

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021, 9:40 A.M.**

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO
5 ORDER THE JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG
6 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER
7 12, 2021, AND WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PRODUCTION TEAM TO ROLL
8 THE ANNOUNCEMENT. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT].
9 DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM
10 WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361 WHICH
11 SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING
12 IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON
13 COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS, BY NAME,
14 AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE
15 GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST
16 AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR
17 ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS
18 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD
19 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL
20 CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE
21 ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
22 PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR
23 NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS
24 VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
25 INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO



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1 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE
2 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD
3 LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. THEY SHOULD RAISE
4 THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
5 APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL
6 ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE
7 CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM
8 EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO CALL
11 ROLL TO CONFIRM QUORUM?

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** ARREGUIN?

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** PRESENT.

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17 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** VICE CHAIR LICCARDO?

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19 **SAM LICCARDO:** PRESENT.

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21 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU. MEMBER AHN?

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23 **EDDIE AHN:** PRESENT.

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25 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MEMBER CANEPA?



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2 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CONNOLLY?

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6 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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10 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** EKLUND?

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14 **PAT EKLUND:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** FLEMING?

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18 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** GIOCAPINI?

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22 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** HUDSON?

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1 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE .

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3 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MAR? MITCHOFF?

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE .

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7 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** PEDROZA?

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9 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE .

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11 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RABBIT?

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13 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE .

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15 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RAMOS?

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17 **BELIA RAMOS, VICE CHAIR ABAG:** HERE .

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19 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SPERING?

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21 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** HERE .

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23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO CONSENT CALENDAR.
2 DOES ANY MEMBER WISH TO PULL ANYTHING OR IS THERE A MOTION OR
3 SECOND?

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5 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** MOVE.

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7 **PAT EKLUND:** SECOND.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. COMMENTS OR
10 QUESTIONS? SEEING NO HANDS RAISED. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY
11 PUBLIC COMMENT?

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
14 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
15 ON THIS ITEM.

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU CAN PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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19 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WILL DO. CHAIR ARREGUIN?

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YES.

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23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** VICE CHAIR LICCARDO.

24

25 **SAM LICCARDO:** YES.



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2 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MEMBER AHN?

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4 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

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6 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CANEPA?

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8 **DAVID CANEPA:** YES.

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10 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CONNOLY.

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12 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** YES.

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14 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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16 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** YES.

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18 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** EKLUND?

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20 **PAT EKLUND:** YES.

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** HALLIDAY?

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24 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** HUDSON?

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3 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MITCHOFF.

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7 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES. THANK YOU.

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9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RAMOS?

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11 **BELIA RAMOS, ABAG V. CHAIR:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** SCHAFF? SPERING?

14

15 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** YES.

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17 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

18 PRESENT.

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20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ITEM 3A ONE POLICY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

21 AND STAFF. I HAVE A QUESTION IS THIS A VOTE OF THE COMMONLY

22 COMMISSION OR JUST MTC MEMBERS?

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24 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** MTC MEMBERS.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION AND SECOND FROM
2 THE MTC MEMBERS AND A VOTE OF THE MTC MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND THE
3 EMPTY ASSET TO THE COMMISSION. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I BELIEVE
4 THAT KY-NAM MILLER AND MARTI PASCHAL WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM

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6 **KY-NAM MILLER:** GOOD MORNING. MARTI IS OUT TODAY, BUT KY-NAM
7 HERE. GOOD MORNING CHAIR ARREGUIN AND VICE CHAIR LICCARDO AND
8 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS KY-NAM MILLER
9 AND I HEAD UP THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM AT MTC AND I HAVE A
10 BRIEF UPDATE THIS MORNING ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
11 MTC. I DON'T HAVE SLIDES I'M JUST GOING TO WALK YOU THROUGH
12 IT, BRIEFLY. AS YOU KNOW THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTS
13 OF 27 MEMBERS SERVING ON A FOUR-YEAR TERM WITH 1/3
14 REPRESENTING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OR
15 LOW-INCOME, 1/3 REPRESENTING OLDER ADULTS AKA SENIORS OR
16 DISABLED PEOPLE AND 1/3 REPRESENTING ECONOMIC AND
17 ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST ON AN AT-LARGE BASIS CURRENT ADVISERS
18 WERE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO A NEW TERM PROVIDING THEY
19 REAPPLY ALONG WITH THE NEW CANDIDATES AS FAR AS RECRUITMENT IT
20 HAPPENED EARLIER THIS SUMMER WE HAD A SEVEN WEEK RECRUITMENT
21 CAMPAIGN THROUGH JUNE 14TH TO ALL FIRST AND THAT RECRUITMENT
22 ANNOUNCEMENT AND ONLINE APPLICATION WERE POSTED TO MTC'S WEB
23 SITE ALONG WITH A PRESS RELEASE THAT WAS PICKED UP IN LOCAL
24 PRESS AND SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES INCLUDING RANKED IN
25 FACEBOOK AND TWITTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCMILLAN SENT E-MAILS



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1 ENCOURAGING APPLICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENT WAS INCLUDED IN
2 NEWS LETTERS TO 33,000 INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING PARTNER AGENCIES
3 SUBSCRIBERS TO 15,000 PEOPLE AS WELL AS BLOG POSTS WITH 1700
4 FLYERS AND IN ADDITION HUNDREDS OF POSTCARDS DISTRIBUTED VIA
5 LIBRARIES AND TO COUNTY OUTREACH. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE
6 27 AVAILABLE SEATS INCLUDING 17 FROM APPLICANTS INCLUDING A
7 RANGE OF FIELDS INCLUDING ACADEMICS, BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS,
8 COMMUNITY LEADERS TRANSPORTATION, AND THE APPLICANT POOL WAS
9 OUTSTANDING BY ANY MEASURE, STAFF MET AND ATTENDED COUNCIL
10 MEETINGS AND FOLLOWING INITIAL ASSESSMENTS WITH NON-INCUMBENT
11 GROUPS TO FURTHER ACCESS, AND FOLLOWING STAFF MADE
12 RECOMMENDATIONS WHILE SHARING APPLICATION MATERIALS FROM ALL
13 CANDIDATES -- [AUDIO DIFFICULTIES]

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR LEE IS TRYING TO BE AT TWO
16 PLACES AT ONCE. HE IS AT AN EVENT AND ALSO ON THE ZOOM CALL.
17 SORRY ABOUT THAT KY-NAM.

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19 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** KY-NAM, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE.

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21 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THERE YOU GO. THANK YOU. BASICALLY, AFTER WE
22 MADE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, ALL OF THE COMMISSIONERS HAD THE
23 CHANCE TO REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALONG WITH ALL OF THE
24 APPLICATION MATERIALS FROM EVERY APPLICANT, AND THEN WE ENDED
25 UP WITH AFFIRMATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EACH COMMISSIONER,



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1 WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN THE MEMO FOR THIS ITEM. NOW, THERE IS A
2 RELATED ITEM, WHICH IS ABOUT COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR THE
3 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS. YOU KNOW, DATING BACK TO WHEN
4 THIS COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED OVER A DECADE AGO IN 2009 MEMBERS
5 HAVE BEEN PROVIDED A \$50 MEETING STIPEND FOR UP TO THREE
6 MEETINGS PER MONTH ALONG WITH TRANSPORTATION COST AND DURING
7 THE RECRUITMENT PERIOD A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES ASKED WHETHER
8 COMPENSATION MIGHT BE UPDATED TO MEET LOW-INCOME AND EXCLUSIVE
9 COMMUNITY BARRIERS, AND INDICATIONS THAT MEETING STIPENDS GO
10 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IN OUR SISTER AGENCIES, FOR EXAMPLE, THE
11 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD, BCDC, AND THE AIR DISTRICT PAY
12 THEIR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS UPWARDS OF FIVE HUNDREDS FOR
13 MEETINGS. SO THE RELEVANT RESOLUTION PIECE OF THAT,
14 COMMISSIONERS PROCEDURES MANUAL CURRENTLY SETS THE
15 COMPENSATION AT 50. SO WE'RE ASKING THAT WE MATCH WHAT
16 COMMISSIONERS ARE COMPENSATED AT WHICH IS \$100 PER MEETING UP
17 TO FIVE MEETINGS PER CALENDAR MONTH. I JUST WANT TO NOTE THERE
18 WAS AN INCONSISTENCY IN THE MEMORIAL ACCOMPANYING THIS ITEM
19 BUT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS FOR FIVE MEETINGS. AND THE
20 THIS IS BECAUSE THERE ARE ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORK
21 GROUPS THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SERVE ON. SO, THAT'S
22 THE ONE REQUEST, WHICH WILL GO TO THE ADMIN COMMITTEE, AND
23 THEN THE OVERALL REQUEST THAT YOU APPROVE THIS SET OF
24 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMISSION TO FURTHER APPROVE LATER



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1 THIS MONTH. AND WITH THAT, I WILL TAKE WITH QUESTIONS YOU MAY
2 HAVE.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH KY-NAM. COLLEAGUES,
5 ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM? OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

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7 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES. THANK YOU, CHAIR ARREGUIN. THANK YOU
8 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, MR. MILLER. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT, AS
9 WELL AS THE THOUGHT THAT YOU PUT INTO TAKING IN THE PUBLIC AND
10 THE APPLICANTS CONCERNS AROUND BARRIERS TO TRADITIONALLY
11 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. ONE OF THE THINGS I'M WONDERING IS,
12 IF THERE IS ANY LANGUAGE AROUND, IT SAYS THERE IS A
13 TRANSPORTATION STIPEND OR TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE COVERED, I
14 KNOW THAT FOR MANY FAMILIES, TRANSPORTATION, YOU KNOW, EVEN IF
15 IT'S COVERED, IS JUST DIFFICULT WITH GETS KIDS TO SCHOOL AND
16 SO FORTH, SO WILL THIS GROUP CONTINUE TO MEET REMOTELY OR IS
17 IT ONLY COVERED UNDER THE BROWN ACT ONLY FOR EMERGENCY STATUS?
18 IS THAT ANYTHING WE HAVE DISCRETION AT THIS BOARD OVER?

19

20 **KY-NAM MILLER:** I THINK MY COLLEAGUE REBECCA IS GOING TO TAKE
21 UP A PIECE OF THAT, WHICH IS ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND THE BROWN
22 ACT REFORM WHICH WILL TOUCH ON THAT, I KNOW THE STAFF AND
23 COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE NOW IS TO ALLOW FOR THOSE EMERGENCY
24 MEASURES TO BE MADE PERMANENT SO PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE



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1 REMOTELY BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S NOT WITHIN THE COUNCIL'S ABILITY,
2 THEY JUST VOICE THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE THAT.

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4 **KATHLEEN KANE:** IF I COULD FOLLOW UP ON THAT. YES, THEY'RE A
5 BROWN ACT BODY, AND SO WE'RE STUCK WITH THAT. SO PEOPLE CAN
6 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY EVEN THOUGH DEFAULT BROWN ACT PROVISIONS
7 WITH APPROPRIATE NOTICING, SO IF WE DO FALL BACK WE WILL BE
8 WORKING TO MAKE SURE WE FACILITATE THAT FOR THE PEOPLE IT SAY
9 BIG ASK TO GET ALL THE WAY INTO 375 BEALE FROM LOCATIONS THAT
10 PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM. WE WILL BE SENSITIVE TO THAT AND WILL
11 DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP THEM.

12

13 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. WHILE WE DON'T HAVE
14 DISCRETION BECAUSE IT'S STATE LAW, ONE THING WE CAN DO WHEN
15 ON-BOARDING NEW MEMBERS IS LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THE PROVISIONS
16 THAT EXIST UNDER THE BROWN ACT FOR PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, AND
17 PROVIDE THEM WITH THE STAFF'S SUPPORT TO INITIATE THAT
18 PROCESS, AND TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR THEM. THANK
19 YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS.

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
22 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE? IF NOT I'LL ASK IF
23 THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** YES. THIS IS ONE HAND RAISED, RANDI
2 KINMAN, CHAIR OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. YOU HAVE TWO
3 MINUTES.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WELCOME RANDY.

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7 **RANDI KINMAN:** THANK YOU. I HAD TO UNMUTE MYSELF. I STRONGLY
8 RECOMMEND WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. BRAVO TO STAFF MEMBERS
9 WHO PULLED THIS TOGETHER. THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK TO SORT
10 THROUGH ALL THE APPLICATIONS I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS WITH
11 STAFF MEMBERS BEFORE AND IT'S A HUGE BURDEN I RECOMMEND WE
12 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE STIPEND INCREASE AND THE EXTENSION OF
13 THAT TO FIVE MEETINGS PER WEEK. WE HAD AT ONE POINT AT LEAST
14 FOUR RUNNING COMMITTEES. ONE STANDING COMMITTEE AND SEVERAL
15 AD-HOC COMMITTEES. THIS ALLOWS THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO
16 PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY, AND IT ALSO ADDRESSES OUR RECRUITMENT
17 AND RETENTION ISSUES, ESPECIALLY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE
18 OUT IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE BAY AREA, OR WHO ARE TRYING TO PAY
19 BABYSITTERS, OR WHO ARE TRYING TO JUGGLE THEIR JOBS. SO I
20 REALLY WANT TO THANK THE STAFF, AND ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF
21 THIS.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER
24 SPEAKERS?

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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RICH HEDGES HAD HIS HAND UP BUT THEN
2 LOWERED IT. RICH, DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? GOING
3 ONCE, GOING TWICE. THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
4 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH OF THE BRINGING IT
7 BACK TO THE COMMITTEE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION AND SECOND FROM
8 THE MTC COMMISSIONERS TO REFER THE RESOLUTION TO THE
9 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

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11 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** DUTRA-VERNACI MOVES THE ITEM.

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13 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** SECOND.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** DUTRA-VERNACI. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
16 LICCARDO. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO
17 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL OF THE MTC MEMBERS.

18

19 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** WILL DO. VICE CHAIR LICCARDO?

20

21 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** AYE.

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23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER AHN?

24

25 **EDDIE AHN:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CANEPA?

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4 **DAVID CANEPA:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** CONNOLLY?

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8 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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12 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

15

16 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

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18 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COMMISSIONER PEDROZA?

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20 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** COMMISSIONER SCHAFF? COMMISSIONER
23 SPERING?

24

25 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** YES.



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2 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THANK YOU. PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL
3 MEMBERS PRESENT MTC COMMISSIONERS.

4

5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE TO OUR
6 NEXT ITEM WHICH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR MEETING ITEM 4A DRAFT
7 FOR THE 2022 JOINT VOCS PROGRAM WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN OUR
8 PACKET AND REBECCA LONG WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM PRESENTED FOR
9 INFORMATION NO ACTION REQUIRED OF THE COMMITTEE TODAY.

10 REBECCA?

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12 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU CHAIR ARREGUIN, VICE CHAIR LICCARDO
13 AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. OKAY. I WASN'T NECESSARILY GOING TO
14 HAVE THAT BROUGHT UP BUT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL. I'M GOING TO
15 WATCH THROUGH THIS ATTACHMENT ITEM 4A, WHICH AS CHAIR ARREGUIN
16 JUST INDICATED IS OUR DRAFT ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR 2022, IT
17 INCLUDES A STATE PORTION AND A FEDERAL PORTION. GEORGIA IS
18 GOING COVER THE FEDERAL, AND WE'LL TAKE A BREAK BEFORE WE GET
19 TO STATE. THIS IS A HIGH-LEVEL DOCUMENT THAT HELPS GUIDE
20 STAFF'S PRIORITIZE AS WE REVIEW THE HUNDREDS OF BILLS THAT
21 WILL BE INTRODUCED. WE DO BRING BACK, TO THIS BODY, YOU KNOW,
22 ANY FORMAL POSITIONS ON LEGISLATION. THIS IS KIND OF THE TOP
23 LINE. THIS DOCUMENT ALSO BUILDS ON THE PRIOR YEARS, AND WHAT
24 WE HAVE DONE HERE IS ITALICIZE THOSE ITEMS WHICH ARE NEW OR
25 HAVE CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT YEAR. I'M GOING TO HIT ON THOSE.



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1 FIRST ITEM TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IS TO PURSUE GENERAL FUND
2 SURPLUS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION. AS I THINK YOU ALL WILL
3 RECALL EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE STATE BUDGET DID INCLUDE
4 SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING PUBLIC
5 TRANSIT, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE.
6 UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE FUNDS REVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND,
7 BECAUSE THE HIGH SPEED RAIL NEGOTIATIONS WERE KIND OF TIED IN
8 WITH THAT, AND SO WHEN THAT DID NOT CONCLUDE, AS FAR AS
9 PROVIDING ANY CAPITAL FUNDING FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL IN THIS
10 YEAR'S BUDGET THOSE FUNDS DISAPPEARED SO WE KIND OF GOT
11 HALFWAY DOWN THE FIELD SO WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT DOES GET
12 REALIZED AND IT LOOKS ENCOURAGING GIVEN THAT THE GENERAL FUND
13 FORECAST FOR SURPLUS ARE STILL QUITE ROSY. THOSE COULD CHANGE,
14 BUT FOR NOW, WE'RE SAYING, YOU KNOW, LET'S GET AS MUCH AS WE
15 CAN FOR TRANSPORTATION. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THIS
16 PARTICULAR ITEM IN ITEM 4B ON YOUR AGENDA, WHERE WE HAVE A
17 DRAFT LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. SO, I THINK,
18 ENOUGH ON THAT. HIGH SPEED RAIL, WE ARE SAYING THAT WE SHOULD
19 SUPPORT IT, THAT WE SHOULD, YOU KNOW, INDICATE THAT FUNDING
20 FOR THIS CENTRAL VALLEY PHASE IS SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, THAT'S
21 CRITICAL TO THE LONG-TERM PROJECT AND THAT WE DO SUPPORT IT.
22 AND, NEXT ON THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILL, THIS IS ABOUT
23 PURSUING POTENTIALLY SOME FURTHER STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
24 DIRECT HOW CALTRANS AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA ADMINISTERS ANY
25 NEW FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS. THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST.



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1 SO, PARTICULARLY, WHEN THERE IS, YOU KNOW, A NEW -- OR
2 EXPANDED SET OF MONEYS THAT ARE BEING CONTROLLED AT THE STATE
3 LEVEL, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER,
4 KIND OF GUIDELINES, AND FORMULA, THAT CALIFORNIA ARE GOING TO
5 BE USE ARE GOING TO BE FAVORABLE TO THE BAY AREA. WE HAVEN'T
6 IDENTIFIED EXACTLY WHICH PROGRAMS MAKES THE MOST SENSE TO HAVE
7 SOME FURTHER LEGISLATION BUT THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO
8 BE DOING OVER THE NEXT MONTH. HERE AT THE TOP, TRANSIT
9 OPERATING FUNDING. YOU ALL KNOW WHAT A DIRE CONDITION OUR
10 TRANSIT AGENCIES ARE IN, AND THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF
11 SPEAKER PELOSI AND CONGRESS, WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE
12 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT ARE HELPING TO SUSTAIN
13 SERVICE AND THE WORKFORCE IN THE CURRENT YEAR AND LIKELY INTO
14 THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE
15 OPERATING BUDGETS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE OVER THE LONG RUN. SO
16 WE WANT TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE ADDITIONAL STATE
17 FUNDING FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS. REGIONAL REVENUE BALLOT
18 MEASURE. THIS ITEM IS REALLY NOT SO MUCH ABOUT LEGISLATION
19 NEXT YEAR, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE DO CONSIDER WHEN WE'RE DOING,
20 KIND OF, ADVOCACY, AND ORGANIZING WITHIN THE BAY AREA, THAT
21 THAT'S PART OF OUR OVERALL ADVOCACY PROGRAM, AND WE'RE
22 SUGGESTING THAT WE DO USE 2022 TO CONVENE KEY STAKEHOLDERS
23 AROUND THE QUESTION OF A REGIONAL REVENUE MEASURE, POTENTIALLY
24 FOCUSED ON TRANSPORTATION, BUT ALSO, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND
25 THAT WE DO HAVE SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN ALSO HAVING A HOUSING



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1 BALLOT MEASURE, WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE AUTHORITY TO PUT ON THE
2 BALLOT THROUGH A.B. 1487. SO A KEY PART OF THAT CONVERSATION
3 WILL BE HOW WE BALANCE THOSE NEEDS AND WHETHER IN 2023 WE
4 MIGHT WANT TO PURSUE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE A
5 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE OR A COMBINED MEASURE. SOME KIND OF
6 BROADER POTENTIAL QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURE. THE NEXT ITEM IN
7 ITALICS IS ON THE NEXT PAGE. THANK YOU. SO DOWN TO THE FOCUS
8 ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. ITEM 2A HERE IS, AT THIS POINT, I WOULD SAY
9 IT'S SOMEWHAT OF A PLACE HOLDER THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE
10 MAY WANT TO PURSUE SOME LEGISLATION TO ENSURE TIMELINE
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN
12 ADOPTED BY THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE, AND
13 THAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF YOUR WORKSHOP A FEW WEEKS AGO. REALLY,
14 THE FOCUS WOULD LIKELY BE ON HOW DO WE ENSURE AN ACCELERATED
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KEY ITEMS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED FOR
16 ACCELERATED ACTION, TRANSIT FARE INTEGRATION MAPPING AND WAY
17 FINDING AND TRANSIT PRIORITY. ON THE TRANSIT PRIORITY QUESTION
18 WE ALSO CALLED OUT THIS GOAL OF HOW DO WE GET BUSES OUT OF
19 TRAFFIC THAT'S A KEY NEED TO GET MORE RIDERS ON TO BUSES. SO
20 WE WANT TO SUPPORT EFFORTS SUCH AS AUTHORIZING PART-TIME
21 TRANSIT LANES ON SHOULDERS, ON HIGHWAY SHOULDERS AND OTHER
22 STRATEGIES TO REALLY SPEED UP TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECTS, SUCH
23 AS AN EXTENSION OF THE CEQA EXEMPTION THAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY
24 SENATE BILL 288. NEXT PAGE. ITEM 3A HERE RELATED TO HOUSING
25 IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT A NUMBER OF TIMES IN



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1 THE CONTEXT OF THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE AND THE BAY AREA
2 HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, OR BAHFA
3 OVERSIGHT. AND THAT IS POTENTIALLY SUPPORTING A CONSTITUTIONAL
4 AMENDMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR
5 NOVEMBER 2022. IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS A LITTLE BIT -- YEAH --
6 NOT QUITE CORRECT THERE, IN THE REFERENCE TO 2024, TO LOWER
7 THE VOTE THRESHOLD, FOR A HOUSING BOND, EITHER A LOCAL BOND,
8 OR A REGIONAL BOND TO AN EITHER MAJORITY OR 55%, AND THE IDEA
9 HERE WOULD BE JUST TO INCREASE THE CHANCES THAT WHEN WE DO
10 PURSUE A BAHFA REGIONAL HOUSING BOND THAT WE HAVE A GREATER
11 CHANCE OF PASSAGE. NEXT PAGE. LOOKS LIKE WE CAN KEEP GOING.
12 OKAY. NOW, ITEM 8A ON SB 375 IMPLEMENTATION AND REFORM. THIS
13 HAS BEEN AN ITEM IN THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY,
14 KIND OF MORE FOCUSED, THE CONCEPT. FOR STARTERS, JUST TO
15 REMIND EVERYONE, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF BILLS INTRODUCED THIS
16 YEAR, INCLUDING FROM OUR OWN FORMER COMMISSIONER, SENATOR
17 CORTESE, SB 475, AS WELL AS SENATOR ALAN, SB261, WHICH WE'RE
18 LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN JUST IMPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND THE
19 REAL-WORLD BENEFITS OF THE FRAMEWORK ON -- IN THE LAW, SB 375,
20 WHICH IS REALLY HOW WE DEVELOPED PLANNED BAY AREA. WHAT WE
21 REALLY WANT TO LOOK AT IS, HOW CAN WE MAKE THIS STRUCTURE MORE
22 FOCUSED ON NEAR-TERM IMPLEMENTATION. I THINK MTC HAS REALLY
23 BEEN A LEADER IN THE ADOPTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AS
24 PART OF PLANNED BAY AREA THAT HAS CONCRETE POLICY
25 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS THAT HELP DELIVER ON THE LONG-TERM



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1 GOALS. BUT THE STATUTE DOESN'T REALLY FOCUS ON THAT OR REWARD
2 THAT APPROACH. AND SO WE WANT TO LOOK AT WAYS WE REALLY CAN
3 MOVE FROM THIS EMPHASIS WITH AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME
4 SPENT ON MODELLING AND ARGUING OVER THE FORECAST OF 2050
5 VERSUS WHAT WE KNOW WE NEED TO DO WHEN IT COMES TO CLIMATE
6 CHANGE WHICH IS INCENTIVIZING REDUCTIONS IN THE NEAR-TERM. AND
7 ALSO CREATING MORE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE STATE STRATEGIES
8 WHICH IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR ARE FOCUSED ON
9 ELECTRIFICATION OF THE FLEET, AND THE REGIONAL STRATEGIES,
10 WHICH ARE FOCUSED ON REALLY MODE SHIFT AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE,
11 AND WE WANT TO, YOU KNOW, RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO, MAYBE, CREATE MORE ALIGNMENT THERE. AND
13 THEN, LASTLY, FINDING A WAY TO BETTER HARMONIZE THE POLICY
14 DIRECTION FROM THE STATE, AND NOT HAVE THINGS WORKING SO MUCH
15 IN SILOS WHERE SB 375 IS FOCUSED IN THE LAW, REALLY, 100% ON
16 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION. BUT WE KNOW WE ALSO NEED TO BE
17 GROWING IN A WAY THAT ENHANCES EQUITY IN A WAY THAT ADDRESSES
18 OUR CLIMATE RISKS SUCH AS SEA LEVEL RISE AND RESILIENCE AND SO
19 HOW DO WE CREATE THE FRAMEWORK IN THE LAW THAT RECOGNIZES
20 THOSE TRADEOFFS. NEXT PAGE. ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION CALLING
21 THAT OUT, IN PARTICULAR, WE HAD A REALLY BIG WIN THIS YEAR IN
22 THE LEGISLATURE. IN SACRAMENTO RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF
23 MULTI-YEAR FRAMEWORK FUNDING CLIMATE ADAPTATION PUTTING A
24 MARKER IN A TRAILER BILL FOR 125 MILLION IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET
25 FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WE WANT TO ADVOCATE TO MAKE SURE THAT



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1 ACTUALLY GETS APPROPRIATED, AND WE WILL WORK WITH STRATEGIC
2 GROWTH COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF PLANNING RESEARCH ON GUIDELINES
3 FOR FUNDING THAT WAS A APPROPRIATED THIS YEAR. ALSO WORKING ON
4 A BUDGET STRATEGY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSPORTATION
5 FOCUS CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROGRAM. LASTLY ON THE STATE SIDE,
6 ITEM TEN IS BROWN ACT REFORM. THIS JUST CAME UP MOMENTARILY
7 AGO, AND THAT IS TO LOOK AT CLEAN-UP FOR A.B. 361. THIS IS,
8 YOU KNOW, WAS GREAT THAT WE GOT AN EXTENSION, BUT, I THINK
9 EVERYBODY HAS NOTICED SOME OF THE, KIND OF, UNINTENDED SIDE
10 EFFECTS OF THE 30-DAY REQUIREMENT. WE HAVE HAD TO HAVE A
11 NUMBER OF MEETINGS JUST IN ORDER TO EXTEND THAT. IT REALLY
12 ISN'T THE BEST USE -- YOU KNOW, THE PUBLIC BOARD MEMBERS, AND
13 STAFF'S TIME, TO BE HOLDING MEETINGS JUST TO EXTEND THIS
14 FLEXIBILITY. SO I THINK THERE IS HOPEFULLY GOING TO BE SUPPORT
15 FOR DOING SOME URGENT CLEAN-UP LEGISLATION. AND THEN THERE IS
16 A LOT OF INTEREST, STILL, IN HAVING LONGER-TERM, FLEXIBILITY,
17 ESPECIALLY FOR REGIONAL AGENCIES, WHERE THE PUBLIC AND BOARD
18 MEMBERS DO HAVE TO TRAVEL, YOU KNOW, VERY FAR, TO MAKE IN-
19 PERSON MEETINGS. SO WE'RE IN COORDINATION WITH OUR OTHER
20 REGIONAL AGENCY PARTNERS WITH POTENTIALLY PURSUING A BILL THAT
21 WOULD PROVIDE THAT LONGER TERM FLEXIBILITY OUTSIDE OF THE
22 EMERGENCY CONTEXT. AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE AND SEE IF
23 THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS. AND WE WOULD LOVE TO GET YOUR
24 FEEDBACK ON THE STATE PORTION OF THE PROGRAM.

25



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** REBECCA, WE'LL FOCUS ON STATE FIRST
2 THEN WE'LL GO FEDERAL? OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, FIRST
3 ON THE STATE PORTION. I DO WANT TO ADDRESS ONE OF THE --
4 POSITIONS IN THE STATE ADVOCACY PLATFORM ON PAGE TWO, ITEM E,
5 A REGIONAL BALLOT MEASURE. AS WE ALL KNOW DEFERRED A DECISION
6 ABOUT PUTTING A REGIONAL MEASURE ON THE 2,022 BALLOT, IN FACT,
7 WE HAD A DISCUSSION, I THINK IT WAS ABOUT A MONTH AGO AT THE
8 JOINT ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ABOUT
9 RECENT POLLING THAT WAS CONDUCTED, WHICH DID NOT SHOW A VERY
10 FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT TO PUT A REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE ON THE
11 BALLOT I THINK CONSENSUS TO ADVOCATE FOR STATE LEGISLATION TO
12 LOWER THE THRESHOLD FOR PASSAGE OF HOUSING BONDS BUT ALSO
13 BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, HOUSING AND
14 STAKEHOLDERS, PUTTING A MEASURE ON THE 2024 BALLOT WHEN THE
15 CLIMATE MAY BE MORE FAVORABLE IT WILL ALSO GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 LAUNCH THE PILOT PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE INITIATED AND SECURED
17 STATE FUNDING FOR. AND REALLY SHOW PROOF OF CONCEPT THAT WE
18 CAN BUILD ON WHEN WE, HOPEFULLY, CONSIDER PUTTING A REGIONAL
19 MEASURE ON THE BALLOT. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH CHAIR PEDROZA
20 AND WITH MS. MCMILLAN THE NEED TO CONVENE A CONVERSATION,
21 EARLY NEXT YEAR, LIKELY JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, TO BEGIN
22 CONVERSATIONS AROUND A FUTURE HOUSING MEASURE. I UNDERSTAND
23 THAT CHAIR PEDROZA, AND I AM GOING TO GO TO HIM NEXT -- IS
24 ALSO CONVENING A DISCUSSION IN DECEMBER ON A FUTURE REGIONAL
25 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT



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1 LOSE THE MOMENTUM, BUT THAT WE CONTINUE THE CONVERSATIONS THAT
2 WE HAVE STARTED, AND OBVIOUSLY, A KEY PART OF THAT IS GOING TO
3 BE WHETHER WE SHOULD PUT TWO MEASURES ON THE BALLOT OR PURSUE
4 SOME, SORT OF, JOINT QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURE. AND SO, I JUST
5 WANT TO ANNOUNCE TO MY COLLEAGUES, THAT WE WILL BE, YOU KNOW,
6 FACILITATING A WORKSHOP, SOMETIME EARLY NEXT YEAR, ON THE
7 HOUSING QUESTION, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MTC IS GOING TO HAVE A
8 CONVERSATION ON THE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION. SO I'M GOING TO
9 ACTUALLY GO TO CHAIR PEDROZA FIRST.

10

11 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, AND YOU
12 SUMMARIZED IT VERY WELL, THE FACT THAT YOU AND I WORKING
13 CLOSELY TOGETHER TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LANDSCAPE LOOKS LIKE
14 IT'S CRITICAL AND IS REALLY SETTING THE STAGE IN ADDITION WE
15 HAD OUR ECONOMIC LISTENING TOUR WHEN WE WENT OUT INTO THE
16 COMMUNITY AND HEARD FROM STAKEHOLDER GROUPS TO TRY TO
17 UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE COMMONALITIES OF ISSUES WE'RE FACING
18 IN THE REGION AND A LOT OF IT WAS HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
19 AND HOW THEY INTERSECT AND I THINK PLANNED BAY AREA EPITOMIZES
20 THOSE ISSUES, AND WE HAVE TO TAKE IT STEP-BY-STEP AS WE TALKED
21 ABOUT IT AT THE WORKSHOP WE HAD AT MTC WE'RE GOING TO BE
22 HAVING A MEETING HOPING FOR DECEMBER 10TH THERE ARE SCHEDULING
23 CHANGES MIGHT BE BY A DAY OR SO WE'RE GOING TO DEDICATE THE
24 DAY TALKING ABOUT THE NEED DESPITE THE FUNDING WE RECEIVED
25 FROM STIMULUS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL THERE IS STILL



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1 FUNDING NEEDED IN THE REGION INCLUDING WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE
2 TALKING ABOUT IN NETWORK MANAGEMENT. THAT BEING SAID I'M
3 SUPPORTIVE OF YOU, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, CLAIMING THAT
4 OPPORTUNITY IN THE PLATFORM FOR FOLKS TO TALK ABOUT HOUSING.
5 AND ONCE WE DO THAT WE'LL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT
6 SOME OF THE NEXT STEPS ARE FOR US, SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR
7 THE OPPORTUNITY.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CHAIR PEDROZA. WE'LL GO NEXT
10 TO MAYOR EKLUND.

11

12 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. WHOOPS --
13 APPRECIATE THAT. I HAVE A QUESTION, AND FOUR COMMENTS. DID
14 YOU WANT ME TO DO IT ALL AT THE SAME TIME?

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ON THE STATE PORTION OF THE --

17

18 **PAT EKLUND:** ON THE STATE PORTION, YEAH.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES, PLEASE PROCEED.

21

22 **PAT EKLUND:** SO MY QUESTION IS, ON PAGE FIVE, UNDER CEQA. WHEN
23 I SEE THAT THERE IS A MOVE AFOOT TO TRY TO GET SOME MORE
24 EXEMPTIONS THAT EXPLORE MORE BROADENING EXEMPTIONS TO CEQA, I
25 GET A LITTLE NERVOUS BECAUSE I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF CEQA. SO,



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1 YOU CAN HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND WHERE, WHEN STAFF SAYS "AND
2 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO BROADEN ITS PROVISIONS TO INCLUDE
3 ADDITIONAL BUS, TRANSIT, PRIORITY PROJECTS, FOR MORE
4 EXEMPTIONS FOR CEQA" CAN YOU HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE
5 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OR PROJECTS ARE?

6

7 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU, DIRECTOR EKLUND. SO, I THINK, YOU
8 KNOW, AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE'RE
9 INTERESTED IN PURSUING IN THE BAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR. FOR
10 EXAMPLE, THERE MIGHT BE, YOU KNOW, LANE ADJUSTMENTS, WHERE
11 YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVIDE BUSES WITH SOME QUEUE JUMPING AND
12 THINGS OF THAT NATURE, NOTHING THAT WOULD BE ENHANCING OVERALL
13 CAPACITY, YOU KNOW, FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY VEHICLES SO IT WOULD
14 REALLY BE FOCUSED ON, AGAIN, HOW DO WE SPEED UP BUSES,
15 TRAFFIC, AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.

16

17 **PAT EKLUND:** GREAT. YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADD THAT AS SUCH AN
18 EXAMPLE JUST SO PEOPLE MAY NOT REALISTIC TO THAT. MY COMMENTS
19 START ON PAGE FOUR -- ON PAGE FOUR, THE PAGE BEFORE THIS. I
20 GUESS I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT AN ADVOCACY FOR MTC AND ABAG
21 THAT REALLY FURTHER REFINES AND TAKES AWAY LOCAL CONTROL. SO
22 IT SAYS HERE "SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO BOOST HOUSING DENSITY AND
23 SUPPORT -- [INDISCERNIBLE] HOUSING DENSITY ACCELERATE
24 PROTECTION HOUSING NEAR JOBS RICH HIGH QUALITY TRANSIT HIGH-
25 RESOURCE AREAS WITH REASONABLE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED



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1 THERE IS NO EXPLANATION ABOUT WHAT REASONABLE IS AND FRANKLY
2 SHOULDN'T EVEN HAVE A QUALIFICATION THERE SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT BE TALKING ABOUT LOCAL CONTROL. I
4 MEAN WE'RE LOOKING AT A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE TO PROHIBIT THE
5 STATE FROM TAKING FUTURE CONTROL AWAY FROM LOCALS HERE WE ARE
6 TREATING THIS AS AN ADVOCACY THEN IT SAYS SUPPORT PROPOSALS TO
7 AUTHORIZE HOUSING AS A PERMIT THE USE IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL
8 ZONES IS NOT ALLOWING -- IT'S SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONTROL BUT
9 IT'S NOT REQUIRING ZONING CHANGES. I REALLY THINK THAT ALL
10 THAT SHOULD BE UP TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. I MEAN, YOU COULD -
11 - INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO DO THIS, WHY NOT
12 SUPPORT FUNDING FOR CITIES TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THESE
13 ACCOMMODATIONS, BUT DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY. THAT
14 REALLY IS, TO ME, SOMETHING THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
15 SUPPORT. ON PAGE SIX WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT THE SB 375
16 IMPLEMENTATION AND REFORM, YOU PUT IN, TO INCORPORATE CLIMATE
17 RESILIENCY AND SOCIAL EQUITY GOALS. I SUPPORT THAT, BUT I ALSO
18 SUPPORT THAT WE NEED TO ALSO INCLUDE FIRE -- HIGH, AND VERY
19 HIGH FIRE ZONES. AND, SO, I REALLY THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE
20 RECOGNIZED AS PART OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY.
21 BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THE HIGH FIRE ZONES HAS QUITE AN IMPACT ON
22 THE AVAILABILITY OF PROPERTY FOR DEVELOPMENT. AND, THEN, ON
23 PAGE SEVEN, I JUST WANT TO THANK ABAG AND MTC FOR REALLY
24 PURSUING A.B. 361 CLEAN UP. NOT ONLY ON THE SHORT-TERM FOR A
25 LITTLE BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY, AND NOT HAVING TO DO IT EVERY 30



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1 DAYS, BECAUSE IT'S RIDICULOUS, BUT ALSO LONG-TERM. I HAVE
2 SAID THIS SO MANY TIMES, BUT I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN, IF WE,
3 AS AN ORGANIZATION, CALCULATED HOW MUCH GREENHOUSE GAS
4 EMISSIONS WE SAVED BY NOT DRIVING TO ALL THESE MEETINGS, I
5 THINK THAT THAT IS VERY PERSUASIVE FOR US TO HAVE THAT
6 AUTHORITY TO DO REMOTE MEETINGS. ON PAGE NINE, YOU TALK ABOUT
7 CONTINUED DISCUSSION FOR MTC AND THE STATE TO INVEST FUNDS IN
8 WAYS THAT FURTHERS OUR REGIONAL GOALS TO IMPROVE EQUITY, TO
9 RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE. YOU SHOULD INCLUDE ABAG IN THAT, AS
10 WELL. BECAUSE ABAG DOES DEAL WITH CLIMATE RESILIENCY TO OUR
11 SAN FRANCISCO RESTORATION AUTHORITY CONNECTION AND ALSO THE
12 BAY TRAIL. SO I WOULD ADD MTC TO THAT. THEN ON PAGE 10, WHEN
13 YOU TALK ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY, SOMEHOW SOMEWHERE IN
14 HERE WE NEED TO GET FUNDS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL IS
15 NOT YET COMPLETE, AND THERE ARE HUGE GAPS TO THE BAY TRAIL
16 WHICH HAVE TO BE COMPLETE, LIKE PEOPLE ARE RUINING THE
17 ENDANGERED SPECIES BECAUSE THERE IS A GAP IN THE BAY TRAIL AND
18 WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THE FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO
19 COMPLETE THAT PART OF IT WHICH GOES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
20 FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. SO THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS AND
21 THOUGHTS ON THIS DRAFT ADVOCACY PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
22 FOR ALLOWING US TO PROVIDE THAT INPUT, REBECCA. AND, CAROLE,
23 I LOVE YOUR KITTY. [LAUGHTER]

24

25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COMMISSIONER AHN?



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2 **EDDIE AHN:** YES. SO, I WANT TO BE HYPERFOCUSED ON ONE
3 PARTICULAR ISSUE, WHICH IS THE DEFINITION WORK AROUND EQUITY.
4 IT'S SOMETHING I HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST, AND I WAS
5 HAPPY TO SEE IN THE DOCUMENT THAT THERE IS REFERENCE TO
6 LEGISLATION POTENTIALLY THERE TO ESSENTIALLY IMPROVE UPON THE
7 DEFINITION OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE
8 COMMITTEE. SO THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROCESS WITH
9 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, CAL EPA TO ESSENTIALLY
10 TAKE THE CALENVIROSCREEN TOOL AND TRY TO WORK WITH THE
11 DEFINITION TO MAKE IT BETTER. THE LAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF
12 THIS MAPPING AND REDEFINITION EFFORT HAVE BEEN NOT GOING WELL
13 FOR THE BAY AREA AS A REGION, AND I WOULD WELCOME FURTHER
14 COMMENT FROM REBECCA ON THAT. BUT, MAYBE AS A FOLLOW-UP
15 QUESTION TOO, MORE GENERALLY, MTC HAS OUR OWN DEFINITION OF
16 EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES WHICH HELPS DETERMINE OUR VISION
17 FOR EQUITY IN THE REGION GIVEN THE STATE ADVOCACY AND STATE
18 FUNDING WORKING HOW DOES OUR OWN DEFINITION HELP TO DETERMINE
19 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS?

20

21 **REBECCA LONG:** THROUGHOUT CHAIR, SHOULD I RESPOND TO THAT?

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

24



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1 **REBECCA LONG:** YES, THANKS COMMISSIONER AHN FOR YOUR CONTINUED
2 ADVOCACY ON THIS ISSUE. I THINK THE REGION'S DEFINITION IS
3 HELPFUL. IT'S NOT GENERALLY USED, HOWEVER, IN STATE PROGRAMS,
4 AND IN FACT, I JUST LEARNED RECENTLY THAT THE ACTIVE
5 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH CTC THROUGH THE
6 STATE COMPETITIVE PROGRAM WHILE IT DOES ALLOW REGIONS TO USE
7 THEIR OWN DEFINITION YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE -- NO PUN
8 INTENDED -- IN TERMS OF THE SCORING, AND SO WHEREAS YOU GET
9 TEN POINTS, FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH THE CALENVIROSCREEN
10 DEFINITION, IF YOU SATISFY THAT DEFINITION FOR THE WHAT'S
11 CONSIDERED DISADVANTAGED ONLY GET SEVEN POINTS FOR THE RELYING
12 ON A REGIONAL DEFINITION UNFORTUNATELY TRYING TO MAKE THE CASE
13 FOR EVERY REGION TO DEFINE FOR THEMSELVES HAS NOT HAD ANY
14 TRACTION IN SACRAMENTO. AND AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE FROM THE
15 STATE'S PERSPECTIVE THAT I WANT CONSISTENCY, AND FOR
16 LEGISLATION SPECIFIC PROGRAMS DEFINING DISADVANTAGE, YES, YOU
17 CAN USE CALENVIROSCREEN BUT YOU CAN ALSO USE INCOME BASED
18 DEFINITION SUCH AS 80% MEDIAN INCOME OR COST OF LIVING. I
19 THINK THERE IS RECOGNITION THAT THAT MAKES SENSE. SO IT'S A
20 TOUGH ONE POLITICALLY.

21

22 **EDDIE AHN:** THANK YOU. I WILL COMMENT ON 4B AS WELL MAKING SURE
23 WE'RE INCORPORATING LINES ABOUT THE DISADVANTAGED, AND
24 DEFINITIONS AND OUR DESIRE TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS ON THAT.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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3 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. I HOPE I DIDN'T MISS
4 MY OPPORTUNITY HERE. I HEARD ADVOCACY FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL AND
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROJECT, THERE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
6 IS NOT A BLANKET ADVOCACY FOR ALL HIGH SPEED RAIL IN OUR
7 REGION. CURRENTLY THROUGHOUT SAN MATEO COUNTY -- THE PROPOSE
8 THE PLAN -- IT CAN HAPPEN THE RIGHT WAY -- SO, WE'RE NOT
9 AGAINST HIGH SPEED RAIL BUT THE PROPOSED PLAN DISRUPTS
10 APPROVED HOUSING UNITS AND FUTURE HOUSING UNITS WHICH ARE VERY
11 IMPORTANT TO THIS BODY WHICH I KNOW FOR SURE. SO WE ARE
12 LOOKING AT THOUSANDS OF HOUSING UNITS WHICH WILL BE DISRUPTED
13 BY THE CURRENT PLAN THAT HIGH SPEED RAIL HAS IN NORTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA AND THEIR EFFORTS TO SAY WE WORKED THROUGH THAT ARE
15 NOT TRUE. WE HOPE THEY WILL CHANGE THEIR PLAN AND REALLY ALLOW
16 US TO CONTINUE WITH OUR HOUSING PROJECTS. SO I THANK YOU FOR
17 THAT OPPORTUNITY. AND I HOPE THAT WE -- ANY LETTER WE SEND IN
18 SUPPORT OF HIGH SPEED RAIL IS CLEAR AS TO OUR REGION MOVING
19 FORWARD. THANK YOU, SIR.

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER CANEPA?

22

23 **DAVID CANEPA:** I WANT TO THANK REBECCA'S STAFF. I THINK THE
24 STATE ADVOCACY GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES, ALIGN WITH, SORT OF, THE
25 REGION. I GUESS, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE -- MY THOUGHTS IS -- AND



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1 MY CONCERN, I WANT TO ASK REBECCA A QUESTION, IT GOES TO HIGH
2 SPEED RAIL FUNDING, ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS I WANT TO GET A
3 FLAVOR OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SACRAMENTO WITH THESE PROP 1A
4 FUNDS BEING POTENTIALLY DIVERTED. YOU KNOW, GOING THROUGH
5 DIFFERENT SENATE LINES, ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LINES BEING SHIFTED
6 POWER MOVED TO LOS ANGELES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA I'M CURIOUS IS
7 THAT SOMETHING THAT'S A REAL CONVERSATION THAT'S TAKING PLACE
8 IN THE CAPITAL?

9

10 **REBECCA LONG:** COMMISSIONER CANEPA, JUST TO MAKE SURE I
11 UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION, IS A REAL CONVERSATION HAPPENING TO
12 USE THE PROP 1A FUNDS FOR OTHER LOCAL PROJECTS?

13

14 **DAVID CANEPA:** YES. IN LOS ANGELES OR ELSEWHERE?

15

16 **REBECCA LONG:** RIGHT. I DO THINK THAT HAS BEEN PART OF THE
17 CONVERSATION, PARTICULARLY FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS LOOKING
18 AT WHAT ARE SOME OTHER RAIL PROJECTS IN SOCAL THAT COULD
19 QUALIFY FOR THOSE FUNDS. I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW,
20 ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE VERY CLEAR THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY DO NOT
21 SUPPORT THAT, BUT THEY ARE FOCUSED ON THE CENTRAL VALLEY
22 SEGMENT, I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE -- IN OUR COMMUNICATION,
23 THROUGHOUT THE LAST YEAR, INDICATED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE
24 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS TO THE
25 CENTRAL VALLEY. I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, AS THE NEGOTIATIONS



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1 CONTINUE, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT
2 STAYS ON TRACK, YOU KNOW? BUT SHOULD THERE BE SOME EFFORT TO,
3 YOU KNOW, COMPLETELY REPROGRAM THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WILL
4 CERTAINLY -- WE WILL CERTAINLY STAY ENGAGED IN THAT AND LOOK
5 AT HOW CAN PROJECTS IN THE BAY AREA, THAT ARE TIED TO THE HIGH
6 SPEED RAIL PROJECT, YOU KNOW, ENSURE THAT THOSE ALSO BENEFIT.
7 SO, IT'S ALL ABOUT STAYING IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH THE
8 HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY AND THE ADMINISTRATION, AND, AGAIN,
9 WE SUPPORT THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS
10 DIRECTLY THROUGH THE CENTRAL VALLEY SEGMENT.

11

12 **DAVID CANEPA:** I'LL CONCLUDE WITH THESE FINAL COMMENTS. I JUST
13 THINK IT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE STAY FOCUSED AS A
14 REGION ON HIGH SPEED RAIL. YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER, MANY, MANY
15 YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS A YOUNG STAFFER, TRANSBAY RAIL GOING TO
16 UNION STATION, SO I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO STAY
17 VIGILANT, TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE ARE DOLLARS THAT THIS
18 REGION NEEDS, AND OBVIOUSLY WE'RE SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR
19 BAKERSFIELD TO MERCED, I THINK, FOR ME, PERSONALLY, I THINK
20 HIGH SPEED RAIL IS, I THINK, FOR A STATE, PROBABLY THE MOST
21 IMPORTANT ISSUE AND HOW WE GET THERE IS CRITICAL. SO I'M GLAD
22 WE'RE ENGAGED. I LIKE TO SEE SOME ADDITIONAL DOLLARS, YOU
23 KNOW, COME TO THE BAY AREA, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO
24 DELIVER ON OUR END WHEN APPROPRIATE. BUT, TO ME, HIGH SPEED
25 RAIL IS THE, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF PROJECTS, PROBABLY THE MOST



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1 IMPORTANT THING THAT WE CAN DO AS A STATE. AND WE HAVE SEEN,
2 ALL OF US, I AM SURE WE HAVE ALL BEEN TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND
3 SEEN IT WORK EFFECTIVELY AND I HOPE STAFF CONTINUES TO
4 ADVOCATE AND I HATE TO USE THIS WORD "AGGRESSIVELY" ON MAKING
5 SURE THAT HIGH SPEED RAIL BECOMES A REALITY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER CONNOLLY?

8

9 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. I'LL JUST
10 KIND OF GO DOWN A LIST OF A FEW COMMENTS. STARTING WITH ITEM
11 1J, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, WHICH MARIN IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF.
12 MAYBE TO INCLUDE A POINT TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING THE BACKLOG OF
13 HIGH SCORING APPLICATIONS FROM PREVIOUS CYCLES WITH ADDITIONAL
14 FUNDING, IN ADDITION LOOKING AT NEW APPLICATIONS, AS WELL AS
15 SUPPORTING A STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STATE FUNDS,
16 SO THAT THE PROCESS DOESN'T DISADVANTAGE SMALL AGENCIES WITH
17 LIMITED BUDGETS. IT OFTENTIMES REQUIRES, YOU KNOW,
18 CONSULTANTS, ET CETERA, SO JUST SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND.
19 TWO. B GETTING BUSES OUT OF TRAFFIC AGAIN, VERY SUPPORTIVE. IN
20 PARTICULAR, MARIN IS INTERESTED IN BUS ON SHOULDER, AS I HAVE
21 MENTIONED IN THE PAST, OR PART-TIME TRANSIT LANE. SO I THINK
22 IT GOES TOWARD THAT. ON ITEM 3C, I THINK I'M GOING TO AGREE IN
23 PART WITH MY COLLEAGUE IN NOVATO, AND SOMEWHAT DISAGREE IN
24 PART, WHERE I WOULD ACTUALLY COME OUT A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY
25 IS IN ACTUALLY STRONG SUPPORT OF THE LANGUAGES AUTHORIZING



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1 HOUSING AS A PERMITTED USE IN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ZONES. I
2 THINK THAT'S A REAL OPPORTUNITY HERE. AND I THINK IT'S REALLY,
3 LEGISLATION, AS APPROPRIATE TO ENABLE LOCALITY TO DO THAT MORE
4 AS A WAY TO DO THAT MORE IS HOW I'M READING THAT. AND IT SAYS
5 "SUBJECT TO LOCAL APPROVAL." ON ONE HAND I KIND OF SEE THE
6 POINT OF USING THE TERM "REASONABLE" IN TERMS OF LOCAL
7 FLEXIBILITY THAT SEEMS TO OPEN IT UP QUITE A BIT AND THERE IS
8 INHERENT TENSION WITH CONCERN AROUND TOP-DOWN SOLUTIONS VERSUS
9 WORKING WITH OUR LOCALITY. SO THAT POINT IS WELL TAKEN. AND
10 THEN JUST QUICKLY, ITEM EIGHT, CLIMATE, WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE
11 FOR FUNDING FOR PLANNING ADAPTATION, ELECTRIFICATION, ET
12 CETERA, SO IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT PRIORITIZED. AND ITEM NINE
13 FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF VISION ZERO CONCEPTS BUT SUGGEST ADDING
14 STRONGER LANGUAGE ABOUT SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR SAFETY,
15 EDUCATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS ON LOCAL ROADS. AND OVERALL
16 SHARING IN THE THANKS TO STAFF FOR THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT
17 WENT INTO THIS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER WORTH?

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21 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. YOU KNOW, MAYOR ARREGUIN,
22 I REALLY, FIRST OF ALL, WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
23 ON THIS, OUR WORK TOGETHER ON THIS COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE
24 BAY AREA HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HAS REALLY GIVEN US
25 A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE PHENOMENAL CRISIS THAT OUR



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1 STATE IS HAVING. AND I KNOW, NOT SAYING ANYTHING WE ALL DON'T
2 KNOW, BUT, I FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR PUTTING
3 TOGETHER THIS -- ALL THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. YOU KNOW, THE WORK
4 WE'RE DOING ON THE BAY BRIDGE -- THE BRIDGE FORWARDS, AND
5 TRANSIT PRIORITY, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS TO TRY TO
6 ACCOMPLISH THIS, AND THIS IS SO IMPORTANT ACROSS OUR REGION.
7 SO, WE'RE GOING TO NEED THE HELP FROM OUR STATE LEGISLATORS TO
8 CLEAR THE WAY TO DO THESE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES THAT WILL GET
9 PEOPLE BACK ON TRANSIT. BUT I DID WANT TO FOCUS ON THE
10 HOUSING LEGISLATION. FIRST OF ALL, AGAIN, I REALLY WANT TO
11 THANK STAFF FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO MOVING THE BALL
12 FORWARD, BUT ALSO THE LANGUAGE THAT TALKS ABOUT LOOKING AT,
13 YOU KNOW, STATEWIDE INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS
14 TO INCREASE HOUSING PRODUCTION. AND, AS YOU SAY, REASONABLE
15 LOCAL FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED. I THINK THAT'S A VERY THOUGHTFUL
16 APPROACH TO RECOGNIZING WE HAVE THIS HUGE PROBLEM IN OUR
17 STATE. EVERY CITY NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED IN T BUT ALSO THE
18 RECOGNITION THAT IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A ONE SIZE FITS ALL. SO
19 MY CONCERN ABOUT NOT MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS IS A COUPLE OF
20 THINGS. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN GRAPPLING WITH THIS HOUSING
21 CHALLENGE AND IT OCCURS TO ME THAT IT'S A THREE LEGGED STOOL
22 WHERE WE GOT OURSELVES INTO THIS PERFECT STORM. THE FIRST ONE
23 IS AVAILABLE LAND. YOU KNOW? WE, BECAUSE WE HAVE DONE THESE,
24 WE HAVE FOCUSED ON INFILL PROJECTS WE HAVE URBAN LIMIT LINES
25 ACROSS THE REGION, YOU KNOW, THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE LAND IS



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1 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. THIS IS WHY I WAS SO SUPPORTIVE OF
2 SENATOR WIENER'S BILL TO SUPPORT SB99 TO OPEN UP FAITH
3 COMMUNITY PROPERTY WHICH IS 37,000 ACRE IN CALIFORNIA WE
4 REALLY HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE MOVE FORWARD WITH IDENTIFYING
5 ADDITIONAL LAND HELP CITIES DO THAT. SECOND ISSUE IS ZONING.
6 WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS. I KNOW IF THERE IS
7 TENSION BETWEEN STATE PRIORITIES AND LOCAL ZONING, BUT WE -- I
8 REMEMBER YEARS AGO, PEOPLE WERE POSED TO ADUS AND GOING AFTER
9 UP TO SACRAMENTO AND TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE OF
10 CALIFORNIA CITIES ON THIS AND HAVING A VERY THOUGHTFUL
11 CONVERSATION WITH, NOW, SACRAMENTO MAYOR STEINBERG WHEN HE WAS
12 IN THE LEGISLATURE, AND HE SAID, I KNOW, AMY, THAT A LOT OF
13 THE CITIES ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING AND YOU'RE DOING ADUS,
14 BUT THERE ARE A LOT THAT AREN'T. AND THE LOOK WHERE WE ARE
15 TODAY. OUR COMMUNITIES LOVE ADUS THEY'RE WONDERFUL FOR FAMILY
16 FORMATIONS FOR MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY, AND THEY HAVE BEEN
17 SO SUCCESSFUL. SO THE ZONING, I THINK WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
18 LOOK AT WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO BUILD THE KIND OF HOUSING
19 THAT WE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN ALL THE COMMUNITIES OF
20 CALIFORNIA, ALL THE CITIES AND COUNTIES. MY CONCERN ABOUT
21 MOVING BACKWARDS IN TERMS OF STATEWIDE PRIORITIES IS YOU WILL
22 HAVE CITIES THAT ARE GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING THAT WILL
23 CONTINUE TO ZONE, BUT THERE ARE ALSO CITIES THAT WILL NOT. AND
24 WHEN YOU LOOK AT INFORMATION IN THE PRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, OF,
25 YOU KNOW, OF, WHAT ARE THE CITIES IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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1 ARENA THAT ZONE THE RHNA AT THEIR CITY HALL I DON'T KNOW WHAT
2 THEIR CITY HALL LOOKS LIKE BUT WE REALLY WANT GOOD FAITH
3 EFFORTS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN ALL OF OUR RHNA AND I FEEL
4 CONFIDENT IN THE BAY AREA THAT ALL OUR CITIES WILL BE DOING
5 THAT. BUT THE OTHER THING IS MONEY. YOU KNOW, WE ABSOLUTELY
6 HAVE TO ADVOCATE FOR ALL THE MONEY WE CAN GET FROM THAT STATE
7 BUDGET TO RETURN THE FUNDING FLOW TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT
8 HAPPENED WITH THE DEMISE OF REDEVELOPMENT. AND I JUST THINK
9 THAT THIS IS SUCH A CRITICAL CRISIS. WHEN YOU DRIVE DOWN OUR
10 STREETS, AND YOU SEE TENT AFTER TEN UNDER FREEWAYS, AND THE
11 HOMELESS SITUATION, THE FACT THAT YOUNG FAMILIES ARE FLEEING
12 THE BAY AREA, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE HERE. SO,
13 FORGIVE MY -- KIND OF, LENGTHY COMMENDATION ON THIS, BUT I
14 REALLY THINK THAT THE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM THAT OUR STAFF HAS
15 DEVELOPED REALLY REFLECT BOTH THIS URGENCY AND MOVING FORWARD
16 WITH THIS PRIORITIES, BUT ALSO DOES IT IN A VERY THOUGHTFUL
17 WAY THAT RECOGNIZES THAT WE HAVE MANY CITIES IN OUR REGION
18 THAT VARY IN SIZE AND IN LOCATION AND IN ACCESS TO TRANSIT,
19 AND THIS ACCOMMODATES THAT ABILITY TO WORK WITH LOCALS, BUT
20 ALSO TO KEEP THE BALL MOVING FORWARD. SO, THANK YOU.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

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24 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE
25 COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER WORTH, WHICH I HAD WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE



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1 WITH. AND I THINK THAT STAFF HAS DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB OF
2 KIND OF WALKING THAT GOOD LINE ON 3C, AND I HOPE WE STICK
3 THERE. I ALSO WANTED TO, SORT OF, ASK IF THERE WAS AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE IN THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATIVE
5 PRIORITIES, LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF
6 IMPLEMENTING CAPTI, THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR
7 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS WHICH WAS PUT OUT AFTER A LOT OF
8 CONSULTATION WITH CALSTA LAST YEAR AND I THINK IT GETS ALL THE
9 STATE A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MUCH MORE ALIGNED WITH OUR
10 PRIORITIES AS A REGION IN TERMS OF, SORT OF, MAINTENANCE AND,
11 FOCUSING ON MAINTENANCE, AND FOCUSING ON TRANSIT AND OTHER
12 SUSTAINABLE MODES. AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT
13 REALLY, REALLY IS -- WOULD BE, SORT OF, A MEANINGFUL
14 OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER, KIND OF, PLANNED BAY AREA'S
15 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT VISION. AND THEN THE OTHER THING
16 THAT I HOPE THAT WE CAN BUILD-OUT IS, SORT OF, THE FOCUS TO
17 HAVING -- THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS ON
18 SUCCESSFULLY OPERATING A TOLL SYSTEM. AND I REALLY -- I MEAN
19 -- I THINK THIS IS THE YEAR WHERE WE REALLY HAVE TO KIND OF
20 TRY AND -- AND I KNOW STAFF HAS BEEN DOING AN INCREDIBLE JOB
21 ON THIS, I REALLY THINK THERE IS A REASON TO CONTINUE TO TRY
22 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT THE SUBJECT OF, SORT OF,
23 IRRESPONSIBLE STATE LAWS THAT JUST MAKE IT REALLY DIFFICULT
24 FOR US TO OPERATE A TOLL SYSTEM WITHOUT GETTING SUED ALL THE
25 TIME. AND I THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THAT, AS



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1 WELL, TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN KIND OF PURSUE OUR EQUITY VISION
2 FOR TOLLING, AND THAT THE STATE DOESN'T GET IN THE WAY OF
3 THAT, AND THAT THE STATE IS FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. FOR
4 INSTANCE, MAYBE WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO PURSUE LEGISLATION OR
5 WORKING WITH THE DMV SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR
6 ADDRESS IN TWO PLACES WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS AT THE DMV
7 SO THAT WHEN WE SEND YOU A TOLL VIOLATION IT WILL GET TO YOUR
8 HOUSING AND NOT TO THE ADDRESS THAT YOU FORGOT TO CHANGE WITH
9 DMV WHEN YOU SHOULD CHANGE BOTH WHEN YOU DO YOUR TRANSFERS.
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR HUDSON.

13

14 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** IF IT EVER POPS UP THAT WE DID IT ON OUR
15 ADVOCACY AND THAT'S A SECOND MARKET FOR LOANS THAT WE'RE GOING
16 TO BE MAKING TO DO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AN EXAMPLE, IN MY CITY,
17 I JUST LOANED TEN AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO A DEVELOPER AT
18 .79%, FOREVER, IT SEEMS LIKE, TO DO VERY LOW AND LOW-INCOME.
19 126 UNITS. AND THAT'S GOING WIPE OUT MY FUNDS TO LOAN OR TO
20 GIVE, TO SUPPORT DOING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND A REGULAR
21 MORTGAGE MARKET WE CAN GO OUT, FANNIE MAE, FREDDIE MAC CAN GO
22 OUT AND BUY THESE THINGS AND MAKE MORE LOANS THAN THEY DO
23 ADMINISTRATION, WHEN WE CAN GET BACK SEVEN AND A HALF MILLION
24 IN TWO AND A HALF YEARS 3 MILLION FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS BUILD
25 IT BACK UP TURN AROUND IMMEDIATELY AND GO OUT AND OFFER THIS



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1 TO THE SAME DEVELOPER WHO WANTED TO DO IT. AND OTHER PLACES
2 AROUND TOWN. BUT THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THAT. ONCE IT'S GONE,
3 IT'S GONE. THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN A SUCCESS TO REPEAT
4 IT. AND THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, IF WE CAN REPEAT THE
5 SUCCESS FOR THE SAME PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING IT, THAT'S WHERE
6 THE FUNDING SHOULD GO IMMEDIATELY. OTHERWISE, BY THE TIME THE
7 FIRST REVIEW COMES AROUND FOR THESE RHNA NUMBERS THERE IS
8 GOING TO BE A LOT OF COMPLAINT A LOT MORE THAN THERE IS NOW.
9 THAT'S MY POINT: LOOK FOR A SECONDARY MARKET

10

11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAYOR HALLIDAY

12

13 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** BRIEFLY, ON THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION, IT'S NOT
14 NECESSARY THAT IT'S IN OUR LEGISLATIVE PLAN BUT JUST PLAN THAT
15 WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON HOW THAT FUNDING IS GOING TO BE
16 PRIORITIZED. AND ALLOCATED BASED ON WHETHER IT'S PLANNING OR
17 ACTUALLY PROJECTS, IF THE PLANNING IS DONE. AND I KNOW THAT WE
18 HAD A LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT PREVIOUSLY AND I DON'T
19 REMEMBER EXACTLY HOW WE WEIGHED IN BUT MAYBE WE CAN GET A
20 REPORT AT SOME POINT ON THAT I'M THINKING HOW DID WE COME DOWN
21 ON THAT, AND HOW IS THAT OVERALL PLANNING GOING TO WORK ON A
22 REGIONAL LEVEL. ON THE ZERO -- VISION ZERO AND SPEED, AND --
23 VERY GLAD TO SEE IF THERE, THE CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR
24 AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY THAT
25 FAILED LAST YEAR BUT I THINK IT'S COMING BACK THIS YEAR MTC



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1 LEGISLATIVE STAFF ACTC STAFF WERE MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN YOU
2 WERE REBECCA, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE HAD A TRAGIC
3 PERSONAL EXAMPLE, SOMEONE THAT MOST OF ALL IN ALAMEDA COUNTY
4 NEW, WHO WAS KILLED LAST WEEK IN THE CITY OF ALAMEDA AT THE
5 PEDESTRIAN WALK, AND HER DOG. WILMA CHAN. IT HAPPENS, AND WE
6 NEED TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THAT. I WANT TO ADD THAT
7 YESTERDAY, I ACCOMPANIED MY HUSBAND TO THE SONOMA RACE TRACK
8 WHERE WE GOT TO TEST DRIVE THE RIVIAN ALL ELECTRIC CAR, BUT IN
9 DOING THAT, I HAVE TO SAY, HIGHWAY 37, WHICH I HADN'T BEEN ON
10 IN QUITE SOMETIME, OH MY GOD, IT'S JUST AWFUL FOR A ROAD. SO,
11 EVEN THOUGH THAT'S TOTALLY OUT OF MY OWN REGION, OR MY OWN
12 COUNTY. [LAUGHTER] THAT, MAN, THAT NEEDS SOME ATTENTION.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER EXCESS ON THE
16 STATE ADVOCACY PLATFORM? SUPERVISOR RABBIT

17

18 **DAVID RABBIT:** AS CHAIR OF THE HIGHWAY POLICY COMMITTEE FOR
19 HIGHWAY 37 THANK YOU FOR TAKING THAT TRIP AND UNDERSTANDING
20 THE CHALLENGES THAT WE ALL FACE WITH THAT PARTICULAR ROADWAY.
21 THE FOUR COUNTIES STEPPED UP WHEN THE STATE STEPPED ASIDE AND
22 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WELL WITH MTC AND I THINK WE'LL TALK
23 ABOUT THAT FURTHER PERHAPS IN THE NEXT ITEM EVEN ABOUT HOW TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL ADVOCATES FOR IMPROVING THAT



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1 PARTICULAR ROADWAY. I THINK THERE IS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES
2 THERE. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT, BARBARA.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR
5 COMMENTS ON THE STATE ADVOCACY PLATFORM? COMMISSIONER
6 FLEMING?

7

8 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
9 TO REALLY ECHO COMMISSIONER WORTH'S COMMENTS AND SAY THAT I
10 COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH HER SENTIMENTS. AND, ALSO, A
11 SECONDARY THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER HALLIDAY ABOUT POINTING
12 OUT HOW DIFFICULT HIGHWAY 37 IS.

13

14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR
15 COMMENTS ON THE STATE ADVOCACY PLATFORM? OKAY. IF NOT, I'M
16 GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO GEORGIA ON THE FEDERAL PLATFORM.

17

18 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN,
19 MTC AND ABAG STAFF. COULD WE BRING UP THE FEDERAL PORTION OF
20 THE PLATFORM, AS WELL? THANK YOU. SO, I'M GOING TO STAY A
21 LITTLE BIT HIGH-LEVEL ON THE FEDERAL PLATFORM AS YOU KNOW
22 COMING OUT OF DC THE LAST WEEK, ON THE FED, A LOT OF THESE ARE
23 MOVING PIECES AND WE EXPECT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS ARE GOING TO
24 HAVE TO CHANGE. ON THE FIRST ELEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND
25 HOUSING FUNDING, I THINK WHAT'S TO RELAY THAT OUR FOCUS IS



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1 GOING TO BE IS ON OUR PROPOSED FOCUS IS GOING TO BE ON
2 ENSURING THAT THE BAY AREA WOULD RECEIVE, ONE, THAT THE
3 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE INVESTMENT IN
4 SERVICE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING, AND ALSO THAT THE BAY AREA
5 WOULD RECEIVE OUR FAIR SHARE. SO, ON 1A, I WANT TO
6 ACKNOWLEDGE, IT'S A VERY BIG DEAL THAT CONGRESS PASSED AN
7 INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE LAST WEEK. I'M NOT GOING TO FULLY
8 BREATHE DEEPLY UNTIL AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY ON MONDAY, BUT
9 AFTER THE PRESIDENT SIGNS THAT BILL, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'RE
10 GOING TO SEE IS INCORPORATED INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE
11 INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT IS A FIVE-YEAR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
12 AUTHORIZATION. AND JUST A REMINDER IS THAT THAT LONG-TERM
13 AUTHORIZATION IS WHAT REALLY SETS FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
14 FUNDING AND POLICY GUIDANCE, YOU KNOW, FOR THE NEXT FIVE
15 YEARS. SO IT'S MOST OF OUR ADVOCACY OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS
16 AROUND THE FEDERAL FUNDING SIDE HAS BEEN AROUND TRYING TO
17 ADVANCE AND SUPPORT A ROBUST TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION. SO
18 THAT'S WHAT WE GOT, AND THAT'S A VERY BIG WIN. NOW, WHAT WE
19 EXPECT IS THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO FOCUS MOST OF OUR ADVOCACY ON
20 ITEMS C AND D HERE, AND SO THAT WOULD BE ENSURING THAT
21 CONGRESS LIVES UP TO THE FUNDING LEVELS THAT ARE OUTLINED IN
22 THE SPENDING DEAL AS THEY ADVANCE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS. JUST
23 AS A REMINDER, THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND THE SURFACE
24 TRANSPORTATION BILL HAS QUITE A BIT OF RESOURCES THAT ARE
25 EFFECTIVELY GUARANTEED BUT THERE ARE ALSO QUITE A BIT OF



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1 RESOURCE IN THERE THAT OUTLINES GOALS FOR WHAT CONGRESS WANTS
2 TO SPEND ON TRANSPORTATION. AND THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE
3 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, SORT OF, TAKING A FURTHER STEP TO APPROVE
4 ENEMY IN THEIR ANNUAL SPENDING PROCESSES. SO THAT'S WHAT
5 WE'LL BE REALLY FOCUSING ON C, IS HELPING TO REALIZE THOSE
6 SPENDING GOALS. AND THEN ON D HERE, ANOTHER, SORT OF, BIG
7 FOCUS WILL BE SUPPORTING BAY AREA PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES IN
8 RECEIVING DISCRETIONARY GRANTS, AS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
9 TRANSPORTATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
10 DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAND OUT RESOURCES THAT ARE APPROVED. NEXT
11 PAGE, PLEASE. SO -- THANK YOU. SO, THE OTHER PENDING BIG
12 PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT YOU ARE ALL VERY AWARE OF IS THE
13 CLIMATE AND SOCIAL SPENDING RECONCILIATION BILL, THAT ROUGHLY
14 \$2 TRILLION SPENDING PACKAGE THAT WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE
15 BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. AND WE DO HAVE THAT IN HERE AS
16 A PLACE HOLDER. WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT CONGRESS PASSES THAT IN
17 2021 AND WE GET TO REMOVE THAT FROM OUR 2022 ADVOCACY PROGRAM.
18 BUT A COUPLE OF ELEMENTS TO CALL OUT IN THAT RECONCILIATION
19 PACKAGE, THE BUILD BACK BETTER RECONCILIATION PACKAGE WE'RE
20 REALLY WATCHING ON THE HOUSING SIDE AND ONE PIECE THAT FOLKS
21 AT THE STATE SPOKE TO ABOUT NEED FOR NEW HOUSING RESOURCES TO
22 BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THIS NEED HERE IS REALLY ABOUT
23 SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION IN THAT RECONCILIATION PACKAGE,
24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCING TOOLS THAT ARE REALLY CRITICAL TO
25 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE PROVISIONS THAT ARE IN THE



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1 PACKAGE, IN THE DRAFT PACKAGE RIGHT NOW WOULD HAVE A
2 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCING TOOLS
3 THAT COULD MEAN ALMOST DOUBLING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
4 PRODUCTION ON THE GROUND IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND SO,
5 OVER THE COMING MONTHS AND PERHAPS INTO NEXT YEAR A BIG FOCUS
6 OF OUR ADVOCACY WILL BE RETAINING THOSE HOUSING FINANCING
7 TOOLS IN ANY FINAL PACKAGE. SB2, THE DIRECT GRANTS THAT COME
8 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
9 URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE PROPOSAL IS TO REALLY SUPPORT ROBUST
10 FUNDING FOR THOSE DIRECT LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS, AND G SPEAKS
11 TO REQUEST THAT THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY TO TAKE
12 ADVANTAGE OF SOME OF THE HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN HOUSING THAT
13 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO MAKE. THE IDEA HERE IS
14 THAT BAHFA WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPETE FOR SOME HOUSING RESOURCES
15 THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THIS
16 IS A VERY BIG ASK. THE FEDERAL -- SORT OF, FEDERAL HOUSING
17 RESOURCES ARE NOT STRUCTURED, UNLIKE TRANSPORTATION, TO REALLY
18 SUPPORT A REGIONAL FOCUS, OR A REGIONAL STRATEGY TO -- ON
19 HOUSING, AND SO, WHAT WE ARE ASKING HERE, WE'RE WORKING WITH A
20 LOT OF OUR HOUSING PARTNERS ON THE GROUND AND REALLY TRYING TO
21 SECURE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BAHFA TO COMPETE POTENTIALLY FOR
22 RESOURCES IN THE RECONCILIATION BILL. AND SOME GOOD NEWS TO
23 REPORT IS THAT SENATORS PADILLA AND FEINSTEIN ARE ACTIVELY
24 WORKING TO GET THIS ADDED INTO THE RECONCILIATION BILL ON THE
25 SENATE SIDE. AND IF WE -- THAT'S A LONG SHOT -- SO IF WE



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1 AREN'T ABLE TO SECURE THAT THIS YEAR, THEN THERE WILL BE --
2 THERE ARE ALSO SOME CONVERSATIONS ONGOING WITH OUR HOUSE
3 CHAMPION, WHICH IS CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE TO SEE IF THERE
4 IS ATTRACTION TO SECURE SOME OPPORTUNITY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS
5 THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND SPENDING BILL DOWN THE ROAD. NOW
6 I'LL GO NUMBER TWO HERE WHICH IS A FOCUS ON THE SURFACE
7 TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION. AND, AGAIN, I THINK WE'LL BE
8 FOCUSING NOW ON THIS, I THINK. AND BECAUSE OF THE GOOD NEWS
9 THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL HAS PASSED, THIS TRANSPORTATION
10 REAUTHORIZATION BILL, THIS WILL REALLY BE ON IMPLEMENTING BILL
11 THAT CONGRESS JUST PASSED AND WORKING WITH ADMINISTRATION TO
12 ENSURE THAT THE LAW, THE WAY THEY IMPLEMENT THE LAW IS
13 CONSISTENT WITH OUR REAUTHORIZATION PRIORITIES. NEXT PAGE
14 PLEASE? CLIMATE PROTECTION ADAPTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
15 JUSTICE: THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN ON OUR FEDERAL
16 ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR YEARS, NOW. AND, SORT OF, THE GOOD NEWS
17 ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND DISASTER MITIGATION AND
18 RESILIENCE PIECE IS, THERE IS -- THERE ARE A LOT OF RESOURCES
19 THAT WE ARE TRACKING CLOSELY AND SUPPORTING IN BOTH THE
20 INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE THAT JUST PASSED AND IN THE PROPOSED
21 RECONCILIATION BILL THAT COULD BRING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO
22 THE BAY AREA TO SUPPORT CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND
23 RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENTS. AND SO, I THINK IF THOSE -- IF THE
24 FUNDING PACKAGES ARE ALL IMPLEMENTED BY THE END OF 2021, THIS
25 FOCUS WILL SHIFT TOWARDS WORKING WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO



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1 BRING THE RESOURCES THAT CONGRESS APPROVES, TO THE BAY AREA. I
2 WANT TO CALL OUT, THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP, REALLY GOOD NEWS
3 THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL CONGRESS JUST PASSED THE ESTUARY
4 PARTNERSHIP WOULD RECEIVE A SIGNIFICANT BOOST IN RESOURCES.
5 THAT IS GREAT NEWS. THAT BOOST, THOUGH, IS ONLY A TEMPORARY
6 INCREASE IN RESOURCES. IT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT MONEY FOR FIVE
7 YEARS. SO WE ANTICIPATE THAT OUR CHAMPIONS IN CONGRESS,
8 CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPHERE AND OUR TWO SENATORS WILL CONTINUE
9 THIS YEAR TO TRY TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION TO SECURE PERMANENT
10 INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY FUNDING. WE WANT
11 TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS AND THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY
12 PROGRAM RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION AND SHARED
13 MOBILITY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S MISSING FROM THE
14 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION THAT JUST DIDN'T MAKE IT IN THERE
15 WAS A CONGRESSIONAL OR FEDERAL APPROACH TO SUPPORT DEPLOYMENT
16 OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES, AUTONOMOUS AND CONNECTED VEHICLES, SO
17 THAT'S JUST A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION OR A TOPIC THAT CONGRESS
18 IS VERY LIKELY TO CONSIDER IN THE COMING YEAR, AND SO WE
19 EXPECT TO BE ENGAGED IN THAT CONTINUED CONVERSATION AND
20 SUPPORT IN A WAY THAT REALLY IMPROVES MOBILITY AND WHILE
21 PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
22 HAS BEEN ONGOING. IT'S BEEN IN OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR A
23 NUMBER OF YEARS AND IT'S JUST AN ITEM THAT DID NOT GET COVERED
24 IN THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION. SO, WITH THAT, I WILL
25 CLOSE AND TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE CHAIR.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU GEORGIA. I WANT TO OPEN AND
3 SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR WORK. IT'S SO EXCITING THAT
4 THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL IS PASSED AND NOW THE COMPANION BILL
5 IS REALLY THE FOCUS. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
6 INCLUDING ITEMS E THROUGH G ON HOUSING. YOU KNOW,
7 PARTICULARLY NUMBER E ON TAX INCENTIVES. IT'S SO CRITICAL FOR
8 NON-PROFIT DEVELOPERS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE PROJECTS PENCIL IS TO
9 BILL THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PRESERVE HOUSING. SO THIS MUST
10 CONTINUE TO BE A FOCUS OF OUR AGENCY AND OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN
11 WASHINGTON. AT THE DISCRETIONARY GRANTS, I THINK IS REALLY
12 CRITICAL. I THINK FUNDING THAT WE RECEIVE, ONE TIME FUNDING
13 DURING THE PANDEMIC WAS REALLY HELPFUL FOR US TO PROVIDE
14 RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR RESIDENTS WHO ARE FACING HOUSING
15 INSECURITY AND ALSO MAKE OTHER INVESTMENTS WHETHER IT'S
16 FUNDING HOME KEY PROJECTS, WHETHER IT'S FUNDING OTHER HOUSING
17 PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS. AND LASTLY, G, ON BAHFA, AND THIS IS
18 SOMETHING I KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT WITH HUD OFFICIALS WE TALKED
19 ABOUT DURING OR VIRTUAL LOBBY VISIT THIS YEAR AND I AM SURE
20 IT'S GOING TO BE A FOCUS NEXT YEAR I THINK WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
21 OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE WE'RE ONE OF ONLY A FEW REGIONAL FINANCE
22 AUTHORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, I THINK IT'S UNIQUE IN
23 SOMETHING HUD MAY WANT TO INVEST IN, IN CONCEPT, SO I WANT TO
24 THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING G, BECAUSE I THINK THERE IS
25 OPPORTUNITY WITH THE BUILD BACK BETTER FRAMEWORK TO



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1 POTENTIALLY LEVERAGE SOME RESOURCES SO WE CAN EXPAND THE WORK
2 THAT WE'RE DOING AND HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO LEVERAGE, YOU KNOW,
3 FUTURE REGIONAL FUNDING THROUGH A FUTURE BALLOT MEASURE. SO,
4 THANK YOU. OKAY. I'M GOING TO GO TO SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF.

5

6 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT AND
7 ALL THE WORK YOU'RE DOING. IN OUR PAPER, THIS MORNING, IT
8 TALKS ABOUT THIS OLD PROBLEM WE HAVE ON GETTING MONEY FROM THE
9 FEDS BECAUSE OF OUR PENSION LAWS. AND I WAS ON ANOTHER CALL
10 THIS MORNING, ON WATER, WITH OUR FEDERAL LOBBYIST THERE, AND
11 THEIR COMMENTS WERE, "THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T WANT TO LOOK BAD."
12 OBVIOUSLY. "CALIFORNIA IS THE BEST LARGEST PLACE WHERE A LOT
13 OF THESE INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS ARE GOING TO BE SPENT." SO, DO
14 WE HAVE A STRATEGY WITH OUR FEDERAL LOBBYIST? I KNOW WE'RE
15 WATCHING IT. HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING, GEORGIA? AND/OR
16 THERESE, ABOUT THIS? WHAT'S, SORT OF, THE PLAN?

17

18 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** THROUGH THE CHAIR? WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO
19 RESPOND?

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** JUST TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF CONTEXT
24 TO FOLKS ON THIS OVERARCHING ISSUE. SOME OF THE CLOUT OVER ALL
25 THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES COMING IN, IS THE



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1 REEMERGENCE -- SORRY -- THAT'S MY BABY. IN THE BACKGROUND. AND
2 THE REEMERGENCE OF THIS ISSUE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
3 POTENTIALLY WITHHOLDING FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING FROM
4 CALIFORNIA OPERATORS OVER AN INTERPRETATION THAT CALIFORNIA'S
5 2012 PENSION REFORM LAW, OR PEPRA MAY INHIBIT TRANSIT UNIONS
6 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS THAT ARE GUARANTEED BY FEDERAL
7 LAW. SO THIS IS, YOU KNOW, AS BOARD MEMBER MITCHOFF
8 REFERENCED, THIS IS, SORT OF, A LONG-STANDING ISSUE, IT FIRST
9 CAME UP IN 2013 AND IS REEMERGING NOW AND HAS HUGE POTENTIAL
10 IMPACTS. IT IS A STATEWIDE ISSUE AND IT'S GOOD THAT THE
11 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS TAKING INCREDIBLY STRONG LEADERSHIP ON
12 THIS IN REPRESENTING THE STATE. THE GOVERNOR JUST SENT A
13 LETTER LATE LAST WEEK ON THIS TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND
14 MTC IS ABSOLUTELY WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR STATE PARTNERS WITH
15 TRANSIT OPERATORS, WE'RE FOLLOWING THE ISSUE CLOSELY, OUR
16 EXECUTIVE TEAM HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE FEDERAL
17 TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AROUND THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE ON SOME OF
18 THE NEAR-TERM IMPACTS TO THE COVID RELIEF FUNDING. SO WE'RE
19 TRACKING IT. WE'RE WATCHING IT. IT IS A STATEWIDE ISSUE. SO
20 WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO BE SUPPORTING THAT STATEWIDE STRATEGY.

21

22 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** WELL IT IS -- THANK YOU, GEORGIA, AND AS I
23 HEARD YOU SAY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE CONVINCED THIS IS
24 HAPPENING UNTIL THE SIGNING CEREMONY, THAT'S WHEN I WAS
25 THINKING -- AND UNTIL THIS PENSION THING GETS RESOLVED. THANK



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1 YOU. I FIGURED YOU WERE AWARE OF IT BUT I READ THIS MORNING
2 AND THOUGHT DIDN'T WE FIGHT THIS BATTLE BEFORE IT'S TOO BAD
3 IT'S TAKING A PORTION OF YOUR TIME TO MONITOR THIS. AND,
4 ANYWAY, THANK YOU, AGAIN FOR THOSE COMMENTS.

5

6 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THIS IS THERESE. JUST TO ADD. GEORGIA
7 SUMMARIZED EXACTLY THE PLACE THAT WE ARE. CLEARLY, THE RAPIDLY
8 MOVING VERY FLUID SITUATION. I WAS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR AT FTA
9 THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENED. [LAUGHTER] SO IT DEFINITELY HAS
10 BEEN INTERESTING TO SEE IT REEMERGE IN THIS SITUATION. AND
11 JUST TO REINFORCE, AGAIN, THAT THE GOVERNOR'S VERY STRONG
12 STATEMENT, YOU KNOW, IN THE LETTER, I THINK PAINTS THE
13 BOUNDARIES OF HOW THINGS WILL BE MOVING FORWARD. SO WE ARE
14 TRACKING.

15

16 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** I SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED YOUR PRIOR
17 EXPERIENCE. THERESE, IT'S ALL ON YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

19 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR JOSEFOWITZ?

22

23 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF
24 SAID, THIS IS SUPER EXISTENTIAL TO SOME OF OUR TRANSIT
25 AGENCIES EVERYBODY KNOWS A LOT OF STATE LEGISLATION AND



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1 FEDERAL LEGISLATION SEEMS LIKE, WE'RE DOING A LOT OF BUSINESS
2 WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE BUT IF WE'RE NOT GETTING THESE FEDERAL
3 BAIL OUT FUNDS, BART AND SO MANY OF OUR AGENCIES ARE GOING TO
4 BE IN SUCH A WORLD OF HURT, AND I KNOW YOU'RE DOING EVERYTHING
5 YOU CAN. BUT THAT, TO ME WOULD BE, LIKE, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, TOP
6 FEDERAL PRIORITIES. AND NOW THAT WE SEE THIS IS KIND OF COMING
7 BACK, IT'S KIND OF LIKE, NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD, PEPPRA, I
8 WONDER IF THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PERMANENT SOLUTION SO
9 IT'S NOT LIKE OKAY WE GOT TRANSIT FUNDING WHEN WE HAVE FOLKS
10 WHO KIND OF IN THE WHITE HOUSE, SORT OF, THINK ONE WAY AND
11 THEN YOU DON'T GET IT AND WE HAVE SOME FOLKS IN THE WHITE
12 HOUSE THINKING ANOTHER WAY AND WE HAVE TO FIGHT THIS WAY OVER
13 AGAIN LIKE LAST TIME.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER WORTH?

16

17 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, I JUST
18 WANTED TO KIND OF AFFIRM AND SUPPORT THE COMMENTS OF CHAIR
19 ARREGUIN AND HIS INITIAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
20 ELEMENT -- FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR THEIR FEDERAL
21 ADVOCACY EFFORTS, THEY'RE ALL ABSOLUTELY RIGHT ON POINT -- AND
22 GETTING BACK TO THE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE TAX
23 CREDITS, HOME FUND, CBD FUNDS, AND [INDISCERNIBLE] ELIGIBILITY
24 ARE REALLY IMPORTANT AND MAYOR SCHAFF WENT TO WASHINGTON TO
25 ADVOCATE FOR THESE CREDIT FUNDS BECAUSE A WEEK OR TEN DAYS



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1 AGO, THEY WERE OUT OF THE BILL AND WOULD HAVE A DEVASTATING
2 EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO FUND PROJECTS. SO, THANKS TO --
3

4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH.
5 COMMISSIONER SPERING?
6

7 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** COMMENTS ARE RIGHT ON POINT. I THINK
8 HOUSING HAS TO BE A REALLY HIGH PRIORITY FOR US. I HAVE A
9 QUESTION. I'M NOT SURE WHO THIS IS FOR. BUT FOR THE
10 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON
11 CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE OR DETERIORATING INFRASTRUCTURE, WE
12 DO NOT HAVE A LOT OF THAT IN THE BAY AREA A LOT OF OUR NEEDS
13 ARE EXISTING PROJECTS, FUTURE PROJECTS, BART TO SAN JOSE, THAT
14 LIST GOES ON AND ON. ARE WE GOING TO BE AT A COMPETITIVE
15 DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE THE REASON A LOT OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS
16 NOT DISADVANTAGED IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF HUGE LOCAL
17 INVESTMENT WE HAVEN'T LET THE INFRASTRUCTURE GET THAT BAD AND
18 WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RAISE BRIDGE TOLLS AND SO FORTH BUT A LOT
19 OF THE STATES IN THE MIDWEST AND BACK ON THE EAST COAST THEY
20 HAVEN'T DONE A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE. SO, WILL
21 WE BE AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF THAT FACT THAT WE DON'T
22 HAVE THIS HUGE DETERIORATING INFRASTRUCTURE?

23

24 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** THROUGH THE CHAIR?

25



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YES. THANK YOU.

2

3 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** I THINK THE REALLY GOOD NEWS ABOUT HOW
4 THE STATE OF GOOD REPAIR RESOURCES ARE PROPOSED TO FLOW
5 THROUGH THE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE IS THAT, BY AND LARGE,
6 THOSE RESOURCES WOULD COME VIA FORMULA TO THE BAY AREA
7 DIRECTLY AND/OR TO THE STATE DIRECTLY. AND SO, YES, OUR STATE
8 HAS DONE A GOOD JOB COMPARED TO A LOT OF OTHER STATES, BUT
9 THERE STILL IS, YOU KNOW, FROM ALL THE WORK ON PLANNED BAY
10 AREA 2050, SOME REALLY SIGNIFICANT STATE OF GOOD REPAIR NEEDS.
11 SO, WE'RE GUARANTEED A GOOD AMOUNT OF STATE OF GOOD REPAIR
12 CRUMBING BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY RELATED
13 RESOURCES BOTH FOR GRANTS FOR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES THAT'S GOOD
14 NEWS AND ON THE DISCRETIONARY GRANT SIDE A LOT OF THE GRANTS
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT'S GOING TO BE
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING OUT MUCH OF THE FOCUS AROUND THOSE
17 GRANTS IS AROUND CLIMATE AND TRANSPORTATION AS A WAY TO
18 MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ALSO AROUND EQUITY. AND THAT IN
19 CALIFORNIA IS ACTUALLY IN A REALLY GOOD SPOT BECAUSE WE HAVE
20 BEEN THINKING NOW FOR A DECADE ABOUT HOW TO ORIENT OUR
21 TRANSPORTATION OR PLANS AND PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES TOWARDS
22 MITT GETTING A CLIMATE CHANGE AND INVESTING IN EQUITY. SO, AND
23 THAT'S RELATIVE.

24



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1 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** YEAH I JUST WANTED TO -- I UNDERSTAND
2 FORMULA AND HOW THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME I JUST DON'T WANT
3 IT SO RESTRICTED THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO SPEND IT ON WHERE
4 WE'RE ACTUALLY NEEDING TO SPEND IT THAT'S MY CONCERN WITH HOW
5 THE MONEY COMES AND THE CONDITIONS PLACED ON IT.

6

7 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** IF I COULD COMMENT ON THAT OBSERVATION,
8 COMMISSIONER SPERING, IS THAT THERE IS A LEGISLATION, BUT THEN
9 THERE'S A WHOLE PROCESS OF TRANSLATING THAT INTO
10 ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE, INTO REGULATION, INTO ELIGIBILITY,
11 FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS AND WHAT NOT. SO THERE IS GOING TO
12 BE A VERY SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT ON THAT PROCESS,
13 WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME, AS I KNOW. [LAUGHTER] TO, YOU KNOW,
14 GET THROUGH THAT. BUT THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PLACE WHERE
15 ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR THE ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL. I
16 MEAN, OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PUSH TO ADHERE TO THE
17 MAJOR THEMES THAT DEFINED A PARTICULAR PROGRAM TO GET IT
18 THROUGH IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT THERE IS, VERY MUCH, A POINT
19 FOR RECOGNIZING DISTINCTIONS WITHIN THIS VERY DIVERSE COUNTRY,
20 AND AMONG THE STATES WHERE WE WOULD CLEARLY BE TRACKING AND
21 HAVING -- PURSUING A PRESENCE IN INFORMATION.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAYOR HALLIDAY?

24



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1 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YEAH. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS TRULY
2 AGHAST READING THE PAPER THIS MORNING, THAT ARTICLE ABOUT
3 POTENTIALLY LOSING \$12 BILLION IN CALIFORNIA, BECAUSE OF THIS
4 ISSUE. AND I -- AND I DON'T REMEMBER 2013 AS THIS ISSUE IN
5 2013. I REMEMBER 2013, BUT I WASN'T YET EITHER ON THE ALAMEDA
6 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OR THIS BODY AND MAYBE IT JUST
7 WASN'T ON MY RADAR. WE MUST HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH IT. MAYBE YOU
8 HELPED, THERESE. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I WAS JUST GOING REQUEST
9 THAT COULD SOMEBODY SEND US A LETTER OF THE COPY OF THE LETTER
10 THAT THE GOVERNOR WROTE. ALSO FOR GUIDANCE FOR ADVOCATING AND
11 WITH PEPRA, RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL AGENCY IN OUR OWN BUDGET I
12 DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD DO RIGHT NOW WITHOUT PEPRA BECAUSE
13 IT'S STILL A STRUGGLE TO PAY NO TENSION COSTS AND FOR ALL OF
14 US IT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO CONTINUALLY HAVE TO STRUGGLE
15 WITH, AND IF WE WERE TO LOSE PEPRA AS A WHOLE, THAT WOULD BE
16 PRETTY -- THAT WOULD BE PRETTY DEVASTATING TOO. SO, I -- THIS
17 IS MY FIRST INTRODUCTION, AND I WAS, JUST, LIKE, WHAT? HOW CAN
18 THAT BE. AND, SO, ANYWAY, I JUST WOULD APPRECIATE SOME MORE
19 INFORMATION ON THAT AND SOME GUIDANCE ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT BE
20 ABLE TO DO.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER
23 RAISED HANDS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SO I'LL ASK IF THERE IS
24 ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

25



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1 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION LETTER
2 SUBMITTED BY THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. IT WAS POSTED ONLINE
3 AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
4 AND THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.
5 ROLAND. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.
6
7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MARTHA. AND I'M NOT SEEING MY CLOCK. ON
8 THE HIGH SPEED RAIL, I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE
9 COMMISSIONERS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. SO, FIRST OF ALL, WHAT
10 THEY'RE BUILDING IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY IS ESSENTIALLY IN THE
11 [INDISCERNIBLE] CORRIDOR, THAT WILL NEVER BE A HIGH SPEED LINE
12 END OF THAT DISCUSSION. WITH REGARD TO CASH, THEY'RE GETTING
13 \$750 MILLION A YEAR, WITH 25% OF CAP-AND-TRADE REVENUES. THEY
14 CURRENTLY HAVE \$2 BILLION IN THE BANK, PLUS THE \$975 MILLION
15 THAT BIDEN RESTORED AFTER TRUMP TOOK IT AWAY. MOVING ON TO THE
16 \$4.2 BILLION, IN LA, BURBANK TO ANAHEIM IS THE EQUIVALENT OF
17 OUR SAN FRANCISCO TO GILROY. SO AS LONG [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT
18 CORRIDOR, THEY'RE GOOD TO GO. MY RECOMMENDATION, 10 BILLION TO
19 CENTRAL VALLEY, 1 BILLION IN THE NORTH, 1 BILLION IN THE
20 SOUTH. THE ISSUE WITH HIGH SPEED RAIL NOTHING WRONG WITH HIGH
21 SPEED RAIL WE HAVE HIGH SPEED LINES OPERATING AS YOU KNOW THE
22 PROBLEM IS THERE IS NO HIGH SPEED RAIL EXPERTISE WITHIN THE
23 OPERATING OTHER THAN THE GERMAN RAIL OPERATOR DEUTSCHE
24 [INDISCERNIBLE] WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY BEING IGNORED THAT HAS TO
25 BE ADDRESSED BEFORE WE GO INTO FURTHER WITH THIS PROJECT. GOOD



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1 NEWS IS THE DELIVERY RAIL PROJECT CONTRACT IS EXPIRING IN
2 JUNE. AND MY ADVICE MOVING FORWARD IS TO MONITOR WHO TAKES
3 THAT OVER AND THEN TAKE IT FROM THERE AND ADVOCATE
4 ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE ARE MORE
7 SPEAKERS?

8

9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
10 WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. SPOKE TOO SOON. RICH?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. JUST WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION ONCE
13 AGAIN TO THE ALL RIGHT FROM THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND
14 HOPE IT WILL WORK DILIGENTLY ON THIS ISSUE FOR OUR ABILITY TO
15 DO ZOOM MEETINGS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE
16 FOR THE LAST MEETING NOT BEING ABLE TO GET O I WAS ON MY PHONE
17 AND GOT A SPAMMER CALL WHICH BLOCKED MY SCREEN SO I COULDN'T
18 UNMUTE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER RAISED
21 HANDS?

22

23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM
2 4A. THIS WAS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. STAFF WILL BE TAKING
3 THE FEEDBACK THAT WE PROVIDED TODAY AND BRING BACK A FINAL
4 ADVOCACY PROGRAM, DOCUMENT, FOR US TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON IN
5 DECEMBER AT THE LEGISLATION COMMISSION MEETING. SO UNLESS
6 THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE WILL PROCEED TO
7 THE NEXT ITEM. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL
8 FEEDBACK.

9
10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ITEM 4B BAY AREA STRATEGY FOR STATE
11 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. AND, REBECCA LONG WILL PRESENT ON THIS
12 ITEM.

13
14 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU, CHAIR ARREGUIN. SO, THERE IS A COVER
15 SHEET IN YOUR PACKET FOR THIS ITEM, WHICH REALLY TRIES TO
16 FRAME THE GOAL HERE. SO I'LL JUST SPEAK TO THAT A LITTLE BIT
17 AND THEN THERE WAS A HAND OUT THAT WAS A DRAFT LETTER, JUST A
18 REMINDER, THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM, WE'RE JUST LONGING FOR
19 YOUR FEEDBACK. BUT WE DO HOPE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR
20 NEXT WEEK, AND WE'RE TRYING TO GET AS MANY SIGN-ONES AS WE CAN
21 FROM THE BAY AREA. AS WE'RE WALKING THROUGH THE STATE ADVOCACY
22 PROGRAM THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE
23 PROVIDED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET THAT THEN REVERTED TO THE
24 GENERAL FUND AND WE REALLY DO SEE THIS YEAR AS A UNIQUE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO GET ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES. SO WE



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1 WANT TO ENGAGE EARLY, THE GOVERNOR'S TEAM IS GOING TO BE
2 DEVELOPING HIS PROPOSED BUDGET RIGHT NOW. AND THERE HAS BEEN
3 SOME OTHER COMMUNICATION, FOR EXAMPLE, A LETTER FROM THE
4 SPEAKER, WHICH I THINK WE ATTACHED TO YOUR COMMISSION AGENDA
5 TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT LAST MONTH, INDICATING
6 SUPPORT FOR SIGNIFICANT TRANSIT FUNDING WITH ABOUT 4 BILLION
7 SUGGESTED FOR LA, ALONE. AND THERE HAS BEEN, YOU KNOW,
8 OBVIOUSLY, THIS -- A BIG PART OF THIS IS THE SWIRLING AROUND
9 HIGH SPEED RAIL FUNDING, TOO. SO WE REALLY WANT TO GET OUT
10 THERE AND PROVIDE SOME UNITY AND SOME CONSISTENT BAY AREA
11 MESSAGING HERE. WE KNOW THIS IS GOING TO BE A CONVERSATION
12 THAT EVOLVES BUT WE WANT TO COME IN EARLY WITH SOME THOUGHTS
13 ABOUT HOW TRANSIT FUNDING MIGHT BE AUGMENTED AND OTHER NEEDS,
14 TOO. BUILDING ON WHAT WAS PROPOSED THIS PAST YEAR. SO, WITH
15 THAT, I'LL JUST TALK THROUGH THE LETTER, AND, AGAIN, YOU
16 SHOULD HAVE THAT. IT WAS POSTED, I BELIEVE, LAST NIGHT. SO,
17 THERE IS REALLY A FEW KEY POINTS HERE THAT WE WANT TO MAKE.
18 YOU KNOW, THE FIRST IS, AGAIN, SIMILAR TO THE ADVOCACY
19 PROGRAM, THAT THE BAY AREA SUPPORTS HIGH SPEED RAIL.
20 SECONDLY, THAT WE THINK TRANSPORTATION IS A REALLY APPROPRIATE
21 CATEGORY FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT THAT, YOU
22 KNOW, THIS IS LIKELY A ONE TIME SURPLUS, AND THAT THE FEDERAL
23 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, WHILE EXTREME HELPFUL IS NOT GOING TO
24 FULLY FUND OUR NEEDS. SO THIS IS ACTUALLY GOING TO HELP THE
25 REGION BOTH WITH STATE AND HIGH SPEED RAIL BY BRINGING MORE



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1 STATE MONEY TO THE TABLE IT'S GOING TO HELP HIGH SPEED RAIL
2 COMPETE FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS LIKEWISE HAVING MORE STATE
3 MONEY WILL HELP THE REGION COMPETE FOR MORE FEDERAL
4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. AND THEN IN TERMS OF DOLLARS WHAT WE'RE
5 SUGGESTING, IS LOOKING AT WHAT'S OUT THERE WITH THE STATE
6 BUDGET SURPLUS 30 TO \$40 BILLION RANGE DOESN'T SEEM OUT OF THE
7 QUESTION FOR RECENT FORECASTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE 5 BILLION
8 FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT. WE HAVE PROVIDED ILLUSTRATIONS WITH A NEED
9 TO BACK THAT UP. WE HAVE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] WE HAVE GOTTEN
10 FEEDBACK THERE IS 10 BILLION IN UNFUNDED CAPITAL NEEDS OVER
11 THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AND LOOKING FURTHER OUT, OVER 17 BILLION
12 IN A 5 TO 10 YEAR TIME FRAME, AND WE WERE GIVEN FEEDBACK FROM
13 SACRAMENTO THAT THIS WOULD BE GOOD TO PUT OUT WHAT IS THE NEED
14 DON'T JUST COME OUT WITH, LIKE, WE WANT THIS AMOUNT. SO THEN
15 THE LETTER DOES THAT. AND WE ALSO RECOMMEND AT LEAST 1.5
16 BILLION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, AND AT LEAST 500 MILLION
17 FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION ASSOCIATE WITH TRANSPORTATION. ON
18 TRANSIT, WE ALSO PUT OUT THERE, YOU KNOW, THAT WE THINK IT
19 WOULD BE HELPFUL TO, YOU KNOW, BUILDING STATEWIDE CONSENSUS TO
20 BUILD SOME KIND OF GEOGRAPHIC FRAMEWORK AND USE OF FORMULAS
21 HERE. AND SO WE RECOMMEND THAT 75% OF THE 5 BILLION BE
22 DIRECTED TO REGIONS THROUGH THE STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE
23 PROGRAM. THE STA FORMULA IS EXTREMELY FAVORABLE TO THE BAY
24 AREA. AND IT REALLY IS DEFENSIBLE ON POLICY GROUND. HALF OF
25 THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



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1 AGENCIES, LIKE MTC, ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION, AND THEN HALF
2 COME BACK TO TRANSIT AGENCIES ON THE BASIS OF HOW MUCH LOCAL
3 FARE REVENUE ARE THEY GENERATING, HOW MUCH LOCAL SALES TAX ARE
4 THEY DEDICATING AND THAT'S REALLY A REFLECTION ARE WHERE ARE
5 THE RIDERS AND WHERE ARE THE NEEDS. THE BAY AREA WOULD DO
6 EXTREMELY WELL BY THAT. AND WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT THOSE
7 FUNDS DO COME TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES
8 FOR PROGRAMMING. SO WE COULD YOU KNOW WORKING WITH OUR
9 OPERATORS LOOKING AT OUR NEAR-TERM PRIORITIES, THAT ARE
10 DEFINED THROUGH PLANNED BAY AREA, ET CETERA, MAP OUT WHAT ARE
11 THE BEST INVESTMENTS. AND THEN LEAVE IN 25% WITH THE STATE
12 THROUGH THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM, OR
13 KIRSOP WHICH IS A PROGRAM WE HAVE DONE WELL BY COMPETITIVE
14 EVEN BETTER COMPETITIVELY THROUGHOUT FORMULA WE THINK THAT
15 POLITICALLY SPEAKING EVERY REGION IS GOING TO WANT TO SEE SOME
16 ASSURANCES A FORMAL APPROACH FOR APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDS, TO
17 GET THE MONEY OUT THE DOOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS UP TO 5
18 BILLION IS GOING TO BE A HUGE CHALLENGE ADMINISTRATIVELY. SO
19 THAT'S REALLY THE PROPOSAL IN A NUTSHELL. AGAIN, WE'RE HOPING,
20 AND GETTING A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER BAY AREA PARTNERS.
21 WE'RE GOING TO BE REACHING OUT TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND
22 OTHERS AND JUST LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK TODAY. THANK YOU.
23
24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU REBECCA. COLLEAGUES.
25 COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? MAYOR LICCARDO?



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2 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ARREGUIN. I
3 JUST WANT TO FIRST SAY THANK YOU TO REBECCA AND THE ENTIRE
4 TEAM, THERESE AND EVERYBODY FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK PUTTING
5 THIS LETTER TOGETHER. I KNOW THEY'RE VERY RESPONSIVE TO OUR
6 INCREASE OF OUR BUDGET SHARES AND THE SENATE FAMILY AND
7 STRIKES THE RIGHT MARK. I HAVE THE PLEASURE TODAY OF WISHING
8 HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR FORMER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,
9 AND FORMER MAYOR IN SAN JOSE NORMAN, AND HE SAID NEVER STOP
10 LOOKING TO THE FUTURE AND I THINK THAT'S THE THEME FOR OUR
11 GROUP AS WELL, AND THESE INVESTMENTS AND THE ONLY SMALL
12 SUGGESTION I WOULD MAKE, THERE IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT'S
13 ASKED AND I THINK A PARAGRAPH ON THE SECOND PAGE WHICH IS WHY
14 ALL THIS TRANSPORTATION FUNDING NOW? AND I THINK AN IMPORTANT
15 PART OF THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE ABOUT THE FACT
16 THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS THAT ARE LITERALLY ON
17 THE ONE-YARD LINE. AND OUR ABILITY TO GET A DISCRETE AMOUNT OF
18 FUNDING FOR THOSE PROJECTS, NOW, THAT CAN GET THOSE UNDER
19 CONSTRUCTION, ASSUMING WE CAN WORK THIS LITTLE PROBLEM OUT
20 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WOULD HAVE ENORMOUS IMPACT IN
21 GETTING, OBVIOUSLY, GETTING PEOPLE TO WORK, AND IMPORTANTLY,
22 AVOIDING ALL THE COST ESCALATIONS THAT WE KNOW COME WITH THE
23 DELAYS WHEN PROJECTS SIT AROUND FOR 5 TO 10 YEARS. THERE ARE
24 SEVERAL PROJECTS CERTAINLY CALTRAIN ELECTRIFICATION BART
25 EXTENSION ET CETERA, WE HAVE PROJECT THAT ARE FULLY PREGNANT



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1 THAT JUST NEED A BIT MORE, I THINK IT'S A REALLY POWERFUL
2 MESSAGE FOR THE "WHY NOW" QUESTION. SO I JUST SUGGEST THAT. I
3 DO HAVE ONE QUESTION. I KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL FRUSTRATED THAT
4 THE ROUGHLY \$12 BILLION TRAILER BILL DIDN'T GO OVER THE GOAL
5 LINE THIS SUMMER AND MY UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MONEY WENT TO
6 THE GENERAL FUND I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WE'RE A LITTLE
7 WORRIED WE'RE UNDER WHAT WE OUGHT TO BE, IF THAT MONEY WENT
8 BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND PART OF THE 30 TO \$40 BILLION SURPLUS
9 OR MONEY SPENT ALREADY?

10

11 **REBECCA LONG:** I THINK IT THE 3 TRILLION.

12

13 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** I THOUGHT IT WAS THREE FOR HIGH
14 SPEED RAIL BUT I THOUGHT THERE WAS A LARGER COMPONENT TO COME
15 OUT OF THE \$76 BILLION SURPLUS THAT WAS COMING AS PART OF A
16 LARGER PACKAGE.

17

18 **REBECCA LONG:** I AM MOSTLY FAMILIAR WITH THE TRANSPORTATION
19 PIECE. SO THAT WAS THREE THAT REVERTED. AND THE WAY THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE LOOKS AT IT IT'S NOW BACK IN THE BIG POT
21 OF GENERAL FUND MONEY. YOU KNOW, IF THE SURPLUS IS MUCH HIGHER
22 THAN 40 BILLION, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE DEFINITELY WOULD WANT TO
23 THINK ABOUT, SHOULD WE ASK FOR MORE. I DON'T THINK ASKING FOR
24 TEN AT THIS POINT IS TOO LOW. ONE THING I WOULD NOTE FOR
25 EVERYONE'S AWARENESS IS, WITH A \$30 BILLION GENERAL FUND



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1 SURPLUS, THERE IS A LOT OF, SORT OF, DIRECT FORMULAS THAT COME
2 OFF THE TOP, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR K THROUGH 12 EDUCATION, AND
3 RAINY DAY FUND, SO ACCORDING TO ELIO YOU REALLY ONLY HAVE 40%
4 OF THAT THAT IS TRULY FLEXIBLE SO OUT OF THAT 30 BILLION IS
5 FREE AND CLEAR.

6

7 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** POINT WELL TAKEN. THANK YOU
8 REBECCA. TO THAT POINT IS THERE OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE
9 LANGUAGE THAT WE RECOGNIZE JUST WITH SO MANY MAJOR PROJECTS
10 YOU KNOW SMALL INFUSION OF CASH COULD GO A LONG WAY?

11

12 **REBECCA LONG:** ABSOLUTELY, COMMISSIONER, WE DID IN THE LAST
13 SENTENCE, SECOND PARAGRAPH, ON PAGE TWO, WE KIND OF TRY TO DO
14 THAT WHETHER WE TALK ABOUT TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS THAT CAN
15 COMMENCE OR COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION WITH FINAL FUNDING.

16

17 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** GOT IT. I DIDN'T SEE THAT IN THE
18 REVISION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **REBECCA LONG:** NO PROBLEM.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER SPERING?

23

24 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO AGREE WITH
25 MAYOR LICCARDO, WE HAVE THESE BUDGETS, AND THE YARD LINE, WE



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1 REALLY WANT TO TRY TO GET THESE PROJECTS BEHIND US THERE
2 ALWAYS SEEM TO BE LOOMING PROJECTS. THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT AND
3 THE SOONER WE CAN DO THAT. AND I THINK WE UNDER ASKING, SO
4 REBECCA, I THINK THAT OUGHT TO BE LOOKED AT CLOSER. I
5 UNDERSTAND THE 5 BILLION FOR TRANSIT. I WISH THAT THE
6 REMAINING WASN'T SO PRESCRIPTIVE. THERE ARE SOME AREAS THERE,
7 YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY FOR THE RURAL AREAS IN THE REGION, YOU
8 KNOW, WITH THE ATP AND LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS, ALL OF US ARE
9 TRYING TO FEED INTO THIS BIG TRANSIT SYSTEM AND IT SEEMS LIKE
10 WE'RE SELLING THAT PART OF THIS A LITTLE SHORT. SO THAT'S A
11 CONCERN I HAVE. I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY HARM IN MENTIONING
12 SOME OF THESE VERY SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US.
13 TO PUT IT ON THE RADAR OF THE LEADERSHIP. YOU KNOW? IT SEEMS
14 LIKE WE'RE CATERING TOO MUCH TO WHAT THOSE TWO CHAIRS WANT. I
15 KNOW THEY'RE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BUT I REALLY THINK THAT
16 WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE DESCRIPTIVE ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO
17 US. AND I THINK WE'RE A LITTLE VAGUE ON THAT IN THIS LETTER.
18 SO I WOULD JUST HOPE WE COULD STRENGTHEN IT THERE, AND YOU
19 KNOW, REALLY ADDRESS SOME OF THE REAL UNDERLYING ISSUES THAT
20 WE'RE FACING HERE IN THE BAY AREA.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER AHN?

23



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1 **EDDIE AHN:** YES. A QUESTION FOR REBECCA. DOES THE DISADVANTAGED
2 COMMUNITIES DEFINITION INTERSECT WITH THE STA FORMULA AT ALL
3 OR EITHER ONE WAY OR THE OTHER?

4

5 **REBECCA LONG:** NO IT DOES NOT.

6

7 **EDDIE AHN:** I'LL LET MY EARLIER COMMENT GO AWAY ESSENTIALLY I
8 DON'T THINK THERE NEEDS MENTION TO INCLUDE.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER RABBIT?

11

12 **DAVID RABBIT:** I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS. CERTAINLY THE MAYOR
13 IN TERMS OF GETTING THINGS THAT ARE CLOSE BE FINISHED OVER THE
14 FINISH LINE ONCE AND FOR ALL. TO COMMISSIONER SPERING'S POINT,
15 BEING BOLD IN OUR ASK. I RECOGNIZE THERE ARE TONS OF COMPETING
16 INTEREST AND WE WANT TO KIND OF CRAFT AN ASK THAT WILL BE WELL
17 RECEIVED. AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S THAT DILEMMA THAT WE ALWAYS
18 FACE. DO WE ASK -- DO WE ASK WHAT WE BELIEVE THOSE FOLKS WANT
19 TO DELIVER OR DO WE BE HONEST AND ASK WHAT WE REALLY NEED? I
20 THINK IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, YOU KNOW, WHILE WE ALL WEAR
21 DIFFERENT HATS AND THERE ARE THOSE COMPETING INTERESTS OUT
22 THERE AND ARE ALL WELL AND GOOD WE SHOULD REALLY ASK FOR WHAT
23 WE BELIEVE IS IMPORTANT FOR US HERE IN THE BAY AREA AND I
24 WOULD ENCOURAGE SOME CHANGES AND I THINK WE SHOULD LINK IT TO
25 THE PLANNED BAY AREA NEEDS WHICH DOES INCLUDE NEED TO MAINTAIN



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1 THE SYSTEM. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE SHY IN ASKING THAT AND
2 I WOULD RECOMMEND, IF YOU WANT TO GET TO A SPECIFIC ASK ON
3 THAT, YOU KNOW, A 3 BILLION OVERALL, ON THAT PARTICULAR -- 30%
4 OF THAT OVERALL AMOUNT IS NOT HUGE. AS MENTIONED BEFORE ON THE
5 ATP, THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, SOMETHING THAT I THINK,
6 THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA, IS VITALLY IMPORTANT, AND I WOULD
7 INCREASE THE ASK THERE. AND I DO THINK ON THE RESILIENCE
8 PROJECTS, I THINK WE SHOULD, QUITE HONESTLY, DOUBLE THAT ASK
9 FROM 5 MILLION TO A BILLION. HERE IN THE BAY AREA ALL COUNTIES
10 HAVE SHORE LINES THAT ARE INCREDIBLY VULNERABLE WE JUST TALKED
11 ABOUT HIGHWAY 37, I THINK WE COULD CALL IT OUT AS A CRITICAL
12 RESILIENCE PROJECTS AND AT LEAST CALL IT OUT AS AN EXAMPLE OF
13 NEED AND WHY THAT PARTICULAR CATEGORY SHOULD BE PERHAPS A
14 LITTLE HIGHER. AND WE SHOULD MENTION FAIR NORTH SOUTH SPLIT.
15 I THINK WE SHOULD ASK FOR THOSE THINGS THAT WE FEEL ARE GOING
16 TO BE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE AND I THINK WE
17 NEED TO BE FAIR AND INCLUSIVE IN THAT AND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
18 THE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE CONVOLUTED AND
19 THIS IS JUST THE FIRST PLACEMENT OF THE, YOU KNOW, PUTTING
20 DOWN THE GAUNT LET AS IT WERE, BUT KNOW THAT IT IS GOING TO
21 CHANGE. SO LET'S GO FOR WHAT WE REALLY NEED AND LET'S UP SOME
22 OF THOSE ASKS OR RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO
23 TO REALLY MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE BAY AREA CAN BENEFIT.

24

25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER FLEMING.



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2 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE
3 DONE TO GET US THIS FAR. THIS IS AN OPENING SALVO, NONETHELESS
4 MY COMMENTS ARE ALIGNED WITH WHAT COMMISSIONER RABBIT ALREADY
5 STATED AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLARIFICATION AND BEING
6 SPECIFIC ABOUT THE PROJECTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. I LIKE WHAT
7 COMMISSIONER LICCARDO SAID ABOUT CALLING OUT THE ONES THAT ARE
8 READY TO BE BORN JUST HAVING TO HAVE THAT LAST LITTLE PUSH. I
9 THINK THAT'S REALLY COMPELLING AND WE DO SAVE A LOT IF WE GET
10 THINGS DONE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
11 DOUBLING FUNDS IN RESILIENCE AND HIGHWAY 37 CALLED OUT IN
12 THAT, IN PARTICULAR. I WAS READING JUST THIS MORNING ABOUT THE
13 INCREDIBLE RISK THAT HIGHWAY 37 HAS. AND THAT BY THE END OF
14 THE CENTURY IT'S GOING TO BE UNDER WATER. IT'S REALLY -- YOU
15 KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO WASTE ON THAT. AND,
16 THEN, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION. THAT'S WHERE MY HEART IS. YOU
17 KNOW, I'M A WALKER AND A BIKER, AND I -- THIS IS OUR FUTURE.
18 IS GOING TO BE GETTING US OUT OF OUR CARS AND ON TO OUR BIKES
19 OR ON TO SAFE WALKING PATHS, AND THAT NEWS WE HEARD LAST WEEK
20 OUT OF ALAMEDA COUNTY IS SO HEARTBREAKING. WE HAVE GOT TO STEP
21 UP AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT GO AT
22 LEAST TO A \$2 BILLION ASK. WE MIGHT NOT GET EVERYTHING WE ASK
23 FOR BUT IF WE DON'T ASK WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO GET IT. I
24 CERTAINLY ASK STAFF TO BE BOLD. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** PEDROZA?

2

3 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I AGREE WITH COMMENTS SHARED BY FELLOW
4 COMMISSIONERS. REBECCA FOR YOU IN TERMS OF THE PROCESS I SEE
5 THE VALUE YOU'RE TAKING THIS IS THE FIRST BITE OF THE APPLE IN
6 TERMS OF FEEDBACK WE'RE ALSO COMPETING WITH OTHER GROUPS
7 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS THAT ARE GOING TO CHAMPION HOUSING,
8 BROADBAND AND SO FORTH, IS THE STRATEGY FOR SUPPORT TO FIND
9 CONSENSUS AMONG THE WHOLE, ALSO BEING SPECIFIC AND SEEING
10 DIVISION AMONGST THE TRANSPORTATION WORLD.

11

12 **REBECCA LONG:** DEFINITELY PART OF THE THINKING AROUND. THE
13 SPECIFYING THE ENTIRE 10 BILLION BECAUSE YOU KNOW OBVIOUSLY
14 IT'S JUST AS EFFECTIVE FOR THE REGION WHEN WE'RE ALL TOGETHER
15 IN THIS ACTIVE PLAN IN SACRAMENTO AND TRANSPORTATION,
16 STATEWIDE COALITION BUILDING WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERS
17 CALCOG FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THE LEAGUE OF CITIES ET CETERA IS
18 HELPFUL WITH FLEXIBILITY AND THERE'S A REQUEST TO GO UP
19 ANOTHER BILLION IF WE WERE TO GROW ATP TO 2 BILLION AND
20 CLIMATE TO 1 BILLION WE WOULD STILL HAVE 2 BILLION TO PLAY
21 WITH SO I THINK THAT IS REASONABLE AND CERTAINLY WE CAN COME
22 BACK TO YOU AS NEGOTIATIONS EVOLVE AND EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES
23 TO GROW THE PROGRAM EVEN MORE.

24



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1 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I AGREE WITH
2 ACKNOWLEDGING SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE CLOSE TO THE
3 FINISH LINE I SEE THERE IS A LOT OF VALUE IN THAT AS WELL. THE
4 QUESTION I HAVE FOR YOU WITH ALL THE PERCEPTION THAT THERE HAS
5 BEEN A LOT OF MONEY IN THE TRANSPORTATION WORLD FROM THE
6 STIMULUS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL YOU KIND OF ADDRESS IT BY
7 HIGHLIGHTING THAT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THE NEEDS AROUND \$17
8 BILLION. ANY CONCERN THAT WE SHOULD STRESS THAT MORE THAT
9 STIMULUS WENT TO PRESERVE JOBS, KIND OF RESTORE SERVICE THIS,
10 IS SEPARATE IN PART. OR DO YOU THINK THAT'S WELL DOCUMENTED
11 AMONG OUR STATE LEGISLATORS?

12

13 **REBECCA LONG:** WELL, THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, CERTAINLY THE
14 COVID RELIEF MONEY WAS FOCUSED ON OPERATIONS BUT THE
15 INFRASTRUCTURE BILL IS CAPITAL ORIENTED. I THINK THAT, YOU
16 KNOW, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP EARLIER WAS THE EXTENT
17 TO WHICH THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL FOCUSES ON STATE OF GOOD
18 REPAIR, YOU KNOW? THAT CAN BE PART OF THE MESSAGES IS THE
19 PROJECT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REALLY ARE ABOUT BUILDING THAT
20 FUTURE AND TRANSIT EXPANSION. AND, SO, CERTAINLY, THERE IS
21 STILL AN ENORMOUS SHORT FALL THERE, THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL
22 WILL NOT FULLY FUND OUR NEEDS. LIKewise FOR LOCAL STREETS AND
23 ROADS, EVEN NO THERE IS SOME FUNDING THAT WILL LIKELY FLOW TO
24 THAT FROM SOME OF THE FEDERAL MONEYS THERE IS STILL SUCH
25 AMOUNTS OF SHORT FALL. SO I THINK WE CAN FURTHER UNDERSCORE



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1 THAT THE FEDERAL BILL DID NOT MEET THE NEEDS THAT WE'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT HERE.

3

4 **ALFREDO PEDROZA:** I COMPLETELY AGREE THE MORE THAT WE CAN
5 UNDERSCORE THAT TO DRAW THE NEED I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE
6 BETTER OFF. THANK YOU REBECCA.

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER CONNOLLY?

9

10 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** THANK YOU. JUST WANT TO NOTE, I AGREE WITH THE
11 IDEA OF CALLING OUT HIGHWAY 37, IN PARTICULAR. AND, ALSO, THE
12 INCREASES TO AMOUNTS ON ATP AND CLIMATE. ON THE CAPITAL
13 FUNDING SHORTFALL, I NOTE THAT WE DON'T REALLY, KIND OF
14 ADDRESS SMALL OPERATORS AT ALL SO WONDERING ON THE STRATEGY
15 AROUND THAT WONDERING IF THERE IS A SENSE TO AT LEAST PROVIDE
16 A FLAVOR THAT THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH SMALL OPERATORS IN TERMS
17 OF HAVING A SHORT FALL NOW, AS WELL.

18

19 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER CONNOLLY. I HAVE HEARD A
20 COUPLE OF COMMENTS ALONG THOSE LINES I HAVE REACHED OUT TO
21 SMALL OPERATORS ON THIS LETTER. WHEN WE ILLUSTRATE THE
22 10,000,000,017 BILLION THERE MEET WITH LARGE OPERATORS THOSE
23 ARE SUCH BIG NUMBERS MONITORING SHORTFALLS AND ASKING FOR
24 FUNDS TO COME TO THE REGION IF WE INVEST IN THOSE SMALL



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1 OPERATORS AS WELL, CERTAINLY LOOKING OUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I
2 HAVE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE OPERATORS.

3

4 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THERESE.

7

8 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE THOUGHTFUL
9 COMMENTS AND MAYBE AS IT'S MY WANTS SOMETIMES TO SYNTHESIZE
10 WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. IMPORTANT CONTEXT IN ESTABLISHING,
11 AWFUL YOU CHARACTERIZE IT AS OUR OPENING SALVO OR FIRST LINE
12 IN THE SAND OR WHATEVER METAPHOR YOU USE, IS THAT THIS IS ONE-
13 TIME FUNDING. ONE-TIME FUNDING WHERE WE DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW
14 WHAT OUR FULL TARGET S WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL TO SHAPE OUR
15 MESSAGE AROUND THAT, AS AN EXAMPLE, THE NORTH SOUTH SPLIT
16 SITUATION IS MUCH MORE RELEVANT TO FORMULA FUNDING AND VERY
17 LONG MULTI-YEAR STRUCTURAL ISSUES. ACTUALLY MIGHT GET IN THE
18 WAY OF BENEFITTING US IF WE BROUGHT IT FORWARD WITH ONE TIME.
19 SO THAT'S JUST AN EXAMPLE WHERE WE USE THAT SCREEN TO SEE
20 WHERE THOSE THINGS MATTER. AS REBECCA SAID, YOU KNOW, ONE OF
21 THE IMPORTANT THINGS HERE IN, SORT OF, LAYING OUT SORT OF
22 OPENING SALVO IS TRYING TO REFLECT SOME BOUNDARIES THAT HAVE
23 STATEWIDE APPEAL IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE COALITION BUILDING
24 THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO HAPPEN IF TRANSPORTATION IS GOING TO
25 GET A BIG CUT. SO, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE



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1 INCLUDED WERE REALLY AROUND THAT, TO SEE IF THERE IS -- YOU
2 BEGIN TO, SORT OF, INITIALLY SET THAT COMMON SPACE FOR
3 BUILDING THE TYPE OF COALITION THAT IS NEEDED. WITH RESPECT
4 TO, YOU KNOW, THE BAY AREA ASK, THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY, WE
5 HAVE GOT A LOT. WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE, AGAIN, THIS IS -- I
6 THINK THE -- SINCE THIS IS TO THE GOVERNOR, I THINK IT'S
7 IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE IT REALLY SHOULD BE OUR TOP LINES THAT
8 SET THE STAGE AND WE CAN CERTAINLY INCLUDE KEY EXAMPLES LIKE
9 STATE ROUTE 37. I THINK WE OUTLINED THAT WE ARE ALREADY
10 MINDFUL OF GOING OVER THE GOAL LINE WITH A NUMBER OF PROJECTS
11 AND HIGHLIGHTING THOSE, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT WE NEED
12 TO FOCUS IN ORDER TO RESONATE. THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF
13 INCOMING. AND, SO, AT THIS STAGE, I THINK STRATEGICALLY BEING
14 ABLE TO DO THOSE TWO THINGS, ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES FOR
15 COALITIONS THAT WE CAN BUILD AND BEING VERY CLEAR ABOUT, YOU
16 KNOW, A FOCUS FOR WHAT OUR BAY AREA NEEDS ARE, SOMETIMES
17 THAT'S A DELICATE BALANCING ACT. BUT BASED ON ALL YOUR REALLY
18 HELPFUL OBSERVATIONS, WE'LL TRY TO ACHIEVE THAT IN REVISED
19 LETTER THAT WE'LL SEND OUT. SO, THANK YOU FOR THOSE -- THAT
20 OPPORTUNITY.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER WORTH?

23

24 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

25 FIRST I WANT TO, BRIEFLY, KIND OF, ASSOCIATE MY COMMENTS WITH



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1 SOME OF THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING
2 STRATEGIC FOR OUR ASK. I REMEMBER YEARS AGO WHEN FORMER CTC
3 CHAIR GHIEMMETTI CAME TO THE COMMISSION AND SAID FOLKS WE HAVE
4 GOT TO COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS AND COME TO IDENTIFY OUR TERMS
5 OF ADVOCACY AND IMPORTANT PROJECTS. OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
6 IS BASED ON THIS FOUNDATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF RAIL, EXPRESS BUSES
7 AND LOCAL, YOU KNOW, BUS TO THE RAIL CONNECTIONS. AND SO, YOU
8 KNOW, WE DO HAVE PROJECTS -- AND I KNOW THAT -- THAT ARE ON
9 THE ONE YARD LINE. THERE IS STILL A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
10 MONEY THAT HAS TO GO TO THESE PROJECTS, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT,
11 FOR EXAMPLE, PROJECTS THAT GO, LIKE, BART TO SAN JOSE, WHEN WE
12 LOOK AT OUR REGIONAL EFFORTS NOW AND HAVE OUR DTX IN SAN
13 FRANCISCO AND VALLEY LINK IN EAST BAY THESE PROJECTS ARE A
14 CHALLENGE TO FUND AND BUILD AND IT TAKES TENACITY TO DO THAT.
15 I THINK WE THAT WE NEED TO MOVE -- WE REALLY NEED TO BE
16 ASSERTIVE IN TERMS OF OUR REQUEST FOR THESE, YOU KNOW,
17 PARTICULAR -- I KIND OF DID THEM IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY
18 SEEM TO BE TEED UP IN OUR PLANNED BAY AREA. SO I THINK WUI
19 NEED TO BE ADVOCATING FOR THE FUNDS TO, YOU KNOW, CREATE THE
20 FULL FUNDING SITUATION, PARTICULARLY BART TO SAN JOSE AND HOW
21 THAT'S GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW, SO INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR --
22 ACHIEVING OUR TRANSIT GOALS FOR OUR REGION. SO, AGAIN, I'M --
23 I'M GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, BUT I
24 THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE NEED TO BE, REALLY, YOU
25 KNOW, ADVOCATE, IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE WAY FOR THE BAY



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1 AREA'S FAIR SHARE OF THESE FUNDS. SO I APPRECIATE STAFF'S
2 ENGAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE WE NEED TO GO WITH THIS.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER
6 RAISED HANDS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE'LL NOW GO TO PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM PLEASE RAISE
8 YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE IF YOU ARE PHONING IN. MARTHA I
9 SEE SEVERAL RAISED HANDS.

10

11 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** ROLAND YOU'RE FIRST UP. GO AHEAD AND
12 UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THE UNMUTE. SO, I'M GOING TO BE TOUCH
15 ON HIGH SPEED RAIL AND BART EXTENSION FIRST OF ALL ON HIGH
16 SPEED RAIL THERE IS NOTHING AT ALL IN STATUTE THAT GIVES HIGH
17 SPEED RAIL THE AUTHORITY THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO DESIGN, BUILD
18 OR OPERATE TRAINS AT SPEEDS BELOW 125 MILES AN HOUR. SAN
19 FRANCISCO TO GILROY IS 110. IT'S BELOW 125. SPECIFICALLY
20 STATUTE CPU C-SECTION 185032, SUBSECTION B. SO MY RECOGNIZE,
21 MOVING FORWARD, IS FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY TO
22 CONTINUE FOCUSING ON WHATEVER IT IS THEY START TO SEE IN
23 CENTRAL VALLEY AND FOR AN AGENCY, ANOTHER REGIONAL AGENCY, TO
24 DEVELOP THE SAN FRANCISCO, TO GILROY, SECTION, AND TO COMPETE
25 FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FUR FOR THE CALTRAIN EXTENSION TO



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1 SOUTH BAY, RAIL EXTENSION TO GILROY. THE RECENT INCREASE FROM
2 \$4.7 BILLION TO \$9.1 BILLION IN THE LAST TWO YEARS SHOULD BE A
3 WAKE UP CALL THAT DESERVES THE ATTENTION OF THE ENTIRE REGION.
4 AS WE MOVE THIS PROJECT TO THE FINISHING LINE. AND WE NEED TO
5 START WITH IDENTIFYING AN ENTITY THAT WILL BE CAPABLE OF
6 ALTERING THIS PROJECT IN REASONABLE TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU, ROLAND. NEXT UP IS
10 CAROLYN CLEVINGER. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON CAROLYN C, WITH THE ALAMEDA COUNTY
13 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION I WANTED TO NOTE OUR APPRECIATION
14 FOR THE COOPERATION THAT MTC COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES
15 AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS WORKING TONER THAT THE BAY AREA'S
16 NEEDS ARE HIGHLIGHTED AT STATE LEVEL LOOKING FORWARD TO
17 CONTINUING WORK IN BUDGET DISCUSSIONS AND ADVOCATE FOR
18 SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FOR TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION RAIL AND SAFETY
19 RESILIENCE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THANK YOU.

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU CAROLYN.

22

23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** NEXT UP IS RICH HEDGES. GO AHEAD AND
24 UNMUTE YOURSELF.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT
2 WE SEE AS DISADVANTAGES AND GETTING MONEY IN HERE FROM THE
3 STATE MY SUGGESTED WOULD BE NOT ONLY TO COORDINATE WITH THIS
4 REGION BUT ALSO IN SACRAMENTO AND OTHER REGIONS TO TRY TO GET
5 THE MONEY. I THINK WE'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE LEGISLATIVELY WITH
6 LA. BUT I TRY TO SAMPLE OTHER AGENCIES AROUND THE COUNTRY,
7 ESPECIALLY L.A.'S EZ WITH ZOOM AND ATTENDING MEETINGS THERE.
8 AND THEY HAVE SO MANY PROJECTS NOW THAT ARE NEAR COMPLETION.
9 I'M NOT INSIDE THERE, SO I'M NOT QUITE SURE BUT IT DOESN'T
10 SEEM THEY HAVE THE DELAYS OR COST OVERRUNS THAT WE HAVE. I'M
11 SAYING, WITH THE CRENSHAW LINE, THE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION OF
12 THE GREEN LINE PASS AT REDONDO, AND SEPULVEDA LINE THEY SEEM
13 TO SEE MORE RESULTS. I THINK IT'S TOUGH TO COMPETE WITH THEM
14 SO I THINK JOINING WITH OTHER AGENCIES, AND AGENCY IN NORTHERN
15 CALIFORNIA TO LOBBY. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. IT WAS
16 MENTIONED I MAY BE SHORTSIGHTED IN THIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
17 MCMILLAN, BEING FROM LA, YOU MAY HAVE GREATER INSIGHT TO THIS
18 THAN I DO. THANK YOU.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS WITH THEIR
23 HAND RAISED.

24



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. THIS WAS
2 AN INFORMATION ITEM. I THINK WE HAVE PROVIDED A LOT OF USEFUL
3 FEEDBACK TO STAFF ON THIS LETTER. I'LL ASK FOR COMMENTS OR
4 QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM BEFORE WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM.
5 SEEING NONE. WE'LL MOVE TO OUR NEXT ITEM. ITEM 4C, 2022
6 WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVOCACY TRIP UPDATE. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN
7 WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

8

9 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN.
10 ABAG STAFF. FOR THE SAKE OF TIME I'LL TRY TO STAY HIGH-LEVEL
11 ON THIS INFORMATION ITEM. I THINK STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT
12 WE PROCEED WITH PLANNING FOR AN IN-PERSON WASHINGTON, D.C.
13 TRIP IN 2020, IN MARCH. YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN SOMETHING THAT
14 THIS COMMISSION AND ABAG HAVE DONE, JOINTLY, FOR MANY YEARS
15 NOW, AND APPARENTLY WE DID NOT GO LAST YEAR OR IN 2020 OR FOR
16 THE IN PERSON TRIP IN 2022. I THINK SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
17 ITEMS TO CALL OUT ARE TIMING. I THINK MARCH IS STILL A REALLY
18 IMPORTANT TIME TO BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT'S WHEN CONGRESS
19 AND THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE IN FULL SWING IN IMPLEMENTING
20 THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL, AND HOPEFULLY, FINGERS CROSSED, THE
21 BUILD BACK BETTER BILL. WE ARE, THOUGH, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT,
22 YOU KNOW, WITH THE UNCERTAINTY AROUND COVID AND PUBLIC HEALTH
23 STATUS THAT THERE IS A STRONG CHANCE THAT THINGS COULD BE UP
24 IN THE AIR. SO WE ARE ALSO FULLY PLAYING ON A COVID-19 RELATED



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1 CONTINGENCY PLAN TO SWITCH TO VIRTUAL GROUP IF NEEDED AND
2 WE'LL KEEP UPDATING.

3

4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES, ANY
5 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. WE'LL CERTAINLY BE
6 HEARING MORE AS THE TRIP IS BEING PLANNED. SO, I'LL ASK IF
7 THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

8

9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON
10 THIS ITEM AND THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR
11 HANDS RAISED.

12

13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S SEE IF THERE ARE ANY
14 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM. WE'LL
15 PROCEED TO OUR NEXT ITEM, THE WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE
16 UPDATE.

17

18 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN THIS IS ALSO
19 STILL AN INFORMATION ITEM, THE THEME FOR THIS, LEGISLATION
20 COMMITTEE. I DID WANT TO TAKE -- YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE A LOT OF
21 MATERIALS ON YOUR WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE, THERE HAS OBVIOUSLY
22 BEEN A LOT GOING ON IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I WANT TO TAKE A
23 COUPLE OF MINUTES TO WALK THROUGH THE HANDOUT A AND HANDOUT B
24 ON THE JOBS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT I WON'T GO INTO A
25 LOT OF DETAIL ON WHAT'S IN THAT BIG INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. BUT



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1 JUST POINT OUT TO A HIGH-LEVEL ON THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
2 SIDE, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE BIG INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WILL MEAN FOR
3 THE BAY AREA IS A BOOST IN RESOURCES THAT MTC ADMINISTERS, AND
4 THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THESE BODIES TO REGISTER, YOU
5 KNOW, ONE OF THE BIG COMPONENTS IS GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT
6 INCREASE IN TRANSIT RESOURCES, WHICH IS REALLY GOOD NEWS. BUT,
7 SORT OF, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STATE BUDGET CONVERSATIONS, AND
8 YOU KNOW, OTHER THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING, MOST OF
9 THE TRANSIT RESOURCES THAT WOULD COME TO THE BAY AREA, SORT
10 OF, ARE ALREADY DEDICATED TO STATE OF GOOD REPAIR AND NEED
11 INVESTMENTS THAT HAVE LONG BEEN IN THE QUEUE THAT'S GOOD NEWS
12 AND THERE ARE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. THE OTHER ELEMENT
13 IS CALLING OUT THE ONE BAY AREA GRANT PROGRAM OBAG THERE HAS
14 BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION, AND THERE WAS A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY
15 FOR THE PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE IS THAT THERE IS
16 AN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WOULD BRING MODEST GROWTH TO THE
17 RESOURCES THAT MTC ADMINISTERS THROUGH THE OBAG PROGRAM IT'S
18 GOOD NEWS BUT NOT A TRANSFORMATIONAL BILLION DOLLARS GROWTH
19 THAT WOULD REALLY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE WHAT THAT PROGRAM COULD
20 ELECTRIC LIKE. THERE IS A LARGER INCREASE IN THE DEPENDABLE
21 MONEY THAT WOULD COME TO THE STATE FOR A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS
22 INCLUDING, LIKE, LOCAL BRIDGE REPAIR AND RESILIENCE. AND SO AS
23 WE ALLUDED TO IN THE STATE ADVOCACY PROGRAM THERE COULD BE
24 GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON IMPLEMENTATION AT THE STATE LEVEL
25 TO MAKE SURE THAT BAY AREA RECEIVES THEIR FAIR SHARE THAT'S



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1 SOMETHING TO LOOK OUT TO, DOWN THE ROAD. AND THEN, JUST, FOR
2 CONTEXT, THE MOST UNPRECEDENTED PIECE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE
3 PACKAGE ON THE TRANSPORTATION SIDE IS REALLY AROUND THE HUGE
4 GROWTH IN DISCRETIONARY RESOURCES THAT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
5 TRANSPORTATION WILL ADMINISTER. AND THAT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION WOULD ADMINISTER THOSE, OVER \$100 BILLION IN
7 NEW DISCRETIONARY GRANTS THROUGH A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS.
8 SO, THAT'S REALLY THE REAL OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE SOME OF THE
9 SIGNIFICANT FUNDING GAPS IN THE RANGE OF BIG TRANSPORTATION
10 PROJECTS THAT KIND OF HAVE BEEN ON THE VISION BOARD FOR AIR
11 LONG TIME IN THE BAY AREA. AND, IT, SORT OF, COMPLEMENTS SOME
12 OF THE STATE BUDGET DISCUSSION WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH ONE OF
13 THE THINGS THAT WE CAN THINK OF IS HOW IMPORTANT IT WILL BE TO
14 HAVE STATE RESOURCES THAT CAN LEVERAGE, YOU KNOW, FEDERAL
15 RESOURCES AND BEING MORE COMPETITIVE THAT WAY. FEDERAL GRANT
16 OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALSO NOT JUST GOING TO BE SOME OF THE, SORT
17 OF, TYPICAL BIG MEGA PROJECTS THAT COULD GET FUNDED ALTHOUGH
18 THAT'S A BIG IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF WHAT AN INFRASTRUCTURE
19 PACKAGE WOULD COME TO BEAR FOR INNER CITY RAIL, TRANSIT
20 EXPANSION MODERNIZATION BIG BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS THAT'S ONE BIG
21 FOCUS, BUT, THERE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE SOME SIGNIFICANT
22 FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR PROJECTS THAT THE FEDS HAVEN'T
23 HISTORICALLY BEEN AS INVESTED IN AND THOSE ARE THINGS LIKE
24 IMPLEMENTING VISION ZERO PLANS. RE IMAGINING HIGHWAYS AS
25 COMMUNITY ASSETS VERSUS DIVIDERS, REALLY BRINGING FORTH



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1 RESOURCES FOR BUS ELECTRIFICATION. THERE ARE A WHOLE HOST OF
2 GRANTS AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE ALL DETAILED IN YOUR
3 HAND OUT B. FOR THIS ITEM, I JUST WANT TO CALL OUT TO SOME OF
4 THEM. AND TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT MORE CONTEXT ON WHAT THE
5 REST OF THE PACKAGE WOULD BE, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE IS
6 THAT THIS IS REALLY, SORT OF, THE FIRST TIME THE FEDS ARE
7 COMING OUT REALLY TRYING TO TACKLE GREENHOUSE GAS PRODUCTIONS
8 IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY MAKING BIG
9 INVESTMENT IN PORT ELECTRIFICATION AND SUSTAINABLE
10 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE THERE IS ALSO COMMITMENT TO
11 UPGRADING THE ELECTRIC GRID SO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM CAN SUPPORT
12 THE ELECTRIC VEHICLES, BUSES, AND PORT ELECTRIFICATION. THERE
13 IS PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS TO MAKE ELECTRIC VEHICLES
14 PRACTICAL FOR PEOPLE BY INVESTING IN CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.
15 THEN LASTLY THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WOULD PROVIDE A LOT OF
16 THE, SORT OF, WRAP AROUND INVESTMENT IN THINGS LIKE NARROWING
17 THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, COMBATTING WILDFIRES HELPING SHORELINE
18 COMMUNITIES PLANNING FOR AND IMPLEMENTING FOR INVESTMENTS TO
19 MITIGATE RIDING TIDES THINGS LIKE THAT THAT ARE REALLY
20 IMPORTANT AND HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AS
21 CRITICAL COMPONENTS TO HELPING THE REGION COMING TO THAT MORE
22 AFFORDABLE CONNECTED DIVERSE AND HEALTHY BAY AREA. SO, REALLY
23 HIGH-LEVEL WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE, INCLUDES AND COULD
24 MEAN, AND AGAIN THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF INFORMATION IN YOUR
25 PACKET, HAND OUT.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES, THIS
3 IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? SEEING NO
4 RAISED HANDS. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

5

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

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. BRINGING IT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE
11 ONCE AGAIN. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? IF NOT, THANK YOU GEORGIA
12 FOR THE EXCELLENT PRESENTATION AND ALL YOUR GREAT WORK.
13 APPRECIATE IT. ITEM 5A LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE WANT TO PAY
14 TRIBUTE TO RANDY RENTSCHLER, IT'S WITH A HEAVY HEART, AFTER 31
15 YEARS OF SERVICE, RANDY RENTSCHLER, CZAR OF THE LEGISLATIVE
16 AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION IS RETIRING. RANDY, WE HAVE A SHORT
17 VIDEO OF SOME OF THE PAST CHAIRS SHARING THEIR APPRECIATION OF
18 YOUR PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OUR
19 AGENCY AND REGION AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR
20 RETIREMENT.

21

22 **JAMES P. SPERING, CHAIR:** RANDY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING
23 UP TO SOLANO COUNTY I RARELY SEE YOU UNLESS WE'RE PLAYING
24 GOLF. IF I ACCOUNT REFLECT OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS I DIDN'T
25 KNOW WHAT YOU DID, I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE MTC SOCIAL DIRECTOR,



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1 AND WE HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED GOLF, AND WE COME UP TO SOLANO
2 COUNTY AND YOU HAVE PROBABLY PLAYED THERE AS MANY TIMES AS I
3 HAVE. I'M A MEMBER. WE HAVE GONE TO AS GAMES, GIANTS GAMES
4 BABY GAMES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IF MTC WAS TRAVELING TO A CITY
5 TO SEE BASEBALL GAMES WE WERE THERE, AND MY GOSH, YOU NEW
6 EVERY BREW PUB IN THAT CITY AND I BARTENDERS NEW YOU BY NAME
7 WHICH IS A SURPRISE. AND ON A SERIOUS NOTE, I WANT TO SAY THAT
8 YOU HAVE HEADED UP ONE OF THE BEST PUBLIC AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE
9 GROUPS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND YOU ARE WELL RESPECTED IN
10 CONGRESS, CAN CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS AND IT'S BEEN AN HONOR
11 TO SERVE WITH YOU RANDY I LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING TIME WITH
12 YOU IN RETIREMENT, WITH YOU PAYING FOR IT OF COURSE. AND WITH
13 THAT RANDY ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION AND STAFF, THANK YOU,
14 JOB WELL DONE. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD. THANK YOU RANDY.

15

16 **BILL DODD:** THANK YOU RANDY I WANT TO WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR
17 RETIREMENT. I HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF THE AWESOME JOB YOU DID
18 OVER THE YEARS FOR MTC, WHEN I WAS CHAIR, YOU HAD THAT ABILITY
19 ON EVERY SINGLE ISSUE TO SYNTHESIZE NOT ONLY POLITICS OF AN
20 ISSUE BUT THE POLICY OF AN ISSUE. I CONSIDER YOU A GOOD
21 FRIEND, I ADMIRE YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORTS ON MY
22 BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE MILLIONS OF TRANSIT AND
23 TRANSPORTATION USERS ALL OVER THE BAY AREA AND BEYOND. THANKS.

24



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1 **DAVID CORTESE:** RANDY, CONGRATULATIONS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A BIG
2 MOMENT FOR YOU AND A BIG MOMENT FOR THE REST OF US TO HAVE AN
3 OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU. I REMEMBER YOU IN DIFFERENT
4 WAYS. ALL GOOD. ON THE BUSINESS SIDE. I THINK PROBABLY THE
5 MOST IMPRESSED I HAVE EVER BEEN WITH ANYBODY IN A POSITION
6 LIKE YOURS IS TRAVELING WITH YOU TO WASHINGTON, D.C. BECAUSE I
7 DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I WALKED IN TO A U.S. SENATOR'S
8 OFFICE, OR A CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE NOT KNOWING WHAT TO SAY
9 NEXT, AND TO HAVE YOU ONLY TO HAVE YOU TAKE OVER THAT
10 CONVERSATION, EXPLAINED EVERYTHING IN DETAIL, AND GET US OUT
11 OF THERE IN GOOD SHAPE. YOU KNOW? OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S NOT ONLY A
12 TALENT, BUT A TRIBUTE TO YOUR PROFESSIONALISM. AND, OF COURSE,
13 WITH THE COMMISSION, NEVER AFRAID TO PUSH BACK. THAT'S YOU.
14 AND I THINK IT ENGENDERED TRUST. I THINK PEOPLE KNEW THAT IF
15 YOU SAID SOMETHING ISN'T A GOOD IDEA OR WASN'T A GOOD IDEA
16 PROBABLY IT WASN'T. I HOPE YOU ENJOY PLENTY OF ADVENTURES
17 AHEAD OF YOU AND IN THE MEANTIME LET'S CONGRATULATE YOU FOR A
18 TREMENDOUS CAREER.

19

20 **JON RUBEN:** I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SHARE AN ANECDOTE ABOUT RANDY.
21 BEING HOW IT'S ME, IT WILL HAVE TO INVOLVE ME AS WELL. WE WERE
22 SCHEDULED TO GO TO SHANGHAI TO INSPECT THE PROGRESS ON THE
23 BRIDGE AT THE TIME. THE EAST SPAN, STILL BEING BUILT IN
24 SHANGHAI AT THE TIME. ONE NIGHT WE WENT TO DINNER AND THE
25 MENUS WERE ALL IN CHINESE, AND RANDY LITERALLY WENT TO EACH



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1 TABLE AND STUCK HIS FACE INTO EVERYBODY'S PLATE TO SEE WHAT
2 THEY WERE EATING AND INQUIRED OF THEM AS TO WHAT THEY WERE
3 EATING WHICH OF COURSE MEANT NOTHING, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T
4 SPEAK ANY ENGLISH, AND HE'S GOING, "WHAT DO YOU GOT HERE?" AND
5 IT'S, AK FE OO YEA. I HAD SCRAPED MY HEAD ON THIS THING ON
6 THE WAY IN. I WAS STANDING THERE WITH BLOOD SPURTING OUT OF
7 THE TOP OF MY HEAD. RANDY IMMEDIATELY GOT HIS CAMERA OUT AND
8 STARTED TAKING PICTURES. RANDY TURNS TO ME, PUTS AWAY HIS
9 CAMERA. TAKES ONE LAST SHOT AND SAYS, WELL, I GUESS YOU ARE A
10 SEASONED TRAVELER, AFTER ALL. RANDY, I LOVE YOU, AND I WOULD
11 BE HAPPY TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITH YOU, ANY TIME. I HOPE YOU
12 ENJOYED YOUR LATEST MOTORCYCLE TRIP, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE
13 FOUND, AS I HAVE FOUND, THAT IT'S A LOT DIFFERENT 50 YEARS
14 LATER.

15

16 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** RANDY RENTSCHLER, A LEGEND IN HIS TIME NEITHER
17 OF US HAVE EVER BEEN PARTICULARLY SHY OR THE RETIRING TYPES
18 AND I CERTAINLY ENJOYED THE 12 YEARS WORK WITH YOU,
19 PARTICULARLY THE TWO YEARS WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF MTC, YOU WERE A
20 ROCK. YOU ARE A ROCKSTAR IN THE WORLD OF MEDIA, AND, YOU ARE
21 GOING TO BE GREATLY MISSED AT MTC.

22

23 **AMY R. WORTH:** WELL, RANDY, GOSH, WORDS CANNOT BEGIN TO EXPRESS
24 MY INCREDIBLE ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION FOR YOU. WE ARE
25 GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH. WHEN I FIRST KNEW THAT YOU WERE



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1 GOING TO BE RETIRING, I WAS JUST, OH GOSH, HOW ARE WE GOING TO
2 SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU AND I REALLY FEEL THAT WAY. THERE IS
3 NOBODY I KNOW -- AND I KNOW A LOT OF STRATEGIST THAT IS AS
4 BRILLIANT AND AS THOUGHTFUL AS YOU ARE, IN TERMS OF YOUR
5 INSTINCTS ABOUT PEOPLE AND POLITICAL STRATEGY ABOUT CREATING
6 SUCH A WAY THAT WE HAVE CREATED AT MTC AND BATA. ONE OF THE
7 THINGS WE DO SO WELL IS WE COMMUNICATE WELL, BUT WE'RE ALSO
8 ABLE TO FORMULATE DECISIONS MUCH OF IT BASED ON YOUR INPUT IN
9 TERMS OF HOW BEST TO POSITION THE ORGANIZATION. AND I'M
10 THINKING OF SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHEN YOUR BRILLIANCE CAME INTO
11 BEING WAS ON THE NEW EASTERN SPAN OF THE BAY BRIDGE, WITH THE
12 IDEA THAT IF WE COMMUNICATED WITH THE PUBLIC, THEY WOULD
13 UNDERSTAND. EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WISH
14 YOU ALL THE BEST FOR A WONDERFUL RETIREMENT.

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WELL, I SECOND ALL THE COMMENTS THAT
17 HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT RANDY HAS HAD AT MTC AND
18 FOR THE REGION. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU. WE'RE
19 SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A SEASONED AND RESPECTED AND
20 EFFECTIVE LEADER IN OUR ORGANIZATION. BIG SHOES TO FILL. YOU
21 ARE WELL DESERVED IN YOUR RETIREMENT, LONG OVERDUE. WE'RE
22 GOING TO MISS YOU AT MTC. RANDY I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO
23 YOU TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS AND MY FELLOW COMMITTEE
24 MEMBERS IF THEY HAVE COMMENTS.

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1 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** THIS IS A LAME DUCK LEAVE OBVIOUSLY WHEN YOU
2 LEAVE YOU DON'T GET TO MAKE DECISIONS ANYMORE. I CERTAINLY
3 WOULD HAVE STOPPED -- YOU ARE IN GOOD HANDS LEADERSHIP IS ROCK
4 SOLID WITH YOU MAYOR ARREGUIN AND MR. PEDROZA THIS IS I GOOD
5 TIME TO GO I FEEL CONFIDENT YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS LAST THING I
6 WOULD SAY IT'S BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH ALL OF YOU
7 OVER THEORIES YEARS. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO,
8 THANK YOU, AGAIN.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. VICE CHAIR
11 JOSEFOWITZ?

12

13 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YEAH. I JUST WANTED TO ADD IN THAT, YOU KNOW,
14 RANDY, I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM YOU. AND I FEEL LIKE I HAVE
15 ONLY, SORT OF, SCRATCHED THE SURFACE OF WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT
16 YOU LET ME -- WHAT YOU HAVE LET ME IN ON. AND I'M JUST DEEPLY
17 APPRECIATIVE. AND I ALSO WANT TO ECHO AMY'S COMMENTS. I MEAN,
18 OF ALL THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, FOLKS, IN ALL THE GIN JOINTS IN
19 ALL THE WORLD YOU HAVE FIGURED OUT A WAY OF NOT JUST BEING
20 REACTIVE WHICH SO MANY GOVERNING AGENCIES ARE, BUT REALLY
21 UNDERSTANDING THIS COMMISSION AND REGION'S NEEDS AND HELPING
22 US GET THAT, AND IT'S UNIQUE AND REMARKABLE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE
23 ALWAYS COVERING THEIR AS, AND YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE THOSE
24 RISKS ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AND ON BEHALF OF THE REGION, AND
25 I'M GRATEFUL. I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T MET YOU OR



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1 MAY HAVE CONTACTED YOU ABOUT A CLIPPER COMPLAINT OR FASTRAK
2 COMPLAINT BUT THEY DON'T KNOW YOU, AND I HOPEFUL THAT THROUGH
3 TODAY WE CAN KIND OF HELP YOU LEAVE WITH THAT, AND EVEN THOUGH
4 IN YOUR RETIREMENT, I AM ALSO GOING TO LOOK FORWARD TO
5 INVITING YOU TO THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE BUS LANE
6 ON THE BAY BRIDGE AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH
7 THAT ONE CONGRATULATIONS RANDY.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

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11 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. RANDY, I WANT
12 TO, CERTAINLY, ECHO EVERYBODY'S ACCOLADES OF YOUR YEARS OF
13 SERVICE FOR MTC. BUT, ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, I CERTAINLY ENJOYED
14 THE CONVERSATIONS WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE WHEN I DID HAVE
15 QUESTIONS, OFFLINE, OUTSIDE OF OUR FORMAL MEETINGS. YOU WERE
16 ALWAYS WILLING TO STEP UP AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS. AND THERE
17 WERE TIMES WHEN I REQUIRED EXPLANATIONS. BECAUSE, I NEEDED TO
18 UNDERSTAND WHERE THE AGENCY WAS COMING FROM. AND YOU, GLADLY,
19 GAVE ME THE INFORMATION THEY LOOK FOR. SO I APPRECIATE YOU.
20 WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. BUT AS YOU SAID IN YOUR OWN COMMENTS,
21 WE WILL SUR SITE WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR
22 SERVICE.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER WORTH?

25



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1 **AMY R. WORTH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO
2 THANK YOU SO MUCH RANDY. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU
3 DID IS YOU PUT TOGETHER A PHENOMENAL TEAM THAT DOES THE
4 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND THE COMMUNICATION FOR OUR REGION. AND
5 WE ARE THE BEST. I THINK THAT THE WORK WE DO, AND TODAY WE
6 JUST SAW THAT THE, YOU KNOW, RESULTS OF PUTTING TOGETHER SUCH
7 AN OUTSTANDING TEAM WHEN WE LOOK TO OUR FEDERAL AND STATE
8 ADVOCACY AND FINISHING UP PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, ALL THE
9 COMMUNICATION EFFORTS, THE MATERIALS ARE ALWAYS ABSOLUTELY
10 FANTASTIC. THE PUBLIC CAN RESPOND TO THEM. AND I JUST THINK
11 YOU HAVE -- YOU'RE A GREAT LEADER INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY,
12 AND YOU HAVE LEFT THE COMMISSION IN A GREAT POSITION TO CARRY
13 FORWARD THE IMPORTANT WORK WE'RE DOING, AND PARTICULARLY,
14 ENGAGING THE PUBLIC AND ENGAGE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE
15 CONGRESS SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR GOALS. SO, THANK YOU SO
16 MUCH.

17

18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR LICCARDO? DO YOU WANT TO OFFER
19 SOME COMMENTS?

20

21 **SAM LICCARDO, VICE CHAIR MTC:** YEAH. THANK YOU, MAYOR ARREGUIN.
22 RANDY, I WANT TO CONVEY OUR TICKED OFF I AM AFTER HEARING JIM
23 SPERING, THEY NEVER GOT IN ANY OF THOSE FIELD TRIPS TO THE
24 GOVERNMENT COURSE OR BAR BUT AGAIN THAT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE
25 LANDED ME IN THE PAPER SO IT'S PROBABLY BEST. YOU KNOW,



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1 RANDY, I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED WORK WITH YOU. YOU HAVE SO MUCH
2 CLASS GENERALLY ENJOYABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. I WANT TO SECOND
3 WHAT DIRECTOR WORTH SAID, I HAVE BEEN TOLD MANY TIMES BY
4 SOMEONE I RESPECT A LOT TO BUILD A GREAT LEADER IS TO BUILD A
5 GREAT TEAM, AND YOU HAVE BUILT A GREAT TEAM WITH REBECCA AND
6 GEORGIA AND IT'S A GREAT LEGACY THAT WILL CARRY US FOR MANY
7 YEARS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENCE OR QUESTIONS? MAYOR
10 HUDSON?

11

12 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** MINE IS NOT ABOUT RANDY. IF WE'RE NOT THROUGH
13 WITH RANDY --

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WE'RE NOT THROUGH WITH RANDY YET.

16

17 **RANDY RENTSCHLER.** OH, PLEASE BE.

18

19 **>>JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** [LAUGHTER]. OKAY. IF THERE ARE NO
20 FURTHER COMMENTS WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

21

22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERESA ROMMEL. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF. THERESA ROMMEL? THERESA, WE CAN'T HEAR YOU IF YOU
24 ARE TALKING. STAR SIX.

25



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT
2 SPEAKER.

3

4 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** RICH, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.
5 RICH?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** JUST CAME UP. THANK YOU.

8

9 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** AWESOME.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE SOME REALLY VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE ON STAFF AT
12 MTC. AND RANDY IS ONE OF THE MOST SPECIAL. I HAVE WATCHED HIM
13 WORK OVER THE YEARS. HE IS SO DEDICATED TO HIS JOB. I AM VERY
14 SMALL POTATOES BUT HE ALWAYS HAD TIME TO STOP AND EXPLAIN
15 THINGS TO ME, AND JUST TAKE TIME TO PASS THE DAY AND TO
16 SOMEBODY WHO IS IN MY POSITION ATTENDING MEETINGS THAT'S
17 REALLY IMPORTANT IT SHOWED THE HUMANITY OF RANDY AND HOW HE
18 REACHED OUT TO EVERYONE. I'M GOING TO MISS HIM GREATLY BUT I'M
19 NOT GOING TO LEAVE HIM ALONE BECAUSE I HAVE HIS CELL PHONE
20 NUMBER. SO UNLESS YOU CHANGE YOUR NUMBER RANDY, I'M GOING TO
21 ASKING YOU FOR ADVICE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERESA ROMMEL, DID YOU GET YOUR ZOOM
24 WORKED OUT? NO. OKAY. THAT'S IT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR
25 RANDY'S ITEM.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BRINGING IT
3 BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. ANY CLOSING COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS? RANDY, I WANT TO TURN THE FLOOR BACK OVER TO YOU FOR
5 ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

6

7 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** I AM GRATEFUL IF EVER ALL OF YOUR THOUGHTS.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** IT'S AN END OF AN ERA. THANK YOU. YOU
11 WILL BE MISSED YOU HAVE MADE SUCH A HUGE IMPACT ON OUR AGENCY
12 AND OUR REGION. JUST REALLY, CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL THE BEST.

13

14 **RANDY RENTSCHLER:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THAT'S IT WE'LL GO TO ITEM SIX PUBLIC
17 COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO READ THE
18 NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY GENERAL WRITTEN COMMENT
19 RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY INTO THE RECORD AND ASK IF
20 THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

21

22 **CLERK, MARTHA SILVER:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
23 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
24 ON THIS ITEM.

25



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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR HUDSON.

2

3 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IN TWO YEARS THE
4 AFTA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ORLANDO.

5

6 **VEDA FLOREZ:** AT THE CONVENTION CENTER, EVERY THREE YEARS YOU
7 HAVE A BIG EXPO AND THE LAST AFTA CONFERENCE WAS TWO DAYS AGO
8 IN ORLANDO.

9

10 **VEDA FLOREZ:** AT A CONFERENCE CENTER I WON'T GO INTO A LONG
11 SPEECH ABOUT THE MANY THINGS THERE THAT WERE PRETTY IMPORTANT
12 TO SEE BUT ONE THING I'M BRING UP BECAUSE I PROMISED I WOULD I
13 WENT DOWN TO THE DESK WHERE THE MAN NOTICED I HAD A SHIRT ON
14 FROM SAN RAHMON CALIFORNIA AND SAID DO YOU KNOW MY AUNT SHE'S
15 THE MAYOR OF UNION CITY, SO CAROL, DERRICK SAYS HELLO HE WANTS
16 TO SEE YOU THERE IN TWO YEARS.

17

18 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** WOW.

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20 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** AND CAR WILL SAID SHE'LL BE SENDING 50 PEOPLE
21 BACK THERE IN TWO YEARS.

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23 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THERE YOU GO.

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November 12, 2021

1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WITH THAT THE JOINT MTC ABAG
2 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED UNTIL FRIDAY DECEMBER 10TH,
3 2021 AT 9:45 A.M. OR REMOTELY BY WEBCAST AS APPROPRIATE ANY
4 CHANGES WILL BE DULY NOTICED. [ADJOURNED]
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