METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY, 9:40 A.M. DAY, DAY

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. I'M GOING TO CALL TO ORDER THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY FOR APRIL 28TH. I AM CHAIR AND JOINING ME IS VICE CHAIR, NICK JOSEFOWITZ. MAY WE PLEASE HAVE THE MEETING RECORDING. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] 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 IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT 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 THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO

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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 SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THAT. LET'S MOVE TO ROLL CALL. KIMBERLY?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: YES. HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: JOSEFOWITZ?

NICK JOSEFOWITZ, V. CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ABE-KOGA?

DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN? COMMISSIONER AHN? IS ABSENT. CANEPA?

DIR. DAVID CANEPA: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EL-TAWANSY? IS ABSENT. FLEMING? COMMISSIONER FLEMING IS ABSENT. GIACOPINI?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GLOVER? COMMISSIONER GLOVER IS PRESENT. LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MILEY?

SUP. NATHAN MILEY: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RABBIT IS ABSENT. RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF? COMMISSIONER SCHAFF? IS ABSENT.

LIBBY SCHAAF: SORRY. NO I'M HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF IS PRESENT. SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU KIMBERLY. ITEM TWO, CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME. WE'RE

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GOING MOVE TO ITEM THREE, CONSENT. ONE ITEM ON CONSENT CALENDAR. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

JAMES P. SPERING: SPERING WILL MOVE.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST SPERING, SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? NONE. KIMBERLY DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM OR DID YOU RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMUNICATION?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. FIRST BY SPERING, SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE]. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ITEM FOUR BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. COMMISSION ARE WORTH TAKE IT AWAY.

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AMY R. WORTH: THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MET FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021 AND REFERS THE FOLLOWING TO THE AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL BATA RESOLUTION 143 WOULD ADOPT THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR BATA FORMULA SHARE OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CYCLE THREE. I MOVE APPROVAL OF MTC RESOLUTION 143.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: MOTION BY WORTH. SECOND?

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: SECOND BY GLOVER. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? NONE. KIMBERLY HAVE WE RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY WORTH. SECOND BY GLOVER. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASS UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ITEM FIVE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY AD-HOC WORKING GROUP REPORT.

AMY R. WORTH: THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY AD-HOC WORKING GROUP MET MONDAY APRIL 5TH AND RECEIVED TRAFFIC AND REVENUE UPDATE ON BATA BRIDGES. SINCE COVID STARTED TOLL REVENUE IS DOWN $272 MILLION. DETAILED BUDGET PRESENTATION TO BATA IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12TH, 2021 AND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BATA RECOVERY AD HOC WORKING GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FRIDAY MAY 14TH, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M. WHEN THE WORKING GROUP WILL PLAN TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO BATA IN JUNE. STAND BY.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DIVING INTO SOME SPECIFIC DETAILS THAT WE NEED TO KNOW AND TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANDY FREMIER FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION THAT'S CRITICAL RIGHT NOW. THIS IS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? NONE. KIMBERLY D WE RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER WORTH FOR LEADING THAT EFFORT ON THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP. THANK YOU COMMISSIONER WORTH. ITEM SIX PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO LIST ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD AND ASK IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ADDRESS US AT THIS TIME.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED ONE WRITTEN COMMENT FROM ALETA DUPREE AND WAS POSTED TO THE AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSIONERS LAST NIGHT. THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ALETA DUPREE. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. GOOD WORK TODAY GETTING WORK DONE. I APPRECIATE YOU PASSING ITEM FOUR PART OF THIS INCLUDED FUNDING FOR OPEN ROAD TOLLING ON THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY BRIDGE WHICH IS OUR LARGEST PROJECT. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT ALL THE THINGS I SAID IN MY LETTER. THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS GOING ON IN THE TOLL COLLECTION AND TOLL HIGHWAY SPACE. NEW THINGS ARE HAPPENING ALL THE TIME. AND I THINK AGENCIES ARE TAKING NOTICE OF THE WORK WE'RE DOING HERE AT BATA. WE'RE TAKING LEADERSHIP, EVEN IF WE MIGHT NOT EVEN THINK ASSOCIATION THINK WE DO. IT'S CHALLENGING TIME AND IMPORTANT TO DO IT RIGHT. WE NEED TO STAY THE COURSE. I THINK TRAFFIC IS GOING TO COME BACK AND MONEY IS GOING TO COME BACK

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AND I ASK YOU TO NOT BE AFRAID OF THE FUTURE BECAUSE MONEY WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF. IT'S BETTER TO DO THINGS SOONER THAN LATER BECAUSE WHEN WE WAIT, THE COST OF PROJECTS GO UP. THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, MR. CHAIR.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU KIMBERLY. SO WE'RE GOING MOVE TO ITEM SEVEN, ADJOURNMENT. WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN TO OUR NEXT AUTHORITY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 26TH AT 9:40 A.M. REMOTELY. ANY CHANGES WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. [ADJOURNED]

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