

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026, 9:35 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. WE'RE GOING

6 TO GET STARTED WITH THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT

7 COMMITTEE. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE.

8 REMOTE PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO SPEAK, PLEASE USE THE RAISED

9 HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9 AND YOU WILL BE CALLED ON AT THE

10 APPROPRIATE TIME TO SPEAK. COULD WE GET A ROLL CALL, PLEASE?

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR ABE-KOGA?

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14 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR MILEY?

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18 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE-VOTING AMBUEHL? IS ABSENT. FLEMING IS

21 ABSENT? LEE?

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MANFREE?

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25 **AMBER MANFREE:** HERE.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MELGAR IS ABSENT PAPAN?

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4 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE. RAMOS?

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6 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING SCHAFF IS HERE. WE HAVE A
9 QUORUM.

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11 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM TWO STAND IF
12 YOU'RE ABLE PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE FOR ALLEGIANCE. [
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE
14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
15 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
16 JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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18 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM THREE, THE
19 COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT WILL THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE
20 ANNOUNCEMENT?

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING
23 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
24 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
25 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A



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1 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH
2 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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4 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM FOUR, THE
5 CHAIR'S REPORT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT. WE'LL GO TO
6 FIVE, THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WHICH INCLUDES ITEMS 5A THROUGH
7 5F. IS THERE ANY COMMISSIONER THAT WOULD LIKE TO PULL AN ITEM
8 FROM CONSENT OR SPEAK TO AN ITEM? IF NOT, DO WE HAVE PUBLIC
9 COMMENT ON THE CONSENT ITEMS?

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. NO ONE
12 IN THE ZOOM SPACE OR THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK.

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14 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GREAT.

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16 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN, MOVE APPROVAL.

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18 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. IS THERE A SECOND?

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20 **AMBER MANFREE:** MANFREE. SECOND.

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22 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY PAPAN SECOND BY
23 MANFREE. DO WE DO ROLL CALL? OKAY. OH, VOICE VOTE IS OKAY.
24 OKAY. GREAT. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES]

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1 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE. OPPOSE? ABSTENTIONS? MOTION
2 CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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4 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** WE'LL GO ON TO AGENDA ITEM SIX,
5 WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. WAS
6 THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK?

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM
9 MARK BAKER, THE SOFTLIGHTS FOUNDATION THAT WAS ATTACHED TO THE
10 AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSIONERS. WE DO HAVE ONE MEMBER
11 OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ZOOM SPACE. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE
12 TO PROVIDE?

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14 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** TWO MINUTES, PLEASE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ALETA DUPREE, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE
17 YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MARGARET ABE-KOGA AND
20 MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE/HER WITH TEAM FOLDS.
21 I GET TO SPEAK WITH YOU AGAIN. CAN'T BE WITH YOU IN-PERSON
22 TODAY, THOUGH GET TO SEE SOME OF YOU OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS.
23 I HAVE USED THE BAY BRIDGE A COUP ELIMINATE OF TIMES. IT'S
24 WORKING. I'M RIDING ON THE BUS SO I'M USING THE BYPASS LANE.
25 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC ON THE BRIDGE. THIS IS WHERE



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1 ATTENTION COMES ABOUT. ON THE ONE HAND, I ENCOURAGE MORE USE
2 OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. BUT BECAUSE OUR TOLLS ARE COLLECTED
3 ON THE BASIS OF TRAFFIC VOLUME, NUMBER OF VEHICLES, I DON'T
4 WANT MY ADVOCACY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO
5 BRIDGE FUNDING EITHER. BECAUSE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DOES
6 DEPEND ON THAT BRIDGE. EVEN THOUGH, AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND,
7 PUBLIC TRANSIT BUSES DON'T PAY TO USE THE BRIDGE. SHOULD THAT
8 CHANGE? I DON'T KNOW. I HOPE I DOWN TURN ANY SCORN FOR MY
9 FRIENDS ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SIDE OF THE HOUSE. SO THIS
10 BRIDGE -- ALL THESE BRIDGES HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED. AND ALL-
11 ELECTRONIC TOLLING IS WORKING, AND HOPEFULLY SOON WE'LL SEE
12 THE HARD CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW INFRASTRUCTURE, AND
13 ULTIMATELY REMOVING THE TOLL BOOTHS. CAN WE DO A DEDICATED
14 EXPRESS LANE ON THE BRIDGE? NONE. I EXPERIENCED IT IN NEW YORK
15 WITH THE LINCOLN TUNNEL THAT'S ACTUALLY ON THE NEW JERSEY
16 SIDE. I DO SEE WE'RE STILL COLLECTING A LOT OF VIOLATION
17 REVENUE. YES IT'S MONEY FOR US, BUT HOW CAN WE EDUCATE PEOPLE
18 THAT IT'S BEST FOR THEM TO PAY THEIR TOLL? THANK YOU.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE.

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22 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GREAT. THANK YOU. WE WILL THEN CLOSE
23 PUBLIC COMMENT AND MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM SEVEN, WHICH IS
24 ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY
25 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT 9:35 A.M. IN



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1 THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET SAN FRANCISCO ON
2 WEDNESDAY FREQUENTLY 8TH, 2026. ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE
3 WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK
4 YOU. [ADJOURNED]