

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



OCTOBER 8, 2025

1 **BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2 **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025, 9:35 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WOULD LIKE
6 TO GO AHEAD AND START THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE
7 MEETING -- OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR OCTOBER 8TH. AND
8 JUST A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS MEETING BEING IS WEBCAST ON THE
9 MTC WEB SITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
10 PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED
11 HAND FEATURE OR DIAL NINE, AND I'LL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
12 APPROPRIATE TIME. AND I AM MARGARET ABE-KOGA, CHAIR OF THIS
13 COMMITTEE, HERE WITH MY VICE CHAIR, NATE MILEY. AND WITH THAT,
14 WE WILL GO TO AGENDA ITEM ONE. MAY WE GET A ROLL CALL, PLEASE,
15 CLERK?

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

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

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY?

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23 **NATE MILEY:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AMBUEHL IS ABSENT. FLEMING?



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2 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LEE?

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6 **BARBARA LEE:** HERE.

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

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10 **AMBER MANFREE:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MELGAR?

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14 **MYRNA MELGAR:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PAPAN?

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18 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS? IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER NON-SCHAFF

21 -- PARDON ME -- [LAUGHTER] COMMISSIONER NON-VOTING SCHAFF?

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23 **SPEAKER:** I SPILLED MY COFFEE [INDISCERNIBLE]

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** IS HERE. WE DO HAVE A QUORUM. THANK YOU.



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2 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO AGENDA ITEM
3 TWO, WHICH IS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAND
4 IF YOU'RE ABLE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE? [PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
6 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
7 ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
8 FOR ALL."

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10 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO AGENDA ITEM
11 THREE, THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT. CLERK, WOULD YOU MIND
12 MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT?

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING
15 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
16 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
17 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A
18 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH
19 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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21 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'LL GO
22 ON TO AGENDA ITEM FOUR, THE CHAIR'S REPORT. I HAVE NONE. SO,
23 WE'LL GO TO FIVE, THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WHICH INCLUDES ITEMS
24 5A THROUGH FIVE E. IS THERE ANY COMMISSIONER THAT WOULD LIKE
25 TO PULL AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR OR COMMENT ON ANY



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1 ITEMS? IF NOT, MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE.

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3 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN MOVE APPROVAL.

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5 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. SECOND?

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7 **MYRNA MELGAR:** SECOND.

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9 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
10 CONSENT ITEM?

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM BRUCE
13 BEYERT, CHAIR OF THE TRAILS OF RICHMOND ACTION COMMITTEE. THAT
14 WAS POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA. HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AND
15 IT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSIONERS. THERE IS NO FURTHER
16 PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE OR IN THE BOARDROOM AND NO ONE IN THE
17 ZOOM SPACE WISHING TO SPEAK.

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19 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION BY PAPAN; SECOND BY MELGAR.
20 ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. [AYES].

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22 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE. OPPOSED? ABSTENTIONS? MOTION
23 CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. WE'LL GO TO ITEM
24 SIX, PUBLIC COMMENT ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 WISHING TO SPEAK



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED BY MARK BAKER
3 OF SOFT LIGHTS FOUNDATION. THAT WAS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA,
4 DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSIONERS AND HARD COPY IS AVAILABLE IN THE
5 BOARDROOM. WE DO HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ZOOM
6 SPACE. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE?

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8 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** LET'S GO TWO MINUTES.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. ALETA DUPREE, IF YOU CAN, PLEASE,
11 UNMUTE YOURSELF? YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

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13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR MARGARET ABE-KOGA AND MEMBERS.
14 ALETA DUPREE, FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS
15 REPRESENTING SKIRT FOLDS. DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
16 SET THE RECORD FOR WORLD'S SHORTEST MEETING BUT THANK YOU FOR
17 THE TWO MINUTES. THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN THE TOLL SPACE,
18 TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH IT ALL AND OUR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
19 WITH OTHER SYSTEMS. THERE IS AN INTERESTING PARADOX THAT I SEE
20 IN THAT WE WANT TO HAVE VEHICLES ON OUR BRIDGES, BECAUSE THEY
21 PROVIDE REVENUE. BUT YET WHEN YOU HAVE TOO MANY VEHICLES, YOU
22 HAVE CONGESTION. WHERE IS THAT FINE LINE? ESPECIALLY WHEN I
23 CONSIDER THAT WE ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM A PANDEMIC, AND
24 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT AS WE HOPE TO
25 HAVE AN INCREASE ON BRIDGE TRAFFIC. BUT YET, I ALSO FEEL THAT



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1 PEOPLE MORE AND MORE SHOULD BE GETTING BACK ON PUBLIC
2 TRANSPORTATION, SUCH AS USING BART UNDER THE BAY, OR THE
3 FERRIES, ALSO PLAY A PART, AND VARIOUS BUS SERVICES THAT GO
4 OVER THE BRIDGE AND THE BUSES DON'T PAY TOLLS TO GO OVER THE
5 BRIDGES, AT LEAST PUBLIC TRANSIT ONES. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR,
6 LIKE, THE INTERCITY BUSES, OR -- I THINK THE CHARTER BUSES DO
7 PAY. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TO PAY FOR IT WITH BRIDGE
8 TOLLS. AND WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF WHY WE
9 COLLECT THESE BRIDGE TOLLS, AND WE HAVE TO COLLECT THESE
10 BRIDGE TOLLS. IT'S TO KEEP OUR SYSTEM SAFE. THANK YOU.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE
13 ZOOM SPACE.

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15 **CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GREAT. THANK YOU. THEN WE'LL CLOSE
16 PUBLIC COMMENT AND MOVE ON TO AGENDA ITEM SEVEN, WHICH IS
17 ADJOURNMENT AND THE NEXT MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY
18 AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO BE
19 HELD AT 9:35 A.M. IN THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER, 375 BEALE
20 STREET SAN FRANCISCO WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2025. ANY
21 CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC.
22 WE'RE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]