



Dear Executive Director Fremier and MTC staff,
cc: Rebecca Long and Dave Vautin

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Voices for Public Transportation and consider our feedback on both revenue sources and expenditure priorities within a future transportation regional measure. As you move forward in crafting the initial concept for the measure, polling and authorizing legislation, we hope you will prioritize:

- Including progressive revenue sources in the enabling legislation
- Raising the funding we need - more than one billion dollars annually - to meet the region's public transportation fiscal needs
- Funding to stabilize, expand, and improve service throughout the region

As a coalition of more than fifty labor, community-based organizations, and equity advocacy groups with members who live, work, and travel in the Bay Area, we know that our transportation system is essential for the health and wellness of our communities, environment, and economy. **A new regional transportation measure should expand and improve public transportation throughout the region** rather than just preserving the status quo. We know that over \$700 million is needed by fiscal year 2026, and costs to simply maintain existing transit service will increase through 2030. Thus **a new regional transportation measure needs to raise well over one billion dollars annually** if it is to have a transformative impact on our regional transportation network.

In addition to ensuring equitable and sufficient expenditures, **a transformative equitable measure must be funded through a progressive revenue source**. Proposed options such as an income tax, a payroll tax, a graduated parcel tax and a per-employee head tax and a VMT tax could all be structured to ensure that the burden of paying for improved transportation options does not fall most heavily on those with the least resources.

Voices for Public Transportation's vision is that residents - regardless of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, or ability - enjoy accessible transportation options that reliably, affordably, and conveniently get us where we need to go around the region. We have the power to do this by passing a game-changing regional funding measure that will enhance our freedom of movement, while at the same time creating good-paying green union jobs, and contributing to a clean and healthy environment by reducing car trips, carbon emissions, and particulate pollution.

We appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this important process. Voices for Public Transportation is always available to be your partner in crafting and passing the best regional transportation measure possible.

On behalf of the Voices for Public Transportation Coordinating Committee, thank you for your consideration.



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