



March 16, 2018

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105-9800

Dear Chair Mackenzie and Members of the Commission:

On March 12, 2018, the Board of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area considered Regional Measure 3 and voted to support the measure. The Bay Area League was formed in 1959 to address regional issues and one of its longstanding priorities is transportation. Over the years, we have developed position statements and consistently advocated for open and transparent governance. We seek to enhance public knowledge, increase clarity and insist on accountability to the voters. During our discussion, our Board determined that it is important to convey the expectations we have for the governance of this measure, should it be approved by the voters. We call the following matters to your attention.

Create clear procedural documents which detail how funds will be received and administered:

We expect that the creation of these documents by the Commission will be done in an open process where members of the public can review the information prior to adoption. It is also important that the documents clearly indicate public participation opportunities and the methods for communicating with the public on the progress of the program and individual projects.

Create policies and priorities for the disbursement and reprogramming of funds: The current list of projects will not all be able to start at the same time; therefore, it is important that the public know in advance the funding priorities of the Commission or criteria for selecting different projects. Also, over time, some selected projects will not advance as originally

anticipated. We want to see the most improvements possible and not have funding attached to a project having lengthy implementation difficulties. Reprogramming policies are important to know and understand in advance so that the public can anticipate how this may be accomplished. It is also possible that in time, other high priorities projects which meet the objectives of this measure but are not currently listed will arise. We believe that policies need to be established to understand how these new projects may be considered and potentially be incorporated into the program.

Create policies and guidelines to measure success: RM3 will exist over many years and will co-exist with RM1 and RM2. The Commission should establish success criteria for all of the measures which can be used by an oversight committee, the Commission and most importantly the public.

Create and operate a clear and robust oversight program: We understand that there will be an oversight committee for this measure. This committee should review financial and programmatic information. Their reports should inform the public how and if the measure's objectives are being met, if project progress is adequate and acceptable and if the revenues are being expended appropriately and wisely. The oversight committee's meeting schedule and materials/reports should be publicly available well before meetings and easily obtainable. Any proceeding should be easy for the public and our League observers to view and participate.

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area intends to continue its focus on quality and open regional governance. Transportation is one of our priorities and we are committed to working with the Metropolitan Commission to support regional excellence.

Respectfully,

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