



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript



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1 **BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2 **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2024, 9:35 AM**

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5 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO
6 ORDER THE MEETING OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT
7 COMMITTEE. THIS MORNING MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB
8 SITE. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY
9 ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR
10 DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE
11 TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST
12 FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. WOULD THE CLERK CALL THE
13 ROLL?

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CERTAINLY. CHAIR GLOVER?

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17 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GLOVER PRESENT. VICE CHAIR ABE-KOGA?

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

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ?

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25 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** PRESENT.



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NON-VOTING EL-TAWANSY?

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4 **DINA EL-TAWANSY:** PRESENT.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER FLEMING? IS HERE BUT NOT

7 CURRENTLY IN THE BOARDROOM. COMMISSIONER MILEY IS ABSENT.

8 COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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10 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** PAPAN IS PRESENT. COMMISSIONER RONEN?

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14 **HILLARY RONEN:** PRESENT.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RONEN IS PRESENT. COMMISSIONER NON-VOTING

17 SCHAFF IS ABSENT, AND COMMISSIONER THAO IS ABSENT. WE HAVE A

18 QUORUM.

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20 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT

21 COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ WOULD LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE.

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23 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE. [

24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE

25 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT



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1 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
2 JUSTICE FOR ALL."

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4 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. SO IF WE COULD GET THE
5 COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CERTAINLY. AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I'M
8 MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD
9 HERE WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
10 TO MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY THIS IS A RESULT OF
11 CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO
12 COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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14 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. OUR NEXT ITEM ON THE
15 AGENDA IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. WE HAVE ITEMS 4A THROUGH 4D.
16 ANY COMMISSIONER LOOKING TO MOVE AN ITEM? OKAY. SEEING NONE.
17 HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATION ON THIS
18 ITEM PRIOR TO?

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I RECEIVED NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN WRITING.
21 THERE IS NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM, AND NO
22 MEMBER ONLINE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COMMENT.

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24 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. DO I HAVE A MOTION?

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1 **GINA PAPAN:** PAPAN, MOTION TO APPROVE.

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3 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** SECOND, ABE-KOGA.

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5 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** MOTION BY PAPAN, SECOND ABE-KOGA. ROLL
6 CALL PLEASE?

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY.

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10 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OH ALL IN FAVOR? ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE
11 NOTE BY AYE. (AYES)

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13 **CHAIR:** ABSTENTIONS? OPPOSED?

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
16 PRESENT.

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18 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA
19 IS ITEM FUNDING AGREEMENT. AGENDA ITEM 5A THIS IS THE CUTTING
20 BOULEVARD TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECT, AC TRANSIT, OF \$3 MILLION.
21 THIS REQUEST IS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO A
22 FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH AC TRANSIT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
23 \$3 MILLION TO PROCURE AND MANAGE CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS TO
24 PLAN ENVIRONMENTALLY CLEAR, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT CUTTING
25 BOULEVARD TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECTS. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY



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1 THIS COMMITTEE, FISCAL YEAR 2023, 2024, OPERATING AND CAPITAL
2 BUDGET AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO. MICHELLE GO WILL BE PRESENTING
3 AND SHE WILL INTRODUCE OTHERS THAT WILL BE PART OF THIS ITEM.
4 GOOD MORNING.

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6 **MICHELLE GO:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MICHELLE GO,
7 PRINCIPLE PLANNER AND DESIGN PROJECT DELIVERY AT MTC. I'M
8 JOINED BY SEAN DAIS FLORIDYAN SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER AT
9 AC TRANSIT WHO WILL BE SERVING AS PROJECT MANAGER. TODAY,
10 WE'LL PROVIDE SUMMARY OF CUTTING BOULEVARD TRANSIT PRIORITY
11 PROJECT WHICH IS PART OF THE RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL FORWARD SUITE
12 OF PROJECTS TO IMPROVE OPTIONS FOR TRAVELING ON THE BRIDGE
13 CORRIDOR. NEXT SLIDE. CONTEXT THERE IS TRANSIT ROUTE THAT
14 TRAVELS RICHMOND SAN RAFAEL GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT ROUTE 580
15 STARTS AT EL CERRITO AND DEL NORTE BART STATION AND TRAVELING
16 ALONG CUTTING BOULEVARD BEFORE ENTERING I 580 ON TO RICHMOND
17 SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE AND TERMINATED AS SAN RAFAEL TRANSIT CENTER
18 AC TRANSIT ALSO RUNNING LOCAL SERVICE ON CUTTING BOULEVARD.
19 NEXT SLIDE. THE PROJECT SEEKS TO IMPROVE TRANSIT OPERATIONS
20 AND ACCESS BY IMPLEMENTING TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY ALONG
21 CUTTING BOULEVARD AND IMPROVEMENTS AT SHARED GOLDEN GATE
22 TRANSIT AND AC TRANSIT STOPS. LAST YEAR WITH THE REGIONAL
23 MEASURE THREE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE WE CONVENED STAFF
24 AT SEVERAL STAKEHOLDER AGENCIES DETERMINED THAT AC TRANSIT
25 WOULD BE BEST TO LEAD GIVEN TSP IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE AND



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1 ECONOMICS OF SCALE THEY EXPECT TO ACHIEVE BY COOPERATING WITH
2 OTHER TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECT THEY ARE LEADING IN RICHMOND
3 ADDITIONALLY AC TRANSIT SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED FOR OTHER FUND
4 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCAL AC TRANSIT ONLY STOPS ALONG CUTTING
5 BOULEVARD. NOW I'LL TURN IT OVER TO SEAN TO DISCUSS SCOPE.

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7 **SEAN DIESTLORGION:** GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. AS MICHELLE
8 MENTIONED, THE PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY
9 TO SIGNALS TO CORRIDORS MODIFICATIONS AND UPGRADES AS NEEDED
10 ALONG THE CORRIDOR CREATING A RELIABLE COORDINATED TRAFFIC
11 SIGNAL SYSTEM IN ADDITION TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS THERE
12 WILL BE CHANGES MADE TO BUS STOPS ALONG THE CORRIDOR TO REDUCE
13 DELAY IMPROVE RELIABILITY AND IMPROVE RIDER EXPERIENCE
14 FACILITATING GETTING BUSES IN AND OUT OF BUS STOPS QUICKER AND
15 PASSENGERS ON AND OFF BUSES MORE QUICKLY. THE PROJECT IS
16 PROPOSING TO LOCATE SOME BUS STOPS TO THE FAR SIDE OF
17 INTERSECTIONS WHERE POSSIBLE. BUS STOPS WILL BE DESIGNED TO
18 MAINTAIN ADA GUIDELINES, MAINTAIN CLEAR ZONES AT THE BUS
19 DOORS, AND TO BE SUFFICIENT IN LENGTH. NEXT SLIDE. BUS STOPS
20 WITH HIGH PASSENGER BOARDINGS WILL HAVE BUS SHELTERS
21 INSTALLED, INCLUDING POWER FOR LIGHTING CURB RAMPS ADJACENT TO
22 THE BUS STOP LOCATIONS WILL BE UPGRADED IF NECESSARY. LASTLY,
23 SIDEWALK REPAIRS AT BUS STOPS THIS INCLUDES REMOVING TRIPPING
24 HAZARDS THAT EXIST TODAY. WITH REGARDS TO SCHEDULE, WE
25 ANTICIPATE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT BY MID-2026. WE HAVE



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1 ALREADY SELECTED THE DESIGNERS FOR THE PROJECT. WE ANTICIPATE
2 DESIGN BEGINNING JUNE 2024. AND LASTING THROUGHOUT TO THE END
3 OF THE YEAR. CONSTRUCTION IS LIKELY TO BEGIN IN MID 2025 AND
4 EXTEND INTO THE EARLY PART OF 2026. I'LL NOW PASS IT BACK TO
5 MICHELLE. *

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7 **MICHELLE GO:** Thanks Sean. today we are seeking approval to
8 into a funding agreement with AC transitfor \$3 million in
9 Regional measure three funds to procuremanage and manage
10 consultants and contractors to plan environmentally clear
11 design and construct The Cutting Boulevard Transit priority
12 project subject to the fy2324 Bata budge amendment number two
13 approval we're happy to take any questions.

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15 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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17 **GINA PAPAN:** LOOKS LIKE A GREAT PROJECT. CAN YOU DEFINE FOR ME
18 CURRENT TRANSIT PRIORITY. I GET THE IDEA HERE BUT THIS IS
19 EMERGE VEHICLES? ON YOU ARE WE CURRENTLY DEFINING THAT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THE TRANSIT PRIORITY WORKS BUSES WILL HAVE A
22 GPS EMITTER ON THE BUS AND AS THEY APPROACH AN INTERSECTION,
23 THEY WILL GET AN EARLY GREEN OR A GREEN EXTENSION.

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1 **GINA PAPAN:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THE SECOND
2 QUESTION IS, THE BUS SHELTERS, LIGHTING, GREAT, WONDERFUL.
3 WILL THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REALTIME INFORMATION BE INCLUDED
4 IN THIS EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT AT THIS POINT?

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6 **SPEAKER:** BECAUSE THERE IS POWER, THERE WILL BE POWER INTO
7 SHELTERS THAT'S A POSSIBILITY.

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9 **GINA PAPAN:** I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE IT MORE THAN A POSSIBILITY.
10 (LAUGHTER) WE'RE ALL COMMITTED TO HEADING TOWARDS REALTIME
11 INFORMATION. SO, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, IF YOU COULD ENSURE THAT
12 THAT IS AT LEAST THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THAT, WILL BE
13 INCLUDED, THAT WOULD BE EXCEPTIONALLY HELPFUL THEN WE'RE NOT
14 GOING BACK AND SPENDING ADDITIONAL MONEY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T
15 PLAN AHEAD.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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19 **GINA PAPAN:** SO, I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL. OKAY.

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21 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** ANY COMMENTS? ANY OTHERS?

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23 **GINA PAPAN:** OKAY. I'M TURNING OFF.

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1 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS
2 ITEM?

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4 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** I'M SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO
5 FOLLOW UP ON COMMISSIONER PAPAN'S COMMENTS. IS IT POSSIBLE --
6 IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET THE REALTIME DATA ON YOUR PHONE THROUGH
7 CERTAIN APPS? I THOUGHT, TOO, I MET WITH FOLKS ON GOOGLE MAPS
8 AT ONE POINT AND I THOUGHT THEY MENTIONED THEY MIGHT BE ABLE
9 TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT OR THEY ALREADY DO IT IN OTHER
10 COUNTRIES. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN LOOK INTO FURTHER?

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12 **SPEAKER:** ALL THOSE AC TRANSIT BUS ROUTES HAVE REALTIME
13 INFORMATION ON OUR WEB SITE AND YOU CAN GET THAT THROUGH OUR
14 TRANSIT APP, AS WELL. I'M NOT SURE ON IF GOLDEN GATE HAS THAT
15 CAPABILITY CURRENTLY.

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17 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** OH IT'S THAT PART WE HAVE TO WORK
18 ON GETTING ALL THE AGENCIES.

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20 **MICHELLE GO:** WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH GOLDEN GATE.

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

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24 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, COMMISSIONER. ANY
25 OTHER COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?



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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE NO PUBLIC COMMENT ONLINE THERE IS NO
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO
4 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FOR THIS ITEM.

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6 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU. DO I HAVE A MOTION FOR
7 APPROVAL?

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9 **GINA PAPAN:** MOVE APPROVAL WITH, HOPEFULLY, THE ADDITIONAL
10 ASSURANCES.

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12 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** SO I HAVE A MOTION.

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14 **V. CHAIR, MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** SECOND, ABE-KOGA.

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16 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** MOTION BY PAPAN SECOND ABE-KOGA. ALL IN
17 FAVOR? [AYES]

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22 PRESENT.

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24 **SPEAKER:** WE ALL -- [INDISCERNIBLE] (LAUGHTER)

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1 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO ITEM NUMBER SIX
2 WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THIS BODY ON THINGS THAT FALLS WITHIN THE
4 PURVIEW OF THINGS THAT'S NOT ON TODAY AGENDA.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ONLINE, NO
7 WRITTEN CORRESPOND WAS RECEIVED AND I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE
8 PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO PROVIDE COMMENT.

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10 **CHAIR, FEDERAL GLOVER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO, AT THIS TIME, THIS
11 MEETING IS ADJOURNED. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE
12 SAME LOCATION ON MAY 8TH. WE'RE ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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