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Dear Select Committee members:

Thank you for your serving as a member of MTC's Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee. Our work will be carried out over the next four months. Although the duration is limited, the outcome we aspire to is great: to reach a regional consensus by late-October on the details of a bill that addresses the Bay Area's most pressing transportation needs, including protecting vital public transit service that hundreds of thousands of people rely on daily and that is so vital to our economy, climate goals and quality of life. Each of you has made a serious commitment of time and energy to be the stewards of this mission.

Please attend our limited number of meetings in person. Accomplishing our mission will take our best collaborating and problem-solving. I firmly believe that in-person, face-to-face interaction promotes innovation, communication, and decision-making.

At our first meeting, we'll review the fiscal challenges faced by transit operators. To provide additional context for that conversation, I'm attaching three presentations made at the April 24-25 Commission Workshop. Please review ahead of time as we do not plan to formally present these materials during our short time together on Monday -- but sharing the resources now will help to develop the mutual understanding that is the foundation of our work.

In the meantime, allow me to share some initial thoughts about this effort.

The Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force had a unique opportunity to imagine and propose long-term improvements for the Bay Area transit network despite the serious funding shortages that transit operators were and still are facing. It foresaw a future for Bay Area transit that was different – but also better: leaner, cleaner, faster, easier, friendlier, better connected, and more affordable.

The fiscal cliff toward which many of the Bay Area's transit agencies are now hurtling represents a similar confluence of crisis and opportunity. Skillful work by our Select Committee will help the region navigate the challenge that is before us to a successful and well-supported outcome.

I very much look forward to seeing each of you on Monday morning as the Select Committee assembles for the first time, and to working in partnership with each of you during the months to come.

**Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee Welcome Letter**

**June 20, 2024**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Spering". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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Jim Spering  
Chair, Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee

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Attachments:

- Funding Overview: Large Operator Revenue Summaries
- Plan Bay Area 2050+ Update outlining broader transportation funding challenges