METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Meeting Transcript



1	BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING NETWORK AND OPERATIONS
2	COMMITTEE
3	FRIDAY, JUNE 13^{TH} , 2025, 9:35 AM
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6	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING
7	OF THE BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY THIS MEETING
8	IS WEBCAST ON THE MTC AND ABAG WEB SITES. COMMITTEE MEMBERS
9	AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO
10	SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL NINE. I WILL
11	CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE
12	ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED ON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR
13	PHONE NUMBER. ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ACTION ITEMS
14	DUE TO REMOTE COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATION TODAY. ROLL CALL.
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16	CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAIR NOACK?
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18	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: HERE.
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20	CLERK OF THE BOARD: VICE CHAIR MASHBURN IS ABSENT. ANDERSEN IS
21	ABSENT. CANEPA?
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23	DAVID CANEPA: HERE EL-TAWANSY NON-VOTING IS ABSENT. EZZY
24	ASHCRAFT?
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MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT: PRESENT. 1 2 3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: JOHN-BAPTISTE? 4 5 ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE: HERE. 6 7 CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE A QUORUM. 8 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU. AND WILL NOW ALL THAT ARE ABLE 9 PLEASE RISE AND JOIN ME FOR THE PLEDGES. [PLEDGE OF 10 ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED 11 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, 12 ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE 13 FOR ALL." 14 15 16 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: ITEM THREE, COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT. WILL 17 THE CLERK READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE? 18 19 CLERK OF THE BOARD: AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE 20 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP 21 22 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A 23 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT. 24



- 1 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU. ITEM FOUR, THE CONSENT CALENDAR
- 2 INCLUDES AGENDA ITEMS 4A THROUGH FOUR DIFFERENT. DOES ANYBODY
- 3 WANT TO PULL ANY ITEMS? CAN I HAVE A MOTION?

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5 ALICIA JOHN-BAPTISTE: MOVE APPROVAL, JOHN-BAPTISTE.

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- 7 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU. I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND.
- 8 ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO COMMENT? IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
- 9 CONSENT?

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- 11 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
- 12 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM
- 13 WISHING TO SPEAK UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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- 15 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? OH, PERFECT
- 16 TIMING MARILYN. [LAUGHTER] ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES] NO.
- 17 WE DON'T -- WE CAN JUST DO A VOICE --

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19 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. AYE.

- 21 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: OKAY. I THINK THAT WAS ALL. ANY OPPOSED?
- 22 OKAY. ABSTENTIONS? NO. ALL RIGHT. WE ARE APPROVED. AGENDA ITEM
- 23 FIFE A BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY TOLL FACILITY
- 24 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. THIS ITEM WAS PRESENTED LAST MONTH AS A
- 25 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BAY AREA



- 1 INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY TOLL FACILITY ORDINANCE. THIS
- 2 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO REFER THE REVISED TOLL ORDINANCE TO THE
- 3 AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION. I WILL NOW ASK DIANA DORINSON TO
- 4 PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BAIFA
- 5 TOLL FACILITY -- I'M SAYING THAT WAY TOO MANY TIMES. TOLL
- 6 FACILITY ORDINANCE. PLEASE. [LAUGHTER]

- 8 DIANA DORINSON: THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS MY NAME IS DIANA
- 9 DORINSON AND I AM PRINCIPLE ON THE MTC EXPRESS LANES TEAM TO
- 10 PRESENT THIS ACTION ITEM REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BAY
- 11 AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY TOLL ORDINANCE GIVEN ARE
- 12 OUR AGENDA I'LL SPEAK MOSTLY SUMMARY LEVEL AND OF COURSE HAPPY
- 13 TO TAKE OUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION. NEXT SLIDE.
- 14 THIS SLIDE SHOWS OUR OVERALL SCHEDULE FOR THE TOLL ORDINANCE
- 15 AMENDMENT PROCESS HIGHLIGHTED IN DARK BLUE IN THE TOP ROW WE
- 16 PICKED UP THIS PROCESS IN MARCH BY PRESENTING AN INFORMATION
- 17 ITEM TO THIS COMMITTEE SINCE THEN MET WITH THE ADVISORY
- 18 COUNCIL INITIATED A MULTILINGUAL MEDIA OUTREACH CAMPAIGN AND
- 19 HOSTED A WEBINAR TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND LAST MONTH HELD
- 20 A PUBLIC HEARING. NEXT SLIDE. THE ORDINANCE IS THE LEGAL
- 21 DOCUMENT WHICH LAYS OUT OUR TOLL POLICY FOR EXPRESS LANES
- 22 CUSTOMERS. OUR ORDINANCE APPLIES TO ALL BAIFA EXPRESS LANES IN
- 23 BLUE ON THIS MAP INTERSTATE 680 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY INTERSTATE
- 24 880 ALAMEDA COUNTY AND SUBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT FUTURE
- 25 INTERSTATE 80 EXPRESS LANES IN SOLANO COUNTY BAIFA OTHER



- 1 AGENCY PARTNERS OPERATE REMAINING BAY AREA EXPRESS LANES EACH
- 2 HAVE THEIR OWN TOLL ORDINANCE. NEXT SLIDE. BAIFA FIRST ADOPTED
- 3 THE TOLL ORDINANCE IN 2016 SINCE THEN BAIFA HAS AMENDED THE
- 4 ORDINANCE THREE TIMES TO ADD EXPRESS LANES TO KEEP POLICIES UP
- 5 TO DATE OVER TIME. ATTACHMENT IN YOUR PACKET SHOWS TRACKED
- 6 CHANGES WITH TOLL FACILITY MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE AMENDMENT
- 7 ADDS NEW EXPRESS LANES CONSTRUCTED ON I-80 SOLANO COUNTY
- 8 BEFORE THEY OPEN LATER THIS YEAR BAIFA WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND
- 9 THREE YEARS WITH GOOD FINDING OF CAUSE SEPARATE REQUEST WOULD
- 10 COME TO THIS COMMITTEE IN THE FUTURE TO EXTEND THE PRESS LANES
- 11 START PILOT THIRD AMENDMENT WOULD UPDATE THE MINIMUM TOLL
- 12 \$0.75, WHEN THERE IS LITTLE OR NO CONGESTION FOURTH
- 13 CLARIFICATION REGARDING SUNSETTING OF CLEAN AIR VEHICLE
- 14 DISCOUNT UNLESS FEDERAL LAW IS AMENDED LASTLY TOLL ZONES ON I-
- 15 680 WOULD BE UPDATED TO REFLECT ALAMEDA CTC'S EXTENSION OF 680
- 16 EXPRESS LANES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE PUBLIC
- 17 COMMENT PHASE IS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM BAY AREA RESIDENTS
- 18 TO HEAR DETAILS ABOUT HOW EXPRESS LANES WORK WE CANNOT ALWAYS
- 19 IMPLEMENT CHANGES AND SUGGESTIONS WE RECEIVE RIGHT AWAY BUT WE
- 20 DO OUR BEST TO UNDERSTAND CONCERNS AND CONSIDER AS WE UPDATE
- 21 AND REFINE POLICIES WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT HOW MANY CHANGES WE
- 22 MAKE RELATES TO THE REGIONAL NETWORK PUBLIC COMMENT PROVIDES
- 23 IMPORTANT INDICATION ON POLICIES. THE PUBLIC COMMENT WAS OPEN
- 24 FOR 30 DAYS WITH OPTIONS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, THE REQUIRED
- 25 PUBLIC HEARING OCCURRED DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THIS



- 1 COMMITTEE MAY 9TH A TOTAL OF 15 WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED
- 2 FROM THE PUBLIC DURING THIS FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. NEXT
- 3 SLIDE PLEASE. THE LIST OF THEMES ON THIS SLIDE SHOWS THE RANGE
- 4 OF TOPICS BROUGHT UP BY THE PUBLIC IN COMMENTS RECEIVED
- 5 NUMBERS IN EACH ROW SHOW HOW MANY COMMENTS MENTIONED EACH
- 6 ISSUE MANY COMMENTS ADDRESSED MORE THAN ONE ISSUE. THREE
- 7 POPULAR TOPICS AT THE TOP RELATE TO FINANCIAL CONCERNS
- 8 INCLUDING CONCERNS THAT PAYING TOLLS FOR EXPRESS LANES
- 9 INCREASE COST OF LIVING WORRIES ABOUT WHETHER IT WAS FAIR TO
- 10 OFFER A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT
- 11 AND OBJECTIONS TO CHARGING FOR EXPRESS LANE USAGE IF TAX
- 12 DOLLARS WERE USED IN CONSTRUCTION. COST AND EQUITY CONCERNS
- 13 ARE ONE OF THE REASONS BAIFA IS PILOTING AND HOPING TO EXPAND
- 14 ITS DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS IN THE BAY AREA.
- 15 NEXT TOPIC SUPPORT OF REGION'S LARGER EFFORTS TO IMPROVE
- 16 MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY AND DESIRE THE POLICY CHANGES NOT
- 17 WORKING AGAINST THOSE EFFORTS, INCREASED VMT AND GREENHOUSE
- 18 GAS AS WELL AS REDUCTIONS AND AIR QUALITY, INVESTMENTS TO
- 19 PUBLIC TRANSIT AND ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVING. WE NOTE EXPRESS
- 20 LANES ARE ONE PART OF A LARGER PORTFOLIO OF PLANNED BAY AREA
- 21 INVESTMENT THAT WORK TOGETHER TO HELP MEET OUR REGIONAL GOALS.
- 22 THE LAST THREE TOPICS ADDRESS LOCALIZED CONCERNS INCLUDING
- 23 SPECIFIC INPUT ON I-80 CORRIDOR AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS,
- 24 AND STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES COMMUTE
- 25 APPEARANCE AND PRIORITIES CAN VARY AND WE APPRECIATE THIS



1	FEEDBACK AS WE SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC IN THE
2	FUTURE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. TODAY STAFF IS REQUESTING THAT YOU
3	FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO BAIFA TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED
4	CHANGES TO THE TOLL FACILITY ORDINANCE. BAIFA CAN CHOOSE TO
5	ACCEPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, MODIFY THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE
6	OR CHOOSE NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE AMENDMENT IF ADOPTED
7	THE FINAL AMENDMENT WOULD BE IN EFFECT AFTER 30 DAYS. I WOULD
8	LIKE TO THEM BAIFA STAFF GAVE A PRESENTATION ON WEDNESDAY AT
9	THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING IT WENT WELL
10	AND I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT STA MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO
11	FORWARD A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PILOT OF EXPRESS LANES ON
12	THE CORRIDOR AND WE INTEND TO BRING THAT PILOT BACK TO YOU AS
13	A SEPARATE ACTION ITEM NEXT MONTH WITH THE SECOND ACTION ITEM
14	ON THE EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF THE EXPRESS LANES START
15	PILOT. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. PLEASED TO TAKE
16	QUESTIONS
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18	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: ANY QUESTIONS? PROBABLY GOT THEM OUT OF OUR
19	SYSTEM A MONTH AGO. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
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21	CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
22	RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE IS ONE PERSON IN-HOUSE THAT
23	WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM AND ONE PERSON IN ZOOM THAT
24	WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE

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TO GIVE?



1 2 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: TWO MINUTES. 3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: TWO MINUTES. ALETA DUPREE. 4 5 SPEAKER: THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING CHAIR SUE NOACK AND 6 MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER WITH TEAM 7 8 FOLDS. I THINK WE HAVE A GOOD PRODUCT HERE I HAVEN'T BEEN AS ENGAGED ON EXPRESS LANES AS WITH SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS I 9 DO. I WANT US TO MONITOR WHAT ELECTRIC VEHICLE USAGE IS 10 LOOKING LIKE. I CAN SEE THAT A DAY WILL EVENTUAL COME WHEN 11 WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE PARITY. BECAUSE ELECTRIC VEHICLES ARE 12 BECOMING MORE PREDOMINANT, MORE PREVALENT, ET CETERA, I HOPE 13 THERE WILL BE MORE OF THEM. I THINK ALL CARS SHOULD BE 14 15 ELECTRIC AND WHEN YOU REALLY GET TO THAT POINT OF SATURATION, 16 WE DON'T NEED A DIFFERENTIAL ANYMORE I'M NOT SURE WHEN THAT DAY IS COMING THOUGH. OBVIOUSLY IF WE MAKE IT TOO EASY WE DO 17 RISK EXPRESS LANE DEGRADATION AND NOBODY WANTS THAT. SO, I 18 SUPPORT THE DYNAMIC PRICING ASPECT OF THIS. AND I THINK THIS 19 ORDINANCE IS GOING TO GIVE US CLARIFICATION I CAN'T SAY I HAVE 20 21 EVER DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN EXPRESS LANES BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A CAR THE ONLY THING THAT CAME CLOSE IS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES 22 USING THE MEGA BUS AND THEY WOULD USE EXPRESS LANES ON 23 INTERSTATE TEN GOING EAST FROM DOWNTOWN LA TOWARD THE 15 24 25 INTERCHANGE AROUND SAN BERNARDINO. SO, I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO



- 1 GET SOME PARITY WITH THIS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
- 2 HAVE A SAFE SYSTEM, AND THAT THERE WILL BE ENFORCEMENT. WE
- 3 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY HAS -- KIND OF STAYS IN THEIR
- 4 LANE, IF YOU WILL. EVERYBODY DOES WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. BUT,
- 5 OR, I THINK IT'S A GOOD PRODUCT. THANK YOU.

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7 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU.

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- 9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. NEXT WILL BE ROLAND. ROLAND, GO
- 10 AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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- 12 ROLAND LEBRUN: GOOD MORNING CHAIR NOACK AND MEMBERS. IN THE
- 13 INTEREST OF TIME I'M GOING TO BE BRIEF. I WOULD LIKE TO
- 14 SUGGEST THAT MOVING FORWARD, THE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] SHOULD BE
- 15 EXTENDED TO EVERY BAY AREA EXPRESS LANE OPERATOR NOT JUST
- 16 BAIFA. AND THE REASON I'M ASKING FOR THIS IS THAT SOME
- 17 OPERATORS OCCASIONALLY USE SURPLUS EXPRESS LANE REVENUES FOR
- 18 PURPOSES OTHER THAN GROWING THEIR NETWORK AND CAUSE ADDITIONAL
- 19 CONGESTION IN THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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- 21 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. AND THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS
- 22 OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

- 24 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: WONDERFUL. CAN WE GET -- CAN I GET A MOTION,
- 25 PLEASE?



1 2 SPEAKER: MOVED. 3 SPEAKER: SECOND. 4 5 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: GREAT MOTION AND SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY 6 7 AYE. [AYES] ANY OPPOSED? ABSTENTIONS? OKAY. MOTION CARRIES. 8 ITEM SIX IS PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE ANY GENERAL PUBLIC 9 COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON TODAY'S AGENDA? 10 11 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE IS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE IS NO ONE IN THE BOARDROOM OR 12 ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. 13 14 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: GREAT. THANK YOU. ITEM SEVEN IS ADJOURNMENT. 15 16 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY NETWORK AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY 17 18 JULY 11TH, 2025 AT 9:35 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE 19 BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET SAN FRANCISCO ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. 20 21 MEETING IS ADJOURNED.



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