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Item 8a

Public Comment in Support of Option B—Advancing Regional Transportation Funding Measure

Hello, my name is Thea Selby and I am a founding member of Friends of the Downtown Extension, which has as its sole goal advocating get the train tracks to the Salesforce train station, co-chair of the San Francisco Transit Riders, and perhaps most importantly a mom with a carless son living in San Mateo. I'm calling in to express support for the Caltrain Downtown Extension rail program moving into Plan 1 of Plan Bay Area by choosing Option B, advancing a regional transportation funding measure.

The Caltrain Downtown Extension from 4th Street to the Salesforce Transit Center will greatly enhance our regional transportation and provide a backbone for truly excellent public transportation that will help us meet our Plan Bay Area climate goals among other things.

I understand that funding is a great consideration for deciding where to put projects. I am also a founding member of Voices for Public Transportation, a coalition of organized unions and dozens of Bay-Area-wide community-based organizations that came together a year and a half ago to support what became SB 278 for an equitable regional transportation funding measure. I can assure you that our Coalition continues to meet regularly and take a long-term approach to educating the public to get them excited and ready to vote YES on a regional transportation funding measure in **2024**, significantly sooner than 2030.

We cannot look at where transportation is today for our future decision-making. We must look to the future of the Bay Area and ask ourselves what we want. Do we want a reliable electrified train system with interconnected bus and bike and scooter last-mile solutions to get us where we need to go? Or, do we want to watch the soot float down from Highway 101 and 280 as the cars idle, stuck in traffic for undetermined amounts of time?

Voices for Public Transportation will do our best to help bring the funding needed for transformational and equitable public transportation. Please support us by choosing Option B, advancing a regional transportation funding measure.

Warm regards,

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