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Subject: Bay Area Toll Authority January 27, 2021 Meeting Public Comment/Item #9

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Good Morning,

My name is Eric Reese. I am emailing in regards to Wednesday's Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Board Meeting. I was wondering if you could please forward my public comment (general public comment) to the commission for inclusion in the meeting minutes. I have attached my public comment below. Thank you for your time and help. Have a great day.

Sincerely,
Eric Reese

Bay Area Toll Authority Meeting: January 27, 2021 Public Comment

Dear BATA/MTC Personnel,

Hello, my name is Eric Reese. I am writing in regard to the permanent transition to cashless tolling for the Bay Area Toll Bridges and potential disposal of "surplus" toll equipment as determined by the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and Caltrans. I am writing to you because I am working on a lifelong transportation archive and preservation project where I work with state department of transportations and toll agencies across the United States as they transition over from cash tolling to cashless tolling. My goal is to work with these agencies to preserve toll receipts, toll tickets, brochures, and more for future generations by preserving the history of legacy toll systems into a future museum setting, while looking towards the future. With the recent announcement by BATA and MTC of permanent cashless tolling at the state owned toll bridges, I was wondering if it would be possible to acquire some pieces of toll equipment as declared surplus, before they are scrapped forever and before the toll signs are revised this spring? If possible and in accordance with state and agency regulations, I would be more than willing to pay the fair market value price for one of the toll booth receipt printers, toll collector cash drawer, toll collector money bag/daily reporting bag, any toll violation pamphlets/other pamphlets, and toll booth signage/highway signage relating to bridge tolls and FasTrak Only Lanes. I would also be more than willing to pay the costs to ship the items making it cost neutral to BATA, MTC, and Caltrans. I would appreciate any help you could offer. I would welcome the opportunity to help preserve some toll history from the bay area like the toll receipt printer that has been utilized at the Golden Gate Bridge, Tacoma Narrows Bridge, Port Authority Toll Bridges, and other toll facilities. Being able to acquire these items would also help round out my Bay Area Toll Collection as I have already archived the Bridge Commutation Ticket Booklet, toll receipts, and a toll collector patch. Thank you for your time and hopeful consideration. Have a great day.

Sincerely,
Eric Reese