



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY MANAGER

**File #:** 19-852

Board Meeting Date: 9/17/2019

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Carole Groom, President, District 2

**Subject:** Appointment to the Bay Area Toll Authority's Regional Measure 3 Independent Oversight Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution appointing Pam Frisella to the Bay Area Toll Authority's (the "Authority's") Regional Measure 3 Independent Oversight Committee for a term ending June 30, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 5, 2018, voters in the nine Bay Area counties approved Regional Measure 3 ("RM 3"), a proposed increase to toll rates on state-owned bridges in the region. RM 3 authorized toll increases of up to three dollars (\$3) to be phased in one dollar at a time over the course of six years. Effective January 1, 2019, the base toll rate on these bridges was increased by one dollar.

SB 595 also required, if voters approved the RM3 toll increase, that the Authority establish an independent oversight committee within six months of the effective date of the toll increase (*i.e.*, on or before July 1, 2019). This committee will be subject to the Brown Act.

### **DISCUSSION:**

SB 595 sets forth the following provisions regarding the functions and membership of the independent oversight committee (the "Oversight Committee") (Streets and Highways Code Section 30923 (h)):

- The purpose of the Oversight Committee is to ensure that any toll revenues generated pursuant to the RM3 toll increase are expended consistent with the applicable requirements of the RM3 expenditure plan set forth in Streets and Highways Code Section 30914.7;
- The Oversight Committee shall include two representatives from each county within the jurisdiction of the commission;
- Each representative shall be appointed by the applicable county board of supervisors and serve a four-year term and shall be limited to two terms;
- The Oversight Committee shall annually review the expenditure of funds by the Authority for the projects and programs specified in Section 30914.7 and prepare and submit a report to the

- transportation committee of each house of the Legislature summarizing its findings; and
- The Oversight Committee may request any documents from the Authority to assist the committee in performing its functions.

In order for the Oversight Committee to carry out its work, the Authority has indicated that it anticipates providing the following support functions to the Oversight Committee:

- Making meeting space available at the Bay Area Metro Center;
- Providing general administrative and clerk support; and
- Providing a stipend to members for meeting attendance.

The Authority has indicated that it anticipates that committee matters such as meeting dates, frequency, and length will be established by the members of the committee.

Pam Frisella is a former two-time Mayor of Foster City, having been elected to the City Council in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. Ms. Frisella is a board member of the San Mateo County First 5 Commission, the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART), the San Mateo Police Activities League, and the LEMO Foundation. She is also a Program Committee Member for the Service League of San Mateo County and a Member of Advisory Board of Samaritan House. Ms. Frisella's appointment follows the withdrawal of one of the Board's appointees from July 9, 2019.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None