

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023 9:40 AM**

CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA: GOOD MORNING. CALLING TO ORDER THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY FOR FEBRUARY 22ND, 2023. MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA, ALONG WITH V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ, OUR VICE CHAIR. IF WE COULD PLEASE PLAY THE ANNOUNCEMENT? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID MEETING A ZOOM WEBINAR LINK HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS WELL AS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE. THIS MEETING IS ALSO BEING WEBCAST ON THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WEB SITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT, PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT



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1 FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE MAKE
2 SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU IT TEAM. MOVING TO ITEM ONE.
5 ROLL CALL.

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7 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAIR PEDROZA?

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9 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ?

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13 **V. CHAIR, V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** HERE COMMISSIONER ABE-
14 KOGA? COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA? IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER AHN?
15 COMMISSIONER AHN?

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17 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CANEPA?

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21 **DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-
24 VERNACI? IS HERE.

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1 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** I'M HERE. SORRY.

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3 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT.
4 COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

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6 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI?

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10 **DORENE M. GIACOPINI:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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14 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MAHAN? IS ABSENT.

17 COMMISSIONER MILEY?

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19 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MOULTON PETERS?

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

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25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOACK?



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2 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PAPAN?

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6 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBITT?

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10 **DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RONEN? THAO IS ABSENT. WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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14 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** CHAIR'S REPORT. I DON'T HAVE A REPORT
15 TODAY. MOVING TO CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEMS 3A TO 3C. PUBLIC
16 COMMENT?

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18 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
19 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
20 ON THIS ITEM.

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22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** COMMISSIONERS IF THERE IS NO QUESTION,
23 I'LL LOOK FOR A MOTION.

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25 **FEDERAL GLOVER:** GLOVER MOVES APPROVAL.



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** MOTION BY GLOVER, SECOND BY SPERING.

3 COMMISSIONER MOULTON-PETERS DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

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5 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** ABSTENTION FROM 3A.

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7 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ROLL CALL VOTE.

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9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA?

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

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13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** JOSEFOWITZ?

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15 **V. CHAIR, V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** AHN?

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19 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-

22 VERNACI?

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

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING?

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3 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

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7 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** AYE.

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9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MAHAN? IS ABSENT.

10 COMMISSIONER MILEY?

11

12 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

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14 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MOULTON PETERS?

15

16 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES, WITH ABSTENTION FROM 3A.

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18 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER NOACK?

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20 **SPEAKER:** YES WITH ABSTENTION FROM 3A AS WELL.

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22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:**

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24 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBITT?

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3 **DAVID RABBITT:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. TWO ABSTENTIONS FROM 3A.
6 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PROCEEDING TO ITEM FOUR BAY AREA TOLL
9 AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT. BATA RESOLUTION 145
10 AUTHORIZING 2023 PLAN OF FINANCE AND PROVIDING SOLICITATION OF
11 CONSENT OF CERTAIN BOND VENTURE AMENDMENTS AND RECEIPT OF GOOD
12 FAITH ESTIMATES. RESOLUTION PLAN OF FINANCE WAS PRESENTED AND
13 DISCUSSED AT BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING STAFFED PROVIDED
14 GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF COST TO BE PRESENTED. GOOD FAITH
15 ESTIMATE OF COST PROVIDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET INCLUDES
16 DETAILS OF ESTIMATE COST FOR THE CURRENT CONSIDERED
17 TRANSACTION PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITIES FINANCIAL ADVISER BATA
18 CFO AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE GOOD FAITH
19 ESTIMATE OF THIS AGENDA ITEM. I MOVE FORWARD BATA RESOLUTION
20 145 AND THAT THE AUTHORITY RECEIVE GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF
21 COST? DO WE HAVE A SECOND?

22

23 **DAVID CANEPA:** SECOND.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SECONDED BY CANEPA. QUESTIONS OR
2 COMMENTS? ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH COMMENT?

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4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
5 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
6 ON THIS ITEM.

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8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PERFECT. AS SOMEONE THAT ATTENDED THE
9 MEETING, IT WAS A GOOD MEETING AND THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AND
10 PARTICIPATION FROM OUR CFO. IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS. MOTION
11 AND SECOND. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA?

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

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17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** JOSEFOWITZ?

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19 **V. CHAIR, V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** ABE-KOGA ABSENT. COMMISSIONER AHN?

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23 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

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25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** STEPPED AWAY.

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4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

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

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** FLEMING?

9

10 **VICTORIA FLEMING:** YES.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** GLOVER?

13

14 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MAHAN? IS ABSENT.

17 COMMISSIONER MILEY?

18

19 **NATHAN MILEY:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MOULTON PETERS?

22

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

24

25 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOACK?



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2 **SUE NOACK:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBITT?

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6 **DAVID RABBITT:** AYE.

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8 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SPERING?

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10 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

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12 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES

13 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** PROCEEDING TO ITEM 4B BATA RESOLUTION

16 166, ADOPTING BATA TEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CIP

17 FISCAL YEAR 2024 THROUGH 2033 CAP TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 1.8

18 BILLION OVER TEN YEARS OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BRIDGE

19 TOLL BRIDGES FACILITIES AND ELIGIBLE ASSETS. I MOVE APPROVAL.

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21 **GINA PAPAN:** SECOND.

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? PUBLIC

24 COMMENTS?

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. TWO MEMBERS
2 OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ALETA DUPREE FOLLOWED BY
3 MICHAEL B. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF.

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5 **SPEAKER:** ALETA DUPREE SHE AND HER FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS
6 IMPORTANT. I HAD A VERY BUSY MORNING THAT MORNING. AND I SEE
7 MENTION ABOUT BATA CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER TRANSPONDERS WHICH
8 ARE ESSENTIAL. THIS REPORT MAKES THE CASE OF ENSURING THAT WE
9 COLLECT OUR TOLL MONEY. THE TOLL MONEY THAT COMES INTO THE
10 WATER FALL IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR
11 THESE BRIDGES SO WE'RE KEEPING UP WITH THIS EVEN THOUGH THE
12 BRIDGE IS BY AND LARGE SAFE THERE'S ALWAYS CONTINUOUS WORK IT
13 HAS TO BE DONE SO HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP UP OUR
14 ENGAGEMENT. THAT PEOPLE USE FASTRAK SO WE CAN COLLECT THAT
15 MONEY SO WE CAN ENJOY THE BRIDGES SAFELY. THANK YOU.

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17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. NEXT UP IS MICHAEL BALDINI.

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19 **MICHAEL BALDINI:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I DID NOT SEE ANY
20 MONEY OR COMPONENT THAT WOULD LOOK AT SEA LEVEL RISE ON THESE
21 BRIDGES PARTICULARLY SAN MATEO WHICH HAS A LONG CAUSEWAY. IS
22 THAT ANOTHER FUNDING?

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24 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL HANDS
25 RAISED MR. CHAIR.



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2 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO OUR EXECUTIVE
3 DIRECTOR, WE DID HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SEA LEVEL RISE. CAN YOU
4 ADDRESS THAT?

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6 **ANDREW FREMIER:** ANDREW FREMIER, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR --
7 [LAUGHTER] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. WE HAVE, OVER TIME, CARVED OUT
8 SOME BRIDGE TOLL MONEY TO TALK A LOOK AT SEA LEVEL RISE IT'S
9 CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW IS IN FRONT OF US AND ARE
10 LOOKING AT ALL WAYS TO MAKE SURE THE BRIDGES ARE SAFE. YOU ALL
11 HAVE INVESTED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BRIDGES RETROFITS WE HAVE
12 NOT INVESTED A WHOLE LOT IN THE APPROACHES BUT IT'S ON OUR
13 RADAR AND ELIGIBLE.

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15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE.

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19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** SEEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ROLL
20 CALL VOTE.

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22 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** PEDROZA?

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

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** JOSEFOWITZ?

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3 **V. CHAIR, V. CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ:** YES.

4

5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** ABE-KOGA IS ABSENT. COMMISSIONER AHN?

6

7 **EDDIE AHN:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CANEPA?

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11 **DAVID CANEPA:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** CHAVEZ?

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15 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

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17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** DUTRA-VERNACI?

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

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** FLEMING? COMMISSIONER FLEMING? IS

22 ABSENT. COMMISSIONER GLOVER?

23

24 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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3 **NATHAN MILEY:** AYE.

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5 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** COMMISSIONER MOULTON PETERS?

6

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

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9 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** NOACK?

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11 **SUE NOACK:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** RABBITT?

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15 **DAVID RABBITT:** YES.

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17 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** SPERING?

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19 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

22 PRESENT.

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24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** THANK YOU. PROCEEDING TO ITEM FIVE,

25 PUBLIC COMMENT. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED ONE LETTER OF
3 CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED FROM KYLE BAKER OF GET
4 ACCUSTOMED, AND ALETA DUPREE'S HAND IS RAISED. GO AHEAD AND
5 UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE.

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANKS CHAIR ALFREDO PEDROZA, ALETA DUPREE FOR THE
8 RECORD SHE AND HER. AS I SPEAKER GENERALLY. HOW DO WE BUILD
9 THE BEST BATA THAT WE CAN? AND WE HAVE REALLY GOOD PEOPLE IN
10 PLACE TO DO IT AND WE ARE DOING A LOT OF GOOD WORK THAT I
11 THINK OTHER AGENCIES ARE LOOKING AT. BUT, YESTERDAY I WENT BY
12 WAY OF ZOOM TO THE BRIDGE AND TUNNELS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
13 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IN NEW YORK CITY IN
14 WHICH OPERATING NINE TOLL CROSSINGS CAN TRUE ALL ELECTRONIC
15 TOLLING, OPEN ROAD. AND THEIR EASY PASS PERCENTAGE IS AROUND
16 95%. HOW CAN WE GET OUR FASTRAK PERCENTAGE UP? IF I HAD A CAR,
17 I WOULD HAVE FASTRAK. AND HOW CAN WE MAKE FASTRAK AS USER
18 FRIENDLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO RENT OR SHARE CARS? THERE
19 IS MUCH TO BE DONE. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT. THANK YOU.

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21 **CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL HANDS
22 RAISED.

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24 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA:** ALL RIGHT. THIS ALLOWS US TO MOVE TO
25 ITEM SIX. ADJOURNMENT. OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY AREA TOLL



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1 AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED TO BE MARCH 22ND, 2023 AT BAY AREA
2 METRO CENTER, 375 BEALE STREET. MEETING IS ADJOURNED.
3 [ADJOURNED]
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