METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

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SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021, 9:40 A.M.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. WE'RE GOING TO CALL TO ORDER THE MTC SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND SERVICE -- FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESS WAYS TO ORDER. MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR, ALONG WITH NICK JOSEFOWITZ, VICE CHAIR. PLEASE PLAY THE 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

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IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY 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 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: ITEM ONE, ROLL CALL PLEASE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: ABE-KOGA?

DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: CANEPA IS ABSENT. CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: COMMISSIONER EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT. FLEMING?

VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: GIACOPINI?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: GLOVER?

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: LICCARDO IS ABSENT. MILEY?

SUP. NATHAN MILEY: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: RABBIT?

DAVID RABBIT: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: RONEN? COMMISSIONER RONEN IS ABSENT. SCHAFF?

LIBBY SCHAFF: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: SPERING?

JAMES P. SPERING: PRESENT.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ITEM TWO, NO CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO ITEM THREE. CONSENT CALENDAR, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. KIMBERLY, I DO NOTICE THAT WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M NOT SURE IF THAT I WANT TO COMMENT ON THIS SPECIFIC ITEM, BUT WHY DON'T WE ASK.

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: ABSOLUTELY. THAT WOULD BE REMI TAN. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: ACTUALLY. I HAVE MY HAND RAISED FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND SOMEHOW DIDN'T GET CALLED. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ON THAT MEETING, THAT THE CLIPPER IS A GREAT FIRST STEP FOR SEAMLESS TRANSIT, BUT THE OTHER THING THAT MTC NEEDS TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE AGENCIES IS TO GET THE AGENCIES TO COORDINATE FOR JUST IN TIME TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES, FOR EXAMPLE, MILLBRAE, YOU KNOW, THE BART TRAIN PULLS IN, SHOULD BE TIMED WITH THE CALTRAIN SERVICE SO YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT HALF AN HOUR FOR THE OTHER SERVICE. AND THE COORDINATION NEEDS TO EXTEND TO THE BUS SERVICES AS WELL AS THE FERRIES. WHICH, A LOT OF THEM DON'T RUN VERY OFTEN HEADWAYS. ALSO --

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: REMI, THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR. I KNOW YOU WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE OTHER ONE. WHAT WE COULD DO, IS IF YOU WANT TO E-MAIL YOUR COMMENTS, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PUT THEM INTO THE RECORD AND SHARE THEM WITH COMMISSIONERS. WE HAVE HAD COMMISSIONER DROP. KIMBERLY COULD YOU PLEASE REMIND REMI OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE WAY WE COULD TAKE HIS PUBLIC COMMENT?

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: YES, YOU CAN E-MAIL INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV, AND I WILL BE SURE TO SHARE THE COMMENTS WITH THE FULL COMMISSION.

SPEAKER: OKAY. THANK YOU.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE COMMISSIONERS GET THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMENT. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE HAVE NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. BRINGING IT BACK TO THE COMMISSION FOR MOTION.

CINDY CHAVEZ: SO MOVED. CHAVEZ.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY CHAVEZ.

EDDIE AHN: SECOND, AHN.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: SECOND BY AHN. ALL RIGHT. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE?

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES WITH 13 AYES, TWO ABSTAINED AND THREE ABSENT.

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ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU KIMBERLY. WE'RE GOING MOVE TO ITEM FOUR, OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT. TURNING IT OVER TO COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YES. ITEM 4A -- OR ITEM FOUR, THE OPERATION'S COMMITTEE MET JUNE 11TH, 2021 AND REFERS THE FOLLOWING TO THE AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL MTC SAFE RESOLUTION 68 FISCAL YEAR 2021, 2022 OPERATING CAPITAL BUDGET WOULD APPROVE THE MTC SAFE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, 2022. I MOVE APPROVE OF THE MTC STAY SAFE RESOLUTION NUMBER 68.

JAMES P. SPERING: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SPERING. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING, AND I DO SEE THAT MR. REMI TAN'S HAND IS RAISED. IF YOU'RE THERE, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. MAYBE THAT'S A HAND RAISED FROM THE PREVIOUS ITEM. I WILL LOWER HIS HAND FOR HIM. IS

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: IF YOU WISH TO COMMENT PLEASE DO ON ANOTHER ITEM. KIMBERLY ANY WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED?

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CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: NONE RECEIVED.

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

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE].

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU KIMBERLY. PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL ASK TO READ THE NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF ANY GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED TO INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY. KIMBERLY, ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: I HAVE ALETA DUPRE. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: ALETA DUPRE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER. AS I LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE WORK WITH SAFE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. I DO NOT HAVE A CAR AND I CHOOSE FOR THE MOST PART NOT TO. I SEE THE WORK OF CALL BOXES AND FREEWAY SERVICE PATROLS IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND OFTEN NOT THOUGHT ABOUT. I HAVE YEARS AND YEARS AGO IN ANOTHER PLACE AND TIME, BEEN STRANDED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND I HAD TO WALK A LONG WAY AND CATCH A HITCH TO

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GET GAS FOR MY CAR, WHICH RAN OUT, THAT'S PROBABLY 30-ODD YEARS AGO. I BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGHWAY SERVICE PLANS SUCH AS AAA OR SAM'S MOTOR CLUB WHICH I HAD. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THIS WORK OUT, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I MAY NOT BE DRIVING MY OWN VEHICLES, WHEN I'M RIDING IN BUSES, OR RIDE SHARES OR FRIEND'S VEHICLES, HAVING THESE SERVICES WILL HELP ME TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL UPON THESE HIGHWAYS WITH A BETTER SENSE OF CONFIDENCE. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE CHANCE OF BREAKING DOWN EXISTS BUT HAVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHEN WE FALL IS INDEED IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL ESPECIALLY IN INCLEMENT WEATHER. THANK YOU.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IS ROLAND LEBRUN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES, MR. LEBRUN. ROLAND, ARE YOU THERE? WE CANNOT HEAR YOU, MR. LEBRUN. YOU NEED TO UNMUTE YOURSELF. MR. CHAIR, WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: PLEASE CALL THE SPEAKERS.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. RENI YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR LETS ME SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. THE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS IN THE BAY AREA NEED COORDINATION WITH THE TRANSIT PROGRAMS. IT NEEDS TO BE EMPHASIZED THAT WE NEED MORE HOV AND

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BUS LANES ON THE HIGHWAYS, ESPECIALLY THE BAY BRIDGE AND THE OTHER BRIDGES. WHEN THEY ARE CONGESTED THE BUSES JUST SIT ON THE STAND THAT NEEDS TO BE INTEGRATED WITH THE OVERALL HIGHWAY PROGRAM. ALSO WHERE WE HAVE STATE HIGHWAYS RUNNING INTO LOCAL STREETS LIKE 19TH AVENUE IN SAN FRANCISCO, HIGHWAY ONE ON THE COAST SIDE, WE GOT A LOT OF BAD TRAFFIC LIKE I SAID ON THESE ROADS THAT CAUSE TREMENDOUS CONGESTION, AND IN RUSH HOUR AND ON THE SIDE OF TOURISM ON THE WEEKENDS. WE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH CALTRANS TO MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TIMED WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY OR WHERE SOME INTERSECTIONS CHANGE TO THE MORE EUROPEAN STYLE ROUNDABOUT SO VEHICLES DON'T NEED TO COME TO COMPLETE STOPS AND SLOW TRAFFIC. SO HOPEFULLY THE COMMISSION CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THESE ITEMS AND WORK WITH CALTRANS FOR SOME SOLUTIONS ESPECIALLY WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER IS CALLER WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS 6262, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THIS IS ROLAND, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: YES WE CAN HEAR YOU.

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SPEAKER: I JUST WANT TO SAY A BRIEF COMMENT, AS YOU KNOW MAYOR LICCARDO JUST VOTED, BUT MAYOR LICCARDO RIGHT NOW IS IN SAN JOSE, HE'S IN COUNSEL, AND WIGHT FRANKLY IF HE HAD BEEN IN THE CHAMBERS I DON'T THINK HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VOTE VERBALLY. I JUST PUT OUT THERE, WITH THE EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU.

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS, MR. CHAIR.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU, KIMBERLY, JUST TO CLARIFY, COMMISSIONER LICCARDO HAS NOT BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THESE MEETINGS IS THAT CORRECT?

CLERK, KIMBERLY WARD: THAT IS CORRECT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT QUESTION THAT WAS JUST RAISED. ITEM SIX, ADJOURNMENT, NEXT MEETING FOR MTC SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS EXPRESS WAYS WILL BE HELD AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR AND THAT WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER TIME. THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING. NEXT MEETING IS THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY. [ADJOURNED]

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