METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Meeting Transcript



1	BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY
2	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 TH , 2025, 9:50 AM
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6	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: ALL RIGHT. CALLING TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF
7	THE BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY THIS MEETING IS
8	WEB CAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
9	PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE
10	RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND I WILL CALL UPON
11	THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE
12	CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. A
13	ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS DUE TO REMOTE
14	PARTICIPATION. ITEM ONE ROLL CALL.
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16	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: COMMISSION ARE ABE-KOGA? IS ABSENT.
17	COMMISSIONER AHN?
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19	EDDIE AHN: HERE.
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21	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: ANDERSEN?
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23	CANDACE ANDERSEN: HERE.
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2	PAT BURT: HERE.
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4	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: CANEPA?
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6	DAVID CANEPA: HERE.
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8	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT. FLEMING?
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10	VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE.
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12	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI?
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14	DOREEN GIACOPINI: HERE.
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16	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: COMMISSIONER JOHN-BAPTISTE IS ABSENT.
17	KAPLAN? I'LL COME BACK TO YOU. MAHAN IS ABSENT. MANFREE?
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19	AMBER MANFREE: HERE.
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21	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: COMMISSIONER MASHBURN? ASHCRAFT IS
22	PRESENT. THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER MELGAR? IS ABSENT. MILEY IS
23	ABSENT. COMMISSIONER MOULTON-PETERS IS ABSENT. NOACK?
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25	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: HERE.



1 2 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: PAPAN? 3 GINA PAPAN: HERE. 4 5 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: RAMOS? 6 7 8 BELIA RAMOS: HERE. 9 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT. I'LL TURN IT BACK 10 11 OVER TO YOU. 12 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION 13 UNDER AB2449 JUST CAUSE FROM COMMISSIONER KAPLAN. YOU'RE UP. 14 15 WE'RE REPEATING THIS AGAIN. [LAUGHTER]. 16 REBECCA KAPLAN: GOOD AFTERNOON, COLLEAGUES COMMISSIONER KAPLAN 17 18 REQUESTING TO PARTICIPATE VIA AB2449 DUE TO THE CAUSE OF CHILD 19 CARE. THERE IS NO ONE OVER THE AGE OF 18 IN THE ROOM WITH ME. THANK YOU. 20 21 22 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: REQUEST NOTED WE'RE ADDING COMMISSIONER 23 KAPLAN PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING. ITEM TWO CHAIR'S REPORT NOTHING TO REPORT. ITEM THREE CONSENT CALENDAR INCLUDES AGENDA 24



1	ITEMS 3A MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING. DO I HAVE A
2	MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?
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4	DAVID CANEPA: SO MOVED.
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6	MARGARET ABE-KOGA: SECOND ABE-KOGA.
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8	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU MOTION BY ABE-KOGA AND SECOND
9	CANEPA. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? OKAY. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC
10	COMMENTS?
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12	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING FOR
13	THIS ITEM, NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM AND NO HANDS ARE
14	RAISED IN THE ZOOM SPACE.
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16	CHAIR, SUE NOACK: WONDERFUL ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.
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18	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: ABE-KOGA?
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20	MARGARET ABE-KOGA: AYE.
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22	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: AHN?
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24	EDDIE AHN: AYE.
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1	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: ANDERSON?
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3	CANDACE ANDERSEN: AYE ASHCRAFT?
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5	MARILYN EZZY-ASHCRAFT: I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN BECAUSE I WASN'
6	ON THE COMMISSION WHEN THE MINUTES WERE TAKEN. THANK YOU.
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8	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: NOTED THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER BURT?
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10	PAT BURT: ABSTAIN.
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12	CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. AND COMMISSION ARE CANEPA?
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14	DAVID CANEPA: AYE FLEMING?
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16	VICTORIA FLEMING: YES.
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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. MELGAR? IS ABSENT. MILEY IS 1 ABSENT. COMMISSIONER MOULTON-PETERS IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER 2 3 NOACK? 4 5 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: YES. 6 7 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: PAPAN? 8 9 GINA PAPAN: YES. 10 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: RAMOS? 11 12 BELIA RAMOS: YES. 13 14 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY 15 16 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT -- OH, PARDON ME. THE MOTION PASSES WITH THREE ABSTENTIONS. 17 18 19 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: OKAY. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 4A EXPRESS LANES START PILOT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. DIANA DOREN SON WILL 20 21 PRESENT THIS ITEM FOR AUTHORITY APPROVAL. 22 23 SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS I HAVE PREPARED A FOUR 24 MINUTE VERBAL PRESENTATION TO SUMMARIZE GIVEN TIME I'M HAPPY



TO DELIVER A SHORTER ONE MINUTE SUMMARY IF THAT WOULD BE 1 2 APPROPRIATE. 3 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: IF YOU CAN GET ALL THAT INFORMATION INTO ONE 4 5 MINUTE THAT'S GREAT. 6 SPEAKER: MY NAME IS DIANA DORINSON WITH THE MTC EXPRESS LANES 7 8 TEAM I'M PRINCIPLE PROGRAM COORDINATOR IN CHARGE OF THE EXPRESS LANES START PILOT THIS ITEM REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THE 9 WORKPLAN TO DEVELOP MULTIPLE COORDINATED RECOMMENDATIONS THAT 10 WOULD BE ACTED UPON BY THE BAIFA NETWORK AND OPERATIONS 11 COMMITTEE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. YOUR PACKET INCLUDES 12 INFORMATIONS ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM TO 13 DATE. IN INTEREST OF TIME, WE'LL GIVE A VERBAL SUMMARY, AND 14 15 THEN I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. EXPRESS 16 LANES START IS A PILOT PROGRAM THAT OFFERS HALF PRICE TOLLS ON 1880 EXPRESS LANES ONLY FOR BAY AREA RESIDENTS EARNING LOW-17 INCOME. AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH 2026. THE PROGRAM 18 TEAM HAS IDENTIFIED A SET OF NEAR-TERM CHANGES DESIGNED TO 19 MAKE THE PROGRAM MORE SUSTAINABLE BY INCREASING ENROLLMENT AND 20 21 MANAGING UNIT COST. DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPRESS LANES PARTNERS 22 HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR GREATER COLLABORATION ON 23 CONSISTENT MODEL -- WE EXPECT THE PROCESS TO REACH CONSENSUS -- ON REGIONAL APPROACH AND BRING THROUGH CUSTOMER PLACING 24

IMPLEMENTATION WILL LIKELY TAKE A YEAR OR MORE WITHOUT



- 1 ALTERNATIVE IN PLACE STAFF REQUESTING SUPPORT OF A WORKPLAN TO
- 2 DEVELOP THE THREE INTERRELATED RECOMMENDATIONS ONE TO EXTEND
- 3 THE ALLOWABLE TIME FOR BAIFA EXPRESS LANES PILOTS AS PART OF
- 4 THE TOLL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROCESS THAT KICKS OFF NEXT MONTH
- 5 EXPRESS LANES START PILOT NEW INTERSTATE 880 SOLANO EXPRESS
- 6 LANES WHEN IT OPENS LATER THIS YEAR AND THREE TO DETERMINE
- 7 TIMING AND EXTENT OF POTENTIAL FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE PILOT
- 8 WHICH COULD INCLUDE INTERSTATE 680 STAFF WILL BRING BACK
- 9 RECOMMENDATIONS ON EACH OF THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
- 10 THANK YOU.

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- 12 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU. VERY CONCISE. APPRECIATE THAT.
- 13 ANY QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS?

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- 15 SPEAKER: I DIDN'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, BUT THE SAME STATEMENT
- 16 THIS MEETING. RIGHT? JUST THAT STAFF WORK WITH SOLANO
- 17 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO WORK THROUGH THOSE ISSUES. PRIOR
- 18 TO THAT NEXT RECOMMENDATION AND VOTE, SO THAT WE CAN GET SOME
- 19 CONSENSUS ON A REGIONAL APPROACH.

- 21 ANDREW FREMIER: COMMISSIONER, IF I MAY SOLANO HAS BEEN ONE OF
- 22 OUR BEST PARTNERS FROM DAY ONE AND THEY WORK VERY
- 23 COLLABORATIVELY WITH US ON THIS AND DARREL AND HIS TEAM HAVE
- 24 CERTAINLY BEEN ENGAGED IN THE WORK WE'RE DOING SO WE CAN MEET
- 25 THAT COMMITMENT ABSOLUTELY.



1 2 SPEAKER: ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU. 3 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: OKAY. CAN I HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND? 4 5 MARILYN EZZY-ASHCRAFT: COULD I ASK A QUESTION? 6 7 8 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: SORRY I MISSED YOUR LIGHT. 9 MARILYN EZZY-ASHCRAFT: THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO, I WANTED TO KNOW, 10 ARE THE AREAS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THESE SOLANO 80 AND 11 POSSIBLY INCLUDING 680, ARE THESE AREAS WHERE THERE IS A LACK 12 OF ROBUST PUBLIC TRANSIT? AND PEOPLE NEED TO RELY ON THEIR 13 CARS? AND THE REASON I'M ASKING IS WE JUST SPENT A FAIR AMOUNT 14 15 OF TIME DISCUSSING POLLING DATA FOR AN UPCOMING BALLOT MEASURE 16 TO RAISE REVENUES FOR TRANSIT SYSTEMS, WHICH DON'T HAVE ENOUGH 17 RIDERSHIP AND HOW DO WE GET RIDERS BACK TO TRANSIT. AND, OF COURSE, IF WE ARE CONCERNED -- AND WE ARE CONCERNED -- WITH 18 THE IMPACT OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM DRIVING, THEN 19 CERTAINLY WE WOULD WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO REDUCE RELIANCE 20 ON, ESPECIALLY, FOSSIL FUEL POWERED CARS. AND AS A DRIVER OF 21 AN EV, I'M ALSO COGNIZANT THAT EVEN IF I'M DRIVING, I'M 22 CONTRIBUTING TO TRAFFIC. BECAUSE IF THERE IS A SLOW DOWN, THEN 23 CARS ARE IDLING, EVEN IF MINE MIGHT NOT BE ONE OF THEM. SO, 24 I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHY SO MUCH EMPHASIS 25



- 1 ON THIS AS IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE AS ROBUST RESPONSE FROM
- 2 TARGETED RIDERS AS WAS HOPED FOR. AND MY QUESTION THAT ROLLED
- 3 INTO THAT IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IN
- 4 THE BAY AREA, HOUSING, FOOD, GAS, UTILITIES THAT THIS
- 5 ADDITIONAL EXPENSE TO BE ABLE TO DRIVE IN A FAST LANE IS MAYBE
- 6 JUST SOMETHING THAT LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WOULD OPT NOT TO
- 7 PURSUE? AND THEN LASTLY IN TODAY'S POLITICAL CLIMATE, IS IT
- 8 POSSIBLE THAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE
- 9 PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DATA TO A QUASI GOVERNMENT
- 10 ORGANIZATION, IF YOU WILL? ANYWAY, A LOT OF QUESTIONS THROWN
- 11 AT YOU. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT. THANK YOU.

- 13 SPEAKER: YES, I CAN TRY TO RESPOND. TAKING THE LAST ONE FIRST
- 14 WE RECOGNIZE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW FOR SOME PEOPLE TO
- 15 FEEL COMFORTABLE ENROLLING IN THE PROGRAM. HOWEVER WE OBSERVED
- 16 DURING THE EVALUATION PERIOD ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T GET AS MANY
- 17 CUSTOMERS, THEY TRAVELED IN THE EXPRESS LANES, WE KNOW THE
- 18 PEOPLE WHO ARE USING IT IT'S EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT
- 19 TO THEM WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL BAIFA LANES AND EXPRESS
- 20 LANES IN THE REGION HAVE OPTION TO HELP THIS SEGMENT OF THE
- 21 POPULATION. I THINK THE TRADEOFF WAS BETWEEN TRANSIT AND
- 22 VEHICLE USE WE KNOW THAT TRANSIT DOESN'T GO EVERYWHERE
- 23 EVERYONE NEEDS TO GO WE SEE THIS AS OPTION FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED
- 24 TO MAKE THE CHOICE TO DRIVE WHERE IT'S APPROPRIATE THE PART OF
- 25 THE REGIONAL CONVERSATION I'M REFERRING TO IS WHAT'S THE BEST



WAY TO SUPPORT MOBILITY FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES THAT'S 1 GOING TO BE MORE ABOUT EXPRESS LANES GOING TO HAVE TO INVOLVE 2 3 HOW WE TAYLOR OR TOLL PROGRAM AND HOW IT'S GOING TO BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THIS'S WHY IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME TO 4 5 GENERATE THE SOLUTION ACROSS MODES AND FOR THE REGION AS A 6 WHOLE. 7 8 MARILYN EZZY-ASHCRAFT: THANK YOU. 9 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? NOW MAY I GET A 10 11 MOTION AND A SECOND? ARE YOU GOING SECOND IT? THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. I APPRECIATE YOU SOUARING THAT AWAY BETWEEN 12 THE TWO OF YOU. [LAUGHTER] WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. DO 13 WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? 14 15 16 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING FOR THIS ITEM, NO HANDS ARE RAISED IN THE ZOOM SPACE AND NO ONE 17 HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM. 18 19 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: OKAY. THANK YOU. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE. 20 21 22 CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: COMMISSION ARE ABE-KOGA? 23

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MARGARET ABE-KOGA: AYE.



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STRATEGY AND CLEAR TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR WHEN COMPETITIVE



- 1 PROCESSES SHOULD BE USED FOR FUNDING ALLOCATIONS VERSUS WHEN
- 2 STAFF WILL ALLOCATE FUNDING. AND THIS IS RELATIVE TO RM3
- 3 FUNDING FOR EXPRESS LANES. SO, I WOULD REQUEST THAT WORK BE
- 4 DONE AND THAT IT COME BACK TO OUR COMMITTEE AS SOON AS
- 5 POSSIBLE.

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7 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR? GO AHEAD.

- 9 ANDREW FREMIER: ANDREW FREMIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THANK YOU
- 10 FOR THAT COMMISSIONER. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE BEEN DOING THE
- 11 WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THAT MOTION. SO WE HAVE BEEN WITH THE
- 12 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 TEAM, WITH ALL THE WORK THAT WE DO IN
- 13 THE PROJECT LIST FOR TRANSPORTATION. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY
- 14 WITH VTA STAFF OUR EXPRESS LANES TEAM SUPPORTS THAT WORK WITH
- 15 THEM WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT. THE CHALLENGE WE
- 16 HAVE IN ALL FORMS OF INVESTMENTS IS REVENUE SOURCES AND THERE
- 17 JUST AREN'T A LOT. SO THE REGIONAL MEASURE THREE FUNDING
- 18 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HAS BEEN DIVVIED OUT TO PROJECTS UNDERWAY
- 19 LIKE OPERATING SAN MATEO 101 AND SOLANO 80 PROJECT AS WELL THE
- 20 RESOLUTION SPECIFIES THE FIRST CRACK IS WORK BEING DONE ON 680
- 21 RIGHT NOW FOR THAT PROJECT AND IF THAT DOESN'T GO FORWARD,
- 22 THEN THERE WILL BE ANOTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT LIMITED \$60
- 23 MILLION THAT'S LEFT IN THE PROGRAM. WHEN IT COMES TO SB1, ALL
- 24 THE OTHER COMPETITIVE PROJECTS, WE GO THROUGH THE MAJOR
- 25 PROJECTS WORK TOGETHER AND WE ALL LINE UP WHEN THINK WE ARE



- 1 THE MOST COMPETITIVE PROJECTS. EXPRESS LANES, AND A LITTLE BIT
- 2 MAYBE TO COMMISSIONER ASHCRAFT'S QUESTION ARE TOUGH THOUGH.
- 3 THEY GIVE US CHALLENGES RELATIVE TO REDUCING VEHICLE MILES
- 4 TRAVELED SO THEY DON'T AND HAVE NOT PERFORMED WELL AT THE
- 5 STATE LEVEL WHICH IS ONE OF THE CHALLENGES I THINK THE VTA
- 6 PROJECT DOES HAVE. WE HAVE, THOUGH, ESTABLISHED AS PART OF
- 7 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 WHAT THE NEXT GENERATION OF EXPRESS
- 8 LANES WILL LOOK LIKE IN THE REGION AND WITH THAT'S IN THE MIX.
- 9 SO, WE ARE WORKING WITH VTA DIRECTLY, WITH ALL THE
- 10 TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS, REALLY TO DO THE INVESTMENTS THE BEST
- 11 WE CAN. BUT THERE REALLY ARE JUST LIMITED FUNDS FOR PROJECTS
- 12 LIKE THIS IN PARTICULAR.
- 14 MARGARET ABE-KOGA: THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT IS
- 15 BEING DONE. I PROBABLY -- I'LL TAKE IT OFFLINE AND GET MORE
- 16 INFORMATION FROM YOU, THE ONES THAT I HAD WAS IN THE PAST.
- 17 THERE IS FINANCING AVAILABLE, BUT THE CHALLENGE IS THE COST OF
- 18 THAT, AND ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAYBE HAVE FUNDS THAT
- 19 COULD BE USED, YOU KNOW, IN ADVANCE TO LEVERAGE, TO BE ABLE TO
- 20 FINANCE IS ONE THOUGHT I HAD.
- 22 ANDREW FREMIER: YEAH. I THINK THERE ARE THINGS TO BE TALKED
- 23 ABOUT. THERE I THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WHOLE CORRIDOR
- 24 INVESTED IN IT MAKES SENSE WITH WHAT THE EXPRESS LANES ARE, IT
- 25 DIDN'T JUST GO TO SAN MATEO IT INCLUDES TO SANTA CLARA AND SAN

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- 1 FRANCISCO. THERE IS RESTRICTION AROUND WHAT BAIFA CAN DO.
- 2 BAIFA IS SET OF THE THREE COUNTIES THAT HAVE VOLUNTARY JOINED
- 3 THE PROGRAM. THE ABILITY FOR BAIFA TO DO BONDS APPEARS LIKE
- 4 IT'S A POTENTIAL. WE HAVE NOT TALKED ABOUT AS A POLICY
- 5 MEASUREMENT AT ALL DEFINITELY WORTH TALKING ABOUT IN THE LONG
- 6 RUN I THINK THERE IS -- MAJOR PROGRAMS THAT FIT INTO THAT KIND
- 7 OF DISCUSSION. BUT GENERAL COUNSEL?

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- 9 COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE: I WANT TO NOTE, BECAUSE THIS WASN'T
- 10 AGENDAIZED AND IT'S A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IT BEARS MORE
- 11 DISCUSSION IT WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED UP OFFLINE AND POSSIBLY
- 12 BRING IT BACK FOR A FUTURE AGENDA.

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- 14 MARGARET ABE-KOGA: WE CAN'T DISCUSS IT? THAT'S MY REQUEST IF
- 15 WE COULD BRING IT BACK FOR A COMMITTEE AT A FUTURE DATE.

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- 17 CHAIR, SUE NOACK: THANK YOU. SORRY I SKIPPED THE OTHER
- 18 BUSINESS PIECE. I WILL REMEMBER THAT NEXT TIME. ITEM SIX,
- 19 ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY AREA INFRASTRUCTURE
- 20 FINANCE AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE METRO CENTER
- 21 375 BEALE STREET BEALE STREET MARCH 26th 2025. WE'RE
- 22 ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]





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