Dear Chair Mandelman and Commissioners,

While I do appreciate the urgency behind the expedited entry of the DTX into the Federal New Starts Program, please consider amending the staff recommendations as follows:

1) Advancing the design of the MUNI/BART pedestrian connector.

2) Deferring the design of the train box extension until the next Transbay Crossing informs the footprint AND ELEVATIONS of the Transit Center’s northern throat (between Beale Street and Main Street).

3) Following former Mayor of London Boris Johnson’s lead and eliminating all ventilation/evacuation structures between the 4th & Townsend station and the Salesforce Transit Center:

"The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, today welcomed news that Crossrail has reached agreement with the London Fire Brigade (LFB) to remove eight of the proposed permanent access and ventilation shafts from the central tunneled section of the new railway."

"The removal of the shafts means the elimination of construction works impacts, including lorry journeys, in these areas. In addition, a number of properties in Hanbury Street in east London will no longer need to be compulsorily purchased and demolished."

"As the design has developed we have been able to devise alternative solutions and apply lessons from other engineering projects such as the Channel Tunnel Rail Link."

"In the event of an emergency, the evacuation and intervention strategy will involve the use of cross-passages in lieu of a number of access and ventilation shafts. Where applicable, passengers will now evacuate through the cross-passages into the non-incident tunnel and to the nearest station. The cross-passages will
also allow the fire brigade to get closer to the scene of any incident in clean air via the unaffected tunnel.”
https://www.crossrail.co.uk/news/articles/impact-crossrail-construction-to-be-lessened-as-eight-shafts-are-removed-from-tunnel-design

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Respectfully presented for your consideration.

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To the members of the Transportation Authority Board,

It is my pleasure to recommend the passage of Item 8 on the September 14th agenda, including the Phasing Study Final Report, Support of the DTX Phasing Strategy, and the release of $2,644,557 as defined under the previously allocated Prop K Sales Tax Funds.

As a long-standing member of the TJPA CAC, I have a continuing commitment to seeing the execution of this significant project that will bring benefits to citizens of the Bay Area and beyond. The release of the Prop K funds will ensure the advancement of this highly important project toward the next crucial steps.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to having additional input as the DTX Project moves forward,

Jackson Fahnestock