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Dear Ms. Ward,

Please distribute this communication to MTC Commissioners for whom I do not have an email address.

Good evening MTC Commissioners,

I hope that your special meeting tomorrow includes a candid and sobering discussion of the fact that SB 1031 and the regional transportation measure were doomed from the moment that rabid anti-car zealots hijacked the conversation and began wildly swinging their tinfoil swords at phantom highways like a pack of Don Quixotes.

This unfortunately even includes your Commission Vice Chair, who first testified at your January Legislative Committee meeting that he wouldn't support the measure if it included highway investment, followed of course by his attack on MTC Commissioners and staff in a March 29 SF Chronicle Op-Ed - <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/bay-area-freeway-ballot-19371626.php>

With talk of Santa Clara County removing itself from MTC as a result of the SB 1031 debacle, MTC has clearly lost its way and now finds itself at an existential crossroads facing an ever-looming fiscal cliff for multiple transit agencies.

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