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Memorandum

TO: BATA Oversight Committee

DATE: October 28, 2009

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Public Hearing for Revisions to the Toll Schedule on the State-owned Bay Area Bridges

Streets and Highways Code Section 31011 authorizes BATA to increase the toll on the seven state-owned toll bridges in the Bay Area to pay for the completion of the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program. Additionally, Assembly Bill 1175, which was signed by the Governor in October 2009 and becomes effective January 1, 2010, adds the seismic retrofits of the Antioch and Dumbarton Bridges to the Seismic Retrofit Program.

The law (Streets and Highways Code Section 30918 (a)) requires BATA to hold a public hearing in regard to a proposed toll increase for seismic improvements before taking any action. In accordance with the law, staff is proposing that the Authority hold three public hearings to receive public testimony on the proposed toll increase and act on the increase as a revision to the Toll Schedule for the State-owned Toll Bridges (BATA Resolution No. 37).

The current toll rates for the state-owned bridges are as follows:

Vehicle Class	Current Toll
2 axles	\$4.00
3 axles	6.00
4 axles	8.25
5 axles	11.25
6 axles	12.00
7 axles or more	13.50

Reasons for a Toll Increase and Toll Increase Options

At the October 14, 2009 meeting of the BATA Oversight Committee, staff presented the major reasons driving the need for a toll increase and three options for increasing the toll rates on the state-owned bridges to raise adequate revenues. The need for a toll increase and the proposed options are summarized in the attached Powerpoint presentation.

Toll Increase Proposed Adoption and Implementation Schedule

The proposed schedule for adoption and implementation of the proposed toll increase is as follows:

Date	Meeting	Discussion/Action
November 4, 2009 1:30 p.m.	Public Hearing #1 Bay Area Toll Authority MetroCenter 101 8 th Street Oakland, CA	Public comment on toll options
November 17, 2009 6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing #2 San Mateo City Hall Council Room 330 West 20th Avenue San Mateo, CA	Public comment on toll options
December 3, 2009 6:30 p.m.	Public Hearing #3 Concord Senior Center - Wisteria Room 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA	Public comment on toll options
December 9, 2009	BATA Oversight Committee Meeting	Staff presents recommendation on toll option
January 13, 2010	BATA Oversight Committee Meeting	Committee action on toll increase
January 27, 2010	BATA Meeting	Authority action on toll increase
July 1, 2010		Toll increase is effective

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