

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2025, 9:35 AM**

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5 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I WOULD

6 LIKE TO START OUR BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEETING.

7 I'M MARGARET ABE-KOGA, VICE CHAIR. AND WE'LL START OUR

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB

9 SITE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

10 PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED

11 HAND FEATURE OR DIAL NINE. I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE

12 APPROPRIATE TIME. WE'LL START WITH ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION

13 OF QUORUM. CLERK, WOULD YOU MIND CALLING THE ROLL, PLEASE?

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15 **BOARD CLERK:** VICE CHAIR ABE-KOGA?

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17 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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19 **BOARD CLERK:** COMMISSIONER EL-TAWANSY, NON-VOTING?

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21 **DINA EL-TAWANSY:** HERE.

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23 **BOARD CLERK:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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25 **NATE MILEY:** HERE. COMMISSIONER PAPAN?



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2 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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4 **BOARD CLERK:** COMMISSIONER NON-VOTING SCHAFF?

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6 **LIBBY SCHAAF:** HERE.

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8 **BOARD CLERK:** WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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

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17 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO AGENDA
18 ITEM THREE, THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT. WILL THE CLERK
19 PLEASE READ THE ANNOUNCEMENT?

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21 **BOARD CLERK:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING THE
22 FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY
23 WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A
24 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 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO AGENDA
5 ITEM FOUR, THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WHICH INCLUDES ITEMS 4A
6 THROUGH 4D. IS THERE ANY COMMISSIONER THAT WOULD LIKE TO PULL
7 AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR OR SPEAK ON ANY ITEM? I
8 DON'T SEE ANY. GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENT. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS
9 OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK?

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11 **BOARD CLERK:** I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ZOOM SPACE,
12 BOARDROOM AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPOND RECEIVED.

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14 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU.

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

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18 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** IS THERE A SECOND? THANK YOU. WE
19 HAVE A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PAPAN; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER
20 MILEY. IF THERE IS NO OTHER DISCUSSION, CAN I DO THIS BY --
21 OKAY. SO, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED?
22 ABSTENTIONS? MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
23 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO ITEM FIVE. THANK YOU. ITEM
24 FIVE IS THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS. ARE THERE ANY



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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDAIZED
2 ITEMS?

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4 **BOARD CLERK:** WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ZOOM
5 SPACE. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE?

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7 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** LET'S DO TWO MINUTES.

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9 **BOARD CLERK:** OKAY. OKAY. ALETA DUPREE, IF YOU COULD PLEASE
10 UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, VICE CHAIR MARGARET ABE-KOGA
13 AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD, SHE AND HER, WITH
14 TEAM FOLDS. IT'S ACTUALLY AFTERNOON FOR ME. BECAUSE I'M HAVING
15 LUNCH AT A MUSEUM IN NEW YORK CITY. I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME
16 OKAY. SO, AS I SPEAK ABOUT BATA OVERSIGHT, IN GENERAL, I'M
17 STEEPED IN THIS RIGHT NOW -- WELL, NOT AT THIS MOMENT, BECAUSE
18 I'M NORTH OF 60th STREETS. BUT I AM IN THE CONGESTION ZONE IN
19 NEW YORK CITY A LOT. AND I'M USING BUSES, SOMEWHAT, IN NEW
20 YORK CITY, BUT MOSTLY I'M USING THE SUBWAY. SO WHY DO I SPEAK
21 OF NEW YORK. WE DO SIMILAR WORK WITH BATA, MANAGING OF TOLLS
22 AND COLLECTIONS. AND THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT COLLECTING MONEY
23 FOR BRIDGES, BUT THERE IS SOME CONGESTION MANAGEMENT ASPECTS
24 OF THIS. I THINK I CAN CERTAINLY SAY IN NEW YORK THAT,
25 GENERALLY FOUND THE BUSES TO BE FASTER OUT ON THE STREETS.



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1 STILL HAVE NOT DONE A RIDE-SHARE. BECAUSE IT'S EXPENSIVE. IF I
2 DO RIDE-SHARE OR TAXI IT'S AN EXTRA ONE THERE \$0.50 WHICH I
3 CAN USE SOMETHING LIKE THAT I THINK TO PAY INTO THE CONGESTION
4 PRICING PROGRAM. BUT IT ONLY COSTS ME \$1.45 FOR ME TO USE THE
5 SUBWAY UP TO \$17 A WEEK SO HOW DO WE USE OUR BRIDGES TO BE
6 COMPLEMENTARY IN THE WORK OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BUT WE STILL
7 HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE GET THE MONEY TO KEEP THESE BRIDGES SAFE
8 AND HAVE PROGRAMS THAT MAKE THE BRIDGES EASILY ACCESSIBLE BUT
9 JUST AS MUCH AS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU
10 FROM NEW YORK CITY. APPRECIATE IT.

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12 **BOARD CLERK:** THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE, NO ONE
13 IN THE BOARDROOM AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

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

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