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Attendance

BATA Oversight Committee Chair Bill Dodd, convened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. In addition to Chair Dodd, the following Committee members were in attendance: Dave Cortese, Federal Glover, Steve Kinsey, Bijan Sartipi, and Vice Chair Chris Daly. Other Commissioners in attendance: Dean Chu, Dorene Giacopini, Scott Haggerty, Ann Halsted, Sue Lempert, Jon Rubin, Jim Spering, Adrienne Tissier, and Amy Rein Worth.

Consent Calendar

Eight (8) items were unanimously received and approved on the Consent Calendar:

- Minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting
- BATA Financial Statements – October 2009
- Contract Amendment – On Call Design Services – Regional Express Lanes Network Project: PB Americas
- Purchase Orders – Advanced Toll Collection and Accounting System (ATCAS) Hardware Software Maintenance: Provista
- Contract Amendment – Toll Plaza Traffic Operations Technical Assistance: Cambridge Systematics
- Contract Amendment – Advanced Toll Collection & Accounting System (ATCAS) Maintenance and System Administration: ACS State and Local Solutions
- Contract – On-call Public Private Partnerships Advisory Services
 - i) KPMG
 - ii) Jeffrey Parker & Associates
 - iii) Halcrow, Inc.
 - iv) Nossaman LLP
 - v) Bell Rosenberg & Hughes, LLP

STEVE HEMINGER
Executive Director

ANDREW B. FREMIER
Deputy Executive Director

- Capital Outlay Allocations (BATA Resolution No. 86, Revised)

Regional Measure 1 Toll Bridge Program

- i. New Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project – Landscaping Contract

Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program

- ii. San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge West Approach Project – Railing Modifications

San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Replacement Project –

- iii. Light Pole Procurement

Toll Bridge Rehabilitation Program

- ii. SFOBB West Span Pathway Project Study Report Oversight
- iii. BATA Oversight Agenda

San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Update

Mr. Steve Heminger, BATA Executive Director and Chair of the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee (TBPOC), along with Ms. Bimla Rhinehart, Executive Director, California Transportation Commission and Vice Chair of the TBPOC, and Mr. Tony Anziano, Caltrans Toll Bridge Program Manager, presented a detailed update on the status of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Seismic Replacement Project. Items discussed included the significant construction progress made on the Oakland Touchdown, Skyway, Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) Foundations, and Yerba Buena Island contracts. A detailed discussion followed on the progress and challenges of the SAS Contract, including progress of fabrication of the roadway boxes and tower in China, progress of shop drawings for the east end of the bridge, and the overall project schedule and risks. The TBPOC discussed their actions to resolve and mitigate these challenges with several contract change orders to resolve past issues and to provide incentives for tower and disincentives for Orthotropic Box Girder (OBG) first shipment only.

Mr. Andrew Fremier, BATA Deputy Executive Director, and Mr. Tony Anziano, Caltrans Toll Bridge Program Manager, presented an update on repairs to the failed eye-bar on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Mr. Fremier presented a Caltrans budget and allocation request for \$14 million in BATA Toll Bridge Rehabilitation funds for the repair as part of BATA Resolution No. 86, Revised. Mr. Anziano presented a detailed overview of the proposed repair strategy and schedule for the repair. The Committee unanimously approved referring BATA Resolution No. 86, Revised to the Authority for approval.

Mr. Sean Nozzari, Caltrans District 4 Deputy Director Operations, and Chief Bridgett Lott, California Highway Patrol, presented an update on traffic conditions on the S-curve detour on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. They discussed roadway enhancements and outreach efforts made before and after opening of the S-curve detour. There was a detailed discussion with the Committee on accident rates and citations issued for DUI's, speeding, and commercial violations during CHP's enhanced enforcement on the S-curve over the last several weeks.

Toll Schedule Increase for the State-owned Toll Bridges in the Bay Area

Mr. Rod McMillan, BATA staff, presented to the Committee for information staff's recommendation in regards to a toll increase for the state-owned bridges in the Bay Area. A toll increase on the bridges is needed to fund the seismic retrofit of the Antioch and Dumbarton Bridges, to off-set reduced revenues due to declining traffic volumes on the bridges, and to fund increased costs of our debt financings. Staff had earlier presented three toll increase options for discussion. To obtain public comment on the options, public hearings were held in Oakland, San Mateo, Concord and San Francisco. To date, a total of 1,126 comments and survey responses from the public have been received. Based on the Committee discussion and public testimony, staff developed a recommendation for a toll increase, as follows:

Staff Recommendation for Proposed Toll Increase on State-owned Bridges

Vehicle Class	Bridges	Toll Formula	Proposed Toll
2-axle Vehicles	Antioch, Benicia, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond and San Mateo Bridges	NA	\$5.00 (base toll)
	San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge	NA	Peak - \$6.00 Non-Peak - \$4.00 Weekends - \$5.00
Vehicle Class	Bridges	Toll Formula	Proposed Toll
Carpools	All Bridges	50 percent of 2-axle base toll (\$5.00) rate	\$2.50
Trucks (multi-axle vehicles)	All Bridges	2-axle base toll (\$5.00) rate times number of axles.	3-axle - \$15.00 4-axle - \$20.00 5-axle - \$25.00 6-axle - \$30.00 7+-axle - \$35.00

Staff further recommends:

1. That the toll rate increases for 2-axle vehicles, including congestion pricing on the Bay Bridge, and carpools is effective on July 1, 2010.
2. That trucks are provided a one year grace period from the proposed toll increase. As a result, the toll increase for trucks would be effective on July 1, 2011.
3. That an evaluation of congestion pricing for the Bay Bridge be conducted and provided to the BATA Oversight Committee on an annual basis after congestion pricing is implemented.

Staff is proposing that the Committee and full Authority act on the toll increase in January 2010.

Committee members provided a number of comments and requested added information including:

- Proposals for an incremental toll increase for trucks.
- An analysis of the free toll passage or discounted toll for trucks during the late evening hours.
- A review of the uses of existing toll funds, including why existing resources cannot be used for the seismic work.
- Review of the seismic requirements for the Antioch and Dumbarton Bridges.

Six (6) members of the public provided comment:

- Jason Serafino-Acear, Andrew Casteel, Bay Area Bicycle Coalition, Andy Thornley, Dave Cambell, East Bay Bicycle Coalition, supported raising tolls to levels that would allow for the funding of a bicycle, pedestrian and maintenance path on the west span of the San Franciaco-Oakland Bay Bridge; and
- Polly Amrein, League of Women Voters, expressed support for the concept of congestion pricing on the Bay Bridge and expressed the need for accountability for the expenditures of toll funds.

Regional Measure 1 (RM 1) and Seismic Retrofit Project (SRP) Monthly Progress Report

The RM 1 and SRP Monthly Report was provided to the Committee for information purposes.

Other Business/Public Comment/Next Meeting/Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.