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Orrick Team Prevails in Long Court Fight to Preserve Approximately $4.5 Billion in Bay Area Transportation Funding.

Removing a significant legal roadblock to an estimated $4.5 billion in transportation funding for the San Francisco Bay Area, the California Supreme Court this week let stand a series of lower court decisions orchestrated by a cross-practice Orrick team through five years of litigation.

This action by California's high court involves a challenge by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to legislation and a voter-approved ballot measure providing for a $3 toll increase on seven state-owned toll bridges in the region to fund transportation projects to relieve traffic congestion.

Our team has led the successful defense of the legislation and ballot measure on behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Toll Authority. This has included four favorable judgments in the trial courts, as well as the precedent-setting appeals court decision in 2020 which the state Supreme Court let stand this week.

The Orrick team has been led by partners Devin Brennan and Eric Shumsky, associate Max Carter-Oberstone, as well as partner Christine Reynolds, former partner Brian Goldman, of counsel Michael Weed and former associates Monica Haymond and Ethan Fallon.

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