# METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Transcript

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, 9:30 A.M.**

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA ALONG WITH VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. WE WILL CALL THE MTC MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK FOR THE INTRODUCTORY 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 BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, TEAM, FOR THAT. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM ONE AGENDA ROLL CALL AND QUORUM?

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PEDROZA?

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ IS HERE. ABE-KOGA?

**MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AHN?

**EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CANEPA?

**DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAVEZ?

**CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CONNOLY?

**DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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

**CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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

**VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GIOCAPINI?

**DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GLOVER?

**FEDERAL GLOVER:** HERE.

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

**NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

**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? COMMISSIONER SCHAFF IS ABSENT. COMMISSION SPERING?

**JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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

**AMY R. WORTH:** HERE.

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A QUORUM.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR ATTENDING TODAY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM TWO, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, I BELIEVE ONE OF OUR FELLOW COMMISSIONERS IS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY TODAY. COMMISSIONER RABBIT, WHY DON'T YOU LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE?

**DAVID RABBIT:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE WISHES. IF YOU WILL FOLLOW ALONG WITH ME PLEASE. [ 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. AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY. WE WENT ASK YOU THE NUMBER. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM THREE, COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT. IF WE CAN PLEASE READ THAT, KIMBERLY?

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SURE. 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 MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. ITEM FOUR, THE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. IN THE AGENDA, YOU WILL NOTICE WE HAVE A NETWORK BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CASE ADVISORY GROUP, THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE WITH THE SERIES OF ACTIONS IN APPROVAL OF 27 NEAR-TERM ACTIONS THAT MAKE UP THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING FOR WORK IN THE TASK FORCE. BLUE RIBBON EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN AND WILL BE GUIDED BY MTC DISCUSSION AT THE COMMISSION WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER WHICH WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO IN ACCOMPLISHING THE OUTCOMES THAT WE WANT TO SEE. NEXT CONTINUATION OF THE NETWORKS MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS. MTC IS PROPOSING CONSULTANT TO PERFORM THE NETWORK BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CASE ANALYSIS OVER THE NEXT NINE MONTHS TO ADVISE THE WORK THE TASK FORCE REQUESTED AT A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP BE ESTABLISHED TO SERVE AS A SOUNDING BOARD. TO THAT STAFF IS REQUESTING THAT STAFF ESTABLISH A NETWORK BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED NETWORK MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS THE ADVISORY GROUP COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVE TRANSIT OPERATOR STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHMENT A OF YOUR AGENDA. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. THIS IS CONTINUATION WORK OF THE GOOD WORK WE DID AND ACKNOWLEDGE THERE'S A ROADMAP THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TO THE BENEFIT OF RIDERS

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AND RESTORING RIDERSHIP IN OUR REGION. APPRECIATE THE TRANSIT OPERATORS FOR BEING AT THE ABLE TO HAVE THESE IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS BEING COLLABORATIVE AND I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING OUTCOMES. AT THIS POINT I'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT I WILL ASK IF THERE IS A MOTION TO POINT THE NETWORK BUSINESS CASE ADVISORY

**JAMES P. SPERING:** MOTION SPERING. JOSEFOWITZ SECOND.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE 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. WE HAVE FIRST BY COMMISSIONER SPERING AND SECOND BY VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIM. IN ADVANCE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO BE SERVING ON

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THE ADVISORY GROUP. I THINK THAT HAS SERVED US WELL AND I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING AND APPRECIATE THEIR INTEREST. AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM FIVE, POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT. I DON'T BELIEVE RANDI KINMAN IS WITH US TODAY. DO WE HAVE SOMEONE ELSE THAT WILL BE REPORTING OUT FOR THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL?

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, SHE WAS NOT SENDING ANYONE TO SPEAK ON HER BEHALF, BUT I DO SEE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THEM.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AT THIS POINT I'LL SEE IF THERE IS ANYONE IN THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO MAKE COMMENT ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT WOULD BE EUGENE BRADLEY. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF THIS IS EUGENE BRADLEY FOUNDER AND CEO OF SILICON VALLEY TRANSIT USERS. CAN YOU HEAR ME.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** EUGENE DO YOU WANT TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL? OR IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIFIC.

**SPEAKER:** THERE IS ONE THING I WANT TO COMMENT IN PARTICULAR WITH MS. KINMAN, AFTER HER COMMENTS SHE MADE AT THE JULY 14TH PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE ABOUT THE NEED TO HAVE A LONG-TERM RESILIENCY PLAN FOR WHEN PUBLIC TRANSIT, ESPECIALLY IN THE BAY AREA IS GOING OUT FOR MONTHS AT A TIME BECAUSE OF A TRAGEDY LOSS OF PROPERTY OR LIFE AS WE HAVE SEEN WITH THE VTA SHOOTINGS ON 5/26, I HAVE SEEN TWO STOPS AWAY FROM THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WHEN EFFORTS BOMBED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER BASEMENT ON FEBRUARY 26TH, 1993 MANY INJURED AND WAS ONLY DOWN FOR A WEEK AFTER THE BOMBING. WE NEED THE LONG-TERM RESILIENCY FOR WHEN A TRAGEDY LIKE THIS HAPPENS. I'M LOOKING ESPECIALLY AT THE FIRES IN THE NORTH BAY GOING ON RIGHT NOW I'M WONDERING WHAT PLANS MTC HAS FOR LONG-TERM RESILIENCY ANY DISASTER WHETHER NATURAL OR MAN-MADE THAT TAKES OUT THE TRANSIT AGENCY. ANY SUGGESTIONS HOW THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED LONG-TERM RECOVERY LIKE THE PRESENT RECOVERY PLAN GOING ON RIGHT NOW.

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

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ADINA LEVIN.

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**ADINA LEVIN:** ADINA LEVIN POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF BUT ON AN ITEM THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. LATER ON THE AGENDA THERE IS A LEGISLATIVE ITEM ABOUT HOW THE MTC WILL BE POTENTIALLY MAKING USE OF A BILL THAT JUST PASSED ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE MTC AND BODIES TO MEET VIA VIRTUAL MEETINGS DURING THE -- AS THE COVID EMERGENCY CONTINUES, HOWEVER, WHAT THAT DOES NOT FULLY ADDRESS, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL TALKED ABOUT IS CONTINUING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT VIA ZOOM OR DIAL IN. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, NOT MEMBERS OF THE BODY, CONTINUE WHEN THE BODY STARTS TO RETURN TO MEET IN PERSON. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MANY, MANY JURISDICTIONS AND AGENCIES ARE DOING. THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IS ALREADY HAVING PUBLIC COMMITTEES. MANY TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE MOVING TO DO HYBRID MEETINGS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTINUE TO DIAL IN AND ZOOM. MTC COVERS SUCH A BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL RANGE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING REALLY VALUABLE FOR THE REGION TO BE ABLE TO DO. AND THERE WERE EARLIER LEGAL QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT IT, BUT IT WAS CLARIFIED FROM THE LEGISLATURE THAT IT IS LEGAL UNDER THE BROWN ACT. SO I DO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE CLARIFIED AND I HOPE THAT FOR MTC, THAT MTC CONTINUES TO ALLOW ZOOM AND DIAL IN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ADINA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO ADDITIONAL RAISED HANDS M CHAIR.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. DON'T SEE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. WE'LL MOVE TO NEXT ITEM SIX, MR. BROADLY SPOKE WITH THE EMERGENCY, MAYBE SOME COMMENTS AROUND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS?

**THERESE MCMILLAN:** GREAT. GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I WAS JOTTING DOWN SOME NOTES ON HOW WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH THAT. MTC HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE -- YOU KNOW, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, RECOVERY, FOR SOMETIME. YOU KNOW, LARGELY CATALYZED BY THE LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE IN THE '80S. AND THE TRANSIT OPERATORS HAVE AN INCREDIBLE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE NETWORK THAT THEY DO, AGAIN, IN THE, SORT OF, IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH AND RESPONSE. INCREDIBLE WORK LED BY A TEAM UNDER ANDY FREMIER, IN THIS SPACE, AND YOU KNOW, WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH A PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION, IF IT'S OF INTEREST, PERHAPS WITH THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON WHERE WE ARE. THERE IS A VERY INTERESTING QUESTION, THOUGH, ON RESILIENCE, WHICH IS, I THINK, A DIFFERENT DIMENSION. AND IT'S ONE THAT WE CAN FOLLOW UP, AND IF IT'S OF INTEREST, CAN INCORPORATE INTO THE BROADER CONVERSATION, AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION PLAN AND WHERE IT INTERSECTS. AND WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH THAT.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE TO REPORT-OUT, THERESE? FROM YOUR REPORT? ALL RIGHT.

**THERESE MCMILLAN:** SORRY. I GUESS I SHOULD KEEP GOING HERE. VERY QUICKLY. APROPOS OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, EVERY COMMISSIONER AND YOUR SUPPORTING STAFF RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM KY-NAM MILLER LAST WEEK THAT INCLUDED THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. PLEASE REVIEW THE E-MAIL. WE HAD A REALLY ROBUST RESPONSE, 132 APPLICATIONS FOR THE 27 SLOTS. AND INFORMATION WAS SENT WITH REGARD TO APPLICANTS IN YOUR COUNTIES. THERE IS A REQUEST TO RESPOND, CONFIRM OUR RECOMMENDATIONS BY OCTOBER 1ST. SO, PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH KY-NAM ON THAT POINT. REMINDER, YOU KNOW, WE'RE COMING INTO THE CONCLUSION OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, AND THERE IS A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 21ST IN TANDEM WITH THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. IT WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. SO, AGAIN, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THAT IS SCHEDULED ON YOUR CALENDARS. DURING AUGUST -- BEEN A WHILE, RIGHT, SINCE WE HAD A CHANCE TO BE TOGETHER IN THIS SPACE -- I WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS FROM THE STATE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, CHAIR NINA GONZALEZ FROM LONG BEACH, AND CHAIR LAURA FRIEDMAN REPRESENTING GLENDALE, BOTH OF THOSE STATE LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION CHAIRS CAME UP TO HAVE A TOUR OF

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WHAT TRANSIT LOOKS LIKE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. IT'S UNUSUAL BECAUSE THE BAY AREA OR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS OFTEN HAD A REPRESENTATIVE AND NOW THEY'RE BOTH FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SO WE WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY GIVE A SENSE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, OUR CHALLENGES, AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, OUR OPPORTUNITIES. SEVERAL OF YOU WERE ABLE TO JOIN IN THAT MULTIPLE DAY. I THINK IT WAS A COUPLE -- MAYBE THREE DAYS OF VISITS, AS WELL AS SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA DELEGATION. SO, A GOOD VISIT. ON AUGUST 20TH, BAIFA TOLLING COMMENCED ON THE NEW 11-MILE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHBOUND EXPRESS LANE ON I 680 IN CONTRA COSTA, LOOKING AT COMMISSIONER WORTH HERE, AND IT NOW PROVIDES A CONTINUOUS 22 MILE SOUTHBOUND, I 680 EXPRESS LANE THROUGH CONTRA COSTA. SO THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE. AND THEN, QUICKLY, KIND OF AGAIN REFLECTING ON HOW WE SERVE THE COMMUNITY, FOR THOSE COMMISSIONERS NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH THE BAY AREA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK, OR BAYREN, WHICH IS AN ABAG PROGRAM, THAT PROGRAM WAS FEATURED IN, BY CALCOG, A STATE REPRESENTATIVE GROUP FOR REGIONAL AGENCIES, HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE WE FILL IN FINANCING AND REBATE INCENTIVES, EDUCATION, TRAINING TOOLS, ET CETERA, TO HELP THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT MAY BE FACING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS AND COST SAVINGS, AS A RESULT OF THAT. AND THAT WAS, YOU KNOW, A REALLY GOOD PIECE, AND, AGAIN, UNDER SCORING THE WORK THAT WE DO TO

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SERVE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE. SO WITH THAT M CHAIR. THAT'S MY REPORT AND I'LL TURN IT BACK TO YOU.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THERESE. THE DELEGATE AND SENATE ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE THAT CAME WERE VERY IMPRESSED AND REMEMBERED US THAT WE STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO DO BECAUSE WE DON'T THEM TO GO HOME AND TAKE AWAY THAT THE REGION IS -- [INDISCERNIBLE] WORK AT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE REALLY IMPORTANT MEET AND GRATE THE WAY THEY'RE GROUNDED AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH HERE. THANK YOU FOR SETTING THAT UP COMMISSIONERS THAT PARTICIPATED. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? LET'S MOVE TO ITEM SEVEN, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIR, WE DIDN'T TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT UNDER THE ED REPORT, AND I DO SEE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** LET'S GO BACK TO ITEM SIX AND ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPRESENT.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GO AHEAD MR. LEBRUN, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

**SPEAKER:** I'M NOT GOING TO NEED TWO MINUTES. MR. CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING UP ON THE EUGENE BRADLEY COMMENT, BUT IN THE NORTH SAN FRANCISCO THE BEST WAY WE CAN PRACTICE

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FOR EMERGENCY PREPARATION IS TO ADVANCE OR AT LEAST ACCELERATE THE WORK OF THE NEW TRANSBAY CROSSING AHEAD OF THE OVERALL LINK 21 PROJECT, BECAUSE FRANKLY IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THAT TUBE, WE COULDN'T CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER 20 YEARS JUST LIKE WE DID WITH THE BAY BRIDGE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO ADDITIONAL HANDS.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** NO FURTHER COMMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. MOVING TO ITEM SEVEN. I DIDN'T SEE COMMISSIONERS WITH HANDS RAISED. AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 8A CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT. KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH OUR CLOSED SESSION ITEM OR ANYONE TO WISHES TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION?

**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:** AT THIS POINT WE'RE GOING MOVE TO ITEM 8B WHICH IS CLOSED CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. SIDE CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION: ONE CASE THE COMMISSION WILL MEET IN CLOSED

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SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(A) AND PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 TO CONFER WITH COUNSEL KIMBERLY JUST RESENT THE EMAIL TO ALL OF US AND THEN WE WILL COME BACK TO THE REGULAR MEETING SO I WILL SEE YOU ALL IN CLOSED SESSION PLEASE USE THE LINK. [CLOSED SESSION] [ CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES ]

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT KIMBERLY. THIS IS ALFREDO. WE'RE SLOWLY COMING BACK.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT HAVE THE MAJORITIES OF THE COMMISSIONERS BACK, KIMBERLY?

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES T APPEARS WE -- WELL -- YES, WE HAVE A QUORUM.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND JUST REMIND ME, IS IT READY TO GO. ARE WE READY BACK IN OPEN SESSION?

**SPEAKER:** ALL SET.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BACK FROM OUR CLOSED SESSION ITEM AND I'LL ASK COUNSEL ANY REPORTABLE ACTION.

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**KATHLEEN KANE:** DIRECTION WAS GIVEN BUT NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN TODAY.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU KIMBERLY. WE DID HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM TODAY. ITEM TEN, CONSENT CALENDAR. A FEW ITEMS ON OUR CONSENT. IT'S BEEN A FEW BUSY WEEKS. AT THIS POINT I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES FROM COMMISSIONERS.

**CINDY CHAVEZ:** CHAVEZ MOVES APPROVAL.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY CHAVEZ.

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND DUTRA-VERNACI. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, KIMBERLY?

**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.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT WE HAVE A FIRST BY COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE?

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 11, ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

**FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIR. THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MET REMOTELY SEPTEMBER 8TH OF THIS YEAR AND REFERS THE FOLLOW ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. THAT WOULD BE ITEM 11A, MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4459 REVISED FOR MTC FISCAL YEAR '21/'22 AGENCY OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET, AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE. I WOULD MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4459 REVISED.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST BY COMMISSIONER GLOVER.

**CINDY CHAVEZ:** SECOND. CHAVEZ.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** KIMBERLY, HAVE WE RECEIVED 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. I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION IF THERE IS NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS. LET'S DO FIRST BY GLOVER, SECOND BY CHAVEZ. LET'S DO ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CHAIR GLOVER, FOR YOUR REPORT. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 12. THIS IS PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE. CHAIR RABBIT, TAKE IT AWAY.

**DAVID RABBIT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR. THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MET REMOTELY SEPTEMBER 8TH AND REFERRED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL MTC RESOLUTION NUMBER 4202 REVISED ONE BAY AREA GRANT OBAG TWO. REGARDING PROGRAMMING TO VARIOUS PROJECTS WITHIN THE SAFE AND SEAMLESS MOBILITY QUICK STRIKE PROGRAM. AND I SO MOVE.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY COMMISSIONER RABBIT.

**GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN SECOND.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** SECOND BY PAPAN. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. KIMBERLY, PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH ITEM 12 A?

**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 BACK TO THE COMMISSION. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, WE HAVE FIRST BY RABBIT, SECOND BY PAPAN. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

**DAVID RABBIT:** AGENDA ITEM 12 BMTC RESOLUTION 4484 REVISED PROGRAMMING PHASE ONE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING. PHASE ONE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC HARDSHIPS AND FOCUSED RECOVERY STRATEGIES AND TO TRANSIT OPERATOR IN SOLANO AND SONOMA COUNTIES. AND I SO MOVE.

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**DAMON CONNOLLY:** SECOND.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** FIRST BY RABBIT. SECOND BY CONNOLY. DO WE HAVE ANY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

**CINDY CHAVEZ:** JUST A COMMENT. I WANT TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THE HARDSHIP FUNDS ESPECIALLY FOR VTA AND SONOMA COUNTY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE GO INTO PHASE TWO THAT WE ALSO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL HARDSHIP RESOURCES FOR THAT PHASE?

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** OKAY. I ALSO SEE COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA LICCARDO, AND I'LL SEE IF STAFF WANTS TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE. AND COMMISSIONER CAN' AS WELL. COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA, FIRST.

**MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. I, TOO, WANT TO THEY THINK STAFF AND THE BOARD FOR WORKING ON THE HARDSHIP FUND, AND I APPRECIATE COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ'S COMMENT

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER LICCARDO.

**SAM LICCARDO:** SANTA CLARA THANKS YOU FOR THE SUPPORT. FORTUNATELY WE WILL HAVE MORE ACKNOWLEDGE. THANK YOU.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER CANEPA?

**DAVID CANEPA:** THE COUNTY NEXT TO SANTA CLARA. I WANT TO THANK STAFF, COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, AND THE DELEGATION THERE. I THINK THE HARDSHIP FUNDING, ESPECIALLY THE $28.6 MILLION, IT REALLY IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. AND I'M GLAD THAT THIS BODY IS MOVING FORWARD WITH THE APPROPRIATION. SO I GLADLY SUPPORT IT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED FUNDING IN OTHER AREAS. AS WELL. THANK YOU.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER. AND I WANT TO THEY THINK STAFF FOR REACHING OUT TO YOUR RESPECTIVE STAFF FOR YOUR AGENCIES AND TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO REACH OUT MORE AND FIND WAYS TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER. I KNOW THERESE DID AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB. REACHING OUT. THANK YOU. THERESE DID YOU WISH TO COMMENT

**THERESE MCMILLAN:** YES. THANK YOU. AS YOU MAY RECALL ONE OF THE SPECIFIC REASONS THAT WE TRANCHED THE ARP FUND IS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SPACE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING ON THE GROUND IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION. THE HARDSHIP SET-ASIDE WITH PHASE ONE, AS YOU KNOW WAS, IN PART, REALLY BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THOSE THINGS. WE ANTICIPATE AND ARE EVALUATING, WITH THE TRANSIT OPERATORS, WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK

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LIKE FOR A PHASE TWO. AND ANTICIPATE BRINGING SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, THERESE, FOR THAT RESPONSE. LET'S SEE. KIMBERLY HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM 12B?

**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. I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION. ANY FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? I DON'T SEE ANY. FIRST BY COMMISSIONER RABBIT. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CONNOLY. SEEING NO HANDS RAISED. LET'S DO A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. CHAIR RABBIT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 13, OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. CHAIR DUTRA-VERNACI. TAKE IT AWAY.

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**CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MET SEPTEMBER 10TH AND REFERS ONE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AND I WANT TO THANK CHAIR CONNOLY FOR CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE WHILE I WAS ON VACATION. THE TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN FOCUSES ON NEAR-TERM STEPS THAT GENERATE METERED CUSTOMER BENEFITS WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY BUILDING TOWARD LONGER TERM SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS THE TRANSFORMATION WILL TAKE MANY YEARS TO ACHIEVE ACTION PLANS IDENTIFIED IN ACTIONS TO THE MOMENTUM CREATED BY THE TASK FORCE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH A SERIES OF ACTIONS MENTIONED IN AGENDA ITEM 13A. I MOVE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FOR TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN. MOTION BY --

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION BY DUTRA-VERNACI. IS THERE A SECOND?

**GINA PAPAN:** SECOND.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPOND FROM IAN GRIFFITHS VOICES FOR PUBLIC THOUGHT AND COALITION FROM LAURA TOLKOFF. AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE THEIR HAND RAISED.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR THEIR PART, AND STEVE K KEEPING US ON TRACK. SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENT. MOTION BY DUTRA-VERNACI, SECOND BY PAPAN. LET'S DO ROLL CALL VOTE

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIMBERLY. AND THANK YOU CHAIR DUTRA-VERNACI. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 14 ON OUR AGENDA JOINT MTC LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER LICCARDO, TAKE IT AWAY.

**SAM LICCARDO:** THANK YOU, CHAIR PEDROZA. THE JOINT ABAG AND MTC LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MET SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2021. WE REFERRED ONE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL ASSEMBLY BILL 361, TO ENABLE MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE, BECAUSE OF FEAR AND TREMBLING FELT BY THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR WITH THIS JOINT ACTION BY ABAG AND MTC, THEY ALREADY PASSED THE BILL; IT WAS SIGNED THAT'S HOW GOOD WE ARE.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** LET'S PUT THAT VERBATIM INTO THE RECORD. FIRST BY COMMISSIONER LICCARDO. I'LL ENTERTAIN A SECOND?

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**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MR. CHAIR, THERE IS NO VOTE REQUIRED ON THIS ITEM.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THIS IS JUST AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM BECAUSE OF THE GOOD WORK WE DID. 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. WE HAVE COMMISSIONER WORTH WHO WANTS TO MAKE A COMMENT.

**AMY R. WORTH:** I WANT TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL NOW THAT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS NOW WOUND UP AND WE ARE SORTING THROUGH THE DUST TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE IN A LOT OF THESE ISSUES. I REALLY WANT TO THEY THINK STAFF OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY STAFF TO HAVE DONE A SUPERB JOB. YOU KNOW, I SO APPRECIATE THEIR AVAILABILITY WITH THOSE OF US, ALL OF US, I'M SURE, HAVE HAD QUESTIONS OVER THIS SESSION, AND I WANT TO THANK RANDY AND REBECCA, AND THE WHOLE TEAM, GEORGIA, THAT HAVE BEEN WALKING THE HALLS VIRTUALLY, LITERALLY, AND AVAILABLE TO HELP US AS WE'RE DEALING WITH ADVOCACY EFFORTS TOO. SO, THANK YOU.

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**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER WORTH. ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS? SEEING NONE. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER LICCARDO FOR FILLING IN. ALL RIGHT LET'S MOVE TO ITEM 15. PLANNING COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER SPERING, TAKE IT AWAY.

**JAMES P. SPERING:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THIS IS AGENDA ITEM 15, JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MET SEPTEMBER 10TH AND THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE REFERRED ONE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. MTC RESOLUTION 4035 REVISED AND 4402 REVISED CLIMATE INITIATIVE PROGRAM MOBILITY HUBS PILOT PROJECT SELECTION. APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS SELECTED THROUGH THE PILOT PHASE OF THE MOBILITY HUBS PROGRAM AND MTC'S CLIMATE INITIATIVE PROGRAM STRATEGY. AWARD FUNDING PENDING ON COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF A SCOPE BETWEEN MTC AND A PROJECT SPONSORS. I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC 4035 AND 4202 REVISED CLIMATE INITIATIVE PROGRAM PILOT PROJECT SELECTION.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOVE BY COMMISSIONER SPERING. SECOND?

**GINA PAPAN:** SECOND, PAPAN.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. PAPAN?

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**GINA PAPAN:** THIS IS REALLY SIGNIFICANT TO US AND I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH STAFF AND THE OPERATORS TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE RIDER INSURANCE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE, REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER PAPAN. AND AGAIN, IT WAS A GREAT DISCUSSION AT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, AS WELL. FIRST BY COMMISSIONER SPERING SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN. SEEING NO QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS. KIMBERLY DID WE RECEIVE 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. I'LL BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION WITH THE FIRST BY SPERING AND SECOND BY PAPAN. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SPERING, FOR YOUR REPORT. TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO READ ANY ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT

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ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM THAT WAS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.COM BY 5:00 P.M. INTO THE RECORD.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WE RECEIVED WRITTEN COMMENT FROM ROLAND LEBRUN THAT HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS THIS MORNING. MR. LEBRUN HAS HIS HAND RAISED.

**SPEAKER:** I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR -- [INDISCERNIBLE] I WILL BE USING E-MAIL MOVING FORWARD. AND I DIDN'T MEET YESTERDAY'S 5:00 P.M. DEADLINE. ESSENTIALLY, THIS IS THE FIRST OF A FOUR-PART FOLLOW UP I MADE TO THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS TO MAKE A STRONG BUSINESS CASE FOR A MEGA PROJECT DELIVERY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE, AND THE VTA BART EXTENSION, IN PARTICULAR. SO THE FIRST PART HAS TO DO WITH COSTS. ESSENTIALLY, IF YOU LOOK INTO THE FUTURE LOOKING AT $2.5 BILLION, [INDISCERNIBLE] BEING REPORTED TO ANYBODY. AND THE SECOND WILL DEAL WITH HOW THE PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED, SPECIFICALLY THE COMPLETE DEPLETING OF LOCAL SALES TAX MEASURES WHICH ARE DEDICATED TO, YOU KNOW, TRANSIT AGENCY NEEDS, LIKE BUS AND LIGHT RAIL, CALTRAIN, YOU KNOW, GENERAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE NEXT PART WILL BE THE SAFETY AND MOBILITY ISSUES. ACTUALLY, LOOKING RIGHT THERE AT THAT BEAUTIFUL PICTURE IS AN INDICATION OF WHAT'S NOT HAPPENING AT DIRIDON, AND THE LAST POINT WE'LL

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ACTUALLY GET DEEP INTO THE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT ISSUES THAT ESSENTIALLY CREATED THE [INDISCERNIBLE] PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

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

**SPEAKER:** THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. SHE AND HER. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO BE BACK WITH YOU. IN GENERAL, I'M SEEKING FROM THIS COMMISSION TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF BUILDING SEAMLESS USER-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION, THAT KEEPS SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY IN MIND. AND I SEE AT MTC, A BODY THAT CAN UNIFY, BECAUSE TRANSIT CAN BE VERY DIVIDED. AND MTC, WITHOUT MTC, I THINK TRANSIT WOULD BE VERY DIVIDED AND PROVINCIAL AND DISCONNECTED. SO I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HELPING TO TIE THINGS TOGETHER, AND I WENT INTO A FARE INTEGRATION MEETING, DIDN'T GET TO SPEAK, BUT BILL AND MIKE ARE DOING A LOT OF VERY GOOD WORK WITH THAT. SO I ASK FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE FARE INTEGRATION. CLIPPER, AND CLIPPER START, MUST CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT. IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE, GIVEN OUR CLIMATE GOALS, TO MOVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY AROUND, WITH PETROLEUM BURNING VEHICLES. BESIDES ALL THAT MONEY, IT MAKES PEOPLE UNSAFE. IT TURNS PEOPLE INTO TARGETS. SO I ASK THAT YOU HELP TO UNIFY US WITH THAT, AND FARE INTEGRATION IS A WAY THAT WE CAN GET ALL OF THESE 27 AGENCIES

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TOGETHER, IN A SEAMLESS FORM OF TRANSIT. SO I DON'T HAVE A CAR. AND I DO NOT FIND PUBLIC TRANSIT TO BE LIMITED. BECAUSE A CAR IS ONLY ONE OPTION. TRANSIT HAS MORE OPTIONS. I LIKE HAVING SEVERAL WAYS TO GET AROUND. I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF BEING AN UNIFYING FORCE. THANK YOU

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

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC COMMENT. AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 17, WHICH IS ADJOURNMENT. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY --

**JAMES P. SPERING:** ALFREDO, CAN WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DOREEN'S MOM? I THINK THOSE OF US THAT MET HER, JUST A FASCINATING WOMAN, AND REALLY GOOD TO TALK, TO AND WHAT SHE BROUGHT FORWARD, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HER MANY TIMES AT MTC. COULD WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.

**ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, JIM. THAT IS OUR PLAN TO SHOW APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONDOLENCES SO DOREEN WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF YOUR MOM SO APPROPRIATELY. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR SHARING THOSE STORIES, AGAIN, AROUND THOSE EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES WITH YOUR MOM. ADJOURNING IN MEMORY. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY

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OCTOBER 27TH VIRTUALLY AND REMOTELY ANY CHANGES WILL BE DULY NOTED. [ADJOURNED]

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