



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript



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1 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

2 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020, 9:35 AM**

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5 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS SANTA CLARA
6 COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND COMMISSIONER DAVE CORTESE OF MTC CALLING
7 TO ORDER THE MTC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. IF I HAVE ALL MY FACTS
8 IN ORDER THIS WILL BE THE LAST MTC COMMITTEE MEETING OF ANY
9 KIND THAT I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF CHAIRING. I WANT TO NOTE,
10 IT'S JUST A PERSONAL MATTER. WITH THAT, I WILL ASK OUR CLERK
11 TO CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE?

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BROADCASTING TEAM, PLEASE RUN THE NOTICE.
14 DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM
15 WEBINAR, PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20
16 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS
17 MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL
18 CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS
19 BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES
20 BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA
21 WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED
22 THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS
23 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM WISHING TO
24 SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE,
25 AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.



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1 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR
2 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC
3 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING
4 SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
5 RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL
6 BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD,
7 BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN
8 CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO,
9 AND SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM
10 ON THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR
11 ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE
12 IS NOT ACTIVE TO ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM
13 EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. NOW THE ROLL CALL, I GUESS.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER AHN?

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19 **EDDIE AHN:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER CONNOLLY?

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23 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER CORTESE?



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2 **CORTESE:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER GIACOPINI, NON-VOTING?

5 COMMISSIONER LICCARDO?

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7 **SAM LICCARDO:** PRESENT.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER MACKENZIE?

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11 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** PRESENT.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER RABBIT? COMMISSIONER SLOCUM?

14 COMMISSIONER SPERING?

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16 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER STRACNER, NON-VOTING?

19 COMMISSIONER STRACNER? WE HAVE A QUORUM.

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21 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MARTHA, WE
22 WILL NOW CALL FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND I'LL ASK VICE
23 CHAIR CONNOLLY TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE.

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1 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** I HAPPEN TO HAVE A FLAG. PLEASE JOIN. [PLEDGE
2 OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
3 STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
4 ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE
5 FOR ALL."

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7 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE'LL MOVE ON
8 TO COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** AS BY STATE LAW, I'LL MAKE THE AS
11 AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING
12 ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE TODAY WILL BE
13 ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM
14 OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A
15 RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS
16 ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT.

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18 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MARTHA A WE'LL MOVE TO THE
19 CONSENT CALENDAR. ARE THERE ANY REQUESTS TO SPEAK FROM THE
20 PUBLIC UNDER ITEM FOUR GENERALLY? NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
21 WITH THEIR HANDS RATES AND NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS
22 ITEM.

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1 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** ANY COMMISSIONERS THAT WISH TO PULL AN
2 ITEM FROM CONSENT IF NOT WE'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE
3 CONSENT.

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5 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** SO MOVED.

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7 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SECOND.

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9 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** MOTION BY MACKENZIE SECOND BY SPERING.
10 ANY DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR NOTE BY AYE. OPPOSED?

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12 **DAMON CONNOLLY:** WE HAVE TO HAVE A ROLL CALL.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] IT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY
15 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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17 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GO TO ITEM FIVE NOW WHICH IS
18 PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
19 WANT TO BRING UP THERE ANY REQUESTS UNDER ITEM FIVE WHO WISH
20 TO SPEAK UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT?

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COMMISSIONER WORTH HAS HER HAND RAISED.

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24 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COMMISSIONER WORTH? ARE YOU
25 MUTED?



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2 **AMY R. WORTH:** SORRY. LISTEN DAVE, I JUST WANT TO SAY, YOUR
3 LAST COMMITTEE MEETING, AND I KNOW WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE
4 TO THANK YOU. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
5 LEADERSHIP. WE HAD A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE TOGETHER.
6 I WAS CHAIR, AND YOU WERE VICE CHAIR, AND YOU WORKED SO
7 CLOSELY WITH ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WE HAD TO DEAL WITH, AND I
8 JUST THINK YOU ARE A GREAT LEADER AND WILL BE GREAT FOR THE
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU SO
10 MUCH FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS PERSPECTIVE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR
11 COMMISSION AND TO THE BAY AREA.

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13 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** MR. CHAIR, IF I MIGHT JOIN COMMISSIONER WORTH,
14 BECAUSE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE YOUR VICE CHAIR WHILE YOU
15 WERE CHAIRING THE COMMISSION, AND THAT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE, A
16 GREAT HONOR, AND THE VOTERS DOWN IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS
17 CHOSE WISELY. THEY DIDN'T DO SO WELL HERE IN DISTRICT FOUR IN
18 ROHNERT PARK, BUT WHAT THE HEY. SO ALL THE VERY BEST IN
19 SACRAMENTO. MAYBE I'LL EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO LOBBY YOU.

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21 **DAVID CORTESE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. AND I KNOW
22 WE STILL HAVE A COMMISSION MEETING AND SOME OTHER
23 OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TOGETHER. SO I THANK YOU, AS FELLOW
24 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, I HAVE WORKED WITH SOME OF YOU SINCE 2013,
25 NOT COUNTING 20 YEARS ON ABAG, AND MANY OF YOU HAVE SERVED



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1 WITH ME THERE, SO I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS. BUT, AT THIS
2 POINT IN TIME, WE'LL ADJOURN TO THE NEXT MEETING, AND THAT
3 MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH, 2020 AT 9:35 A.M.,
4 UNLESS SIGNIFIED OTHERWISE, AND NOTICED BY THE MTC. SO, THANK
5 YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [ADJOURNED
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