METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

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BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, 9:40 A.M.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR OF THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY ALONG WITH VICE CHAIR JOSEFOWITZ. I'M GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK THAT WE PLEASE PLAY THE INTRODUCTORY 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 RAISE 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.

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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: THANK YOU STAFF. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM ONE AND CONFIRM A QUORUM. PEDROZA?

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CHAVEZ?

CINDY CHAVEZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ABE-KOGA?

MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE. GLOVER?

FEDERAL GLOVER: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

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

JAMES P. SPERING: YES.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WORTH?

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AMY R. WORTH: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ITEM TWO, CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM THREE, OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS ON CONSENT. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

CINDY CHAVEZ: CHAVEZ MOVES.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: FIRST BY COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: DUTRA-VERNACI SECONDS.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: SECOND.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: I HEARD DUTRA-VERNACI'S VOICE COME IN FIRST. SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI. KIMBERLY ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM?

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. I'LL SEE IF THERE IS ANY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS. SEEING NONE. FIRST BY COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ, AND SECOND BY DUTRA-VERNACI. ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

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

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: ITEM FOUR, PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO LIST ITEMS RECEIVED UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM AT INFO BAYAREAMETRO.GOV INTO THE RECORD.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING, MR. CHAIR, AND I SEE ALETA DUPREE HIS HER HAND RAISED. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES, MS. DUPREE.

SPEAKER: ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD SHE AND HER. GOOD TO BE BACK WITH YOU. I'M HOME SO THERE'S NO BUS SOUNDS LIKE ON MY LAST MEETING WITH YOU. BATA IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I HAVE NOT HAD MY BATA EXPERIENCE, HOPEFULLY I'LL BE BACK WITH YOU SOON. IT'S NICE WHEN I GO OVER THE BAY BRIDGE AND I'M NOT SEEING CARS BACKING UP SO MUCH AT THE TOLL BOOTH BECAUSE THEY CAN GO THROUGH WITHOUT STOPPING. YOU STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT I WAS USING THE LINK TON TUNNEL EVERY DAY AND THERE WAS QUITE A BIT OF TRAFFIC THE EXPRESS BUT HELPS BUT ONLY TO PINT.

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THE YOU THERE WAY IN NEW YORK I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FINISHING TOUCHES. I LIKE TO TALK MORE ABOUT WHAT OTHER AGENCIES ARE DOING. AND THIS MEETING HAS BEEN BRIEF. THANK YOU. WE'RE GETTING OUR WORK DONE. I'M SEEING ALL NEW KINDS OF THINGS. I CAN PAY A RESTAURANT BILL WITH MY PHONE AND NOT HAVE TO PULL OUT THOSE SILLY LITTLE PAPER THINGS AND PUT THE TIP ON THEM AND THEY GET LEFT ON THE TABLE. AND PAYING MY NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY FARE MY PHONE. LET'S CONTINUE TO WORK WITH SEAMLESS EXPERIENCES. EVERYONE WHO ENGAGING WITH THAT, I'M IN THE BAY AREA. I DON'T HAVE A CAR. THAT HELPS ME GET ACROSS THE BAY ON A BUS.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NONE.

ALFREDO PEDROZA, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT MEETING FOR THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY IS WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27TH AT 9:40 A.M. REMOTELY. THANK YOU EVERYONE. [ADJOURNED]

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