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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. KIMBERLY CONFIRM WE HAVE A QUORUM.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: WE'LL NEED TO CALL THE ROLL, MR. CHAIR.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: LET'S DO THE ROLL, PLEASE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: HAGGERTY IS PRESENT. THANK YOU. PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: YES. HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: ABE-KOGA?

DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: CANEPA?

DIR. DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: DUTRA-VERNACI IS HERE. EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT. GIACOPINI?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: GLOVER?

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: LICCARDO IS ABSENT. MACKENZIE IS ABSENT. PAPAN? PAPAN IS ABSENT. RABBIT?

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DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: SCHAFF IS ABSENT. SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: YES, HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: I'LL JUMP IN, IT'S CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, I BORROWED SOMEBODY'S PASS WORTH FOR THEIR INTERNET SO I'M BACK.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI NICE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: THRILLED TO BE HERE.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR HANGING ON I KNOW WE'RE RUNNING LATE. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT NO REPORT AT THIS TIME. ITEM THREE CONSENT CALENDAR WE HAVE ONE ITEM ON CONSENT. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

JAMES P. SPERING: SPERING WILL MOVE.

SPEAKER: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY COMMISSIONER SPERING SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RABBIT. ANY QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO COMMENT OR HAVE WE RECEIVED COMMUNICATION?

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: NOTHING RECEIVED NO HANDS RAISED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. MOTION AND SECOND ON THE FLOOR. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ITEM FOUR BATA RECOVERY AD-HOC WORKING GROUP REPORT.

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AMY R. WORTH: THE BATA AD-HOC WORKING GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEETING MARCH 5TH AND I WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE FROM THAT MEETING.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. KIMBERLY I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: I DON'T SEE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. THERE WAS ONE PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR ITEM NUMBER SIX PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER THE CLOSED SESSION SO I WANT TO MAKE MENTION OF IT NOW SO WE DON'T FORGET. IS THAT'S FROM ALETA DUPREE. POSTED AND DISTRIBUTED.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU KIMBERLY AND I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER WORTH FOR LEADING THIS AD-HOC GROUP. I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF WORK. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORK. MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM 5A CLOSED SESSION CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION THE AUTHORITY WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(A) AND PARAGRAPH (1) OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 TO CONFER WITH COUNSEL REGARDING MICHAEL SALIANI, ET AL., V. BATA, ET AL., SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. CGC-14-540384; PAMELA MOORE, ET AL. V. BATA, ET AL.,

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SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. CGC-15-549048; KRISTEN FREELAND AND MICHAEL JEFFERSON, ET AL., V. BATA, ET AL., SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. CGC-16-550947; AND IN RE TOLL BRIDGES LITIGATION, SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. CGC-17-562613 (CONSOLIDATED WITH SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. CGC-18-56084). COMMISSIONERS PLEASE USE THE ZOOM DETAILS PROVIDED BY KIMBERLY WARD FOR THIS CLOSED SESSION AT THE END WE WILL RESUME. I WILL CONFIRM WITH LEGAL COUNSEL THEY READ EVERYTHING VERBATIM.

KATHLEEN KANE: YOU DID MOST CERTAINLY.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: I WILL RESUME TO CLOSED SESSION WE WILL SEE COMMISSIONERS THERE. THANK YOU ALL. [CLOSED SESSION]

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: WE'RE GABBING IF OPEN SESSION. ITEM 15. COUNSEL, DID WE HAVE ANY OUTCOME AT CLOSED SESSION?

KATHLEEN KANE: DIRECTION WAS GIVEN BUT NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN TODAY.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU. I WILL ASK KIMBERLY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY OR IF THERE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: WE RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION AND WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER MR. LEBRUN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 541 INCENTIVE 3.3 YOU ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION SO YOU CAN CONSIDER THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DURING CLOSED SESSION IF APPROPRIATE. AND THE COMMENT I HAD AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS SESSION OR NOT IS I WOULD LIKE COMMISSION TO DIRECT STAFF TO START PLANNING FOR PLAN B WITHOUT PREJUDICE. THANK YOU.

SCOTT HAGGERTY, CHAIR: THANK YOU ROLAND. KIMBERLY, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER MEMBERS? KIMBERLY, YOU'RE MUTED.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. SORRY ABOUT THAT. THERE WAS ONE WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FROM ALETA DUPREE FOR ITEM SIX. AND ALETA DUPREE IS ON THE LINE. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF, YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, NEW CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, COMMISSIONER PEDROZA, ON TAKING UP THE CHAIR, THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC BODIES. I AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK OF FORMER CHAIR SCOTT HAGGERTY GOING TO TENNESSEE. I LIVED IN MEMPHIS TENNESSEE FOR SIX YEARS I AM FAMILIAR WITH

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THE LAY OF THE LAND. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT I SAID IN THE LETTER GOING FORWARD WITH POST-COVID 19 IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE MINDFUL, I WANT TO SEE ON YOU TRAFFIC BUILD UP ON THE BRIDGES AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE NEW WAYS OF GETTING AROUND HOPEFULLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AND WE'LL HAVE MORE BUSES AND HIGH CAPACITY VEHICLES HOPEFULLY THAT WILL ADD UP TO MORE REVENUE SO WE CAN BUILD THE SYSTEM BECAUSE AS I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES DELAY IN PROJECT WORK OFTEN COSTS MORE DUE TO INFLATION. AND I CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE ABOUT THE OPEN ROAD TOLLING, AND I THINK THAT WE AT BATA ARE DOING PRETTY WELL IN THAT BECAUSE WE'RE NOT MAKING MISTAKES WE HAVE SEEN AT OTHER AGENCIES BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE CONVERSANT ON THE NATIONAL STAGE IN THIS AREA BECAUSE OF THE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS THAT COME FROM OPEN ROAD TOLLING. THANK YOU FOR TRANSPARENCY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS WITH THEIR HAND RAISED MR. CHAIR.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS A TIME AND -- BEFORE WE ADJOURN LET'S JUST GIVE COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY ONE LAST ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THIS IS HIS LAST CALIFORNIA PUBLIC

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COMMITTEE. [APPLAUSE] SO WITH THAT, SCOTT, FAREWELL, BEST WISHES, ENJOY TENNESSEE, DON'T BE A STRANGER.

SCOTT HAGGERTY: THANK YOU. YOU ARE GREAT ELECTED OFFICIALS AND YOU WILL DO GREAT WORK AND AGAIN TO STAFF SO MANY FOND MEMORIES. APPRECIATE IT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: AND THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR HANGING ON UNTIL THE END WE APPRECIATE THAT ADJOURNING TO OUR NEXT MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 24TH AT 9:35 REMOTELY OR BY WEBCAST CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTED. COMMISSIONERS SEE YOU SOON. THANK YOU. [ADJOURNED]

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