METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020, 9:35 AM

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20TH, 2020. I'M SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR, AND WELCOME MY VICE CHAIR PEDROZA. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: HAGGERTY?

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA, V. CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: BRUINS?

JEANNIE BRUINS: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CONNOLLY?

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DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CORTESE?

DAVID CORTESE: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GIOCAPINI? ABSENT. GLOVER IS ABSENT. JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: LICCARDO MUCH IS ABSENT. MACKENZIE?

JAKE MACKENZIE: SEEMS TO BE HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. PAPAN IS ABSENT. RABBIT? RABBIT IS PRESENT. THANK YOU. RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF IS ABSENT. SLOCUM IS ABSENT. SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: STRACNER? IS ABSENT. TAVARES?

TONY TAVARES: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: NEXT ITEM WOULD BE PLEDGE BUT IT'S NOT THAT WE'RE PATRIOTIC IT'S JUST THAT NOBODY WANTS TO LOOK AT OUR MID-SECTION. IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING PATRIOTIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY, FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS, DOCTORS, NURSES, DO THAT AND HAVE A PATRIOTIC MOMENT. COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: 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

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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.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT REPORT. BEING NICE TO CAROLE DUTRA-VERNACI TODAY SHE HAD A ROUGH MEETING YESTERDAY AND I'M TRYING TO GET A SMILE BACK ON HER FACE. IT'S GETTING THERE. BUT BE NICE TO HER AND IT WILL BE FINE. MOTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR.

JEANNIE BRUINS: SO MOVED.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: I JAKE'S MOUTH MOVE. I GOT BRUINS HER MOUTH TRIED TO MOVE TOO FOR A SECOND. MOTION AND SECOND. ROLL CALL PLEASE? I'M SORRY. ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. DID YOU RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS.

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

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

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SOMEBODY SAY SOMETHING NICE TO NICK TOO, SO WE CAN GET A LITTLE ENTHUSIASM OUT OF HIM.

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COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD SAY SOMETHING NICE TO ME.

JAKE MACKENZIE: WE LOVE YOU MADLY NICK.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: YOU ARE A WONDERFUL INDIVIDUAL.

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THERE WE GO. ALL BETTER.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: ITEM SIX BATA AD-HOC RECOVERY WORKING GROUP I'LL CALL ON COMMISSIONER WORTH TO GIVE HER REPORT.

AMY R. WORTH: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR. I JUST HAVE A BRIEF REPORT. LOOKING AT THE BRIDGES IT'S CLEAR BRIDGES HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF US ALL THESE YEARS AND IT'S OUR TURN TO TAKE CARE OF THE BRIDGES. WE FOCUSED ON THREE YEARS FIRST UNDERLYING FINANCING OF ALL THE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS REGIONAL MEASURES AND SEISMIC UPGRADES SECOND PIECE OF OUR INVESTIGATIONS FOCUSED ON OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE THROUGHPUT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE BRIDGES, ON TO THE BRIDGES, YOU KNOW, HOW TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSIT EFFICIENCY, FOR ALL THE USES OF THE BRIDGES IN TERMS OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE THIRD PIECE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FOCUSING ON THIS AFTERNOON IS REALLY LOOKING AT THE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, SHORT, MID-AND LONG-TERM FOR THE

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BRIDGES. EVERYTHING FROM PAINTING TO STRUCTURAL ISSUES. I WANT TO TANK STAFF FOR PULLING TOGETHER ALL THIS INFORMATION FOR US SO THAT WE'RE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER OUR COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING AND THEN DISCUSSION AND THEN RECOMMENDATION TO BATA IN THE COMING -- IN THIS COMING FEW MONTHS. AND I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK COMMISSIONER TAVARES FOR HIS ROLE ON THIS COMMITTEE. WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BATA AND CALTRANS AND HE HAS BEEN SUCH AN ENTHUSIASTIC DIRECTOR AND PARTICULARLY MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE IN UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BRIDGES AND THIS PARTNERSHIP. SO, WE WILL BE BACK TO THIS COMMISSION, TO THE AUTHORITY THIS COMING WINTER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT AT THIS POINT, WE ARE REALLY DELVING INTO NOW THAT THE MAINTENANCE ISSUES, AND REALLY WHAT WE'RE GOING -- WHAT IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED IN TERMS OF FUNDING THOSE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. FIRST THING I NOTICED THAT MAYOR LICCARDO HAS JOINED US. SO HE'S ONLINE NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY ELSE HAS JOINED US. IF YOU HAVE, YOU CAN SPEAK UP. I NOTICED WE DON'T HAVE PANELISTS WITH QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS? NO QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS. NO ATTENDEES WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANYTHING IN WRITING ON THIS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO MR. CHAIR.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THE ATTORNEY IS ASKING US TO DO A ROLL CALL TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. WITH THAT I'LL TAKE A MOTION BY WORTH. WHO IS SECOND?

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

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THIS IS TO ACCEPT COMMISSIONER WORTH'S REPORT. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT. A TIME WHICH YOU CAN SPEAK TO ANYTHING NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA. I SEE ONE ATTENDEE WITH A COMMENT. CALL ON THEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THAT ATTENDEE IS ALETA DUPREE.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: ALETA WELCOME.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU CHAIR HAGGERTY AND MEMBERS. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK WITH YOU AGAIN. I LIKE A

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GOOD AND SUCCINCT MEETING. A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN THE TOLL COLLECTION SPACE. LAST SIDES MORNING, AT 1:00 A.M. EASTERN TIME NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY TURNED ON THEIR SYSTEM WIDE CASHLESS TOLLING SYSTEM, AND THEY'RE MOVING VERY QUICKLY BECAUSE ON THIS PAST MONDAY THEY BEGAN REMOVING THE TOLL BOOTHS AT THE VICTOR EXIT, NUMBER 45, WHICH IS NEAR ROW -- ROCHESTER THEY HAVE VIDEOS OF THEM PICKING UP THE TOLL BOOTHS AND PUTTING THEM UP ON TRUCKS AND STARTING TO TEAR EVERYTHING DOWN. IT'S BEEN A BIG LIFT THEY'RE DOING. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING STARTED WITH THE WORK ON THE THREE NORTHERN BRIDGES THAT WE CAN BUILD-OUT, NOT JUST THE CASHLESS TOLLING BUT TO REMOVE THE TOLL BOOTHS AND HAVE THE SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE OF DRIVING THROUGH AT HIGHWAY SPEED, LETTING THE CAMERAS AND THE SCANNERS DO THEIR THING. FASTRAK, OF COURSE, IS THE IDEAL. SO WE REALLY WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT FASTRAK. IT SHOULD BE AS ESSENTIAL AND ROUTINE AS HAVING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE AND YOUR REGISTRATION CAR KEYS, ET CETERA. SO THANK YOU FOR A GOOD MEETING. I LIKE IT. WE'RE GETTING OUR WORK DONE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT MONTH. APPRECIATE IT.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU A LITE A -- ALETA, WITH THAT DID WE RECEIVE ANYTHING IN WRITING ON PUBLIC COMMENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO MR. CHAIR.

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SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: WITH THAT THIS COMMITTEE MEETING IS ADJOURNED. THE NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY -- NO. YEAH MAYBE. DECEMBER 16TH, 2020, AT 375 BEALL OR REMOTELY. WITH THAT THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED

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