

**Bay Area Toll Authority**  
**Oversight Committee**

**January 8, 2025**

**Agenda Item 4d-24-1478**

**BATA Resolution No. 179 – Design Immunity for Richmond-San Rafael Forward - Open Road Tolling and Interstate 580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Project**

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**Subject:**

A request that the Committee refer Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Resolution No. 179 to the Authority for approval authorizing design immunity for the Richmond-San Rafael Forward Open Road Tolling and Interstate 580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Project (RSR Forward Project) Design Plans and Approval Delegation.

**Background:**

The RSR Forward Project seeks to provide safety and operational improvements on the westbound Interstate 580 (I-580) approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge by replacing the existing toll plaza with Open Road Tolling (ORT) and will encourage carpooling and transit ridership by reinstating the previous High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane along westbound I-580.

BATA staff has completed preliminary engineering, environmental studies, and project approval documents and is retaining a design consultant, Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc., to complete the final design of the Project. BATA has partnered with Caltrans to construct RSR Forward and the broader ORT projects using a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) contract. The contract will be administered by Caltrans and was awarded to Flatiron Construction in April 2023. The CMGC project delivery method is intended to result in faster project delivery with earlier cost certainty, construction cost savings, improved risk mitigation and innovative solutions. The delivery strategy improves the ability to deliver within budget and schedule, while minimizing impact and delays to the traveling public, thus maximizing public safety.

**Design Immunity:**

In September 2023, BATA approved BATA Resolution No. 171, Establishment of Process for Approval of Design Plans and Procedures for Delegation of Approval Authority, which provides the process for securing immunity pursuant to Government Code section 830.6. The proposed BATA Resolution No. 179 would delegate to specified staff authority to approve plans and

future design changes for the Project. Authorized staff would be delegated the responsibility to review and approve the reasonableness of the plans and any changes to the design and plans as represented by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., or by others.

**Issues:**

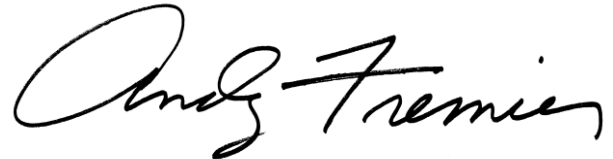
None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends that the Committee refer BATA Resolution No. 179, RSR Forward ORT and I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Project Design Plans and Approval Delegation to the Bay Area Toll Authority for approval.

**Attachments:**

- BATA Resolution No. 179, Richmond-San Rafael Forward Open Road Tolling and Interstate 580 Westbound High Occupancy Lane Project Design Plans Approval Delegation



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