



**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**  
HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

14-05

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING OF JULY 22, 2005**

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

**TESTIMONY AT SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARDS PUBLIC HEARING**

At the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee meeting of June 10, 2005, the Committee instructed staff to provide comments to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are not unduly disqualified from participating in the DBE program as a result of the use of a business size measurement that did not take into consideration the high cost of living in the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as other geographical areas in which high cost of living exists.

Coincidentally, SBA scheduled 11 public hearings throughout the country this year to receive input on how to improve its size standards regulations. One of the 11 public hearings was held in San Francisco at the SBA San Francisco District Office on Tuesday, June 28, 2005. On behalf of the District's Board of Directors, Aida Caputo, DBE Program Administrator, appeared before SBA officials at the public hearing and presented testimony to ensure that SBA takes into consideration the high cost of living in certain geographical areas of the country, such as the San Francisco Bay Area, when making revisions to its small business size standards. Following her oral presentation, Ms. Caputo provided a copy of her written testimony to the SBA, which is available in the General Manager's Office.

**SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS**

The following page contains dates, times and sponsoring agencies of special events and expressive activities for which permits have been sought. The following applications were received since last reported to the Board in the July 8, 2005, Report of the General Manager:

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Event Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type*</u>	<u>Expected No. Participants</u>
July 23 2005	Double Century Fund Raiser	West Sidewalk	SE	200-250
July 31, 2005	San Francisco Marathon	Bridge Roadway	SE	10,000

The types of permits are as follows: EX – Expressive Activity and SE – Special Event

**BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005**

Bridge traffic for the month of May increased .57% to 3,388,224 vehicles as compared to the previous year's total of 3,369,028 vehicles during the month of May. Average daily traffic reflects and increased from 108,678 in May 2004, to 109,298 in May 2005. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, May 20, when 118,804 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

**VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005**

Of the 3,388,224 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in May, there were 8 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

<b>GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
RE – Rear Ender	1	2	0	0
O - Other	2	4	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive &amp; Park Presidio Blvd.)</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
C – Collision	2	4	1	0
HB – Hit Barrier	1	1	0	0
RE – Rear Ender	1	2	0	0
RO – Roll Over	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**FERRY STATISTICS – JUNE 2005**

During the month of June, Larkspur ferry service carried 125,322 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 35,886 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 49,196. A total of 994 crossings were scheduled and completed. Of the 994 crossings, 20 were SBC Park service crossings. Averages were:

Daily	4,177
Weekdays	5,162
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,469
AM Commute	1,631
PM Commute	2,236
Larkspur to SBC Park (Weekday)	425
SBC Park to Larkspur (Weekday)	455
Larkspur to SBC Park (Sat, Sun, Hol.)	561
SBC Park to Larkspur (Sat, Sun, Hol.)	620

**FERRY STATISTICS – JUNE 2005 (continued)**

Sausalito ferry service carried 40,590 passengers during the month of June. Morning commute runs carried 4,451 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 10,893. A total of 500 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	1,353
Weekdays	1,314
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,460
AM Commute	202
PM Commute	495

Tables detailing June Larkspur and Sausalito Ferry patronage are attached (Attachments 2-3).

**RETIREMENT OF FRANCIS A. VILICICH, MECHANIC, BUS DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce that Mechanic Francis (“Skip”) Vilicich retired on July 7, 2005, after celebrating twenty-seven years and eleven months of service with the District.

Mr. Vilicich joined the District as a Bus Mechanic on August 8, 1977. He was a day shift “road call person” from 1985 through September 1993 and also worked as the night shift assistant foreman from 1995 through January 2002 until finally transferring to his last position at the Santa Rosa shop.

Prior to District service, Mr. Vilicich was in the United States Coast Guard in Search and Rescue, and has worked as a laborer and mechanic. Not only is Mr. Vilicich known for his dependability, but has also been praised for his excellent attendance.

Mr. Vilicich's plans for retirement include providing care for his wife Gwen, of 31 years and completing some on-going projects.

We wish Mr. Vilicich and his wife a long and happy retirement.

**RETIREMENT OF HERBERT G. WYNN, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce that Bus Operator Herbert Wynn retired on July 1, 2005, after celebrating twenty-seven years and two months of service with the District.

Mr. Wynn joined the District on April 10, 1978, as a bus operator. Prior to District service, Mr. Wynn was employed by Continental Trailways as a bus operator, was self-employed in the steam cleaning business and worked as a route salesman for Pepsi Cola.

We wish Mr. Wynn a long and happy retirement.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO HERBERT F. GABRIEL, CHIEF BRIDGE PAINTER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Chief Bridge Painter Herbert Gabriel celebrated twenty-five years of service with the District on July 13, 2005.

Mr. Gabriel joined the District as a Temporary Part-Time Laneworker in November 1979 and became a regular employee on July 13, 1980. He was promoted to Paint Laborer on December 16, 1982 and to Apprentice Painter on September 4, 1985, achieving journey level status on September 5, 1987, and finally to his current position of Chief Bridge Painter on December 5, 2002. Mr. Gabriel was awarded Employee of the Month in April 2004 in recognition of his devotion and dedication to his job and his co-workers.

Prior to District employment, he worked at Richmond Unified School District as a Store Manager; and prior to that in the private sector as a roofing repairman.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO NOEL A. STAMPFLI, SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Senior Civil Engineer Noel Stampfli will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on July 23, 2005.

Mr. Stampfli joined the District as an Associate Civil Engineer on July 23, 1985, promoting into the position of Senior Civil Engineer on April 23, 1990.

Prior to District employment, Mr. Stampfli was employed at Bechtel Power Corporation, as a civil engineer and was self-employed as a carpenter.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - JULY 2005**

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Johnny Weekly, Bus Operator in the Bus Transit Division, as the Employee of the Month for July 2005.

Mr. Weekly receives this prestigious award in recognition of his thoughtful and good deeds that helps in maintaining positive moral amongst his fellow co-workers. Not only are his good deeds noticed amongst his co-workers, but also amongst his passengers. Mr. Weekly frequently receives passenger reports commending him for his compassion towards his passengers and for his driving skills. Mr. Weekly's co-worker's also commented on his professional mannerism towards his passengers and school children that ride his bus. The personal contributions that Mr. Weekly makes on his own time have been recognized and appreciated by his fellow bus operators.

Mr. Weekly joined the District in September 1979 as a Bus Operator. Prior to District employment, he worked as a Mechanic's helper for United Airlines in San Francisco, Transit Operator for San Francisco Municipal Railway, and as a Bartender at various locations. He also served in the United States Army, in the capacity of Private First Class, from 1963 to 1965. While in the United States Army, he received awards for Expert Rifleman, Good Conduct Medal, and Outstanding Trainee.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - JULY 2005 (continued)**

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Weekly graduated from PolyTechnic High School in San Francisco. Currently residents of San Francisco, Mr. Weekly and his wife AnnLee are proud parents of John Jeffrey Weekly. Besides spending time with his three grandchildren, Mr. Weekly enjoys interior decorating and tending to his vegetable garden. Mr. Weekly is a lifetime member of NAACP and is a member of the San Francisco Crystals Social Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith  
General Manager

Attachments

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**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**Cumulative Record of Traffic for the Month, Fiscal Year to Date, Last 12 Months,  
and Since the Bridge's Opening Day, May 27, 1937**

	MONTH OF:		MAY		2005		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE		12 MONTHS ENDING:		MAY		TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2005	2004	2004	2004	%	%	04/05	03/04	2005	2004	%	%	
<b>REVENUE VEHICLES</b>	3,262,638	3,247,314	3,247,314	3,247,314	0.47%	0.47%	34,089,296	34,160,994	37,288,244	37,345,462	-0.15%	-0.15%	1,654,176,876
2-Axle Vehicles	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	4,057,611
Auto Trailers (1)	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	7,873,075
Buses (1)	19,404	19,612	19,612	19,612	-1.06%	-1.06%	208,888	200,654	230,110	220,242	4.48%	4.48%	42,681,463
Multi-Axle Vehicles (1)	4,588	4,268	4,268	4,268	7.50%	7.50%	47,388	46,470	51,630	50,572	2.09%	2.09%	719,748
Disabled Patron Vehicles	3,286,630	3,271,194	3,271,194	3,271,194	0.47%	0.47%	34,345,572	34,408,118	37,569,984	37,616,276	-0.12%	-0.12%	1,709,508,773
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal													

**NON-REVENUE VEHICLES**

Federal (2)	1,958	1,974	1,974	1,974	-0.81%	-0.81%	20,472	21,770	22,306	23,748	-6.07%	-6.07%	24,452,214
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	18,642	19,660	19,660	19,660	-5.18%	-5.18%	194,158	222,066	214,100	243,006	-11.90%	-11.90%	7,431,456
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	10,360	9,858	9,858	9,858	5.09%	5.09%	111,360	131,048	121,178	145,952	-16.97%	-16.97%	6,686,926
Free Vehicles (4)	-	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	-	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	380,322
Commute Period Carpool (4)	70,634	66,342	66,342	66,342	6.47%	6.47%	774,862	761,462	856,076	835,280	2.49%	2.49%	27,222,918
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal:	101,594	97,834	97,834	97,834	3.84%	3.84%	1,100,852	1,136,346	1,213,660	1,247,986	-2.75%	-2.75%	66,173,836

**TOTAL VEHICLES (5)**

TOTAL REVENUE	3,388,224	3,369,028	3,369,028	3,369,028	0.57%	0.57%	35,446,424	35,544,464	38,783,644	38,864,262	-0.21%	-0.21%	1,775,682,609
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$ 7,368,120	\$ 7,365,160	\$ 7,365,160	\$ 7,365,160	0.04%	0.04%	\$ 77,072,552	\$ 77,341,940	\$ 62,016,897	\$ 61,421,117	0.97%	0.97%	\$ 1,204,932,068
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$ 237,681	\$ 237,586	\$ 237,586	\$ 237,586	0.04%	0.04%	\$ 230,067	\$ 230,184	\$ 169,909	\$ 168,277	0.97%	0.97%	\$ 49,974
AVERAGE DAILY VEHICLES	109,298	108,678	108,678	108,678	0.57%	0.57%	105,810	105,787	106,257	106,477	-0.21%	-0.21%	73,646

**This Month's Traffic Record**

High: Friday, May 20, 2005	118,804
Low: Sunday, May 8, 2005	92,940

**All Time Traffic Record**

High: Friday, October 27, 1989	162,414
Low: Thursday, December 9, 1937	3,878

**This Month's Weather**

Number of days with <u>no</u> rain	25
Number of days with <u>rain</u>	6

(1) Autos with Trailers, 3-Axle Buses, and Trucks are now categorized as Multi-Axle Vehicles; 2-Axle Buses and Trucks are now under 2-Axle Vehicles, as of January 1, 2000.

(2) Army, Navy, and Air Force vehicles and personnel required to use the Golden Gate Bridge are entitled to toll-free passage under Federal law.

(3) Statistics for CHP and District vehicles were not compiled prior to July 7, 1970; Compilation of Golden Gate Transit Buses began January 1, 1992.

(4) Free passage for carpools commenced April 12, 1976. Free vehicles occurred in October of 1989, due to heavy traffic after the Loma-Prieta earthquake.

(5) This figure is DOUBLE the Monthly Total of ALL SOUTHBOUND vehicles to determine an estimate of total Vehicles for BOTH Northbound AND Southbound traffic.

## LARKSPUR FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	03/04 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 03/04 TOTAL	2004/05 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2004/05 TOTAL	2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-	CUMUL 2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-	CUMUL 2004/05	
							CUMUL 2004/05 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	129,815	129,815	133,446	133,446	3 %	3 %	109,000	22 %
AUGUST	124,127	253,942	137,899	271,345	11 %	7 %	236,000	15 %
SEPTEMBER	118,042	371,984	124,248	395,593	5 %	6 %	342,000	16 %
OCTOBER	105,887	477,871	98,776	494,369	(7) %	3 %	425,000	16 %
NOVEMBER	79,569	557,440	98,702	593,071	24 %	6 %	495,000	20 %
DECEMBER	89,941	647,381	104,954	698,025	17 %	8 %	574,000	22 %
JANUARY	82,799	730,180	87,549	785,574	6 %	8 %	644,000	22 %
FEBRUARY	81,209	811,389	83,318	868,892	3 %	7 %	704,000	23 %
MARCH	103,546	914,935	106,883	975,775	3 %	7 %	774,000	26 %
APRIL	118,484	1,033,419	114,099	1,089,874	(4) %	5 %	855,000	27 %
MAY	117,588	1,151,007	121,887	1,211,761	4 %	5 %	949,000	28 %
JUNE	125,490	1,276,497	125,322	1,337,083	(0) %	5 %	1,043,000	28 %

## LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS
	03/04 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 03/04 TOTAL	2004/05 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2004/05 TOTAL	2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-	CUMUL 2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-
JULY	77,022	77,022	79,478	79,478	3 %	3 %
AUGUST	70,991	148,013	84,372	163,850	19 %	11 %
SEPTEMBER	68,579	216,592	76,989	240,839	12 %	11 %
OCTOBER	73,181	289,773	72,842	313,681	(0) %	8 %
NOVEMBER	57,500	347,273	70,070	383,751	22 %	11 %
DECEMBER	63,571	410,844	73,135	456,886	15 %	11 %
JANUARY	63,313	474,157	68,667	525,553	8 %	11 %
FEBRUARY	62,017	536,174	63,778	589,331	3 %	10 %
MARCH	78,484	614,658	80,927	670,258	3 %	9 %
APRIL	76,980	691,638	75,219	745,477	(2) %	8 %
MAY	69,633	761,271	75,680	821,157	9 %	8 %
JUNE	81,521	842,792	85,082	906,239	4 %	8 %

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## SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	03/04 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 03/04 TOTAL	2004/05 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2004/05 TOTAL	2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-	CUMUL 2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-	CUMUL 2004/05	
							CUMUL 2004/05 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	42,988	42,988	47,169	47,169	10 %	10 %	40,365	17 %
AUGUST	48,471	91,459	49,275	96,444	2 %	5 %	86,730	11 %
SEPTEMBER	33,629	125,088	45,261	141,705	35 %	13 %	128,095	11 %
OCTOBER	33,621	158,709	34,508	176,213	3 %	11 %	159,460	11 %
NOVEMBER	21,773	180,482	27,161	203,374	25 %	13 %	186,825	9 %
DECEMBER	17,724	198,206	23,037	226,411	30 %	14 %	217,190	4 %
JANUARY	18,310	216,516	19,171	245,582	5 %	13 %	244,555	0 %
FEBRUARY	19,863	236,379	21,337	266,919	7 %	13 %	267,920	(0) %
MARCH	35,992	272,371	33,795	300,714	(6) %	10 %	295,285	2 %
APRIL	33,345	305,716	33,342	334,056	(0) %	9 %	326,650	2 %
MAY	40,116	345,832	40,216	374,272	0 %	8 %	362,015	3 %
JUNE	38,666	384,498	40,590	414,862	5 %	8 %	397,382	4 %

## SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS
	03/04 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 03/04 TOTAL	2004/05 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2004/05 TOTAL	2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-	CUMUL 2004/05 TO 03/04 +/-
JULY	14,426	14,426	15,700	15,700	9 %	9 %
AUGUST	14,749	29,175	17,672	33,372	20 %	14 %
SEPTEMBER	11,548	40,723	14,212	47,584	23 %	17 %
OCTOBER	12,713	53,436	12,827	60,411	1 %	13 %
NOVEMBER	8,546	61,982	10,835	71,246	27 %	15 %
DECEMBER	8,235	70,217	10,774	82,020	31 %	17 %
JANUARY	8,297	78,514	9,220	91,240	11 %	16 %
FEBRUARY	7,673	86,187	9,715	100,955	27 %	17 %
MARCH	15,343	101,530	14,338	115,293	(7) %	14 %
APRIL	13,998	115,528	12,663	127,956	(10) %	11 %
MAY	12,375	113,905	13,476	141,432	9 %	24 %
JUNE	14,674	130,202	15,344	156,776	5 %	20 %