



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript



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BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2024, 9:35 AM

CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER: GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING OF THE BAHFA -- [BATA] OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TOGETHER. THIS MEETING IS BEING BROADCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS. PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATION TODAY. THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM IS A ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST WORN MOMENT. WE HAVE -- OH PARDON ME. WE DO HAVE A REQUEST FOR A.B. 2449, SO ONCE A CALL THE ROLL, IF QUORUM IS PRESENT, WE'LL GO AHEAD AND INVOKE. FIRST, CHAIR GLOVER?

CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GLOVER PRESENT. VICE CHAIR ABE-KOGA?

V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.



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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ABE-KOGA PRESENT. COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

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3 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING COMMISSIONER EL-TAWANSY?

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7 **DINA EL-TAWANSY:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EL-TAWANSY PRESENT. FLEMING IS ABSENT

10 TODAY. MILEY?

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12 **NATHAN MILEY:** PRESENT.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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16 **GINA PAPAN:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING COMMISSIONER SCHAFF?

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20 **LIBBY SCHAFF:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCHAFF IS PRESENT. AND COMMISSIONER THAO?

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24 **SHENG THAO:** PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAO IS PRESENT. CHAIR, WE DO HAVE QUORUM.

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3 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. WE DO HAVE REQUEST TODAY FOR
4 REMOTE PARTICIPANT UNDER A.B. 2449, JUST CAUSE, AND THAT'S
5 COMMISSIONER RONEN. COMMISSIONER RONEN?

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7 **HILLARY RONEN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR GLOVER. I'M REQUESTING TO
8 PARTICIPATE REMOTELY UNDER A.B. 2449, BECAUSE I AM RECOVERING
9 FROM A KNEE RECONSTRUCTION SURGERY, AND I'M NOT ABLE TO PUT
10 ANY PRESSURE ON MY LEG. THERE IS NO ONE PRESENT IN THE ROOM
11 OVER 18. THANK YOU.

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13 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE WISH YOU A SPEEDY
14 RECOVERY. AND I WILL BE ADDING YOU AS A MEMBER PRESENT FOR
15 THIS MORNING'S MEETING.

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17 **HILLARY RONEN:** THANK YOU.

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19 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. SO, IF YOU WOULD ALL STAND AND
20 JOIN ME FOR THE PLEDGE? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE
21 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO
22 THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
23 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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1 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. CAN WE HAVE THE COMPENSATION
2 ANNOUNCEMENT?

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CERTAINLY. AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I
5 AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD
6 HERE TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING
7 ATTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS
8 AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR
9 WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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11 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM ON OUR
12 AGENDA IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THIS IS OPPORTUNITY FOR
13 MEMBERS TO VOTE ON ITEMS 4A THROUGH 4C. WE'LL SEE IF WE HAVE
14 ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE VOTE.

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16 **KATHLEEN KANE:** THROUGH, THE CHAIR IF I COULD CLARIFY. IT GOES
17 ON TO THE NEXT PAGE IT'S 4A THROUGH 4E.

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19 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY
20 COMMISSIONERS REPORTS OR COMMENTS?

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22 **GINA PAPAN:** MOVE APPROVAL.

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24 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY.

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1 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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3 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** AND SECOND. OKAY. AT THIS TIME WE'LL GO
4 OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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6 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** WE DO HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO
7 WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO
8 PROVIDE?

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10 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** TWO MINUTES.

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12 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** OKAY. ONE MOMENT. SORRY.

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14 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** ARE WE HAVING PROBLEMS?

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16 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** GOT IT FIXED. SORRY ABOUT THAT. OKAY.
17 THERE WE GO. SEAN CAMDEN, IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
18 YOURSELF, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TALK. SO, THE OTHER DAY,
21 HIGHWAY 101 NORTHBOUND IN CORDA MADERA RIGHT THERE IN THE
22 SHOPPING CENTER THERE, IT WAS A FRIDAY, 5:00 IN THE AFTERNOON,
23 AND THERE WAS THIS GUY WHO BECAME OVERWHELMED AT THE JOY OF
24 DRIVING HIS CAR JUMPED OUT AND HUGGED EVERYBODY AND HE SAW ME
25 I WAS OVER TWO LANES AND HE YELLED, HEY, DID YOU GET A



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1 HAIRCUT? THAT LOOKS REALLY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. WE ALL KNOW THAT
2 WAS NONSENSE. THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS. (LAUGHTER) PEOPLE GET
3 EMOTIONAL WHILE DRIVING THEY DON'T DISTRIBUTE HUGS THEY
4 DISTRIBUTE BULLETS AND NOW WE'RE ADDING ANOTHER LANE OF
5 TRAFFIC TO THE BRIDGE AND I WANT TO SAY NO, PLEASE. THIS IS
6 CRAZY. WE NEED ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION. WE DON'T
7 NEED MORE CARS. WE NEED THAT MULTI-USE PASS. WE NEED FERRIES,
8 TRAINS. WE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM CAR DEPENDENCY. I THINK WE
9 ALL KNOW THIS, AFTER WE'RE DONE TELLING EVERYONE HOW MUCH WE
10 LOVE TO DRIVE WE KNOW IT'S A RANGE INDUCING EXPERIENCE WE KNOW
11 IT'S UNHEALTHY AND BAD FOR US AND BAD FOR THE PLANET. SO LET'S
12 SAVE THAT MILLION DOLLARS AND INCENTIVIZE E-BIKE PURCHASES OR
13 SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND GET PEOPLE ON TO THE MULTI-USE PATH,
14 RICHMOND BRIDGE TRAFFIC ON TO THE MULTIUSE PATH, GET PEOPLE
15 RIDING BICYCLES INSTEAD OF DRIVING LET'S NOT GIVE MORE
16 INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, THE FOSSIL FUEL
17 INDUSTRY, WHO DON'T PAY A DIME IT'S ALL COMING OUT OF OUR
18 POCKETS. PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE. THANK YOU.

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20 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. WE'RE ON PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS
21 THAT CONSIST OF WHAT'S ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THAT'S THE
22 NEXT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

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24 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** YES WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT MEMBER
25 ALETA DUPREE, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING CHAIR GLOVER AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE
3 FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLD. JUST TO LET YOU
4 KNOW, THERE IS A PERSON OVER 18 IN MY HOME, AND IN THE SAME
5 ROOM WITH ME. I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT A CONSENT ITEM HERE
6 TODAY WHICH I HAVE IN FRONT OF ME. I'M LOOKING AT THE SAME OF
7 REVENUE EXPENSE. IT'S LOOKING GOOD. THOUGH WE ARE HAVING SOME
8 DECLINE IN OUR SURPLUS, BUT, OVERALL, WE DID HAVE A LITTLE BIT
9 OF OPERATING LOSS. IT'S NOT MUCH. SO, I THINK THIS IS
10 SOMETHING THAT WE CAN MANAGE. SO, OVERALL, THIS STATEMENT
11 LOOKS GOOD. I DON'T HAVE ANY REAL CONCERNS ABOUT IT. AND THEN
12 THERE IS A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE REGIONAL CUSTOMER
13 SERVICE. SO, THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. THESE TYPES OF CHANGE
14 ORDERS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR MAKING SURE THAT WE KEEP OUR CUSTOMER
15 SERVICE RUNNING, AND THAT WE HAVE SOME ON CALL WORK. BUT WE
16 ALWAYS WANT TO HAVE OUR EXPERTS ON CALL. DON'T SEE ANY ISSUES
17 WITH THE MINUTES. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS WORTHY OF APPROVAL.
18 THANK YOU

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20 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU.

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22 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THAT IS ALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, CHAIR.

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24 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO WE HAVE A MOTION BY
25 PAPAN, SECOND BY ABE-KOGA. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.



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2 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** OKAY. CHAIR GLOVER?

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4 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** YES.

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6 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** GLOVER,

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8 **FEDERAL GLOVER:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** VICE CHAIR ABE-KOGA?

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12 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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14 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** ABE-KOGA.

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16 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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18 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

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20 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

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22 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** CHAVEZ, AYE. COMMISSIONER MILEY?

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24 **NATHAN MILEY:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** PAPAN?

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3 **GINA PAPAN:** AYE.

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5 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** RONEN?

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7 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.

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9 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THAO?

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11 **SHENG THAO:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THE MOTION PASSES.

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15 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** WE'LL NOW MOVE TO OUR NEXT ITEM WHICH
16 IS 5A, AND THIS IS A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE RICHMOND SAN
17 RAFAEL FORWARD. THE OPEN ROAD TOWING, INTERSTATE 580 WESTBOUND
18 HIGH-OCCUPANCY LANE PROJECT AND RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE,
19 WESTBOUND UPPER DECK DESIGN ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT. THIS IS A
20 CONTRACT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES FOR \$2,500,000. AND
21 I'M GOING TO ASK THAT OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY FREMIER,
22 WILL INTRODUCE THIS, AND THEN HE WILL DO A HAND OFF.

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24 **ANDREW FREMIER:** THANK YOU CHAIR GLOVER AND MEMBERS OF THE
25 COMMISSION. TO BE CLEAR TODAY'S ITEM IS ABOUT GETTING THE



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1 RESOURCES NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE
2 HAVING ON THE RICHMOND BRIDGE GET US THROUGH THE FINAL DESIGN
3 WORK ASSOCIATED WITH ALL THE RICHMOND FORWARD PROJECTS WHICH
4 INCLUDE OPEN ROAD TOLLING WORK AS WELL AS THE WORK WE'RE
5 CONTEMPLATING AT THE RICHMOND PARKWAY ACCESS. AND THEN ALLOW
6 US TO GET WORK STARTED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK ASSOCIATED
7 WITH REALLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO GET HOV AND BUS
8 PRIORITY TRAFFIC ON TO THE BRIDGE. WE WERE ASKED -- WE GAVE AN
9 UPDATE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR THAT GAVE YOU ALL AN UPDATE ON
10 THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE BOTH FOR THE UPPER DECK AND THE
11 LOWER DECK, AND WE GAVE YOU A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT SOME OF
12 THE INFORMATION -- THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD IN THE
13 STUDY, IN THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK, ALSO, ON THE RICHMOND
14 FORWARD PROJECT. BUT YOU ASKED US TO COME BACK AND REALLY
15 EVALUATE HOW DO WE REALLY USE THAT LIMITED BRIDGE CAPACITY, AS
16 WELL AS WE CAN AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK, NOT ONLY WITH
17 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BUT THE BIKE COMMUNITY AND BCDC AND SO
18 OVER THE COURSE OF THE SUMMER AND INTO THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING
19 TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON EVALUATING HOW WE CAN EFFECTIVELY USE
20 THAT BRIDGE PROPERLY AND INGRID IS GOING TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON
21 THE WORK FOR THIS PARTICULAR ITEM.

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23 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE
24 THUS FAR AND CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I



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1 THINK THAT WE ARE ABLE TO -- WILL BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOME
2 SOLUTIONS THAT ALL PARTIES COULD FIND SATISFACTORY. SO INGRID?
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4 **INGRID SUPIT:** THANK YOU CHAIR GLOVER. GOOD MORNING
5 COMMISSIONERS. INGRID, BATA STAFF, REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
6 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN ASSOCIATES TO ADD
7 2,500,000 FOR TWO ITEMS AS PART OF THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL
8 FORWARD PROJECT FIRST TO COMPLETE DESIGN PHASE OF THE OPEN
9 ROAD TOWING AND I-580 WESTBOUND PROJECT AND SECOND ONE PERFORM
10 RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE WESTBOUND UPPER DECK DESIGN
11 ASSESSMENT. THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL
12 IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WESTBOUND I-580 RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE
13 APPROACH BY REPLACING THE EXISTING TOLL BOOTH WITH OPEN ROAD
14 TOLLING OR ORT. PLEASE BEAR WITH ME, THERE IS A LOT OF
15 ACRONYMS ON THIS PROJECT. (LAUGHTER) THE PROJECT WILL
16 ENCOURAGE CARPOOLING AND TRANSIT RIDERSHIP BY REINSTATING THE
17 PREVIOUS HOV LANE ALONG THE WESTBOUND I-580 FROM REGATTA
18 BOULEVARD TO THE TOLL PLAZA. FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS BATA HAS
19 BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH CALTRANS AND HAS MADE A LOT OF
20 PROGRESS IN COMPLETING THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND
21 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES. NOW THE PROJECT IS READY TO ADVANCE TO
22 FINAL DESIGN PHASE. HOWEVER THE FINAL DESIGN REQUIRES INPUT
23 FROM THE TOLL SYSTEM INTEGRATOR OR TSI FOR THE BATA BROADER
24 ORT PROGRAM. THE NEW TSI WILL NOT BE ABLE TO START WORK ON THE
25 RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE UNTIL 2025. THEREFORE THE PROJECT



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1 TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING TO FIND WAYS TO ACCELERATE THE PROJECT
2 LEVERAGING CURRENT PSI CREATING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER GENERAL
3 CONTRACTOR CMGC DELIVERY METHOD THAT COULD SECURE AN INTERIM
4 TOLLING STRUCTURE, WHICH TYPICALLY A LONG LIVED ITEM. THE ORT
5 APPROACH WILL BEGIN BATA OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND DELIVER HOV
6 EXTENSION LANE PROJECT BEFORE END OF 2025. THE FINAL --
7 [INDISCERNIBLE] WILL BE COMPLETED ONCE THE NEW TSI IS UNDER
8 CONTRACT. THE RICHMOND SYSTEM WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE
9 BROADER RTA SYSTEM. SINCE NOVEMBER 2023 BATA OVERSIGHT
10 COMMITTEE STAFF WORKED WITH CALTRANS TO DEVELOP A SCOPE COST
11 SCHEDULE AND REVIEW OF THE THIRD LANE HOV UPPER DECK ON THE
12 BRIDGE. BATA IN COLLABORATION WITH CALTRANS, CONTRA COSTA
13 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
14 PROPOSES TO CONDUCT A DESIGN ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT OR DAA AS
15 A FIRST STEP TO NARROW DOWN ALTERNATIVES AND IDENTIFY ANY
16 MAJOR CHALLENGES IN ADVANCE OF STARTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
17 PROCESS. TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES THAT PROVIDE A
18 FULL OR A PART-TIME ON A WEEKDAY, OR A WEEKEND BASIS, OF THE
19 SHOULDER, A THIRD LANE FOR HOV, AND A MULTIUSE PASS. ANALYSIS
20 WILL CONSIDER BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TRAVEL
21 DEMOGRAPHICS, VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, TRAFFIC OPERATION
22 ANALYSIS, IMPACTS ON SAFETY, AND INCIDENCE RESPONSE, GEOMETRY
23 AND STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS, TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT
24 AND TRANSIT STRATEGIES AND COST ESTIMATES TO CONSTRUCT THE
25 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS. NORMALLY, THE TYPICAL TIME FOR DAA OF



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1 THIS NATURE CAN BE COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY IN 12 MONTHS. BUT
2 GIVEN THE URGENT NEEDS IN THIS CORRIDOR, STAFF WILL DO THEIR
3 BEST TO COMPLETE THE DAA IN APRIL 9TH MINUTES -- SORRY --
4 (LAUGHTER) NINE MILES. SORRY. THAT WAS REALLY QUICK.
5 (LAUGHTER) NINE MINUTES. AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE DAA IS
6 1 MILLION. IN NOVEMBER 2019, FOLLOWING A COMPETITIVE
7 PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION BY EVALUATION
8 PANEL BATA APPROVED SELECTION OF KIMLEY-HORN AS THE PRIME
9 CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE RICHMOND SAN
10 RAFAEL FORWARD, OPEN ROAD TOLLING, AND I-580HOV WESTBOUND
11 PROJECT. THE INITIAL SCOPE INCLUDING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING,
12 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PROJECT APPROVAL AND THE CURRENT
13 CONTRACT VALUE IS \$3,963,000. STAFF REQUEST APPROVAL TO AMEND
14 THE CURRENT PROVISIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN FOR
15 PROJECT \$1,500,000 TO THE CONTRACT AMOUNT IN ADVANCE OF THE
16 INTERIM AND FINAL OPEN ROAD TOLLING AND WESTBOUND I-580 LANE
17 PROJECT TO THE FINAL DESIGN PHASE 1 MILLION TO PREPARE
18 RICHMOND WESTBOUND UPPER DECK DESIGN ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT AS
19 DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$6,463,000. KIMLEY-HORN WAS
20 DETERMINED TO PREPARE THE DAA ON SOLE SOURCE BASIS BASED ON
21 BUSINESS REASONS KIMLEY-HORN IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO PREPARE
22 THE DAA GIVEN THEIR DIRECT EXPERIENCE WORKING ON MULTIPLE
23 PROJECTS ALONG THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL CORRIDOR INCLUDING
24 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WESTBOUND LANE STUDY COMPLETED IN
25 2020 AND RICHMOND PARKWAY INTERCHANGE DAA IN 2023 KIMLEY --



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1 STAFF RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO
3 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO
4 EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICE COMPLETE FINE
5 DESIGN PHASE INTERIM AND FINAL OPEN FOR WESTBOUND I-580 LANE
6 PROJECT ALSO TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR
7 THE WESTBOUND UPPER DECK OF RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE THAT
8 CONCLUDES MY REPORT

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10 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** DO WE HAVE ANY COMMISSIONERS THAT WISH
11 TO COMMENT. WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. HOW MUCH SPEAKERS DO
12 WE HAVE?

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14 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** CURRENTLY THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE
15 PUBLIC. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE.

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17 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** TWO MINUTES.

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19 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** OKAY.

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21 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** AND IF WE HAVE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE
22 THAT WANT TO SPEAK PLEASE FILL OUT A SPEAKER'S CARD.

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24 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** OKAY. ALETA DUPREE IF YOU CAN UNMUTE
25 YOURSELF?



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2 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN, CHAIR GLOVER AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE
3 FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLD. THIS IS VERY GOOD
4 WORK. THE IMPORTANT WORK. I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
5 US GET --

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7 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** MISS DUPREE? WE'RE UNABLE TO HEAR YOU.

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9 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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11 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** YES.

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13 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU CHAIR GLOVER. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE
14 RECORD, SHE AND HER, TEAM FOLD. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I'M
15 LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING US GET THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE OPEN
16 ROAD TOLLING FOR THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE JUST AS WE'RE
17 DOING WITH OUR OTHER FACILITY SO THAT WE CAN REMOVE THE
18 OBSTRUCTION THAT IS THE LEGACY TOLL PLAZAS. TO FACILITATE FREE
19 FLOWING TRAFFIC THROUGH THAT AREA. I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF
20 EXPERIENCE GOING OVER THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE. I THINK
21 I WAS LAST OVER IT MAYBE SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO. I DON'T GET
22 UP THAT WAY. I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN OPEN ROAD TOLLING IN A
23 NUMBER OF OTHER PLACES, MOSTLY NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY. AND IT
24 WORKS. I'M HOPING THAT WE WILL GET SOME DRAWINGS SOON SO I CAN
25 SEE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. MAYBE WE DO HAVE SOME DRAWINGS IN



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1 THE ARCHIVES SOMEWHERE THAT ARE PRELIMINARY. BUT, YES, I WOULD
2 LIKE TO SEE US BEGIN THIS WORK SO WE CAN GO INTO CONSTRUCTION
3 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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5 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU.

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7 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** NEXT WE WARREN WELLS MARIN COUNTY
8 BICYCLE COALITION. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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10 **SPEAKER:** WARREN WELLS MARIN BICYCLE COALITION WE UNDERSTAND
11 THE COMPLEXITY OF THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE CORRIDOR
12 CHALLENGING COMMUTE FOR MANY PEOPLE, AND JOBS AND HOUSING
13 BALANCE WITH MARIN AND EAST BAY I WILL SAY I ADMIT I'M
14 DISAPPOINTED TO SEE MTC MOVING FORWARD IN THE EVALUATION
15 ADDING ANOTHER LANE ON THE BRIDGE. I AM A COMMUTER FROM EAST
16 BAY, BIKE COMMUTER FROM EAST BAY TO MARIN. I HAVE PERSONAL AND
17 PROFESSIONAL INTEREST HERE IT PROVIDES KEY CONNECTION FOR
18 PEOPLE TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF CAR BUS SERVICE OVER THE BRIDGE
19 WHICH COULD BE INCREASED WITH THIS PROJECT IT'S VERY
20 INFREQUENT. I CANNOT RELY ON IT IN THE EVENINGS AND ADDING
21 ANOTHER LANE ON THE BRIDGE MAY PROVIDE SHORT-LIVED CONGESTION
22 RELIEF AT THE COST OF INCREASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND
23 LIKELY WORSENERD AIR QUALITIES IN ALREADY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES
24 ALONG THE 580 CORRIDOR. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MTC
25 AND I APPRECIATE THE OUTREACH. WE HAVE A MEETING WITH MTC



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1 STAFF LATER THIS WEEK. I DO APPRECIATE THE OUTREACH FROM STAFF
2 AND LOOK FORWARD TO THIS PROJECT AS IT MOVES ALONG. THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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5 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. AND WE'RE ALSO IN POSSESSION OF
6 YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS. SO THOSE ARE PART OF THE RECORDS.

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8 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** YES, CHAIR. NEXT WE HAVE JOHN GRUB. IF
9 YOU CAN PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK.

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11 **SPEAKER:** HI. THIS IS JOHN GRUB FROM THE BAY AREA COUNCIL. AND
12 I WANT TO SAY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE CHAIR OF THE
13 BOARD, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS.
14 THAT'S THE END OF MY COMMENTS.

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16 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU.

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18 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THANK YOU, CALLER. THERE IS NO
19 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE. WE DID RECEIVE WRITTEN
20 CORRESPONDENCE. AND AT THIS TIME I'LL READ IT INTO THE RECORD.
21 WE RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPOND, AND I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE IF
22 I MISPRONOUNCE YOUR NAME. CHRIS TUTTS, DAVID EPSTEIN, DENISE
23 ROSALES, ELEANOR RUGULAS ANNA AND DAVID FROEKER, JAMES KENNY,
24 JAMES LINDT, MADELINE LIVIC, MARK VENDETTI, MARIN COUNTY
25 BICYCLE COALITION, MARIN CYCLISTS, MOLLY ROSE WILLIAMS,



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1 PHILIPPE MOONEY, SEAN CAMDEN, SONOMA COUNTY BICYCLE COALITION,
2 AND SUZANNE ALBURY, TIFF CHIANG.

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4 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS
5 WITHIN THE AUDIENCE TODAY?

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7 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** NO.

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9 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** ALL RIGHT. I WILL RETURN TO THIS BOARD.
10 DO I HAVE A MOTION?

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12 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** CHAVEZ MAKES THE MOTION.

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14 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. DO I HAVE A SECOND?

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16 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN. PAPAN SECOND.

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18 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. SO, WE HAVE A MOTION BY CHAVEZ,
19 SECOND BY PAPAN. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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21 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** CERTAINLY. CHAIR GLOVER?

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23 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** AYE.

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25 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** ABE-KOGA?



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2 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** CHAVEZ?

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6 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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10 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

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12 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** PAPAN?

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14 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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16 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** RONEN?

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18 **HILLARY RONEN:** AYE.

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20 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** COMMISSIONER THAO?

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22 **SHENG THAO:** AYE.

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24 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THAO AYE. THE MOTION PASSES.

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1 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO ASK AGAIN
2 STAFF CONTINUE OUTREACH SO WE MAKE SURE EVERY VOICE IS HEARD
3 ON THIS TOPIC. WE'LL MOVE TO OUR NEXT AGENDA ITEM WHICH IS
4 PUBLIC COMMENTS OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
5 ADDRESS THIS COMMITTEE ON THOSE ITEMS THAT FALLS WITHIN THE
6 PURVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE BUT IS NOT ON TODAY AGENDA.

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8 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT -- PARDON ME -
9 - ONLINE. AND STARTING WITH BENSON PALACE. YOU HAVE TWO
10 MINUTES TO SPEAK.

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12 **SPEAKER:** I'M BEN PALACE, I LIVE IN BERKELEY. I MEANT TO
13 COMMENT ON THE PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEM BUT I MISSED THE TIMING.
14 I'M A CONSULTANT FOR AVA COMMUNITY ENERGY AND MCE WHICH IS THE
15 ENERGY PROVIDER FOR MARIN AND CONTRA COSTA, ET CETERA, WE
16 CREATED AN INCENTIVE FINDER TO HELP PEOPLE FIND ALL OF THE
17 REBATES AND TAX CREDITS THAT THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR TO DO CLEAN
18 ENERGY THINGS AND WE INCLUDED THE MTC REBATE FOR ELECTRIC
19 BICYCLES FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RICHMOND
20 SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE. WE'RE LAUNCHING THE FINDER FOR MCE SHORTLY
21 WITHIN A MONTH OR SO AND THE ONE FOR AVA HAS BEEN UP FOR SOME
22 MONTHS SO WE'RE PROMOTING THE REBATES THAT YOU'RE OFFERING FOR
23 ELECTRIC BIKE USERS. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT HAVING AN ELECTRIC
24 BIKE TO GET ACROSS THE BRIDGE IS A GREAT OPTION FOR COMMUTERS.
25 IT'S QUICK, IT'S EASY. THERE IS NO TOLL. SO YOU SAVE SOME



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1 MONEY GETTING TO YOUR JOB IN MARIN. IT'S A GREAT -- IT'S A
2 GREAT THING THAT YOU'RE OFFERING TO HELP WORKERS SAVE MONEY
3 GETTING TO THEIR JOBS IN MARIN. OBVIOUSLY IF THERE IS NO BIKE
4 LANE FOR THEM TO DO THAT, THE REBATE WILL BE KIND OF A WASTE
5 OF MONEY. SO, I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BIKE LANE
6 ACCESS ACROSS THE BRIDGE FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING
7 ELECTRIC BIKE REBATES FROM YOU. THANK YOU.

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9 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THANK YOU CALLER. NEXT UP WE HAVE A
10 ALETA DUPREE. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANKS AGAIN CHAIR GLOVER ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD
13 SHE AND HER WITH TEAM POLLS. GOOD MEETING TODAY. YOU KNOW I
14 LOVE A GOOD PUBLIC MEETING IN GENERAL THIS WORKS OF TOLLING
15 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND CONTINUING TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE
16 OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS THERE. THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD VIDEOS OUT
17 OF NEW YORK AND OUT OF MTA BRIDGE AND TUNNELS ABOUT THEIR
18 INITIATIVES TO HELP ENSURE THAT TOLLS ARE BEING COLLECTED ON
19 THEIR BRIDGE AND TUNNEL NETWORK BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
20 THAT THE BRIDGES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF US TO USE AND ENJOY
21 AND PART OF KEEPING THOSE BRIDGES SAFE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
22 COLLECT THE TOLL REVENUE. THAT IS EXPECTED SO THAT WE CAN
23 CONTINUE THAT WORK. SO THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT IDEAS OUT
24 THERE. CERTAINLY WE WANT TO GET PEOPLE INTERESTED IN FASTRAK.
25 AND OUR FINANCES ARE LOOKING VERY GOOD. I LOOK AT SO MANY



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1 DIFFERENT FORMATS, SO FIND IT IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. WE'RE
2 DOING WELL AND WE'RE RECOVERING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC SEASON.
3 BUT WHAT WILL THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE? I BELIEVE THAT THE BRIDGES
4 ARE COMPLEMENTARY. BRIDGES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE
5 COMPLEMENTARY. IT SHOULDN'T BE ABOUT COMPETITION. AND, YES,
6 TRANSIT BUSES DON'T PAY TO GO OVER THE BRIDGES. THAT'S ANOTHER
7 CONVERSATION FOR ANOTHER TIME. BUT I DO USE BOTH THE BRIDGES
8 WITH THE BUS, AND I ALSO USE BART AND FERRY. HOW CAN WE MAKE
9 SURE THAT WITH ALL THESE INTERESTS, THAT THEY DON'T COMPETE
10 WITH EACH OTHER, BUT COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. THANK YOU.

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12 **CLERK, CARSIE BONNER:** THANK YOU CALLER. THERE IS NO FURTHER
13 PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE AND NO MEMBER IN THE BOARDROOM WHO WOULD
14 LIKE TO SPEAK.

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16 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. AT THIS TIME THIS MEETING OF THE
17 BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY IS ADJOURNED. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE
18 HELD ON APRIL 10TH. THANK YOU, ALLOW, WE'RE ADJOURNED.

19 [ADJOURNED]

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