING ALL IN AT THE TABLES HERE BUT CLIPPER TO ME IS NOT A BET. IT'S A SURE THING. IT WORKS, AND I HAVE USED IT FOR 11 YEARS. I HAVE NEVER HAD A CLIPPER CARD FAIL ON ME. BUT I HAVE HAD PAPER TICKETS GET DAMAGED AND DEMAGNETIZED AND SOMETIMES LOST CLIPPER PROVIDES SECURE PAYMENT WITH RECOURSE. THANK YOU FOR PASSING THE ALLOCATION I MISSED OUT ON THAT I WAS SITTING ON A LAS VEGAS CITY BUSY APPRECIATE IT. OUR REGIONAL SYSTEM AND ALL OTHERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ROLAND, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THIS IS A THROUGH THE CHAIR ABOUT CORRESPONDENCE. I APPRECIATE THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WRITE TO THE COMMISSION ON THE SPECIFIC ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, THE COMMUNICATION BECOMES PART OF THE AGENDA, BECOMES PART OF THE RECORD, BUT A QUESTION I HAVE GOT, SPECIFICALLY, IS THAT I PRESENTLY, AND A LOT OF OTHERS ROUTINELY WRITE TO THE COMMISSION OR COPY THE COMMISSION ON, YOU KNOW, ALL THAT, AND, LIKE HIGH SPEED RAIL, FOR INSTANCE, VTA, THAT COULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE COMMISSIONERS, AND THE QUESTION IS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT CORRESPONDENCE? DOES IT GO TO A REPOSITORY? IS IT BEING FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSIONERS? IS IT GOING TO SORT OF TRIAGE.

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I WOULD LIKE SOME CLARITY ON THAT. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU ROLAND. IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. KATHLEEN OR THERESE CAN WE PROVIDE A QUICK RESPONSE IN TERMS OF WHEN WE RECEIVE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC, WHAT'S THE PROCESS FOR DISTRIBUTION OR INVENTORY? CAN WE PROVIDE A QUICK ANSWER ON THAT?

THERESE MCMILLAN: I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY. THE PERSON WHO KNOWS WOULD BE KIM WARD OUR COMMISSION SECRETARY. I'M GOING TURN IT OVER TO HER.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. CORRESPONDENCE IS SUBMITTED TO MTC INFO, THE E-MAIL ADDRESS THAT WE PROVIDE, IS FORWARDED TO ME, THEN I FORWARD THAT CORRESPONDENCE TO ALL OF THE COMMISSION AND I COPY STAFF. SO, AS I RECEIVE IT, I FORWARD IT O I TRY TO DO IT AS SOON AS I RECEIVE IT SO IT DOESN'T SIT AROUND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND JUDGING BY RECORD, YOU ARE PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THAT, KIMBERLY, YOU ARE ALWAYS

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FORWARDING INFORMATION INTO THE LATE HOURS. SO JUST ADDRESSING THAT QUICKLY.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YOU'RE WELCOME.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, KIMBERLY?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I SEE NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT SEEING NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 13 WHICH IS ADJOURNMENT. OUR NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND REMOTELY OR BY WEBCAST ANY CHANGES WILL BE DULY NOTED. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AND COMMISSIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED. WE HAVE A FEW MORE MEETINGS LEFT. STAY WITH US. [ADJOURNED]

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