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Dear MTC Commissioners:

I am a member of the Voices for Public Transportation Coalition. Given the national election results, we are not getting help from the federal government and California's budget will be under pressure - we need to take action in the region to protect and improve Bay Area transit. I am a long-time mass transit rider and rely on various county transit systems (namely Muni, AC, BART, CalTrain) to get around our sprawling region. The fiscal health of these systems is vital to me.

Scenario 1A is a losing proposition! It asks voters to tax themselves and accept service reductions. It doesn't meet the needs of Muni or AC Transit. A four county measure will need to rely heavily on voters in Alameda and San Francisco to pass and this scenario provides significantly less per rider to Muni and AC Transit. Of four large agencies, AC Transit and Muni carry approximately 75% of the ridership and will receive approximately 25% of the funding.

This measure needs to raise enough revenue to address the current operator shortfalls and provide for improvements in the transit transformation plan. It must be funded with progressive sources to ensure that the burden of paying for improved transportation options does not fall most heavily on those with the least resources.

The measure should prioritize transit funding, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It should meet our state statutory obligations under SB 375. At a minimum, any flexible funding should be for projects that are climate neutral in their projected emissions.

The hybrid scenario more equitably responds to the Bay Area's transit funding needs, but we have serious reservations about the phasing out of dedicated transit funding over the life of the measure. Bay Area transit agencies need a sustainable source of funding to improve riders' experience and continue to provide the service that millions rely on. We need a scenario that provides stable funding for transit over the life of the measure. Agencies can then set their budgets to reliably improve service for riders, rather than needing to budget for inevitable future decreases in funding.

I hope you will consider a bold vision for public transportation that provides a progressive and sustainable source of funding to actually improve service and rider experience. Transit is an essential part of our climate goals — cuts to public transit are not acceptable!

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