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BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020, 1:40 PM

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M AMY R. WORTH CHAIR OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. CALLING TO ORDER THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4TH, 2020, AND I'LL ASK STAFF TO PLAY THE VIDEO 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. 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

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INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE 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: GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT, AND NOW MAY I TURN TO OUR COMMITTEE CLERK FOR THE ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. BRUINS? COMMISSIONER BRUINS?

JEANNIE BRUINS: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: GLOVER?

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. PAPAN.

GINA PAPAN: YES, HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF IS ABSENT. TAVARES IS ABSENT. WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: KIMBERLY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. I WANT TO ASK IF THERE ARE ANY

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COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF THAT WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANYTHING FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? OR ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARDS TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR, KIMBERLY, WRITTEN OR ORAL?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. I HAVE ONE GENERAL BUT I'LL MENTION THAT ONE IN THE NEXT ITEM.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: OKAY. TERRIFIC. SO IF NOT, I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

JEANNIE BRUINS: CHAIR I MOVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR, BRUINS.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: I'LL GO AHEAD AND SECOND IT. DUTRA-VERNACI.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: TERRIFIC. KIMBERLY I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU FOR CALLING THE ROLL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

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AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE MOVE ON TO ITEM THREE WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CLERK IF YOU MIGHT BE SO KIND AS TO EITHER READ THE NAMES OR ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY GENERAL WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED BY 5:00 YESTERDAY AND ALSO ASK IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT EITHER WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BY SPEAKING OR BY ANY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. THERE WAS ONE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FROM ALETA DUPREE, AND ALETA DUPREE DOES HAVE HER HAND RAISED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: OKAY. WONDERFUL. SO ALETA PLEASE JOIN US, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, CHAIR AMY WORTH AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. REALLY GETTING OUR WORK DONE TODAY. I THINK WE'RE SETTING A RECORD HERE. IT SHOWS WE'RE VERY EFFICIENT AND HAVE OUR STUFF READY TO GO. SO, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO US GETTING TO WORK ON THIS CONTRACT. A LOT IS MOVING IN THE TOLL COLLECTION SPACE, NATION-WIDE, AND SOME AGENCIES ARE MOVING FORWARD, THOUGH CERTAINLY, I THINK BATA IS A LOT MORE OPEN ABOUT THE PROCESS THAN OTHERS. AND I'M NOT TRYING TO COMPARE, BUT YOU HAVE A LOT MORE MEETINGS, WHICH IS A GOOD THING. I

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APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE RECOVERY GROUP THAT'S BEEN PARTNERING WITH YOU. SO, THE HEAVY LIFT IS GOING TO BEGIN SOON, AND I ASK OF YOU ALL TO BE CREATIVE IN BEING ABLE TO FIND WAYS TO FUND THESE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ALL ELECTRIC TOLLING SYSTEM. YOU'RE DOING A LOT OF GOOD WORK NOW, BUT THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO LIFT THE GANTRIES OVER THE ROADWAY AND PUT EQUIPMENT ON THEM AND BE ABLE TO DEMOLISH THE TOLL BOOTHS THEN TRAFFIC CAN MOVE MORE FREELY AND IT WILL BE A SAFER PLACE ALL AROUND.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: THANK YOU ALETA FOR YOUR COMMENT. AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT GIVEN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION FINDING THE RESOURCES TO DO ALL THE IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT WE FEEL ARE NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE IN THE COMING MONTHS. SO, WITH THAT, IF THERE IS NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT, I DON'T SEE ANY.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NOPE.

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: GREAT KIMBERLY, THANK YOU. WE'LL ADJOURN THIS MEETING TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY DECEMBER NINTH, 9:30 A.M. AND WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE TO BE HELD VIRTUAL. THANK YOU. [ADJOURNED]

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