METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Meeting Transcript



1	BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2	WEDNESDAY APRIL 9 TH , 2025, 9:35 AM
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5	CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE APPROXIMATE
6	WELCOME TO OUR BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY MEETING FOR APRIL 9TH
7	I'M HERE AS CHAIR MARGARET ABE-KOGA, AND MY VICE CHAIR IS NATE
8	MILEY. MEETING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
9	PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED
10	HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE. SPEAKERS WILL BE CALLED UPON
11	AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. FIRST ITEM IS ROLL CALL AND
12	CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM CLERK WOULD YOU MIND CALLING THE ROLL
13	PLEASE.
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15	BOARD CLERK: ABE-KOGA.
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17	CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.
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19	BOARD CLERK: MILEY I BELIEVE HE'S HERE NOT AT THE DAIS. NON-
20	VOTING EL-TAWANSY?
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22	DINA EL-TAWANSY: HERE.
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24	BOARD CLERK: FLEMING?
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VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE. 1 2 3 **BOARD CLERK: MANFREE?** 4 5 AMBER MANFREE: HERE. 6 7 **BOARD CLERK: MELGAR? PAPAN?** 8 9 GINA PAPAN: HERE. 10 11 **BOARD CLERK: RAMOS?** 12 13 BELIA RAMOS: HERE. 14 BOARD CLERK: NON-VOTING SCHAFF IS NOT PRESENT WE HAVE A 15 16 QUORUM. 17 18 CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: ITEM TWO IS THE PLEDGE OF 19 ALLEGIANCE. IF THOSE OF YOU CAN JOIN ME, PLEASE STAND. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE 20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT 21 22 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND 23 JUSTICE FOR ALL." 24



CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE, 1 THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT. WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE 2 3 ANNOUNCEMENT? 4 5 BOARD CLERK: AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY 6 WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A 7 8 MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH 9 10 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT. 11 CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: GREAT. THANK YOU. WE'LL GO TO AGENDA 12 ITEM FOUR WHICH IS THE CHAIR'S REPORT. I HAVE ONE ITEM. IN MAY 13 OF 2024 BATA AUTHORIZED STAFF TO PURSUE CHANGES FOR PILOT 14 15 PROJECTS ON THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL RSR, ALSO KNOWN AS RSR 16 BRIDGE, SPECIFICALLY, STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO MAKE THE PART-TIME LANE ON THE LOWER DECK PERMANENT AND EXTEND THE UPPER DECK 17 PILOT WITH MODIFICATIONS RESTORING THE EMERGENCY SHOULDER 18 DURING THE WEEKDAY COMMUTE WHILE PRESERVING THE BIKE 19 PEDESTRIAN PATH ON THE UPPER DECK DURING WEEKENDS. AS 20 DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME, THESE CHANGES REQUIRE AMENDING THE 21 PERMIT ISSUED BY BCDC, ARE THE BAY CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT 22 COMMISSION IN JULY OF 2024 WITH A HEARING THAT WERE SCHEDULED 23 FOR APRIL 3RD OF 2025. IN MARCH OF 2025 BATA AND CALTRANS 24

REQUESTED BCDC POSTPONE THE SCHEDULED HEARING TO ALLOW

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- 1 REFINEMENTS IN THE APPLICATION. POSTPONEMENT OF THE HEARING
- 2 WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE BATA'S AND MTC'S
- 3 ONGOING ACTION APPROVED ACTIONS TO STUDY A 3 HOV LANE AND
- 4 ADVANCE THE RSR FORWARD INITIATIVES AND SUPPORT PUBLIC ACCESS
- 5 I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE AMENDED APPLICATION WILL REMAIN
- 6 CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING BATA DIRECTION ON BOTH UPPER AND
- 7 LOWER DECKS STAFF HOPES FOR RESCHEDULED HEARING WITH BCDC THIS
- 8 SUMMER IN THE MEANTIME STAFF ARE ADVANCING THE
- 9 PREENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF A 3 HOV LANE ON THE BRIDGE AND
- 10 EXPECT TO REPORT TO THIS COMMITTEE IN THE NEXT 1 TO 2 MONTHS.
- 11 ANY COMMENT? ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
- 13 BOARD CLERK: THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THIS
- 14 ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM WISHING TO
- 15 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.
- 17 CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: GREAT. THANK YOU. I WILL CLOSE THIS
- 18 ITEM AND MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM FIVE, THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THIS
- 19 INCLUDES ITEMS 5A THROUGH 5D ANY COMMISSIONER THAT WOULD LIKE
- 20 TO PULL AN ITEM OR SPEAK ON AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT?
- 22 GINA PAPAN: PAPAN MOVE APPROVAL.
- 24 CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: IS THERE A SECOND?

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1	V. CHAIR, NATE MILEY: SECOND.
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3	CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: MOTION PAPAN SECOND VICE CHAIR
4	MILEY. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?
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6	BOARD CLERK: NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ZOOM SPACE, NONE IN THE
7	BOARDROOM. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.
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9	CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: GREAT. VOICE VOTE TODAY? IS THAT
10	RIGHT? OKAY. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE. [AYES] OPPOSE?
11	ABSTENTIONS? MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY WITH ALL MEMBER THE
12	PRESENT. THANK YOU. WE'LL GO ON TO AGENDA ITEM SIX, WHICH IS
13	PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS. IS THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE
14	PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK?
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16	BOARD CLERK: WE DID RECEIVE ONE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WHICH
17	WAS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED AND THAT WAS FROM
18	JEREMIAH MAHLER CHAIR OF THE BICYCLE ADVISORY TASK FORCE WE
19	HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ZOOM SPACE HOW MUCH TIME.
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21	CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: TWO MINUTES.
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23	BOARD CLERK: ALETA DUPREE PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.
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- 1 SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING MARGARET ABE-KOGA AND MEMBERS ALETA
- 2 DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. YES, I GET
- 3 TO ADDRESS MARGARET ABE-KOGA AS THE CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR
- 4 ELECTING MARGARET ABE-KOGA AS THE CHAIR. I AM PLEASED WITH
- 5 THAT DECISION. WISH I COULD BE WITH YOU TODAY, MAYBE SOON. BUT
- 6 I DID SPEND ABOUT A MONTH IN NEW YORK AND USED BUSES TO GO
- 7 THROUGH THE TUNNELS, LINCOLN TUNNEL, IN PARTICULAR, WHERE THEY
- 8 HAVE AN ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING SYSTEM. BUT MORE SO, I GOT TO
- 9 EXPERIENCE CONGESTION PRICING. I DIDN'T DO ANY RIDE SHARES
- 10 WHILE I WAS THERE. RIDE SHARES, AND ET CETERA, TAXIS, I GUESS
- 11 ARE VERY EXPENSIVE. AND, SO, I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT. BECAUSE
- 12 IT ONLY COSTS ME \$17 A WEEK, AT MOST, TO USE THE SUBWAY. BUT I
- 13 DO BELIEVE THAT THE ALL ELECTRONIC TOLLING SPACE SERVES MANY
- 14 FUNCTIONS NOT JUST FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE TOLL REVENUE.
- 15 BUT, ALSO, CAN BE USED IN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT. BECAUSE WHAT I
- 16 HAVE FOUND IN MY TIME IN NEW YORK IS THAT THE CITY BUSES HAVE
- 17 GENERALLY RUN FASTER, ESPECIALLY ON THE EAST SIDE, FIRST
- 18 AVENUE AROUND 34th STREET. AND THE BUSES, I THINK, RUN FASTER
- 19 INTO MANHATTAN FROM THE LINCOLN TUNNEL, EVEN WITH THE EXPRESS
- 20 BUS LANE BECAUSE, GUESSING THAT THERE IS LESS CONGESTION,
- 21 WHICH MEANS THAT I CAN GET AROUND THE HUDSON RIVER INTO PORT
- 22 AUTHORITY BUS TERMINAL A FEW MINUTES MORE QUICKLY THAN BEFORE
- 23 SO THIS IS SHOWING THAT CONGESTION PRICING IN NEW YORK CITY IS
- 24 WORKING. SO HOW CAN WE USE OUR PROGRAMS AT BATA FOR TRAFFIC
- 25 MANAGEMENT AND KEEPING UP WITH THINGS? WELL, I WANT YOU TO



1	REMEMBER WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT WE NEED TO KEEP OUR
2	BRIDGES SAFE. THANK YOU.
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4	BOARD CLERK: THERE IS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE.
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6	CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA: ALL RIGHT WITH THAT I'LL CLOSE
7	PUBLIC COMMENT AND MOVE TO AGENDA ITEM SEVEN WHICH IS
8	ADJOURNMENT AND OUR NEXT MEETING. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY
9	AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO BE
10	HELD AT 9:35 A.M. IN THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE
11	STREET SAN FRANCISCO ON WEDNESDAY MAY 14TH, 2025. ANY CHANGES
12	TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. AND WE ARE
13	ADJOURNED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ADJOURNED]

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