

**METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Transcript**



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**BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 9:45 AM**

**CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. CALLING TO ORDER BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY. NICK JOSEFOWITZ HAD TO STEP OUT. MEETING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. ROLL CALL.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR PEDROZA?

**CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ STEPPED AWAY. ABE-KOGA.

**MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AHN IS ABSENT. CANEPA?

**DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAVEZ?

**CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?



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2 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER  
5 FLEMING?

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7 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI?

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11 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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15 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER MAHAN IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER  
18 MILEY IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER MOULTON-PETERS?

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20 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NOACK?

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24 **SUE NOACK:** HERE.

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

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3 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT?

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7 **DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RONEN? SCHAFF IS ABSENT. SPERING? IS HERE.

10 COMMISSIONER THAO IS ABSENT. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM TWO, CHAIRPERSON'S

13 REPORT. DON'T HAVE A REPORT. ITEM THREE, CONSENT CALENDAR.

14 MINUTES FOR APRIL 24TH. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUR

15 MINUTES?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING FOR

18 THIS ITEM AND I SEE NO RAISED HANDS.

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20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** LOOK FOR A MOTION.

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22 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SO MOVED FIRST SPERING. SECOND CANEPA. ROLL

23 CALL.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PEDROZA?



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** JOSEFOWITZ STEPPED AWAY. AHN IS ABSENT.

5 ABE-KOGA?

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7 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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11 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** AYE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLEMING?

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15 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GLOVER?

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19 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** YES.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAHAN IS ABSENT. MILEY IS ABSENT. MOULTON

22 PETERS?

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24 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES.

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3 **SUE NOACK:** YES.

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

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7 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT? RONEN?

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11 **SHENG THAO:** IS ABSENT. RONEN WAS YES. MOTION PASSES

12 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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14 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ITEM FOUR, THE BATA OVERSIGHT

15 COMMITTEE REPORT. COMMISSIONER GLOVER TAKE IT AWAY.

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17 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** THANK YOU. BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MET MAY

18 8TH AND REFERS ONE ITEM TO THE AUTHOR FOR APPROVAL. THAT IS

19 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4A WHICH IS RICHMOND, SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE

20 PILOT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT APPROVES THE NEXT STEP OF

21 BATA INTERSTATE 580 RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE ACCESS

22 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS EXTENDING THE PILOT AND UPPER DECK WITH

23 MODIFICATIONS AND MAKES THE PILOT ON THE LOWER DECK PERMANENT.

24 THIS IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE WITH THE UPDATE OF THE UC

25 BERKELEY PATH PILOT STUDY AND PHASE TWO REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN



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1 FINALIZED SINCE THE MAY 8TH MEETING. AND THAT WILL BE POSTED  
2 ON THE CALTRANS WEB SITE. SO, BEFORE US TODAY, I WOULD MOVE  
3 THE APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE PILOT ON THE UPPER DECK WITH THE  
4 MODIFICATIONS AND TO MAKE THE PILOT ON THE LOWER DECK  
5 PERMANENT. THAT IS MY MOTION.

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7 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FIRST COMMISSION GLOVER.

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9 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** SECOND CHAVEZ.

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11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PUBLIC COMMENT? WE HAVE RECEIVED  
12 HUNDREDS OF E-MAILS ON THIS.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

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16 **SPEAKER:** ALMOST A THOUSAND.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE SEVERAL HANDS RAISED BEFORE I GO TO  
19 THOSE, I HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM DRESS  
20 WEDDING, JIM WINDER MAN OF BAY AREA COUNCIL, JOHN SPANGLER AND  
21 JANET BLAKE. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS  
24 TO 60 SECONDS. THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED, IF YOU SENT E-MAIL



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1 WE HAVE RECEIVED IT AND WE HAVE OTHER MEETINGS TO GO TO, IF  
2 YOU COULD BE BRIEF?

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KEN BUKOWSKI.

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6 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. LANE 14 ON THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR,  
7 LIKE, A COUPLE OF YEARS. WHY DON'T YOU FIX IT? THANK YOU.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS JOHN SPANGLER.  
10 UNMUTE YOURSELF MR. SPANGLER.

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
13 YOUR TIME. I'M SPEAKING AS THE CHAIR OF THE BARC BIKE ADVISORY  
14 TASK FORCE. AS YOU HEARD IN THE LAST HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY  
15 MEETING MARIN COUNTY 1/3 OF WORKERS COMMUTE IN AND THAT'S WHY  
16 YOU HAVE THIS ITEM BEFORE YOU THE PROBLEM I SEE WITH THE STAFF  
17 REPORT AND THE STUDIES ON THE PILOT IS THAT WE DO NOT KNOW WHY  
18 THERE ARE MORE COMMISSIONS AND INCREASED RATE OF COLLISIONS IN  
19 THE WESTBOUND LANE. UNTIL THAT'S IDENTIFIED, I BELIEVE IT'S  
20 CRITICAL THAT THE PILOT REMAIN UNCHANGED, THAT THE MULTI-USE  
21 PATH STAY OPEN 24/7, 365, AT LEAST UNTIL 2026, WHEN WE HAVE A  
22 CHANCE TO EVALUATE THE FORWARD TOLL PLAZA CHANGES. AND WE TO  
23 FIGURE OUT WHY THESE THINGS ARE GOING ON, AND I BELIEVE DRIVER  
24 BEHAVIOR CHANGES DURING COVID ARE A FACTOR THAT WAS NOT LOOKED  
25 AT IN THE STUDIES. IT WAS NOT A FACTOR IN 2018/2019 AND 2020





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1 WHEN THE PILOT BEGAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
2 CONSIDERATION OF THE I HOPE YOU WILL KEEP THE MULTI-USE PATH  
3 OPEN ALL DAY LONG, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
4 THANK YOU THE BRUCE BY EFFORT.

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6 **SPEAKER:** BRUCE, MEMBER OF TRACK TRAILS FOR RICHMOND ACTION  
7 COMMITTEE. SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
8 SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE TRAIL IS A KEY SECTION USED SAN FRANCISCO  
9 BAY TRAIL INTO EAST AND NORTH BAY. CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS  
10 HAVE ENJOYED MORE 380,000 TRIPS ACROSS THE BRIDGE SINCE  
11 NOVEMBER 2019. THE MOST POPULAR FOR CYCLING OF ALL STATE OWNED  
12 BRIDGES. [INDISCERNIBLE] THE AFTER STUDY IN YOUR GENERAL  
13 REPORT STATES THE TRAIL HAS HAD NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON  
14 CONGESTION AND NO EVIDENCE THE TRAIL HAS INCREASED CRASH  
15 RELATED INCIDENTS OR TIME REQUIRED TO CLEAR CRASHES. CLOSING  
16 THE TRAIL PROPOSED BY RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL METRO PROJECT  
17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LOCAL 68 LOCAL STATE NATIONAL  
18 ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE CLOSING BAY BRIDGE TRAIL  
19 FOUR DAYS I WEEK.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** FIRST BY GLOVER SECOND BY CHAVEZ.  
24 QUESTIONS? ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

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3 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** YES.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ IS NOT AT THE DAIS.

6 AHN IS ABSENT. ABE-KOGA?

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8 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** YES.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAVEZ STEPPED AWAY. DUTRA-VERNACI?

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12 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** YES.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PAPAN.

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8 **GINA PAPAN:** ONLY BECAUSE IT'S A PILOT.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. RABBITT?

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12 **DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RONEN? SPERING?

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16 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

19 PRESENT.

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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. PROCEED TO ITEM FIVE. THIS

22 IS BATA FISCAL YEAR 2024, 2025 OPERATING CAPITAL BUDGET.

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24 **DEREK HANSEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON ARE COMMISSIONERS, AGAIN THIS WAS

25 AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM WE'LL BE BACK TO YOU IN JUNE FOR FINAL



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1 APPROVAL TO THE DRAFT BUDGET ALL INFORMATION IN YOUR PACKET  
2 AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU QUESTIONS? PUBLIC COMMENT.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NOTHING RECEIVED.

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8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** INFORMATION ITEM SIX PUBLIC COMMENT.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR  
11 THIS ITEM, AND NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM WITH PUBLIC COMMENT  
12 AND IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE, NO MEMBERS WITH RAISED HANDS FOR  
13 PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

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15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ITEM SEVEN ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING  
16 FOR BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD JUNE 26TH,  
17 2024. MEETING ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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