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BY EMAIL

Chair Spering and Members, Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force
c/o Therese McMillan, Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale St. Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94705

Re: Emergency Transit Recovery Funding

Dear Chair Spering and Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Members,

We are writing in regards to the priorities of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force. Public transportation is facing a massive financial crisis, and the Task Force was created in part to ensure that the Bay Area's public transportation agencies survive and recover. It is essential that the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force take on the critical shortfall of transit operating funding as a core part of its agenda.

This should include:

1. Regular public updates on the scope of the funding crisis faced by each of the Bay Area's transit agencies;
2. An analysis of what MTC can do within its existing purview to address this funding crisis;
3. Advocacy at the State level to take all feasible actions to prevent service cuts and layoffs, including Legislation and Executive action.

Since the first meeting of the Task Force, Stage 2 of the Task Force's work has been delineated as transit agency recovery. **Operations funding to stave off service cuts, layoffs, and agency shutdowns is the single biggest transportation issue we face.** As the plan for the Task Force's remaining time is developed, transit recovery funding must be on the agenda. The Task Force has the right people in the room to collectively ensure all possibilities are analyzed and pursued.

Sincerely,

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