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Meeting Transcript

BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020, 9:35 AM

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. I'M AMY WORTH AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO STAFF FOR THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE. DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR. PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. SIDES THIS MEETING WILL BE WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. I WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND RESTATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM AND WEBCAST WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE AND I WILL CALL UPON YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBERS. AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS RESTATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THIS BODY WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE

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

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: TERRIFIC. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW, KIMBERLY, MAY I TURN TO YOU FOR THE ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF THE QUORUM PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: COMMISSIONER BRUINS?

JEANNIE BRUINS: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI? IS PRESENT.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GLOVER? IS PRESENT.

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FEDERAL GLOVER: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF?

LIBBY SCHAAF: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: TAVARES? ABSENT. WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW OUR NEXT ITEM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MAY I TURN TO COMMISSIONER PAPAN TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, PLEASE?

GINA PAPAN: [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. OUR NEXT ITEM, MAY I TURN BACK TO KIMBERLY FOR THE READING OF THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE $100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF $500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT KIMBERLY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NOW OUR NEXT ITEM FOUR IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. FIRST OF ALL, ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE COMMENTED WHO WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? OR STAFF, OR

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ANY COMMISSIONERS? OKAY. SEEING NONE I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

JEANNIE BRUINS: I'LL MOVE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. BRUINS.

FEDERAL GLOVER: GLOVER SECONDS.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOTION BY BRUINS AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GLOVER. KIMBERLY, MAY WE PLEASE HAVE A ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR. [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. KIMBERLY THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM FIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST I WANT TO TURN TO KIMBERLY TO SEE IF WE HAVE RECEIVED ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS BEFORE YESTERDAY BY 5:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE IN THE RECORD? OR IF THERE IS ANYBODY THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO. NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED. I DO HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH A RAISED HAND. ALETA DUPREE.

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AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALETA, PLEASE -- THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING, WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU AGAIN, CHAIR AMY WORTH AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK WITH YOU. WOW. A QUICK MEETING. WE GET OUR WORK DONE. WE'RE VERY GOOD AT GETTING OUR WORK DONE. SO LOTS IS HAPPENING IN THE TOLL COLLECTION SPACE. THOUGH I THINK BATA IS CERTAINLY THE MOST -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD IS -- YOU CERTAINLY SPEAK MORE OPENLY OF THIS WORK. I CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WORK THAN AT MANY OTHER AGENCIES. SO TRANSPARENCY IS THE BEST WORD FOR IT. OTHER AGENCIES ARE GETTING READY TO DO CONVERSIONS. NEW YORK STATE TOLL WAY THROUGH WAY AUTHORITY IS CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THEIR NEW TOLL SCHEDULES, IN ADVANCE OF A NOVEMBER START-UP OF THEIR FULL CASHLESS TOLLING SYSTEM ON THEIR MAIN LINE. SO, WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US AS WE BEGIN TO CONVERT THE VARIOUS BRIDGES OVER TO THE PERMANENT CASHLESS SYSTEM. I REMEMBER LAST MONTH, YOUR BOARD APPROVED SOME ITEMS FOR THE THREE NORTHERN BRIDGE FACILITIES. SO, THIS IS A GOOD BEGINNING. AND THEN BATA WILL MEET AGAIN TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, AND HOPEFUL WE'LL HAVE SOME MORE REPORTS. SO, I LIKE A GOOD BRIEF MEETING BECAUSE IT MEANS

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WE GET OUR WORK DONE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS ON FEATURES.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU ALETA FOR YOUR COMMENTS. THERE ARE ANY OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS? I DON'T SEE ANY. KIMBERLY DO YOU SEE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO. DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WITH ADJOURNMENT, I WANT TO MAKE A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT BECAUSE IN THE NEXT DAYS OUR SCHEDULE WILL BE CHANGING. OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON THE AFTERNOON OF FIRST WEDNESDAY OF NOVEMBER, NOT SECOND WEDNESDAY, DUE TO VETERANS HOLIDAY AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH AT 1:40 P.M., AND EITHER CHANCES ARE, REMOTELY, AND THEN DEPENDING ON THE CONTINUING SITUATION WITH SHELTER-IN-PLACE. AND AGAIN WITH THAT ADJOURNMENT. I WANT TO THANK TECH STAFF FOR WORKING SO HARD TO BRING TOGETHER THIS MEETING AND WITH STAFF TO WORK REMOTELY. WITH THAT OUR MEETING IS ADJOURNED. AND I PASS IT ON TO YOU COMMISSIONER GLOVER FOR THE NEXT MEETING. [ADJOURNED

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