

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 1 JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE 2 3 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021, 9:40 A.M. 4 JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. I'M JESSE ARREOUIN, THE 5 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY AND CHAIR OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG 6 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. I'LL NOW CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. MAY 7 8 WE PLEASE HAVE THE PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT]. DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE 9 CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE 10 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN 11 REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST 12 ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, 13 PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT 14 15 THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING 16 COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR 17 ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS 18 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD 19 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR 20 21 WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR 22 PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE 23 THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION 24 IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT 25

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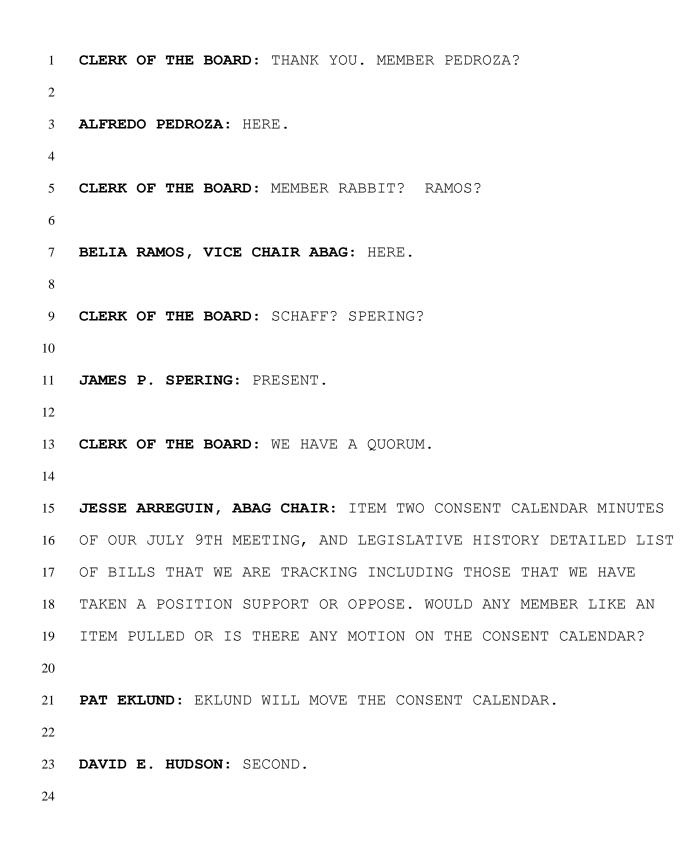


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3	READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD
4	LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL
5	BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD
6	NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.
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8	JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM ONE,
9	ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM.
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11	CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR ARREGUIN?
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13	JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: PRESENT.
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15	CLERK OF THE BOARD: LICCARDO?
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17	SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: PRESENT.
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19	CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?
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21	EDDIE AHN: HERE.
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23	CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA?
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25	DAVID CANEPA: HERE.



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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: CONNOLY? DUTRA-VERNACI? EKLUND?
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    PAT EKLUND: PRESENT.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: GIOCAPINI NON-VOTING?
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    DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING?
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    VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: HALLIDAY?
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    BARBARA HALLIDAY: HERE.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: HUDSON?
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    DAVID E. HUDSON: HERE.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: MAR? MITCHOFF?
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    KAREN MITCHOFF: HERE.
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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: MOVED BY EKLUND SECOND BY HUDSON. 1 2 ANY ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? 3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH 4 5 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED 6 ON THIS ITEM. 7 8 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: WITH THAT WE'LL CALL THE ROLL. 9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE]. PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY 10 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT 11 12 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 3A 13 ASSEMBLY BILL 361 RIVAS TELECONFERENCING. THIS IS A VERY 14 15 IMPORTANT BILL. I'LL PASS THIS TO REBECCA LONG. 16 REBECCA LONG: GOOD MORNING CHAIR ARREGUIN. GOOD MORNING 17 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THIS IS ACTUALLY PENDING ACTION ON 18 THE SENATE FLOOR TODAY MAYBE REACHING THE GOVERNOR'S DESK BY 19 THE END OF THE DAY. THE BILL WILL ENABLE LOCAL AGENCIES 20 INCLUDING MTC AND ABAG CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OUR MEETINGS 21 VIRTUALLY DURING PROCLAIMED PERIODS OF EMERGENCY, AND IT'S A 22 TWO-YEAR AUTHORIZATION. SO IT WOULD SUNSET ON JANUARY 1ST, 23 2021. AGENCIES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT FINDINGS EVERY 30 24 25 DAYS THAT THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO DO THIS. BASICALLY,

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INDICATING THAT THE NECESSITY TO DO SO. WE HAVE, ACTUALLY, 1 REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO COMMUNICATE OUR SUPPORT USING OUR 2 3 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES SO WE HAVE LET THE AUTHOR'S OFFICE KNOW AND THE DELEGATION KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT THIS. SO TODAY WE'RE 4 5 SEEKING COMMITTEE'S ENDORSEMENT OF THAT, AND WE'LL ALSO BRING IT TO THE COMMISSION FOLLOWING OUR PROCEDURES WITH THAT. I 6 WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU 7 8 MAY HAVE.

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10 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY
11 COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

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PAT EKLUND: THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIR ARREGUIN. REBECCA, I 13 THINK -- MY ONLY COMMENT IS THAT IF THIS COMES UP AGAIN, I 14 THINK THERE IS A -- I THINK YOU SAID TWO OR THREE YEAR 15 16 AUTHORIZATION. IT SHOULD WOULD BE NICE IF THEY COULD ADD, IF THERE WAS A LOCAL EMERGENCY. ESPECIALLY, GIVEN FIRES AND 17 FLOODING. SO IF IT EVER COMES UP AGAIN, IT WOULD BE NICE TO 18 HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY IF THERE IS ALSO A LOCAL EMERGENCY, THAT 19 THE COUNCIL WITH DECLARE. 20

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22 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU DIRECTOR EKLUND.

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24 PAT EKLUND: THAT'S FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY IN MARIN COUNTY.



JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: AGREE. DIRECTOR HALLIDAY? 1 2 BARBARA HALLIDAY: JUST TO CLARIFY THAT, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT 3 IT WOULD HAVE COVERED THAT. BUT IT DOES NOT. THE LOCAL 4 5 EMERGENCY HAS TO -- YEAH, WELL THEN, I WILL DEFINITELY SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT I AGREE WITH PAT, THAT THAT SHOULD BE 6 ADDED. ANOTHER QUESTION IS, I WAS JUST WONDERING -- SO, IF --7 8 TO EXTENT -- TO EXTEND THESE PROVISIONS BEYOND OCTOBER 1ST ANEW, THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO DECLARE, CONTINUING RESCIND WHAT 9 10 THEY'RE DOING NOW -- I MEAN RESCIND THE CURRENT TERMINATION DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30TH? 11

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REBECCA LONG: THERE WOULD BE A SEAMLESS CONTINUATION IF THIS 13 BILL IS ENACTED BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST, BUT THERE WOULD BE SOME 14 15 ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL ACTIONS THAT LOCAL AGENCIES WOULD NEED 16 TO TAKE AS MENTIONED. EVERY 30 DAYS YOU WOULD NEED TO AFFIRM THAT. I WOULD NOTE WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF LOCAL 17 EMERGENCY, THE BILL REFERENCES A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY 18 AND THAT IS ALREADY DEFINED IN THE CODE. BUT THERE IS, YOU 19 KNOW, A DEFINITION THERE, WHERE IF A CITY, IF A MAYOR, OR 20 21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF A LOCAL JURISDICTION WOULD REQUEST THAT A PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY BE DONE BY THE GOVERNOR, 22 ESSENTIALLY THAT IS ONE WAY TO MEET THAT. SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S 23 NOT AS RIGID AS IT MAY SOUND. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A STATE-24 25 WIDE EMERGENCY IS WHAT I'M SAYING.



1 BARBARA HALLIDAY: DID YOU. WE'RE JUST HAVING QUESTIONS NOW AND 2 3 WE'LL HAVE DEPENDENT LATER? IS THAT --4 5 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: YES. QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. 6 7 BARBARA HALLIDAY: ALL RIGHT. THANKS. 8 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: ANY OTHER OUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS 9 OF THE COMMITTEE? IF NOT, I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC 10 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? 11 12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH 13 14 THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. 15 16 SPEAKER: THANK YOU, CHAIR ARREGUIN. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT. AND OBVIOUSLY WE SHOULD BE SUPPORTING 17 BUT, WHAT I'M ASKING YOU, THOUGH, IS THAT YOU CONSIDER 18 THIS. INTRODUCING ANOTHER BILL, NOT NECESSARILY A [INDISCERNIBLE] 19 BILL THAT WOULD CODIFY PERMANENT CHANGES TO THE BROWN ACT SO 20 21 THAT WE CAN MEET REMOTELY WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS AN 22 EMERGENCY. THANK YOU. 23 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR 24 COMMENT. AND I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY



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OTHER RAISED HANDS. WERE THERE ANY WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
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    SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN COMMENT SUBMITTED.
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    JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: BRINGING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE
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    FOR A MOTION FOR A SUPPORT POSITION?
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    PAT EKLUND: I'LL MOVE APPROVAL OF ASSEMBLE LEAVE BILL 361.
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    JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: IS THERE A SECOND.
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   DAVID E. HUDSON: SECOND, HUDSON.
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    JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: YES.
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    CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR ARREGUIN?
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    JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: YES BEFORE DIRECTOR EKLUND WE'LL
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    GO TO DIRECTOR HALLIDAY.
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   PAT EKLUND: OKAY.
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    JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: PROCEED.
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BARBARA HALLIDAY: AS WE'RE LOOKING AT MAYBE A PERMANENT, IT'S 1 BEEN TALKED ABOUT MAKING THIS PERMANENT TO AMEND THE BROWN ACT 2 3 IN GENERAL TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO ATTEND REMOTELY, AND I UNDERSTAND HOW THAT WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO, LIKE, US, AN 4 5 ORGANIZATION WHERE WE ARE COMING FROM NINE COUNTIES. I'M WONDERING, OUR TECHNOLOGY, WE HAVE BEEN USING IT TO ALLOW FOR 6 PUBLIC COMMENTS, ARE WE FULLY ENABLED TO DO THAT? I KNOW WE'RE 7 8 MAKING TECHNOLOGY CHANGES IN OUR OWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS RIGHT NOW WHERE WE ARE BACK IN CHAMBERS TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT 9 REMOTELY EASIER THAN BEFORE. SO THAT'S ONE QUESTION, IS IF WE 10 HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO REALLY TAKE THIS FORWARD? BUT REALLY I 11 WANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT WE'RE -- MOST OF US ARE ASKING, 12 CERTAINLY ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES THAT NEED TO BE INTERFACING WITH 13 THE PUBLIC ARE CONSIDERING COMING BACK TO WORK, WITHIN THE 14 15 MANDATES, AS LEADERS, ARE WE MODELING THAT OURSELVES IN TERMS 16 OF SHOWING THAT WE'RE WILLING TO GO BACK IN-PERSON, TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS, AND EVEN GATHERS WITH PUBLIC? I REALIZE THIS 17 IS ALL DEPENDENT ON THE HEALTH OFFICIAL'S ORDERS AND THE 18 STATUS OF COVID RIGHT NOW, BUT I KNOW THAT PEOPLE THROUGHOUT 19 THE AREA ARE GRAPPLING WITH THIS ISSUE OF, EMPLOYEES, YOU 20 21 KNOW, EMPLOYEES COMING BACK INTO THE OFFICE, AND I JUST WORRY THAT IF WE CONTINUE TO JUST MEET REMOTELY, THAT WE'RE NOT 22 REALLY MODELING THAT. BUT THAT'S JUST MY COMMENT. I WILL 23 SUPPORT THE MOTION, THOUGH, FOR RIGHT NOW. 24

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. I REALLY APPRECIATE 1 YOUR COMMENTS. I DO WANT TO STAY FOCUSED ON THE BILL BEFORE 2 US, WHICH IS A.B. 361. WE WILL BE HAVING A DISCUSSION AT THE 3 EXECUTIVE BOARD ON, YOU KNOW, IF THIS BILL PASSES, OR DOES IT 4 5 PASS, HOW WE'RE GOING TO CONDUCT OUR MEETINGS. I THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR STAFF TO UPDATE US ON ALL OF THE 6 AGENCIES THAT USE 365 BEALE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. AND 7 8 WE WILL BE HAVING CONVERSATION AT THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD, SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS ISSUE. I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER 9 10 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON A.B. 361.

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PAT EKLUND: THE ONLY COMMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADD, CHAIR 12 ARREGUIN, IS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY MADE CHANGES, IN THE CITY, 13 SO WE ARE DOING ZOOM. WHEN WE MET IN PUBLIC, WE INCLUDED ZOOM, 14 15 AS WELL. SO, BUT I THINK THAT WE STILL NEED TO LOOK AT -- IN THE FUTURE, TRYING TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH AN 16 17 EMERGENCY. I RECOGNIZE THAT WE CAN ALWAYS ASK THE GOVERNOR, AND IT'S PRETTY PERFUNCTORY, BUT I BELIEVE IN STREAMLINING, 18 AND IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS I THINK THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD 19 BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH -- AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE COMMENTER, 20 21 I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT WAYS TO HAVE THIS PERMANENT REMOTE. BECAUSE, NOT ONLY FOR THE BROWN ACT, BUT I BELIEVE ANY STATE 22 LAW, INCLUDING DAVIS STERLING ACT, AND OTHERS ARE THAT DO 23 REQUIRE PERSONAL MEETINGS, IT -- AND I WISH THAT WE COULD 24 25 QUANTIFY HOW MUCH GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WE HAVE SAVED BY

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NOT HAVING TO DRIVE, OR WHATEVER. SO, ANYWAY, JUST COMMENT. 1 2 BUT SUPPORT THE MOTION. THANK YOU. YEAH. THE ORIGINAL 3 ITERATION OF THE BILL INCLUDED APPLICABILITY WHEN A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED, THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE 4 5 PROCESS THAT WAS REMOVED. SO, YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE BILL THAT'S BEFORE US. AND YOU KNOW, HOPE THAT IT MOVES FORWARD 6 TODAY. BUT I DO AGREE WITH ALL OF THE COMMENTS THAT REVISITING 7 8 THIS, IN A FUTURE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AROUND PERMANENT CHANGES AROUND THE BROWN ACT IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE 9 SHOULD CONSIDER. AND ALSO SOMETHING WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT WHEN 10 WE'RE DEVELOPING OUR LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR OUR NEXT YEAR 11 AROUND, SORT OF, BROWN ACT REFORM IN LIGHT OF CONDUCTING 12 MEETINGS THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE. SO, THE 13 MOTION IS TO REFER A SUPPORT POSITION TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE 14 15 BOARD AND MTC COMMISSION ON A.B. 361. UNLESS THERE IS ANY 16 FURTHER DISCUSSION, I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO CALL THE ROLL.

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18 CLERK OF THE BOARD: AND AGAIN THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER
19 EKLUND AND SECOND BY MEMBER HUDSON. [ROLL CALL VOTE].
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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 3B
UPDATE ON PRIORITY BILLS. REBECCA LONG. PRESENT THIS ITEM.
THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM. NO ACTION REQUESTED TODAY.

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REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU CHAIR ARREGUIN. THE REST OF THE ITEMS 1 ARE INFORMATION ITEMS. I KNOW YOU HAVE SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS 2 3 BEFORE YOU TODAY. I'LL TRY TO MOVE THROUGH QUICKLY. UPDATE ON WHAT'S IN YOUR PACKET. SB10 THAT MTC AND ABAG SUPPORTED BY 4 5 SENATOR WIENER IS ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK AS IS SB NINE BY SENATOR ATKINS MAYBE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT HOUSING BILL THE ONE 6 THAT ALLOWS FOR DUPLEXES AND SINGLE FAMILY ZONES, WITH REGARD 7 8 TO TRANSPORTATION, A.B. 917 RELATED TO THE CAMERAS ON BUSES TO HELP ENFORCE PARKING, AND BUS ONLY LANES, THAT IS ON THE 9 GOVERNOR'S DESK, AS IS A.B. 43, WHICH IS THE BILL RELATED TO 10 THE 85TH PERCENTILE AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL 11 AGENCIES TO SET LOWER SPEED LIMITS. SEVERAL BILLS ARE TWO YEAR 12 BILLS THAT WE SUPPORTED INCLUDING A.B. 476 BY MULLEN BY 13 ALLOWING BUSES TO USE THE SHOULDER PART-TIME AS IS A.B. 8629 14 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHU RELATED TO MAKING TRANSIT MORE SEAMLESS IN 15 16 THE BAY AREA AND A.B. 8455 BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER WICKS THOSE ARE ON THE BILL AND WILL BE RESURRECTED NEXT YEAR. A NUMBER OF 17 BILLS DID FAIL TO ADVANCE. ASSEMBLYMEMBER FRIEDMAN'S BILL 1401 18 RELATED TO MINIMUM PARKING REOUIREMENTS NEAR PUBLIC TRANSIT 19 THAT WAS HELD IN COMMITTEE AS WAS 8897 ASSEMBLYMEMBER MULLIN 20 21 RELATED TO REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION, WE DID GET A BUDGET 22 ITEM FOR FUNDING REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND THE BILL HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR THAT. WITH THAT, I'LL TAKE ANY 23 QUESTIONS. 24

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: ANY OUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE 1 MEMBERS? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. DIRECTOR HALLIDAY? 2 3 BARBARA HALLIDAY: IT IS IN THE STAFF REPORT THAT IT'S AMENDED 4 5 AND IN THE ASSEMBLY FOR TWO YEARS, A.B. 550 BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER 6 CHU, I JUST WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT? IT IS A 7 BILL WE SUPPORTED. I BELIEVE? RIGHT? [LAUGHTER] YEAH. 8 REBECCA LONG: THAT'S THE BILL RELATED TO AUTOMATED SPEED 9 10 ENFORCEMENT? 11 BARBARA HALLIDAY: YES. 12 13 REBECCA LONG: THAT BILL WAS HELD. IT RAN INTO A LOT OF 14 15 OPPOSITION RAN INTO A WHOLE RANK OF ISSUES CIVIL LIBERTIES 16 RELATED TO AUTO ENFORCEMENT. SO IT REALLY HIT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE TRIPPED IT UP IN THE PAST. SO, YEAH, SORRY IF 17 WE EXCLUDED THAT FROM THE STAFF REPORT. BUT THAT ONE DID --18 IT'S NOT A TWO-YEAR BILL. IT IS EFFECTIVELY DEAD FOR NOW. 19 20 BARBARA HALLIDAY: OKAY. BECAUSE IT DOES SAY ASSEMBLY TWO YEARS 21 22 IN YOUR CHART. BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT REALLY WON'T COME BACK NEXT YEAR, AND THERE IS NOT MUCH WE CAN DO TO RESURRECT 23 IT? 24 25



REBECCA LONG: THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. OF COURSE, A MEMBER 1 2 COULD REINTRODUCE IT. 3 BARBARA HALLIDAY: OKAY. THANKS FOR THAT NEWS. BUT -- THANK 4 5 YOU. 6 7 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: VICE CHAIR LICCARDO? 8 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: REBECCA I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO 9 FAR OFF AGENDA TOPICS FEEL FREE TO REAL ME IN HERE I KNOW THIS 10 ISN'T EXPLICITLY IN THE MEMO. WE JUST VOTED IN THE LAST 11 COMMITTEE ON THIS, ON OUR EFFORTS WITH THE COMMITTEE THAT 12 CHAIRMAN SPERING LED, AND VERY END OF THAT IS A -- THE LAST OF 13 THE INITIATIVES, EXPLICITLY PREPARING FOR A POTENTIAL BAY AREA 14 WIDE MEASURE. AND IT SEEMS TO ME, THERE IS SOME LEGISLATIVE 15 16 EFFORTS THAT WE COULD UNDERTAKE TO HELP ALIGN EFFORTS IN A WAY THAT WILL REALLY, HOPEFULLY REDUCE COST, AND EXPEDITE SOME OF 17 THE CONSTRUCTION, AND ONE MIGHT BE, FOR EXAMPLE, A CEQA WAIVER 18 THAT ATTACHES TO TRANSIT PROJECTS THAT ARE, YOU KNOW, IN THE 19 BAY AREA LONG-TERM PLAN, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. YOU KNOW? 20 THE 21 -- I GUESS THE QUESTION IS, IS THERE ANY MORE WILLINGNESS -- I KNOW CEQA WAIVERS ARE A DICEY SUBJECT IN SACRAMENTO WE HAVE 22 BEEN DEALING WITH ALL FLAVORS OF WAIVERS FOR DIFFERENT HOUSING 23 PROJECTS SPORTS STADIUMS AND SO FORTH, AS WE'RE GOING INTO 24



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NEXT YEAR, DO YOU SEE APPETITE AT ALL FOR CONSIDERATION FOR
 CEQA WAIVERS FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS?

REBECCA LONG: IT'S RAY GREAT OUESTION. AS YOU SAID, IT'S 4 5 ALWAYS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DO. I DON'T -- HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY, YOU KNOW, EFFORT TO DO THAT. I THINK THE BAY AREA COULD 6 CERTAINLY INITIATE SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES. I THINK WE 7 8 WOULD HAVE A LOT OF SUPPORT BY OTHER AGENCIES, LIKE LA METRO AND OTHERS THAT ARE PURSUING LARGE PROJECTS. I THINK THAT IT 9 WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT, THOUGH, TO GET THAT THROUGH THE 10 PROCESS. VERY OPEN TO, YOU KNOW, HAVING THAT CONVERSATION WITH 11 OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDS IN SACRAMENTO. THE I THINK WHAT 12 TENDS TO HAPPEN IS THEY -- THERE IS A NEW LAYER, RIGHT, OF 13 REVIEW THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED. SO I THINK WE WOULD REALLY NEED 14 15 TO EXPLORE, OKAY, IF IT'S NOT CEQA, WHAT IS THE MECHANISM, FOR EXAMPLE, TO ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT DISPLACEMENT OR CONCERNS 16 LABOR MAY BRING UP. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A LONGER 17 CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT. CERTAINLY HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN THAT AS 18 PART OF OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR. 19

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21 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. THAT ADVOCACY PROGRAM WILL22 COME TO US IN DECEMBER?

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24 REBECCA LONG: WE'LL BRING A DRAFT USUALLY IN NOVEMBER AND25 PRODUCTION IN DECEMBER.



1 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: COMMISSIONER SPERING. 2 3 JAMES P. SPERING: WE NEED TO BE DEVELOPING CRITERIA THAT 4 5 PROJECTS WOULD QUALIFY FOR THIS CEQA EXEMPTION. I HOPE WE EXPLORE THIS ISSUE. BECAUSE IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE AND IF WE'RE 6 GOING TO BUILD SOME OF THESE PROJECTS IN A TIMELY FASHION 7 8 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SOME HELP WITH THE CEQA PROCESS. I APPRECIATE THE MAYOR RAISING THIS ISSUE. 9 10 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? 11 IF NOT, I'LL ASK IF FROM IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT. 12 13 CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM 14 15 AND THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. TIM FRANK, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. 16 17 SPEAKER: YES. I'M TIM FRANK, I'M SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF 18 THE BUILDING TRADES COUNCILS FROM THE NINE COUNTIES. AND, JUST 19 TO RESPOND TO COMMISSIONER SPERING'S COMMENT, THE BUILDING 20 TRADES WOULD ENJOY THE ABILITY TO ACTUALLY WORK WITH YOU GUYS 21 22 ON THIS, AND TO BE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION. SO, WE THINK 23 THAT'S CONSTRUCTIVE. THANKS. 24



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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. I DON'T -- OH, THERE
 IS ONE ADDITIONAL HAND. ROLAND.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. IT'S A TOUGH TOPIC. I WANT TO 4 5 FOLLOW ON THE CONVERSATION THAT MAYOR LICCARDO JUST STARTED. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE, MOVING FORWARD, IS WE COMPLETELY 6 REALIZE THAT HOW WE GO ABOUT DELIVERING THOSE MEGA PROJECTS, 7 8 STARTING WITH THE PROJECT INITIATION. AND ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER -- THE PROBLEM WE 9 10 GOT NOW, WE HAVE GOT A BUNCH OF PEOPLE SPENDING LITERALLY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS DESIGNING SOMETHING THAT'S --11 [INDISCERNIBLE] CONCRETE, BEFORE WE LAY THE FIRST SHOVEL. AND, 12 WE HAVE TO CHANGE THIS. AND WE NEED TO GET THE PEOPLE WHO ARE 13 ULTIMATELY GOING TO BE BUILDING AND DELIVERING THIS PROJECT, 14 BEING IN FOCUS EARLIER IN THE CYCLE, AND PREFERABLY BEFORE 15 16 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE. WE JUST COME UP WITH THE GENERAL IDEA, OKAY, GUYS THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO DO ANYBODY INTERESTED 17 18 IN DOING THIS, PLEASE COME ON BOARD, THEN THEY COME IN AND SAY YEAH, THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS. THIS IS HOW MUCH 19 IT'S GOING TO COST, WE JUST NEED YOU TO, BASICALLY, TAKE CARE 20 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE, AND WE JUST GET ON WITH IT. 21 IT'S GOING TO BE DONE SO MUCH FASTER AND SO MUCH MORE CHEAPLY, 22

YOU'RE JUST NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT. THANK YOU.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
 PUBLIC COMMENTS? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR
 NINE IF YOU ARE PHONING IN. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER RAISED
 HANDS. I BELIEVE THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL BRING IT
 BACK TO THE COMMITTEE AND ASK ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
 COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. THANK YOU
 REBECCA, NEXT ITEM 3C FISCAL YEAR 2021 STATE BUDGET.

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REBECCA LONG: I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO THE HAND OUT IT'S IN YOUR 9 PACKET. I THINK YOU ALL KNOW BY NOW TRANSPORTATION DIDN'T 10 RECEIVE FUNDING IN THE GENERAL BUDGET THERE IS 3.4 BILLION 11 THAT HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO THE GOVERNOR'S PACKAGE FOR HIGH 12 SPEED RAIL FUNDING BUT WHEN NEGOTIATIONS FELL APART FOR HIGH 13 SPEED RAIL THOSE FUNDS GENERALLY REVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND. 14 THAT'S A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT THE BAY AREA WOULD HAVE STOOD TO 15 16 RECEIVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THERE. BUT WE HAVEN'T LOST HOPE. HIGH SPEED RAIL WILL RECEIVE SOME CAPITAL FUNDING 17 THIS YEAR. PART OF THE REASON THE NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN IS 18 THERE WAS NOT EXACTLY A LOT OF TRUST AMONG THE LEGISLATURE 19 ABOUT HOW MUCH THE PROJECT NEEDED ON A CASH FLOW BASIS SO 20 THOSE NEGOTIATIONS NEEDED TO DETERMINE THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE 21 PLACE OVER THE FALL AND WINTER. AND WE'RE TOLD THAT THE 22 LEGISLATURE HAS NOT YET SPENT THAT 3.4 BILLION IN THIS BUDGET, 23 AND SO HOPEFULLY, WE WILL SEE THE STATE'S REVENUES CONTINUE TO 24 BE ROBUST AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A CASE FOR THAT FUNDING IN 25

A FINAL DEAL. THE OTHER KEY ITEM TO SHARE WAS ON CLIMATE 1 RESILIENCE. WE NOTED IN THE PRIOR UPDATE THAT ABOUT 440 2 3 MILLION WAS PROPOSED FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE. AND THE FINAL BUDGET DOES INCLUDE ABOUT 35 MILLION FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL 4 5 CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORK, INCLUDING, SPECIFICALLY, 11 AND A HALF MILLION THAT IS RESERVED -- EXCUSE ME -- 12.5 MILLION 6 7 THAT'S RESERVED FOR REGIONAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORK. THE BAY 8 AREA IS REALLY POSITIONED TO RECEIVE SOME OF THOSE FUNDS THAT WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH 9 AND THERE IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, 10 PROJECTS THAT ASSIST WITH CLIMATE RESILIENCE. IT'S NOT A HUGE 11 AMOUNT OF FUNDING, OBVIOUSLY, IT'S A DROP IN THE BUCKET, BUT 12 THERE IS ALSO A COMMITMENT FOR LONGER TERM FUNDING, THOUGH NOT 13 GUARANTEED. THERE IS A PROPOSAL IN THE ASSEMBLY BILL REPORT 14 15 FOR THE BUDGET, 25 MILLION SUBSEQUENT YEAR '22 '23, AND THEN A 16 HUNDRED MILLION AFTER THAT WE'RE STARTING TO SEE COMMITMENT INVESTMENT IN THE REGIONAL LOCAL CLIMATE. LASTLY WILDFIRE 17 PREVENTION BUDGET 1.5 BILLION THERE AND LONG-TERM COMMITMENT 18 19 WITH STATUTORY CHANGE TO CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDING WITH WILDFIRE PREVENTION WILL RECEIVE 200 MILLION IN ONGOING FUNDING THROUGH 20 2029 AND I'M SURE THERE IS A LOT MORE OTHER KEY ITEMS THAT WE 21 22 FOCUSED ON IN THE FINAL WEEK OF BUDGET NEGOTIATION. HAPPY TO 23 ANSWER ANY OUESTIONS.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: OUESTIONS FOR REBECCA? IF SO RAISE 1 YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? 2 3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM 4 5 AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. 6 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. BRINGING IT BACK TO THE 7 8 COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? MAYOR LICCARDO? 9 10 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: I'M SORRY TO BE JUMPING IN, I HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOWN FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS AND AM KIND OF 11 CATCHING UP HERE. REBECCA, IS IT A COMPLETELY FINAL DEAL AT 12 THIS POINT ON THE LOST MONEY FOR TRANSPORTATION? HAS THAT 13 ALREADY BEEN FULLY VOTED ON? 14 15 16 **REBECCA LONG:** THE -- [LAUGHTER] WHAT I WOULD SAY IS, THOSE FUND FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, THEY REQUIRED A TRAILER BILL. 17 THEY REQUIRED SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION FOR THEM NOT TO REVERT TO 18 THE GENERAL FUND, AND THERE IS NO LEGISLATION TO DO SO. SO, I 19 WOULD SAY IT'S A DONE DEAL. 20 21 22 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. YEAH. 23 REBECCA LONG: AGAIN, THERE MIGHT BE AN EARLY BUDGET NEXT YEAR 24 AS THERE WAS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR SO WE MIGHT NOT NEED TO WAIT 25



UNTIL THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO MAKE CHANGES BY JANUARY. I THINK 1 THERE IS A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEE THOSE 2 3 FUNDS COMMITTED TO IN THIS PARTICULAR PART OF THE PROCESS. 4 5 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. SO THEN THE WHOLE PACKAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR, THEN, DID NOT GET APPROVED -- IS NOT, LIKE 6 -- IS NOT GOING TO MOVE FORWARD AT THIS POINT, THAT'S 7 8 INCLUDING THE HIGH SPEED RAIL MONEY AND THE 3.4 BILLION? 9 REBECCA LONG: YES CORRECT. SORRY FOR THE BAD NEWS. 10 11 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: CANEPA? 12 13 DAVID CANEPA: WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGH SPEED 14 15 RAIL, WHAT CAN WE DO TO REALLY ADVOCATE? IT SEEMS THAT IT'S 16 BEEN A PERIOD OF TIME THAT IT'S BEEN DELAYED, AND I 17 UNDERSTAND, FUNDING, WHAT CAN WE DO -- WHAT'S THE SENSE, IN THE LEGISLATURE -- ARE THERE PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY TRYING TO 18 ADVOCATE? I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHERE THE LEADERSHIP IS ON IT? I 19 UNDERSTAND WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A COUPLE OF CHALLENGES, BUT TO 20 21 ME, HIGH SPEED RAIL IS PROBABLY THE MOST -- IN TERMS OF TRANSPORTATION -- PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE 22 SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON, AS A STATE. I'M JUST CURIOUS. IS THIS 23 THREE OR FOUR YEARS? I'M JUST WONDERING IF THERE IS GOING TO 24 BE ANY MOVEMENT? OR DO YOU SEE MOVEMENT? OR JUST WE MAY HAVE 25



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TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION? I'M JUST CURIOUS TO
 UNDERSTAND THE LANDSCAPE.

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER CANEPA. WE HAVE BEEN 4 5 REALLY TRYING TO WRAP OUR ARMS AROUND THAT TOO. I THINK THAT THE CURRENT SPEAKER, IN THE ASSEMBLY, HAS A LOT OF CONCERNS 6 ABOUT THE PROJECT, AS DOES THE ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION CHAIR. 7 8 I THINK THERE IS, YOU KNOW, REASONABLE CONCERNS ABOUT THE LONG-TERM FUNDING PLAN FOR THIS PROJECT. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN, 9 YOU KNOW, REPORTS OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING 10 WITH ALL OF THE CATENARY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ELECTRIFICATION 11 WHEN THERE ISN'T A FULL FUNDING PLAN. I THINK THERE IS JUST A 12 LOT OF -- I GUESS IT'S FAIR TO SAY, SOME DISTRUST, AND 13 CONCERNS ABOUT THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY. SO, I THINK, YOU KNOW, 14 GETTING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT AND REALLY 15 16 SITTING DOWN AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN THE ASSEMBLY OF HOW IMPORTANT THIS PROJECT IS TO THE BAY AREA, 17 AND, ALSO, YOU KNOW, URGING THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY, TO 18 SIT DOWN AND BE COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT ABOUT WHAT FUNDING IS 19 NEEDED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, AS WELL AS POTENTIALLY, YOU 20 KNOW, ARE THERE WAYS TO KEEP THE PROJECT MOVING WITHOUT MAKING 21 FULL COMMITMENTS TO CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT, YOU KNOW, MAY 22 NOT BE FULLY FUNDABLE IN THE NEAR-TERM. 23

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DAVID CANEPA: THANK YOU. I THINK WHAT WE NEED, AS YOU SAID, WE 1 NEED SOME MOMENTUM. WE NEED TO KIND OF PICK UP SOME WIND AND 2 3 TRY TO BUILD THIS. I FEEL LIKE WE HAVE BEEN IN, SORT OF, A STALEMATE FOR A LONG TIME, AND HOPEFULLY -- THANK YOU FOR 4 5 ADDRESSING THE ISSUE ON LEADERSHIP, IN TERMS OF -- I THINK YOU 6 SAID IT WAS THE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER? 7 8 **REBECCA LONG:** THE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER. 9 DAVID CANEPA: ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, SO HOPEFULLY WE'RE ABLE TO 10 MOVE OUR WAY OFF THIS, AND TO FIND OUR MOMENTUM, WHEREVER THAT 11 APPEARS, BUT THIS IS JUST SO VITALLY IMPORTANT, AND HOPEFULLY 12 WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME PROGRESS. THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE. 13 14 15 REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU. 16 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS 17 FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? MAYOR LICCARDO? 18 19 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: JUST TO FOLLOW UP, I APPRECIATE 20 21 VERY MUCH THE QUESTIONS. YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION, YOU KNOW, BOTH AT THE HEAD OF THE 22 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE THERE, AS WELL AS THE SPEAKER'S 23 OFFICE, YOU KNOW, BLUNTLY, WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO CUT A DEAL 24 WITH LA. I KNOW THE GOVERNOR IS NOT PARTICULARLY IN A STRONG 25

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POSITION AT THIS MOMENT HOPEFULLY THAT WILL CHANGE IN A FEW 1 DAYS AS WE GET THROUGH THIS RECALL, BUT IS THERE ANY 2 3 SUGGESTION THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME MOVEMENT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OR ANYONE ELSE TO STEP IN TO ACTUALLY PLAY 4 5 THE ROLE OF BROKERING A RESOLUTION? THIS DOESN'T MOVE ANYWHERE AS LONG AS L.A. IS OPPOSED. 6 7 8 REBECCA LONG: COMMISSIONER YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR SO BEING PIVOTAL, AND ONCE WE GET THROUGH 9 10 THIS RELEVANCE R RECALL, HOPEFULLY NEGOTIATIONS WILL REALLY 11 PICK UP. 12 SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC: OKAY. THANK YOU. 13 14 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR 15 16 COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THIS? I DO SEE TWO RAISED HANDS. ARE THESE COMMENTS ON THE FY '21, '22 STATE BUDGET 17 18 UPDATE? 19 CLERK OF THE BOARD: I BELIEVE THEY ARE. 20 21 22 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: OKAY. LET'S GO TO ROLAND FIRST. 23 SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A 24 POTENTIAL ANSWER TO HOW YOU SHOULD BE ADVOCATING FOR THIS. 25

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WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY WILL NEVER 1 EVER BE A HIGH SPEED LINE, FOR THE VERY SPECIFIC REASON THAT 2 THEY'RE BISECTING MULTIPLE CITIES ALL THE WAY BETWEEN MERCED 3 AND BAKERSFIELD. AS THE RESULT OF WHICH, THE AVERAGE SPEED 4 5 RIGHT NOW ACCORDING TO HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY WOULD BE 126 MILES AN HOUR. THAT'S NOT A HIGH SPEED LINE. WHAT NEEDS TO 6 HAPPEN THERE, WHAT'S OUT THERE RIGHT NOW, IN EUROPE AND FRANCE 7 8 IN PARTICULARLY ARE KNOWN AS FEEDER LINES. YOU HAVE FEEDER LINES FIRST BEFORE YOU BUILD THE HIGH SPEED RAIL NETWORK YOU 9 10 DOUBLE TRACK THEM AND ELECTRIFY THEM. YOU DON'T [INDISCERNIBLE] THEM BECAUSE YOU KEEP THE SPEED BETWEEN 125 11 MILES AN HOUR. THAT'S A PRIORITY AND WHEN YOU DO THAT, YOU 12 WILL MAKE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN GHG EMISSIONS IN THE 13 CENTRAL VALLEY, BECAUSE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ELECTRIFY BOTH 14 PASSENGER RAIL, HIGH SPEED RAIL, AND FREIGHT. THAT'S WHERE 15 16 MOST OF THE GHGS ARE COMING FROM IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY, IT'S DIESEL FREIGHT. THAT'S GOT TO BE THE TOP PRIORITY. IT'S GOT TO 17 BE ELECTRIFIED. THEN WE START TALKING ABOUT HIGH SPEED LINE 18 THAT USE EXISTING ALIGNMENTS, NORMALLY FREEWAYS, BECAUSE 19 FREEWAYS ARE BEAUTIFUL FOR MITIGATION. BECAUSE WHY? FREEWAYS 20 ARE ALREADY [INDISCERNIBLE] THEY COVER THE NOISE HIGH SPEED 21 RAIL MAKES. ANOTHER THING CENTRAL VALLEY, SPENDING HUNDREDS OF 22 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON NUB I'M FRANKLY EMBARRASSED THAT'S 23 BECAUSE THEY'RE TRYING TO TRAIN AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 125 24 MILES AN HOUR. BETWEEN LA AND BURBANK AND SAN FRANCISCO AND 25



GILROY WE KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND FRANKLY --1 2 [INDISCERNIBLE] HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY. THANK YOU. 3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. RICH, YOU'RE UP NEXT. 4 5 RICHARD HEDGES: THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK FOR A MOMENT 6 ON HIGH SPEED RAIL FUNDING. I THINK COMMISSIONER LICCARDO HIT 7 8 THE NAIL ON THE HEAD. IT'S REALLY POLITICS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY, BEFORE TERM 9 10 LIMITS, WE HAVE SEEN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ESPECIALLY WITH WILLIE BROWN, WHO REALLY TOOK CONTROL OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE 11 FOR THE DEM CRAFTS EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T HAVE THE SUPER 12 MAJORITY, HOWEVER SINCE WE HAVE THE LAST, ABOUT TEN YEARS, IT 13 14 SEEMS BOTH THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN FROM 15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE USED TO TRADE IT OFF, ONE FROM 16 NORTHERN AND ONES -- THAT HAS LAPSED. SO THE POWER REALLY RESIDES NOW IN THE SOUTH, UNLESS WE MAKE A DEAL FOR HIGH SPEED 17 RAIL IN THE SOUTH WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET VERY MUCH MORE MONEY 18 WITHOUT TREMENDOUS EFFORT. THANK YOU. OKAY. THANK YOU. 19 Ι DON'T SEE ANY OTHER RAISED HANDS. SO THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC 20 21 COMMENT. ONCE AGAIN, ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT WE'LL GO NOW TO ITEM 4A 22 UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, AND GEORGIA GANN 23 DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM 24

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GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: GOOD MORNING. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMAN, MTC 1 AND ABAG STAFF. THERE IS INFORMATION IN YOUR PACKET THERE IS 2 3 QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION ONGOING IN NEGOTIATIONS IN DC RELATED TO THE TRILLION DOLLAR INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE, AND 4 5 SOME SPECIFICS ABOUT WHAT THE PACKAGE MIGHT MEAN FOR THE BAY AREA. I'LL CALL A COUPLE OF HIGH POINTS IN THE TRANSPORTATION 6 SPACE WHAT POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL COULD MEAN FOR US IS 7 8 REALLY A [INDISCERNIBLE] OF RESOURCES THAT MTC DISTRIBUTES AND SOME CERTAINTY THAT, SORT OF, MODERATE INCREASE IN RESOURCES 9 10 IS SOMETHING WE COULD COUNT ON FOR FIVE YEARS, THAT'S A POSITIVE THING. WHERE WE SEE MORE OF A POTENTIAL 11 TRANSFORMATIONAL INFLUX OF RESOURCES WOULD BE IN THE 12 DISCRETIONARY GRANT SIDE THAT USDOT WOULD ADMINISTER. FOR A 13 SENSE OF SCALE, USDOT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAS ADMINISTERED 14 15 ABOUT 20 TO \$30 BILLION WORTH OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS, AND THE 16 SCALE THAT WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT WITH THIS INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE IS AROUND \$200 BILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. SO, 17 THAT DISCRETIONARY GRANT, COMPETITIVE GRANT GRAIN IS GOING TO 18 BE WHERE WE WOULD REALLY BE SEEING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE 19 SOME SIGNIFICANT NEW RESOURCES FOR BAY AREA PROJECTS AND 20 21 PRIORITIES. WITH REGARD TO THE OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE CATEGORIES, IN THE TRILLION DOLLAR INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, BY AND 22 LARGE, WE WOULD BE IN A SIMILAR SPACE IN THAT THE FUNDING 23 OPPORTUNITIES WOULD LIKELY BE ON THE -- NOT LIKELY, BUT WOULD 24 BE ON THE DISCRETIONARY SIDE IF SUCH AN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE 25

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WERE TO COME TO FRUITION. I THINK A BIG CHANGE OR A BIG 1 DIFFERENCE TO POINT OUT IS THAT, IN MANY INSTANCES, THE STATE 2 3 OF CALIFORNIA WOULD BE THE DECISION MAKER, AS TO HOW THE FUNDING GETS DISTRIBUTED, VERSUS THE FEDS. SO I THINK THAT'S 4 5 TO SAY THERE IS A POTENTIAL REALLY BIG FUNDING OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THE STRUCTURE PACKAGE AND MORE TO COME ON WHAT 6 CONTACTUALLY IT MIGHT MEAN FOR THE REGION. OF COURSE, EVERYONE 7 8 HERE KNOWS THAT THE TRILLION DOLLAR BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE IS VERY POLITICALLY TIED TO A MUCH LARGER THREE AND A 9 HALF TRILLION DOLLAR SOCIAL SPENDING PACKAGE. THAT WILL BE A 10 DEMOCRAT ONLY PACKAGE. MOST NOTABLY FOR THIS BODY, ALL OF THE 11 POTENTIAL NEW HOUSING MONEY WOULD COME THROUGH THAT MUCH 12 LARGER -- COULD COME THROUGH A MUCH LARGER PACKAGE. WE ALSO 13 COULD SEE SOME ADDITIONAL WHAT COULD EFFECTIVELY BE ADDITIONAL 14 TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES IN THE SPENDING RECONCILIATION BILL. 15 16 OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS -- NOT COUPLE OF MONTHS -- THIS MONTH, CONGRESS IS WORKING SERIOUSLY WORKING TO PUT TOGETHER A 17 BROADER SOCIAL SPENDING PACKAGE. WE SHOULD KNOW A LOT MORE IN 18 THE COMING WEEKS BOTH ABOUT CONTENT OF THAT PACKAGE AND REALLY 19 THE LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING THESE TWO PACKAGES MOVE TOGETHER, AND 20 IF SO, YOU KNOW, WHAT TIMING MIGHT BE. SO, YOU SHOULD EXPECT A 21 LITTLE FOLLOW UP, WITH YOU, WITH, AS WE LEARN REALLY IMPORTANT 22 23 DETAILS.

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1	JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU GEORGIA. ANY COMMENTS OR
2	QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS? PUBLIC COMMENT?
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4	CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM
5	AND THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.
6	RICH GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.
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8	RICHARD HEDGES: I WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY INSIGHT, I UNDERSTAND
9	THIS MAY BE BEYOND YOUR PAY GRADE BUT INSIGHT INTO HOW FAR
10	[INDISCERNIBLE] IS WILLING TO GO THIS SEEMS TO BE ON THE LOWER
11	END KEY TO HAVING THE ROBUST PACKAGE. THANK YOU.
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13	GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: THROUGH THE CHAIR.
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15	JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: YES, THANK YOU.
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17	GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: SENATOR MANCHIN FROM WEST VIRGINIA IS
18	REALLY ONE OF THE TWO MODERATES WHO HAVE A LOT OF POWER IN
19	TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT A BIG SOCIAL SPENDING PACKAGE WILL
20	MOVE FORWARD, IN THE COMMITTEE [INDISCERNIBLE] FOR THE
21	PUBLIC. WHAT WE'RE HEARING IS THAT, YOU KNOW, SENATOR MANCHIN
22	IS OPPOSED TO THE \$3.5 TRILLION TOP LINE FOR SOCIAL SPENDING
23	PACKAGE SO IT'S LIKELY THAT THAT TOP LINE WILL HAVE TO COME
24	DOWN TO SOMETHING AROUND BEST GUESS IS 1.5 TRILLION ON THE LOW
25	END PROBABLY MORE LIKELY AROUND 2 TRILLION TO 2 AND A HALF

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TRILLION. I THINK THE IMPORTANT POINT THERE IS WHAT WE SEE
 COME OUT OF THE PROPOSALS THAT THE HOUSE IS PUTTING TOGETHER
 THIS WEEK FOR WHAT THE CONTENT AND SCALE OF A RECONCILIATION
 PACKAGE WILL BE, WILL VERY LIKELY BE SCALED DOWN, IF ANYTHING
 IS TO MOVE, YOU KNOW, AND ADVANCE, PASSED CONGRESS AND GET
 SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

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8 JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. RICH, YOU ALREADY
9 SPOKE. DON'T SEE ANY ATTENDEES WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. MARTHA
10 ANY WRITTEN COMMENT SUBMITTED?

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12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS13 ITEM.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: OKAY. SO THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. SO WE WILL MOVE NOW TO THE NEXT ITEM 4B AN UPDATE FROM OUR WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES.

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22 GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN: THIS ASSAULTS AN INFORMATION ITEM, AND 23 IT'S IN YOUR PACKET FOR REVIEW.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS OR
 COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON ITEM 4B? IF SO, PLEASE
 RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS
 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: OKAY. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OTHER 10 FURTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THIS 11 ITEM, WE'LL MOVE NOW TO ITEM FIVE, PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-12 AGENDA MATTERS. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO READ ANY NAMES OR 13 ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY GENERAL WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED 14 15 BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY INTO THE RECORD AND ALSO ASK IF THERE 16 IS ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TODAY? 17

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19 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
20 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
21 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.
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23 SPEAKER: CLARIFICATION ABOUT WHAT I SAID ABOUT HIGH SPEED RAIL
24 AND THE FREEWAYS, SPEAK ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE
25 MITIGATION ASPECTS, WHAT I FORGOT TO MENTION ARE THE MOST

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IMPORTANT ASPECTS, IS, NUMBER ONE, THE RIGHT OF WAY IS ALREADY 1 OWNED, FREEWAYS ARE ALREADY GRADE SEPARATED, AND VERY OFTEN, 2 3 ACTUALLY, IF YOU TRAVEL NORTH ON I FIVE, YOU WILL SEE THERE IS A PG&E CORRIDOR, RIGHT THERE, SO YOU HAVE GOT UTILITIES, YOU 4 HAVE GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED. YOU ARE BASICALLY READY TO GO. 5 THE KEY IS, HOW YOU SOMEHOW YOU CONNECT THAT TO DOWNTOWN WHERE 6 THEY WOULD BE PICKING UP THE PASSENGERS. THAT IS DONE THROUGH 7 8 LOCAL EXISTING LINES, AT SPEED IN FRANCE, AT AROUND 110 MILES 9 AN HOUR. THANK YOU.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG CHAIR: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER 11 ATTENDEES WHO WISH TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA 12 MATTERS? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC 13 COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. NEXT ITEM ADJOURNMENT, NEXT 14 15 MEETING OF THE MTC/ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WILL BE OCTOBER 16 8TH 2021 NINE 45 A.M. REMOTELY AND BY WEBCAST AS APPROPRIATE DEPENDING ON STATUS OF SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS AND ANY CHANGES 17 IN SCHEDULE. WE'RE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED] 18

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