

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



MAY 13, 2022

1 **JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022 9:45 AM**

3

4 **BELIA RAMOS:** I SEE THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY MISSING BOTH THE CHAIR
5 AND THE VICE CHAIR.

6

7 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** YEAH, FOR CLARIFICATION, THERESE MCMILLAN,
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. MEMBER RAMOS, AS VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD
9 TAKE IN ORDER OF THE HIERARCHY, SHOULD TAKE THE
10 CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THIS MEETING.

11

12 **BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS ON THE FLY. GOOD
13 MORNING I'LL CALL TO ORDER AT 11:52 THE JOINT MTC ABAG
14 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. IF WE COULD PLEASE RUN THE TAPE.
15 [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] THIS MEETING WILL
16 BE CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID MEETING A ZOOM WEBINAR LINK HAS BEEN
17 PROVIDED AS WELL AS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE.
18 THIS MEETING IS ALSO BEING WEBCAST ON THE METROPOLITAN
19 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WEB SITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS
20 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD
21 USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL
22 CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE
23 ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
24 PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR
25 NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT, PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS



MAY 13, 2022

1 VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
2 INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO
3 THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE
4 READ OUT LOUD. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION
5 ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT
6 FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM
7 EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

8

9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHAIR RAMOS, THIS IS FRED. I JUST SENT
10 OVER THE TALKING POINTS FOR THE LEGISLATION.

11

12 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD AND CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THIS IS FOR THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION
15 COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER AHN?

16

17 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

18

19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN IS ABSENT. CANEPA IS
20 ABSENT. CONNOLLY?

21

22 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI? IS
25 ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER EKLUND?



MAY 13, 2022

1

2 **PAT EKLUND:** PRESENT.

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

5

6 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** PRESENT.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER NON-VOTING GIACOPINI?

9

10 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR HALLIDAY?

13

14 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** I'M HERE. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY I'M GOING
15 TO HAVE TO SIGN OFF AT 12:30 FOR A HALF HOUR, AT LEAST, SO I
16 JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, IN CASE YOUR QUORUM IS SHORT.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR HUDSON?

19

20 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER LICCARDO IS ABSENT.

23 SUPERVISOR MAR? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

24

25 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.



MAY 13, 2022

1

2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PEDROZA? IS
3 ABSENT. COMMISSIONER RABBIT? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

4

5 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** IS HERE. MAYOR SCHAFF?

8

9 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** HERE.

10

11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** AND COMMISSIONER SPERING?

12

13 **JAMES P. SPERING:** HERE. FRED, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO STEP OUT
14 FOR A BIT. SO I MAY NOT BE HERE FOR SOME OF THE VOTE. I HAVE
15 TO DO THAT.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CURRENTLY CHAIR RAMOS WE HAVE A QUORUM AT
18 NINE.

19

20 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE AS
21 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE I DO KNOW WE HAVE QUORUM
22 CONSTRAINTS BEFORE US. FRED DO WE HAVE TO DO A COMPENSATION
23 ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS ONE?

24

25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** I DO NOT SEE A COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.



MAY 13, 2022

1

2 **BELIA RAMOS:** NEXT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION IS OUR CONSENT
3 CALENDAR. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. IT
4 CONSISTS OF APPROVAL OF OUR MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 8TH
5 ACCIDENT AND ALSO OUR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY. IS THERE A MOTION?

6

7 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** I'LL MOVE, HALLIDAY.

8

9 **PAT EKLUND:** AND I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

10

11 **BELIA RAMOS:** EKLUND -- SORRY. HALLIDAY MAKES THE MOTION, AND
12 EKLUND MAKES THE SECOND. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THIS
13 MOTION? I'M GOING TO PULL UP MY HANDS, BUT DON'T SEE ANY HAND
14 RAISED. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? FRED, DO WE
15 HAVE ANY WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT OR ANYONE IN THE BOARDROOM. I
16 DON'T SEE ANY HAND RAISED AT THIS TIME.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
19 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
20 ON THIS ITEM. AND IN THE BOARDROOM, THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF
21 THE PUBLIC QUEUED UP FOR SPEAKING.

22

23 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF THE CLERK WOULD PLEASE
24 CALL THE ROLL?

25



MAY 13, 2022

1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION BY HALLIDAY SECOND BY EKLUND.

2 COMMISSIONER AHN?

3

4 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

5

6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

7 CANEPA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CONNOLLY?

8

9 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

10

11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI? IS

12 ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER EKLUND?

13

14 **PAT EKLUND:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

17

18 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HALLIDAY?

21

22 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HUDSON?

25



MAY 13, 2022

1 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR LICCARDO IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MAR
4 IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

5

6 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR PEDROZA? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
9 RABBIT? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

10

11 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR SCHAFF?

14

15 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SPERING?

18

19 **JAMES P. SPERING:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

22

23 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT ITEM. ITEM THREE, WE'RE
24 TAKING UPSTATE LEGISLATION. THIS ITEM IS CONSIDERATION OF
25 ASSEMBLY BILL 22373, TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND STRAIGHT



MAY 13, 2022

1 CLIMATE GOALS. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. AND GEORGIA GANN
2 DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE GIVE YOUR
3 REPORT, GEORGIA?

4

5 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VICE PRESIDENT
6 RAMOS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SO THIS IS A BILL THAT ACTUALLY
7 HAS A LOT OF OVERLAP WITH THE CONVERSATION THAT WE HAD EARLIER
8 ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE SB 375 UPDATE THAT MR.
9 VAUTIN GAVE. SO, ASSEMBLELY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR
10 FRIEDMAN'S BILL IS REALLY INTENDED TO ALIGN TRANSPORTATION
11 SPENDING OF THE ACTUAL PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED WITH THE
12 STATE'S AMBITIOUS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS. AGAIN, IT'S
13 INTENDED TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE THAT DAVE HIGHLIGHTED EARLIER,
14 WHICH IS THAT THE STATE HAS IDENTIFIED A MEANINGFUL DIVERGENCE
15 BETWEEN NEAR-TERM TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS AND URGENT
16 CLIMATE PRIORITIES. SO, SPECIFICALLY, THE AUTHOR'S OFFICE IS
17 CONCERNED THAT SOME OF THE GHG REDUCING TRANSPORTATION
18 PROJECTS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
19 STRATEGIES OR FOR US, PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, ARE BEING PUSHED
20 TO OUT YEARS, WHILE SOME OF THE LESS CLIMATE FRIENDLY PROJECTS
21 ARE IMPLEMENTED EARLIER. AS DAVE MENTIONED WE BELIEVE THIS IS
22 A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. WE DO HAVE CONCERNS THOUGH WITH HOW
23 THE BILL WOULD GO ABOUT TRYING TO SOLVE FOR THE ISSUE WHICH IS
24 WHY WE'RE RECOMMENDING AN OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED POSITION. A
25 COUPLE OF HIGHLIGHTS WE AGREE CONCUR THAT WE NEED TO TAKE



MAY 13, 2022

1 ANOTHER LOOK AT SB 375 THAT'S AROUND THE LINES OF OUR CURRENT
2 ADVOCACY PROGRAM, WE HAVE SHARED COMMUNICATION WITH THE
3 STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL IN ATTACHMENT A OF YOUR ITEM AND ALSO
4 PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUPS WITH A NUMBER OF SACRAMENTO
5 PARTNERS ON THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER WE BELIEVE THERE IS
6 MISALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE INTENDED GOAL OF THE BILL AND THE
7 AREAS OF MECHANISM THAT THE BILLS ISSUE TARGETING TO TRY TO
8 ACHIEVE THAT GOAL AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE WAY THE BILL IS
9 STRUCTURES IT WOULD SET SOME REALLY CONCERNING PRECEDENT,
10 INCLUDING GIVING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD,
11 EFFECTIVELY, VETO POWER OVER ANY PROJECT FUNDED BY A REGIONAL
12 TRANSPORTATION AGENCY AND BY ELEVATING QUANTIFIABLE GHG
13 REDUCTION ABOVE ALL OTHER GOALS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IN OUR PLAN
14 AND THAT OUR STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATES, INCLUDING THINGS LIKE
15 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR AND EQUITY. SO I'M GOING TO GIVE A HIGH-
16 LEVEL SUMMARY OF A QUITE TECHNICAL BILL. AND THERE ARE SOME
17 CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS WE HAVE RELATED TO SORT OF AMBIGUITY
18 AND THE LANGUAGE SO I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON HOW THE BILL WAS
19 INTENDED TO WORK AND LEAVE THE OTHER ITEMS FOR LATER
20 DISCUSSION AS NEEDED. THE FIRST WOULD REQUIRE THAT MPOS,
21 REGIONS RANKED ALL PROJECTS IN IMPROVED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY
22 STRATEGY ALIGNED PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 REQUIRED TO RANK THOSE
23 PROJECTS ACCORDING TO ALIGNMENT WITH THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY
24 STRATEGY AND STATE CLIMATE GOALS AND WOULD REQUIRE
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT IN PRIORITY, PRIORITY ORDER



MAY 13, 2022

1 GREENHOUSE REDUCTION GREATEST -- [INDISCERNIBLE] SB 375 IS --
2 PLACE HOLDER [INDISCERNIBLE] TO ALIGN INVESTMENTS WITH
3 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS DOES NOT PROVIDE REGIONS OF
4 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY OVER THE VAST MAJORITY OF
5 REVENUE SOURCES NOT REQUIRED BY REGIONS WHICH COMPRISE REGIONS
6 OF THE LARGE MAJORITY OF THE PLAN FUNDING FOCUSES SING LATERAL
7 ON GHG REDUCTION NO BALANCE WITH OTHERS REAL AND IMPORTANT
8 GOALS LIKE ASSET MANAGEMENT MAINTAINING TRANSIT OPERATIONS
9 EQUITY ET CETERA. SECOND. THE BILL WOULD REQUIRE THE
10 CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD WITH THE CALIFORNIA
11 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SORT OF ABLE TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OR
12 VETO POWER THE CARB AND THE CTC WOULD BE REQUIRED TO EVALUATE
13 REGIONS RANKING LESS RANKING PRIORITY LESS PROJECTS AND
14 PROHIBIT A REGION FROM FUNDING A PROJECT THAT CARB DEEMS IS
15 NOT CONSISTENT WITH STATE CLIMATE GOALS AND THE SDS. THEN IT
16 FURTHER TARGETS OR EMPHASIZES TWO FUND SOURCES THE REGION
17 STATE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM A SUBSET OF STATE FUNDED -- A STATE
18 FUNDING SOURCE THAT REGIONS NOMINATE TO THE STATE AND THEN
19 ALSO LOCAL SALES TAX MEASURES. SO IT WOULD REQUIRE REGIONS
20 ASSESSED -- ASSESS THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IN OUR RTIP AND LOCAL
21 SALES TAX MEASURES ALIGNMENT WITH STATE CLIMATE GOALS AND AS
22 IT RELATES TO LOCAL SALES TAX PROJECTS IT WOULD REQUIRE THAT
23 THE CTC AND CARB REVIEW THAT ASSESSMENT AND THE MAKE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW PROJECTS IN THOSE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION
25 MEASURES COULD BETTER ALIGN WITH STATE CLIMATE GOALS. THERE



MAY 13, 2022

1 ARE A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS OF THE BILL THAT WE WANT TO FOCUS
2 ON. FIRST AND FOREMOST WE THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE
3 LEGISLATURE UPDATES SB375 IN A WAY THAT'S EFFECTIVE IF THEY
4 GET IT WRONG AS WE THINK IT DOES THE WAY THIS BILL IS WRITTEN
5 IS THE PROGRESS ON GHG REDUCTION ISN'T MADE AND LEGISLATURE
6 MOVES ON THINKING THEY RESOLVED THE ISSUE. SECOND IS
7 PRACTICALITY IN WHICH THE MANNER THE BILL CONSIDERATIONS
8 CLIMATE GOALS. A COUPLE OF PRACTICAL POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS IS
9 WE COULD END UP IN A SITUATION WHERE ARB AND MTC WOULD PREVENT
10 BATA FROM IMPLEMENTING A FEDERALLY FUNDED BRIDGE REHAB PROJECT
11 BECAUSE IT'S DEEMED NOT TO PROVIDE CHANGE IN GHG REDUCTION. WE
12 BELIEVE THERE IS A NEED TOTAL THREAD HERE THAT COULD DIRECT
13 MPOS TO EVALUATE OR REEVALUATE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE WHILE
14 WORKING WITHIN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION
15 PROGRAMMING PROCESS WHICH REALLY INVOLVES MATCHING ANTICIPATED
16 FORMULA AND GRANT FUNDING WITH ELIGIBLE PROJECTS THAT ADVANCE
17 THE BAY AREA'S GOALS. WE HAVE TECHNICAL CONCERNS RELATED TO
18 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CLIMATE GOALS AND
19 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSESSING ALIGNMENT WITH BOTH
20 WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE DUPLICATIVE, AND COME AT THE EXPENSE
21 OF STAFF'S IMPLEMENTING AND OVERSEEING EFFECTIVE POLICIES IS
22 PROGRAMS. THOSE ARE A COUPLE OF CONCERNS. WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS
23 COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE AUTHOR'S OFFICE ABOUT THESE CONCERNS
24 AND THEY HAVE RESONATED WITH THE OFFICE WE HAVE BEEN INVITED
25 TO JOIN A WORKING GROUP WITH A REGION THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO



MAY 13, 2022

1 TARGET BILLS AND PROVISIONS THAT ARE IMPACTFUL AND
2 IMPLEMENTABLE WE ARE RECOMMENDING OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
3 POSITION WITH MTC WITH DIRECTION TO WORK TO ADDRESS THESE
4 CONCERNS WITH THE AUTHOR'S OFFICE. WE'RE ASKING TO EXERCISE AN
5 URGENCY PROVISION THE BILL IS ON SUSPENSE FILE IN
6 APPROPRIATIONS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE AUTHOR. OPEN
7 FOR QUESTIONS.

8

9 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I SEE COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ
10 WITH HIS HAND RAISED.

11

12 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO I'M IN THE MEETING
13 ROOM, BUT I AM NOT ON THIS COMMITTEE, BUT I REALLY DISAGREE
14 WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON THIS. WE JUST GOT A WHOLE
15 PRESENTATION ABOUT HOW WE ARE NOT MEETING OUR CLIMATE GOALS AS
16 A REGION. WE JUST GOT A WHOLE PRESENTATION ABOUT THE -- HOW SB
17 375 HAS BEEN WORKING. THERE ARE CERTAINLY TECHNICAL ISSUES
18 WITH THIS BILL THAT, AS GEORGIA MENTIONED, I THINK THAT THE
19 AUTHOR'S OFFICE IS VERY COMMITTED TO WORKING THROUGH WITH US.
20 I DON'T THINK IT'S THE AUTHOR'S INTENT TO STOP BRIDGE REHAB
21 PROJECTS FROM GETTING FUNDED. BUT I THINK AT ITS CORE THIS
22 BILL IS ACTUALLY GIVING TEETH TO OUR COLLECTIVE REGIONAL
23 COMMITMENTS UNDER SB 375. AND OUR STATEWIDE COMMITMENTS
24 AROUND, TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. AND I DON'T THINK
25 WE SHOULD BE TAKING AN OPPOSE POSITION. I THINK WE SHOULD BE



MAY 13, 2022

1 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE AUTHOR IN TRYING TO ADDRESS THOSE
2 IMPORTANT TECHNICAL ISSUES. BUT FUNDAMENTALLY, WE ARE NOT
3 GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET OUR SB 375 GOALS AS A REGION. WE'RE
4 NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET OUR STATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION
5 REDUCTION GOALS UNLESS WE SERIOUSLY RETHINK HOW WE PLAN AND
6 FUND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. THE STATE HAS TAKEN THE FIRST
7 STEP WITH THIS DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AROUND CAPTI AND THIS
8 BILL IS DESIGNED, AND I THINK WILL ULTIMATELY SUCCESSFULLY
9 ALIGN WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL FUNDING AROUND THOSE GOALS AS
10 WELL.

11

12 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ. AND
13 PROCEDURALLY I'LL PUT THAT IN THE CATEGORY OF PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 SINCE I DID NOT CHECK MY ROSTER. I HAD THE OLD ROSTER ON THAT
15 ONE. AT THIS TIME I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY DISCUSSION BY
16 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE? ANY QUESTIONS FOR --

17

18 **NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** COMMISSIONER -- WE HAVE --

19

20 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** THIS IS THE FAULT OF SHOWING UP AT THE
21 MEETING. YOU CAN'T SEE ME. IF I CAN, BELIA, I ACTUALLY WANT TO
22 TAKE A DIFFERENT POSITION ON THIS. WHEN YOU'RE SAYING ALL
23 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, ALL, WITHIN THE REGION, AND THEN IT'S
24 I TALL SIZED, SOLELY BASED ON THE DEGREE EACH PROJECT
25 ACCELERATES CLIMATE GOALS, THEN YOU'RE MAKING A DECISION NOT



MAY 13, 2022

1 FROM A TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, BUT YOUR PUTTING IT BACK TO
2 ARP AND IT SHOULDN'T BE JUST ON CLIMATE, IT SHOULD BE -- IF
3 YOU CAN'T GET A PROJECT FINISHED AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP
4 CLIMATE CHANGE, THEN YOU'RE NOT HELPING ANYBODY. BUT I THINK
5 THE POINT THAT NICK WAS JUST MAKING, MAYBE THE WORD OPPOSE
6 ISN'T THE CORRECT WORD. BUT I DON'T KNOW, WATCH UNLESS
7 AMENDED, IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER. BUT I DON'T WANT TO
8 OPPOSE THINGS WE'RE TRYING TO DO TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT
9 THAT ISN'T T TRANSPORTATION TAKES CARE OF TRANSPORTATION
10 ISSUES, AND THE BIGGEST ISSUE IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING
11 ALL DAY, AND THAT'S LAND USE AND HOUSING TO REDUCE VMT. SO, I
12 DON'T KNOW IF OPPOSE IS THE RIGHT WORD, BUT I THINK YOU'RE ON
13 THE RIGHT TRACK. AND I WOULD HAVE USED AN EXAMPLE THAT'S MORE
14 ON SAFETY, MORE STATE OF REPAIR OTHER THAN THE EQUITY BASE.
15 BUT, CURRENTLY, EQUITY BASE AND 617 IS GETTING THE MOST PRESS,
16 SO TO SPEAK. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT, BUT I THINK IF
17 YOU CAN GET THE AMENDMENTS THAT YOU'RE MAKING TRANSPORTATION
18 DECISIONS THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, THEN YOU'RE
19 ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

20

21 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. I DO SEE MS. LONG'S HAND RAISED TO
22 RESPOND. AND, ALSO, PERHAPS MS. BEGAN DOHRMANN, IF YOU COULD
23 COMMENT ON WHY THE LANGUAGE IS BEING AMENDED. MS. LONG I'LL
24 TAKE YOU FIRST.

25



MAY 13, 2022

1 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU, VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS ACTING CHAIR.
2 REBECCA LONG, LEGISLATION AFFAIRS. I WANT TO POINT OUT WHY
3 WE'RE MAKING THIS RECOMMENDATION TODAY WE HAVE IN OUR ADVOCACY
4 PROGRAM WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF SB 375 REFORM AND AS VICE CHAIR
5 JOSEFOWITZ POINTED OUT YOU JUST SAW AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION
6 ABOUT THE LIMITATIONS OF THE LAW. SO NO QUESTION, WE THINK
7 IMPROVEMENTS CAN AND SHOULD BE MADE WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT
8 THOUGH IS THE RIGHT CHANGES TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL AND I THINK
9 WHAT WE FEEL IS THE WAY THIS BILL IS WRITTEN NOW IT WILL GIVE
10 THE IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE SORT OF MAKING PROGRESS AND SOLVING
11 THE PROBLEM WHEN WE REALLY DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS BILL IS
12 GETTING IT RIGHT. AND IT WILL CREATE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF
13 BUSY WORK, IF YOU WILL, WHICH IS REALLY PART OF THE PROBLEM
14 TODAY WITH THE WAY THE LAW IS STRUCTURED AS OPPOSED TO
15 FOCUSING ON ACTION, FOCUS BEING ON, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY
16 ENCOURAGING AND REQUIRING THAT I RIGHT PROJECTS GET BUILT.
17 THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN THROUGH, YOU KNOW, INCREASED LEVELS OF
18 PROJECT REVIEW AT ARB, IT HAPPENS THROUGH MUCH MORE DIRECT
19 TYPES OF CHANGES. SO, I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE MINDFUL
20 ABOUT ALWAYS TAKE ANYTHING KIND OF A POSITION AGAINST THE
21 CHAIR, ASSEMBLY, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. WE'RE VERY ALIGNED
22 WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER FRIEDMAN ON HER GOALS. BUT WE DO THINK
23 THAT BY TAKING THIS POSITION TODAY IT'S GOING TO GIVE US
24 LEVERAGE TO NEGOTIATE. WE DON'T NEED TO COMMUNICATE A FORMAL
25 UNLESS OPPOSED POSITION WE WOULDN'T BE DOING SO ANYWAY UNTIL



MAY 13, 2022

1 THE COMMISSION ACTIONS. BUT WE DON'T NEED TO COMMUNICATE THAT
2 IMMEDIATELY. I THINK WE CAN SORT OF HAVE IT IN OUR BACK POCKET
3 AS WE NEGOTIATE BUT I WOULD SAY IF THIS BILL MOVES FORWARD AS
4 PROPOSED IT REALLY WOULD POSE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AND
5 PROBLEMS TO OUR AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS AND HAVE THE
6 ABILITY TO PRIORITIZE PROJECTS. AND WE JUST DON'T THINK IT'S
7 SOLVING THE RIGHT PROBLEM. SO, I THINK MAYBE THAT'S DIRECTION
8 WE COULD TAKE FROM THE COMMITTEE IS IF YOU AUTHORIZE US TO
9 HAVE AN OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED, BUT WE ARE STRATEGIC ABOUT WHEN
10 WE COMMUNICATE THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, AT SOME POINT, WE COULD
11 COME BACK AND ALSO PROPOSE TURNING THAT INTO A SUPPORT
12 POSITION IF WE GET THERE. WITH THAT, I'LL CLOSE. I DON'T KNOW
13 IF GEORGIA HAS ANYTHING TO ADD OR JUST BACK TO YOU, MADAM
14 CHAIR.

15

16 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCMILLAN?

17

18 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** YES. AND I THINK, TO A LARGE DEGREE, REBECCA
19 JUST COVERED SOME MEDIUM GROUND WE HAVE. I JUST WANT TO WEIGH
20 IN THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HIGHLIGHTED THAT IS A
21 SIGNIFICANT ISSUE THAT WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP IN DAVE VAUTIN'S
22 PRESENTATION WAS THE INORDINATE ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY THAT
23 WOULD BE GIVEN TO ARB. AND WE SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT THAT
24 ONE OF THE CHALLENGING AREAS WITH 375 HAS BEEN THE STRUCTURES
25 THAT HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO ARB'S CURRENT ASSESSMENTS AND



MAY 13, 2022

1 PARAMETERS AND WHAT NOT ABOUT WHAT WORKS OR DOESN'T WORK WHICH
2 HAS TAKEN US AWAY FROM IMPLEMENTING THE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO
3 DO AND GIVES TO A MORE ARGUMENTATIVE SPACE ABOUT METRICS AND
4 HOW THEY'RE MEASURED. THIS READS LIKE A CONTINUATION OF THAT
5 DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND THAT WOULD NOT HELP ADVANCE THE
6 THINGS THAT ARE THERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE COMMISSION
7 AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUE DISCUSSION HERE.
8 IT'S NOT THE OBJECTIVES THAT WE ARE FRAMING OUR SUGGESTED
9 POSITION AROUND, AT ALL. IT IS MORE THE VERY SPECIFIC
10 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE BELIEVE NOT -- YOU KNOW,
11 HAVE A VERY STRONG WAY OF TAKING US DOWN THE RIGHT PATH. I
12 THINK WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE THE
13 DISTINCTION OF WHERE OUR CONCERNS ARE, THEY'RE NOT WITH THE
14 INTENDED OUTCOMES ON A POLICY BASIS, BUT WE HAVE EXTREMELY, I
15 THINK, PROVEN -- MUCH AS DAVE OUTLINED IN HIS PRESENTATION
16 ABOUT, YOU KNOW, CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE THINGS THAT ARE
17 HOLDING US BACK, PERHAPS FROM THINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO,
18 THAT HAVE BEEN SORT OF CARRIED OVER INTO THIS BILL. AND IT
19 SOUND, FROM WHAT REBECCA HAS SAID, I THINK WE'RE MAKING
20 HEADWAY TO EXPLAIN THAT WITH THE STAFF. SO, THIS MAY MAYBE IN
21 SOME WAYS BECOMES A TIMING ISSUE, AGAIN WITH THE TERMS OF THE
22 SORT OF OFFICIAL POSITIONS THAT THE COMMISSION IS TRYING TO
23 MAKE.

24

25 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. BARBARA.



MAY 13, 2022

1
2 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** WE'RE ON QUESTIONS THAT LEAD TO GETTING TO
3 VOTE ON THIS. BUT I SIT ON THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
4 COMMISSION BOARD AND WE'RE ALL DEALING WITH, MTC, TOO, WITH
5 VOTER APPROVED FUNDING THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT IDENTIFIES
6 SPECIFIC PROJECTS WOULD, YOU KNOW, SO HOW DO THEY REC SIZE
7 WHAT THE VOTERS HAVE APPROVED WAS THAT FUNDING THEN GO AWAY IF
8 THOSE PROJECTS DON'T GET PRIORITY. SO THAT WOULD BE ONE
9 QUESTION WHETHER THAT BILL DOES CONSIDER THAT, AND JUST IN
10 GENERAL, I AGREE WITH THE POSITION. BECAUSE THIS IS ABSOLUTE
11 OVERREACH. AND IT WOULD PROBABLY MEAN THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT
12 ACTC AND MTC, YOU MIGHT AS WELL ABOLISH THEM. WE WOULDN'T HAVE
13 THE AUTHORITY. OR THAT'S HOW I'M READING ACCIDENT ESPECIALLY
14 THE STAFF REPORT. IT WAS KIND OF HORRIFYING IN A WAY. AND EVEN
15 THOUGH I'M FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE OBJECTIVES, OF COURSE, WE
16 ALL ARE, I'M THINKING ABOUT, THOUGH, A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS,
17 I THINK THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT LIKE WE'RE GOING TO DO TRANSIT
18 RATHER THAN ROAD PROJECTS, WHICH, SAFETY OF BRIDGES, WELL,
19 REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS DOES NOT NECESSARILY LEER
20 MEAN ELIMINATING AUTOMOBILES AS MY FAMILY -- I JUST FOUNTAIN
21 OUT, MY HUSBAND AND I ARE NOW OWNERS OF AN ALL ELECTRIC
22 VEHICLE FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND I THINK THAT IS A TREND. AND,
23 SO, I YOU THINK, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT DOESN'T SAY IT'S GOING
24 TO BE TRANSIT, RATHER THAN AUTO ORIENTED, BUT I YOU THINK THAT
25 IS A CONSIDERATION. THAT WE -- TECHNOLOGY IS GOING TO TAKE US



MAY 13, 2022

1 PLACES THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF RIGHT NOW. SO THOSE
2 WERE THE COMMENTS I WANTED TO MAKE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. COMMITTEE MEMBER EKLUND?

5

6 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ACTING CHAIR RAMOS. I AGREE
7 WITH STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. I AM LOOKING AT THE LEAGUE OF
8 CALIFORNIA CITIES LETTER OF OPPOSITION AND THE LEAGUE AS WELL
9 AS CSAC AND RURAL COUNTIES -- URBAN COUNTIES OF CALIFORNIA,
10 AND RCRC SIGNED A JOINT LETTER OF OPPOSITION. AND ONE OF THE
11 SENTENCES IN HERE, I THINK -- AND FOLLOWING UP ON MAYOR
12 HALLIDAY'S COMMENT -- IS THAT THIS NEW RANKING PROCESS, "WOULD
13 PROHIBIT ANY PROJECT THAT INDUCES INCREASE IN VEHICLE MILES
14 TRAVELED." AND, SO, EVEN IF YOU ARE DRIVING AN ELECTRIC CAR,
15 YOU MAY NOT BE CONTRIBUTING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. I
16 THINK IT NEEDS TO BE RETHOUGHT T I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE STAFF
17 IF WE HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, TO LOOK AT THE LEAGUE OF
18 CALIFORNIA CITIES AND CSAC'S LETTER, AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY
19 OTHER COMMENTS THAT WE SHARE THE CONCERN AND, SORT OF, YOU
20 KNOW, AND REEMPHASIZE THOSE AS WELL. THANK YOU.

21

22 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. SEEING NO OTHER -- OH TURNING IT BACK
23 TO BEGAN DOHRMANN.

24



MAY 13, 2022

1 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** I WANTED TO THROUGH THE CHAIR, RESPOND
2 TO THE QUESTION ABOUT HOW THE BILL WOULD ADDRESS LOCAL SALES
3 TAX MEASURES. I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE
4 BILL. ONE THING THAT IT -- WHAT IT WOULD -- WHAT IT'S INTENDED
5 TO DO, IF THERE ARE ISSUES WITH THE TECHNICAL STRUCTURE, WHAT
6 IT'S INTENDED TO DO IS SORT OF REQUIRE THAT ALL LOCAL SALES
7 TAX MEASURE PROJECTS ARE INCORPORATED INTO A REGION'S
8 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY, AND THEN THOSE LOCAL SALES
9 TAX PROJECTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE RANKING LIST THAT AN MPO
10 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY, AGREE TO WHICH THE PROJECTS
11 PRODUCE GHGS, RANK THEM AND FUND THEM ACCORDINGLY. I THINK
12 THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, WHICH IS
13 REALLY RELATED TO WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT AND SOME
14 OTHER ISSUES AROUND THAT. SO THAT'S WHAT THE INTENT IS OF THE
15 LOCAL SALES TAX MEASURES. I ALSO WANTED TO REITERATE ONE OF
16 THE THINGS THAT REBECCA SHARED ABOUT WORKING WITH THE AUTHOR'S
17 OFFICE. WE, JUST TO GIVE ASSURANCE, WE ARE -- WE I HAVE REALLY
18 GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMITTEE, AND WE HAVE
19 BEEN IN QUITE A BIT OF COMMUNICATION ABOUT THIS BILL, AND,
20 REALLY, THE INTENTION OF THE POSITION IS TO INCREASE OUR
21 LEVERAGE SO WE CAN CONTINUE NEGOTIATING.

22

23 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. I WILL CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS
24 TIME. RAISE YOUR HAND OR USE THE STAR NINE FEATURE. FIRST UP
25 WILL BE RICH HEDGES.



MAY 13, 2022

1

2 **RICHARD HEDGES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE BEEN LISTENING
3 INTENTLY TO THE PRESENTATION, AS WELL AS TO THE COMMENT. MY
4 CONCERN AS AN ACTIVIST IS THAT COMMUNITIES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
5 OPPOSED CHANGE HAVE USED MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT ALLOW THEM TO
6 APPEAL THE DELAY OF IMPLEMENTING HOUSING EVEN TRAIN STATIONS
7 IN MY COMMUNITY AND EVEN GRADE SEPARATIONS AND I AM CONCERNED
8 THAT THIS WILL GIVE ONE MORE ELEMENT FOR APPEAL AFTER THEY
9 HAVE EXHAUSTED EVERYTHING FROM CEQA ON DOWN AND GIVE THEM 1
10 MORE AVENUE OF APPEAL THAT YET DELAY A VERY VALUABLE
11 IMPROVEMENT IN TRANSPORTATION OR HOUSING. SO, PLEASE MAKE ME
12 FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THERE WON'T BE A MYRIAD OF APPEALS BASED
13 ON 375 TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER HANDS RAISED.
16 BRAD, CAN YOU -- DO YOU HAVE ANY WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON
17 THIS ITEM?

18

19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE WERE NO WRITTEN COMMENT FOR THIS
20 ITEM. AND I'M CHECKING THE BOARDROOM IF THERE ARE ANY PUBLIC
21 COMMENTS THERE. THERE ARE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS IN THE BOARD
22 ROOM. THANK YOU.

23

24 **BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. SO, AT THIS TIME, BEFORE US, WE DO HAVE THE
25 STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. AND STAFF HAS REQUESTED TO UTILIZE



MAY 13, 2022

1 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TO COMMUNICATE THIS POSITION PRIOR TO THE
2 COMMISSION MEETING DATE. IS THERE A MOTION?

3

4 **PAT EKLUND:** I'LL MOVE --

5

6 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** POINT OF PROCEDURE, READING THIS THING AS MTC
7 COMMISSION APPROVAL. SO IS THIS AN MTC ONLY? DO YOU HAVE
8 ENOUGH COMMISSIONERS HERE TO EVEN DO IT? AM I READING THIS
9 WRONG? OR IS IT THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS OPPOSE UNLESS
10 AMENDED TO THE MTC COMMISSION?

11

12 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** OH GOOD POINT.

13

14 **BELIA RAMOS:** SO, I WILL ASK MS. LONG?

15

16 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** NICK U CAN'T LEAVE. YOU BE THE ONLY VOTE.

17

18 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU, VICE CHAIR. YES. THIS ONE IS PROPOSED
19 TO GO STRICTLY TO MTC SINCE IT'S FOCUSED ON TRANSPORTATION
20 PROJECTS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED.

21

22 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** THE FULL COMMITTEE?

23

24 **REBECCA LONG:** THE FULL COMMITTEE VOTES ON IT. YES.

25



MAY 13, 2022

1 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I WILL MAKE THE MOTION AND PROPOSE TO MTC
2 COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

3

4 **PAT EKLUND:** I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

5

6 **BELIA RAMOS:** MOTION BY HUDSON. SECOND BY MEMBER EKLUND. I'LL
7 NOW ASK IF THERE IS NO DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION BY THE
8 COMMITTEE, I SEE NONE. I WILL ASK THE CLERK TO CALL THE ROLL.

9

10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THE MOTION BY HUDSON, SECOND BY EKLUND.
11 COMMISSIONER AHN?

12

13 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN? IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER
16 CANEPA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CONNOLLY?

17

18 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI IS
21 ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER EKLUND?

22

23 **PAT EKLUND:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING?



MAY 13, 2022

1

2 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** AYE.

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HALLIDAY?

5

6 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HUDSON?

9

10 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR HALLIDAY IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

13 LICCARDO IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MAR IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

14 MITCHOFF? IS ABSENT.

15

16 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** I'M HERE. I SWITCHED TO EAR BUDS. YES.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PEDROZA? CHAIR

19 PEDROZA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RABBIT? SUPERVISOR RABBIT? IS

20 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

21

22 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SPERING -- I'M SORRY.

25



MAY 13, 2022

1 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** YOU FORGOT ME.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SCHAFF?

4

5 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SPERING IS ABSENT. NINE VOTES,
8 QUORUM IS PRESENT. PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

9

10 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I KNOW WE'RE SHORT ON TIME AT
11 THIS MOMENT. SO I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND ASK, WE'RE GOING TO
12 CALL THE NEXT ITEM, AND THEN WE'LL DEAL WITH WHETHER WE HAVE
13 QUORUM OR NOT TO PROCEED ON THAT WHEN WE'RE READY TO MAKE A
14 DECISION. THIS NEXT ITEM IS AN ACTION ITEM 3B ASSEMBLY
15 INSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 14 WICKS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
16 EVERYONE ACT AND MS. GEORGIA G WILL PRESENT ON THIS ITEM. IF
17 YOU WOULD PLEASE GIVE YOUR REPORT.

18

19 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN
20 MTC ABAG STAFF ASSEMBLY INSTITUTION AMENDMENT 14 WOULD
21 DEDICATE 5% EACH YEAR FROM THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND OVER A TEN
22 YEAR PERIOD TO ADDRESS CALIFORNIA'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS
23 AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS FIRST AMENDMENT WOULD EXPLICITLY
24 PROTECT THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET COMMITMENTS THAT
25 INCLUDE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND THE STATE'S RAINY DAY FUND THE



MAY 13, 2022

1 5% SET-ASIDE OR CARVE ALL THE TOP FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
2 WOULD COME AFTER THE SCHOOLS AND RAINY DAY FUND COMMITMENTS
3 HAVE BEEN METED OUT. IT WOULD BE A LONG-TERM GUARANTEE AND
4 PROVIDE SOME CERTAINTY FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES AND SERVICES. AS REBECCA IS
6 ABOUT TO DISCUSS, THERE IS A STAGGERING BUDGET SURPLUS THIS
7 YEAR THAT COULD DIRECT FUNDS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT AGAIN
8 FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED IN THE NEAR TERM. THERE'S NO WAY TO
9 KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE HAVE A DOWNTURN IN THE NEXT COUPLE
10 OF YEARS. WE'RE RECOMMENDING MTC AND ABAG JOIN A PRETTY
11 IMPRESSIVE LIST OF SUPPORTERS INCLUDING MAYOR SCHAFF TO
12 SUPPORT THE ASSEMBLY INSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR TEAM.

13

14 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** SO MOVED.

15

16 **BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY.

17

18 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** SORRY ABOUT THAT, LIBBY, BEAT YOU TO IT.

19

20 **PAT EKLUND:** I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. BUT I HAVE A QUESTION.

21

22 **BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. MOTION BY HUDSON, SECOND BY EKLUND. I'LL
23 CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER EKLUND. YOUR QUESTION?

24



MAY 13, 2022

1 **PAT EKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD YOU TALK ABOUT HOW THE
2 MONEY WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED? DOES IT GO DIRECTLY -- OR DOES THE
3 AMENDMENT ADDRESS THAT AT ALL? DOES IT GO DIRECTLY TO CITIES
4 AND COUNTIES?

5

6 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** IT DOES NOT IT GOES DIRECTLY TO -- LET
7 ME CALL UP TO MAKE SURE I HAVE THE NAME CORRECT. IT GOES TO
8 THE BUSINESS CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY AND THEN IT
9 PROVIDES PARAMETERS AROUND THE USES THAT THE MONEY CAN BE
10 EXTENDED ON BUT IT'S BROAD RIGHT NOW. THE MONEY GOES TO THE
11 STATES AND THE STATE DIVVY IT UP.

12

13 **BELIA RAMOS:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH
14 QUESTIONS? SEEING NO HAND RAISED AT THIS TIME. I WILL CALL FOR
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT USE
16 THE RAISE HAND FEATURE, PRESS STAR NINE OR IF THOSE IN THE
17 BOARDROOM COULD LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? I
18 DO NOT SEE ANY. FRED HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON
19 THIS ITEM?

20

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

24



MAY 13, 2022

1 **BELIA RAMOS:** EXCELLENT. AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE A MOTION BY
2 HUDSON AND A SECOND BY EKLUND, AND I WILL NOW CALL FOR THE
3 VOTE. IF THE CLERK COULD PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, MA'AM. ON THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER
6 AHN?

7

8 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
11 CANEPA? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CONNOLLY?

12

13 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI IS ABSENT.
16 COUNCILMEMBER EKLUND?

17

18 **PAT EKLUND:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

21

22 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HALLIDAY?

25



MAY 13, 2022

1 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YES.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HUDSON?

4

5 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES, WITH A COMMENT AFTER, PLEASE?

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COMMISSIONER LICCARDO IS ABSENT.

8 SUPERVISOR MAR? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

9

10 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER PEDROZA? IS

13 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RABBIT? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

14

15 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR SCHAFF?

18

19 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SPERING? IS ABSENT.

22 WE HAVE NINE VOTES, MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

23 PRESENT

24



MAY 13, 2022

1 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU TO MAYOR HALLIDAY
2 FOR STICKING AROUND. IT'S 12:30 WE GOT OUR VOTES IN. I REALLY
3 APPRECIATE IT.

4

5 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** CAN I COMMENT BEFORE WE GO ON THIS? I THINK
6 IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY I HAVE BEEN PITCHING TO A SECONDARY
7 MARKET. WHEN A CITY LOANS \$10 MILLION AND THEY'RE OUT OF
8 BUSINESS AFTER THAT, AND THESE FUNDS COULD BE USED TO PURCHASE
9 THAT SECOND OR WHATEVER WE'RE PUTTING ON THE PROPERTY, ONLY TO
10 TURN AROUND AND DO IT AGAIN IS THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET MORE
11 OF THIS HOUSING BUILT. BECAUSE WITHOUT SUBSIDY A LOT OF THESE
12 BUILDERS ARE JUST SAYING, WE CAN'T MAKE IT WORK. SO, KEEP IT
13 IN MIND, PLEASE.

14

15 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT ITEM. ITEM 3C ON OUR AGENDA
16 FISCAL YEAR '22/'23 STATE BUDGET UPDATE THAT WAS RELEASED
17 EARLIER THIS MORNING. REBECCA LONG WILL PRESENT ON THIS

18

19 **REBECCA LONG:** WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING WHAT IS IN THE MAY REVISE
20 THERE DEFINITELY IS ADDITIONAL REVENUE THE SURPLUS NOW IS
21 ESTIMATED TO BE \$97 BILLION. MUCH OF THAT GOES AUTOMATICALLY
22 TO RESERVES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, AS WELL AS TO K THROUGH 14
23 EDUCATION. BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS ABOUT \$49 BILLION IN
24 GENERAL FUND SURPLUS THAT IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. SO, THAT'S
25 GREAT NEWS GIVEN ALL OF OUR SIGNIFICANT ASKS WITH RESPECT TO



MAY 13, 2022

1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION. UNFORTUNATELY, THOUGH,
2 THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISE DOES NOT PROPOSE AT THAT TIME ANY
3 SIGNIFICANT AUGMENTATION IN OUR AREAS OF PRIORITY. OF COURSE,
4 THIS IS THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, THE ULTIMATE NEGOTIATION IS
5 GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE LEGISLATURE, AND, SO, JUST TO KIND OF
6 RECAP SOME OF THE HIGH POINTS, THE GOVERNOR IS CONTINUING HIS
7 PROPOSED REBATE FOR CONSUMERS, AS IT RELATES TO HIGH GAS
8 PRICES AND INFLATION FOCUSED ON VEHICLE OWNERS, AND THAT'S
9 SOMETHING THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN PUSHING BACK ON. SO HE
10 IS RETAINING THIS PROPOSED \$400 PER VEHICLE, BUT WITH A CAP.
11 THE CAP IS NOT YET KNOWN ON THE VALUE OF THE VEHICLE TO
12 ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS AROUND EQUITY THERE. FOR
13 TRANSPORTATION, THERE REALLY ISN'T A CHANGE PROPOSED FROM WHAT
14 HE HAD ANNOUNCED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. I BELIEVE IT WAS
15 PROPOSED \$750 MILLION FOR TRANSIT OPERATORS PROVIDING FREE
16 TRANSIT FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS THAT'S STILL PART OF HIS
17 PROPOSAL WE HAVE NOT SEEN INCREASED FLEXIBILITY THERE HOPING
18 FOR THOSE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE INTEGRATED FARE
19 POLICY IDEAS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN THE REGION WITH OUR
20 OPERATORS. THERE IS PROPOSED INCREASE OF 500 MILLION FOR
21 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 1 BILLION WHICH IS
22 GREAT. BUT WE ARE DISAPPOINTED NOT TO SEE A SIGNIFICANT
23 AUGMENTATION FOR TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDING. AS YOU MAY RECALL WE
24 HAVE BEEN SEEKING AT LEAST \$5 BILLION FOR TRANSIT CAPITAL. THE
25 SENATE HAS PROPOSED ACTUALLY \$12 BILLION OVER FOUR YEARS FOR



MAY 13, 2022

1 TRANSIT CAPITAL. THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF NUMBERS WE'RE HOPING
2 TO GET THROUGH THIS NEGOTIATION. AND WE'LL BE CONTINUING TO
3 WORK WITH OUR BAY AREA DELEGATION. FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE
4 GOVERNOR IS PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL 500 MILLION FOR AN
5 ADAPTIVE REUSE PROGRAM WHICH IS HELPING TO CONVERT EXISTING
6 UNDERUTILIZED COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL SITES TO RESIDENTIAL. IT'S
7 PROPOSED FOR THE OUT YEARS OF FISCAL YEAR '23, '24, AND '25,
8 WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT STAGE FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AND I THINK
9 THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS ON THAT. JUST A REMINDER WE HAVE
10 BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING AROUND 5 BILLION FOR AFFORDABLE, SO
11 THE BUDGET DOES NOT COME CLOSE TO OUR ASK THERE. ON CLIMATE,
12 THE MAY REVISE IS PROPOSING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE THERE OF 9
13 BILLION OVER FOUR YEARS, WITH THAT FOCUSED ON DROUGHT RESPONSE
14 GIVEN THE DROUGHT HAS ONLY GOTTEN WORSE OVER THE LAST FEW
15 MONTHS, FIRE PREVENTION, AND THEN A SIGNIFICANT AUGMENTATION
16 OF 5 BILLION TO ASSIST WITH ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY, WITH A
17 TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY. SO THAT'S WHAT I GLEANED THIS
18 MORNING. WE'LL CERTAINLY PUT A MORE DETAILED WRITE-UP THAT WE
19 CAN GET OUT TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTRICALLY. AND WITH
20 THAT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

21

22 **BELIA RAMOS:** WE APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY LOOK AND SYNOPSIS OF THE
23 MAY REVISE. THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE
24 MEMBERS? I DON'T SEE ANY HAND RAISED. AT THIS TIME I'LL ASK
25 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM EITHER USE THE RAISE HAPPENED



MAY 13, 2022

1 FEATURE OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE PUBLIC COMMENT. IS
2 THERE ANY COMMENT IN THE BOARDROOM OR WRITTEN COMMENT
3 SUBMITTED

4

5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THIS
6 ITEM AND IN THE BOARDROOM, LET ME SEE MOMENTARILY. NO PUBLIC
7 COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MOVING ALONG AGENDA ITEM FOUR
10 FEDERAL LEGISLATION THIS IS OUR WASHINGTON, D.C. LEGISLATIVE
11 UPDATE THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. AND MS. GEORGIA GANN
12 DOHRMANN WILL PRESENT THIS ITEM. IF YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR
13 REPORT.

14

15 **GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN:** THANK YOU. IN THIS REPORT TO CALL YOUR
16 ATTENTION TO, THE MTC ABAG JOINT WASHINGTON, D.C. STATE REP
17 PLANS FOR THIS NEXT COMING MONTH THERE'S AN UPDATE IN YOUR
18 REPORT ON MEETINGS GETTING SCHEDULED FOR THAT AS WELL AS OTHER
19 ITEMS. I'LL TAKE QUESTIONS.

20

21 **BELIA RAMOS:** ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? SEEING
22 NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? NO PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE?
23 WRITTEN COMMENT OR COMMENT IN THE BOARDROOM.

24



MAY 13, 2022

1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM AND I
2 SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **BELIA RAMOS:** EXCELLENT. MOVING TO OUR NEXT ITEM AGENDA ITEM
5 FIVE THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. THIS IS GENERAL PUBLIC
6 COMMENT. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THAT I DON'T -- SORRY --
7 STUMBLING ON MY WORD HERE TRYING TO GET US MOVING ALONG -- IF
8 THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT BY ATTENDEES, YOU CAN USE THE
9 RAISE YOUR HAND FEATURE OR PRESS STAR NINE. WE DO HAVE SOME
10 WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THAT CORRECT, FRED?

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE WERE NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
13 THIS ITEM.

14

15 **BELIA RAMOS:** NOT ON THIS ONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT BRINGS
16 US TO THE END OF OUR BUSINESS FOR THE JOINT MTC ABAG
17 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE HOLDING ON
18 SO THAT WE COULD GET TO QUORUM AND WE CAN GET THIS INFORMATION
19 OUT AND OVER TO OUR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES. NEXT, WE WILL
20 ADJOURN. OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION
21 COMMITTEE WILL BE ON FRIDAY JUNE 10TH, 2022, AT 9:45 A.M. ANY
22 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC.
23 THIS MEETING OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE IS
24 ADJOURNED. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU TO STAFF.

25 [ADJOURNED]



Broadcasting Government