

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



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

2 **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

3 **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, 9:40 AM**

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5 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING. I AM

6 COMMISSIONER GLOVER, CHAIR OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

7 CAN WE PLEASE READ THE STATEMENT OF COVID-19? OR PLAY THE

8 VIDEO? DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A

9 ZOOM WEBINAR. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S

10 EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

11 OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING WILL BE WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB

12 SITE. I WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND

13 OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND

14 RESTATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS

15 PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM AND WEBCAST WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED

16 ARE REMINDED THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS.

17 COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM,

18 WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL

19 STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

20 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR

21 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBERS. AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC

22 SPEAKERS RESTATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS, BUT PROVIDING

23 SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING

24 TO ADDRESS THIS BODY WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING

25 AT [INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV](mailto:INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV). WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE



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1 POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT  
2 WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN  
3 CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO ON THE  
4 REFERENCED AGENDA ITEM OR ANY TOPIC THEY CHOOSE. SPEAKERS  
5 SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND, AND I WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE  
6 APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL  
7 ACTION ITEMS. THE CHAT FEATURE IS ACTIVE, HOWEVER, PLEASE BE  
8 AWARE THAT ANYTHING TYPED INTO THE CHAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO  
9 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO  
10 ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE  
11 MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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13 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW START OUR  
14 MEETING. FIRST ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS ROLL CALL. KIMBERLY COULD  
15 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. BRUINS?

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19 **JEANNIE BRUINS, VICE CHAIR:** PRESENT.

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

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

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



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2 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** JOSEFOWITZ? IS ABSENT. PAPAN?

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6 **GINA PAPAN:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RONEN?

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10 **DIR. HILLARY RONEN:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCHAFF? IS ABSENT. TAVARES IS ABSENT. AND  
13 WORTH?

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15 **AMY R. WORTH:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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19 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** FIRST ITEM ON OUR AGENDA TODAY IS  
20 THE CONSENT CALENDAR. IS THERE ANY MEMBER FROM THE COMMISSION  
21 OR STAFF OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LOOKING TO PULL AN ITEM?  
22 SEEING NONE. CAN I HAVE A MOTION OF APPROVAL.

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24 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** MOVE TO ADOPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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1 **JEANNIE BRUINS, VICE CHAIR:** SECOND, BRUINS.

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3 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OH, MOTION BY DUTRA-VERNACI AND  
4 SECOND BY BRUINS. ALL IN FAVOR? ROLL CALL?

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PUBLIC  
7 COMMENT, AND I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS IN THE PUBLIC. [ROLL  
8 CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES.

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10 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE TO OUR NEXT  
11 ITEM WHICH IS ITEM 3A A CONTRACT WITH MTC REGIONAL SAFETY DATA  
12 SYSTEM AND SAFETY REPORT. THIS IS GOING TO BE FOR SHRUTI HARI.

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14 **SHRUTI HARI:** HELLO COMMISSIONERS. I WILL PROPOSE THE WORK  
15 DEVELOPED FOR OUR REGION FOR COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY AND REPORT  
16 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000. QUICK BACKGROUND ON THIS  
17 AS YOU REMEMBER IN JUNE THE COMMISSION ADOPTED A VISION ZERO  
18 POLICY TO ESTABLISH A REGION WIDE POLICY OF INTENT TO WORK  
19 WITH OUR LOCAL JURISDICTION TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT EQUITABLE  
20 AND DATA-DRIVEN ACTIONS TOWARDS ELIMINATING TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
21 AND SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE BAY AREA REGION BY THE YEAR 2030.  
22 WE ADOPTED THIS POLICY IN JUNE AND ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONAL  
23 ELEMENTS WE WANTED TO PUT IN PLACE TOWARDS ACTUALIZING THESE  
24 SAFETY GOALS THAT WE ADOPTED WAS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE  
25 REGIONAL SAFETY DATA SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE A DATA-DRIVEN



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1 APPROACH TO FORM SAFETY DRIVEN POLICY AND RESOURCES.  
2 ESSENTIALLY THIS DATA SYSTEM WOULD INTEGRATE SAFETY DATA SETS  
3 FOR IDENTIFYING AND ANALYZING KEY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROBLEMS  
4 FACING THE REGION AND OUR CITIES. THIS WOULD ALSO HAVE THE  
5 ADVANTAGE OF HOUSING THIS REGIONAL SAFETY DATA AND MAINTAINING  
6 AT MTC SO THAT LOCAL JURISDICTION COULD BENEFIT FROM RELIABLE  
7 AND CONSISTENT SAFETY DATA THIS WAS A FORM OF TECHNICAL  
8 ASSISTANCE WE WANTED TO PROVIDE TO OUR LOCAL JURISDICTION TO  
9 ENCOURAGE SAFETY EFFORTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. FOR THIS EFFORT,  
10 MTC WAS AWARDED \$500,000 CONTRACT -- GRANT, THROUGH THE  
11 CALTRANS SYSTEM SAFETY ANALYSIS AND REPORT PROGRAM WHAT'S  
12 CALLED SSARB FUNDS FOR SHORT. RELEASED IN SPRING AND RECEIVED  
13 NINE RESPONSIVE PROPOSALS AND THESE PROPOSALS WERE EVALUATED  
14 BY A PANEL OF MTC STAFF AND SONOMA COUNCIL AUTHORITY AND  
15 CALTRANS, AND BASED ON EVALUATION THE PANEL RECOMMENDED THE  
16 TEAM LED BY MY SIDEWALK AND A NUMBER OF STRINGS LEAD TO THE  
17 PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION SOME OF WHICH RELATED TO THE MY  
18 SIDEWALK TEAM HAVING DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN THE AREAS OF  
19 LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT AND DATA ANALYSIS OF VISUALIZATION AS  
20 WELL AS HAVING EXPERTISE IN ROAD SAFETY BOTH NATIONALLY AND  
21 INTERNATIONALLY, SO THE TEAM ESSENTIALLY HAD ROAD SAFETY  
22 EXPERTISE AS WELL. BUT WHAT DIFFERENTIATED THIS PROPOSAL WAS  
23 THAT THE MY SIDEWALK TEAM ALSO PROPOSED INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS  
24 THAT WE HAD NOT SEEN IN OTHER PROPOSALS SPECIFICALLY EASILY  
25 CUSTOMIZABLE DASHBOARDS AND CUSTOMIZABLE HIGH INJURY NETWORKS



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1 BOTH THE REGION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL FOR THE 100 PLUS CITIES WE  
2 HAVE IN OUR REGION. ESSENTIALLY WHAT THIS WOULD DO IS THAT  
3 THIS WOULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE SAFETY ANALYSIS TO NOT ONLY THE  
4 REGIONAL LEVEL BUT LOCAL JURISDICTIONAL LEVEL. SO THAT'S  
5 BASICALLY WHY WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE TEAM LED BY MY  
6 SIDEWALK TO LEAD THE COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY DATA ANALYSIS AND  
7 SUMMARIZE THE SAFETY IN THE REGION IN A REPORT. AND WITH THAT,  
8 STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE  
9 DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MY SIDEWALK IN AN AMOUNT  
10 NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, OVER ONE YEAR, BUT WITH THE  
11 PROHIBITION TO EXTEND FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO DEVELOP A  
12 COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND REPORT FOR THE  
13 NINE COUNTY BAY AREA FOR THE MTC OPERATING BUDGET.

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15 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY COMMISSIONER  
16 QUESTIONS?

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18 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** I DO HAVE A QUESTION. DUTRA-VERNACI.

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20 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. DUTRA-VERNACI SO, MY  
21 QUESTION ON THIS ITEM, INITIALLY, IS BEING FUNDED THROUGH A  
22 \$500,000 GRANT, I'M ASSUMING THIS IS A PROGRAM WE'RE GOING TO  
23 WANT TO EXTEND PAST -- OR HAVE IT CONTINUE TO BE AN ONGOING  
24 PROGRAM. SO, IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M WONDERING IF THERE IS ANY



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1 ESTIMATES TO WHAT THAT ADDITIONAL FUND SUGGEST GOING TO COST  
2 US GOING FORWARD?

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4 **SHRUTI HARI:** THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. ESSENTIALLY THIS  
5 \$500,000 AMOUNT WOULD NOT ONLY FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
6 DATA SYSTEM BUT MAINTENANCE FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS SO THIS  
7 WILL GET US TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS. SO UNDER YEAR THREE. FOR THE  
8 NEXT THREE YEARS THIS IS COVERED INCLUDING THE BUILDING OF THE  
9 SYSTEM AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DATA SYSTEM AND ANYTHING THAT  
10 HAPPENS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. ESTIMATORS GIVEN  
11 SIGNIFICANT RANGE OF 20,000 TO \$80,000 AREA RANGE 80,000  
12 MAINTAINING FULL CAPACITY WHEREAS 20,000 WOULD BE BASIC  
13 MAINTENANCE. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE  
14 OUT A FUNDING PLAN FOR. THERE ARE SEVERAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR  
15 SAFETY OUT THERE, WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE OFFICE OF  
16 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FUNDS, AND ALSO FUNDING FROM THE STATE  
17 FOR EXTENDING THIS.

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19 **CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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21 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS? DO WE  
22 HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS OR WRITTEN COMMENT?

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS  
25 AND I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.



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2 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. CAN I HAVE A MOTION  
3 ON THIS ITEM?

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5 **AMY R. WORTH:** I'LL MOVE APPROVAL COMMISSIONER.

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7 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OKAY. COMMISSIONER WORTH. IS THERE A  
8 SECOND.

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10 **JEANNIE BRUINS, VICE CHAIR:** BRUINS SECONDS.

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12 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WORTH. SECOND  
13 BY BRUINS. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES. [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION  
16 PASSES.

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18 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO OUR NEXT ITEM ON  
19 THE AGENDA IS PUBLIC COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS  
20 OR ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LOOKING TO MAKE COMMENTS THAT  
21 FALLS WITHIN PURVIEW OF THIS COMMITTEE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MR. CHAIR, NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS  
24 RECEIVED AND NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED.

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