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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2007**



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

Honorable Members:

**SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS**

There were no scheduled special event/expressive activities since last reported in the January 12, 2007, Report of the General Manager.

**BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2006**

Bridge traffic for the month of December increased 1.94% to 3,114,590 vehicles as compared to the previous year's total of 3,055,198 vehicles during the month of December. Average daily traffic reflects an increase from 98,555 in December 2005, to 100,471 in December 2006. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, December 15 when 117,386 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

**VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2006**

Of the 3,114,590 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in December, there were 12 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

<b>GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	3	3	1	0
RE Rear Ender	1	3	0	0
SS Side Swipe	1	2	0	0
O - Other	2	3	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive &amp; Park Presidio Blvd.)</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	4	6	2	0
SS Side Swipe	1	4	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT BUS SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT –DECEMBER 2006**

Attached is the *Golden Gate Transit Bus System Performance Report* for the month of December 2006. This report provides a breakdown of monthly patronage by county bus services (Attachment 2).

**FERRY STATISTICS – DECEMBER 2006**

During the month of December, Larkspur ferry service carried 106,522 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 28,060 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 45,730. A total of 910 crossings were scheduled and 909 were completed and one was cancelled on December 29<sup>th</sup> due to a mechanical failure. Averages were:

Daily	3,551
Weekdays	4,754
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,145
AM Commute	1,403
PM Commute	2,287
Larkspur to AT&T Park (Weekday)	N/A
AT&T Park to Larkspur (Weekday)	N/A
Larkspur to AT&T Park (Sat, Sun, Hol.)	N/A
AT&T Park to Larkspur (Sat, Sun, Hol.)	N/A

Sausalito ferry service carried 28,194 passengers during the month of December. Morning commute runs carried 3,589 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 9,205. A total of 490 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	940
Weekdays	968
Sat., Sun., Hol.	883
AM Commute	179
PM Commute	460

Tables detailing December Larkspur and Sausalito Ferry patronage are attached (Attachments 3-4).

### **RETIREMENT OF ROBERT PAINE, BUS MECHANIC, BUS DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce that Bus Mechanic Robert Paine retired after twenty-five years and ten months of service with the District on December 22, 2006.

Mr. Paine joined the District as a temporary employee as a Bus Mechanic from June 16, 1980 to permanent status on February 18, 1981. Mr. Paine has worked at all three yards, San Rafael, Novato and Santa Rosa, where he accomplished organizing the parts at the Novato yard and the Santa Rosa yard. During his District employment Mr. Paine participated in the Golden Gate Bus Rodeo and was a member of the Diversity Committee.

Prior to District service, Mr. Paine was going to school and worked in the grocery business for a few years, he also worked for many different auto dealerships in Sonoma County.

In his free time, Mr. Paine enjoys working with his hands on projects like building small-block Chevy racing engines for Sprint Cars and restoring his 1963 Nova SS street rod and many woodworking projects including making furniture, wooden toys and decks. Mr. Paine also takes his family, wife Eileen, daughter Carie and grandson Kristain camping in his Motor home with the *Golden Gators*.

### **PRESENTATION OF THIRTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO DENNIS SANTIAGO, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Dennis Santiago celebrated thirty-five years of service with the District on December 12, 2006.

Mr. Santiago joined the District as a Bus Operator on December 12, 1971, and has received a notable 15 Safe Driving awards. Prior to District service, Mr. Santiago was employed as head cook at various East Coast restaurants and as a Bus Operator for Allied Aviation Service.

In his free time, Mr. Santiago enjoys barbecuing, Aikido, fishing, sampling new foods, spending time with his friends and watching his son play football. Of special note, Mr. Santiago also played a small role on the *Nash Bridges* show as a character named Carlos Santiago.

### **PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO HARVEY A. KATZ, SENIOR PLANNER, DISTRICT DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Senior Planner Harvey Katz celebrated twenty-five years of service with the District on January 12, 2007.

Mr. Katz joined the District as a Technical Services Operator on January 12, 1982, a Rideshare Technical Services Coordinator on April 1, 1983, and then a Rideshare Technical Analyst in August of the same year. On November 12, 1984, Harvey became an Associate Planner and then attained his current position as Senior Planner on February 23, 2001.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO HARVEY A. KATZ, SENIOR PLANNER, DISTRICT DIVISION (continued)**

The State of California's Department of Transportation sent an extremely complimentary letter to the District regarding Mr. Katz's work on obtaining Right-of-Way Certification for the District's Bicycle Rack Project. Praise on Mr. Katz's efforts stated, "Obtaining right-of-way certification with 13 separate agencies at 35 different locations is a major accomplishment. To receive a commendation from Caltrans is a colossal accomplishment." Mr. Katz has also received letters from patrons of the District, commending him on a job well done.

Mr. Katz has represented the District in numerous ways; "manning" the District's booth at the Marin County Fair, participation in the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge, including team captain for five years, United Way Representative and outreach work including speaking to ride participants in the North-South Greenway Ride 2006, communicating to them how the District integrates and accommodates bicycle riders with its transportation services. Throughout the years, Mr. Katz has continued his education, taking courses offered by the District and extension courses at the University of California.

Prior to District service, Mr. Katz was Director of the Elderly and Handicapped program for the San Francisco Municipal Railway and was a Land Use Planner for Multi-Indian Tribes, Inc. Mr. Katz has a Master of City Planning from Harvard Graduate School of Design.

In his free time, Mr. Katz enjoys spending time with his family; wife Mary and sons, Spencer and Aaron. He also enjoys many outdoor activities; hiking, white water rafting and especially snow skiing. Mr. Katz enthusiastically rides his bicycle to work every chance he gets. Mr. Katz is a long time resident of Corte Madera and has served his community sitting on many town government committees.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2007**

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Forrest "Woody" Becker, Ironworker, Bridge Division, as the Employee of the Month for January 2007.

Mr. Becker receives this prestigious award in recognition of his expertise in all forms of welding and for his enthusiastic attitude to take on and tackle new projects. Mr. Becker is frequently called upon for his ability to manipulate metal, design and fabricate metal into various molds that has helped the District realize monetary savings. For example, Mr. Becker recently designed a mold for the zinc liners used on the suspender rope spreaders and now, with the special casting mold, the original material is melted down and re-used in the mold, thereby saving the District from additional material expenses.

In July 1989, Mr. Becker joined the District as a Journeyman Bridge Ironworker and later in March 1990, a Journeyman Ironworker, Fabricator, Welder in the Bridge Division. Before joining the District, Mr. Becker worked as a Journeyman Ironworker out of the Local 708 in Billings, Montana from 1973 to 1988 and out of the Local 377 in San Francisco from 1988 to his employment with the District in 1989.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2007 (continued)**

Mr. Becker was born in Cody, Wyoming and attended Lewis and Clark High School in Billings, Montana. He served in the United States Navy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Petty Officer for four years with two tours to Vietnam with Attack Squadron 95 from 1964 to 1966.

Mr. Becker resides in Rohnert Park with his wife of 38 years, Cheryl, and together they have two children, Charissa and Arthur. Mr. Becker enjoys photography, lapidary work, rock hounding in the desert, web designing, and simply doing work around the house.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR 2006**

The Employee of the Month Committee met in December and selected Marvin Miller District Division, as the *Employee of the Year for 2006*.

Mr. Miller was the Employee of the Month for July 2006, and was nominated by his fellow employees in recognition of his exceptional operational support of IFAS and TranStat along with his ability to positively identify end user needs in developing relevant functional programs. Besides support of IFAS and TranStat, Mr. Miller was also instrumental in providing critical interface support to prepare TranStat for Translink's revenue ready functionality. Staff from various departments throughout the District commented on Mr. Miller's positive, upbeat attitude, high level of performance, and ability to help them improve their work processes.

Mr. Miller will be recognized by Board President Moylan at the Board of Directors meeting on January 26, 2007.

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:		FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS ENDING:			December		TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2006	December 2005	2006 %	06/07	05/06	%	2006	2005	%	%	
<b>REVENUE VEHICLES</b>											
2-Axle Vehicles	3,005,964	2,938,256	2.30%	19,194,972	19,055,472	0.73%	37,575,314	37,399,650	0.47%	1,639,282,552	
Auto Trailers (1)	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0.00%	4,057,611	
Buses (1)	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0.00%	7,873,075	
Multi-Axle Vehicles (1)	14,874	15,156	-1.86%	129,764	120,218	7.94%	234,390	223,986	4.64%	42,602,339	
Disabled Patron Vehicles	3,770	4,054	-7.01%	23,646	25,412	-6.95%	48,400	51,764	-6.50%	696,006	
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	3,024,608	2,957,466	2.27%	19,348,382	19,201,102	0.77%	37,858,104	37,675,400	0.48%	1,694,511,583	
<b>NON-REVENUE VEHICLES</b>											
Federal (2)	1,190	1,624	-26.72%	8,316	9,840	-15.49%	17,934	20,802	-13.79%	24,440,058	
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	18,532	19,344	-4.20%	111,066	114,794	-3.25%	227,148	221,084	2.74%	7,348,364	
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	10,806	11,508	-6.10%	67,958	68,576	-0.90%	134,414	130,664	2.87%	6,643,524	
Free Vehicles (4)	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%	380,322	
Commute Period Carpool (4)	59,454	65,256	-8.89%	435,182	454,106	-4.17%	837,264	861,058	-2.76%	26,883,238	
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal:	89,982	97,732	-7.93%	622,522	647,316	-3.83%	1,216,760	1,233,608	-1.37%	65,695,506	
<b>TOTAL VEHICLES (5)</b>											
TOTAL REVENUE	3,114,590	3,055,198	1.94%	19,970,904	19,848,418	0.62%	39,074,864	38,909,008	0.43%	1,760,207,089	
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$ 6,781,802	\$ 6,683,251	1.47%	\$ 43,251,398	\$ 43,169,740	0.19%	\$ 59,076,664	\$ 61,800,109	-4.41%	\$ 1,171,110,914	
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$ 218,768	\$ 215,589	1.47%	\$ 235,062	\$ 234,618	0.19%	\$ 161,854	\$ 169,315	-4.41%	\$ 48,878	
AVERAGE DAILY VEHICLES	\$ 2,2422	\$ 2,2598	-0.78%	\$ 2,2354	\$ 2,2483	-0.57%	\$ 1,5605	\$ 1,6403	-4.87%	\$ 0,6911	
	100,471	98,555	1.94%	108,538	107,872	0.62%	107,054	106,600	0.43%	73,464	

(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.

This Month's Traffic Record  
 High: Friday, December 15, 2006 117,386  
 Low: Sunday, December 31, 2006 73,744

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 no rain 20  
 Number of days with rain 11

**All Routes**

**As of December-06**

**Golden Gate Transit Bus Performance Report for December 2006**

	Dec-06	Nov-06	% Chg	Dec-05	% Chg	Marin	Sonoma	SF	M/SF	S/SF	S/M	EB	M/EB	S/EB	SF/EB
Total Patrons:	549,535	589,860	-1.3%	556,563	-1.3%	320,168	5,658	2,982	151,386	35,864	16,692	121	15,991	405	268
Avg /WD	22,577	24,221	0.7%	22,421	0.7%	12,589	192	121	6,701	1,629	668	6	647	17	7
Avg / Sat	10,901	10,815	12.4%	9,697	12.4%	7,715	211	60	1,899	307	372	1	315	4	17
Avg / Sun/Hol	7,260	7,614	-2.1%	7,416	-2.1%	4,976	126	48	1,310	288	252	1	242	10	7

**Passenger Revenue**

Cash	\$540,372
# Tickets	126,143
Ticket \$	\$442,840
Transfers	118,006
Free	9,599
T'Link (memo)	4,357
<b>Translink</b>	
eCash	\$17,046.60
Transfers	122
Passengers	4,485
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$983,211</b>
<b>Audit Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,135,431</b>
Adjustment	115.5%

**Operating Expense**

Expense	\$5,507,412
Audit Expense	\$5,325,307
Adjustment	96.7%
<b>Route Performance</b>	
Riders per Trip	22
Load Factor	51.3%
Riders per Hour	20
Fare Recovery	21.3%
Deficit/Passenger	\$7.62
Cancellation Rate	0.0%

**Bus Service**

	Trips	Hours	Service Hours	DH Hours	Total Hours	Seats	Canx Trips	Serv. Miles	DH Miles	Total Miles
Total	24,445	27,151	3,025	30,176	44	8	416,244	66,824	483,068	
Avg WD	996	1,113	142	1,255	44	7	17,396	3,070	20,466	
Avg Sat	453	477	25	502	44	1	6,597	584	7,181	
Avg Sun/Hol	384	422	21	443	43	0	5,890	434	6,324	

**Data Input Quality**

Substituted Trips	2,281
Substitution %	9.3%

## LARKSPUR FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2005/06 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2005/06 TOTAL	2006/07 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	CUMUL 2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	CUMUL 2006/07	
							CUMUL 2006/07 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	131,467	131,467	156,466	156,466	19 %	19 %	127,531	23 %
AUGUST	144,095	275,562	151,966	308,432	5 %	12 %	267,277	15 %
SEPTEMBER	119,580	395,142	120,908	429,340	1 %	9 %	383,221	12 %
OCTOBER	109,574	504,716	122,423	551,763	12 %	9 %	489,216	13 %
NOVEMBER	103,290	608,006	108,118	659,881	5 %	9 %	548,476	20 %
DECEMBER	105,256	713,262	106,522	766,403	1 %	7 %	650,224	18 %
JANUARY	97,501	810,763					744,476	
FEBRUARY	91,078	901,841					832,518	
MARCH	103,086	1,004,927					972,767	
APRIL	111,603	1,116,530					1,080,966	
MAY	133,589	1,250,119					1,210,587	
JUNE	152,549	1,402,668					1,358,580	

## LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2005/06 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2005/06 TOTAL	2006/07 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	CUMUL 2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	
JULY	79,436	79,436	93,497	93,497	18 %	18 %	
AUGUST	91,987	171,423	95,376	188,873	4 %	10 %	
SEPTEMBER	79,091	250,514	80,215	269,088	1 %	7 %	
OCTOBER	77,204	327,718	88,799	357,887	15 %	9 %	
NOVEMBER	73,720	401,438	79,216	437,103	7 %	9 %	
DECEMBER	74,129	475,567	73,790	510,893	(0) %	7 %	
JANUARY	76,964	552,531					
FEBRUARY	69,807	622,338					
MARCH	81,925	704,263					
APRIL	76,370	780,633					
MAY	84,763	865,396					
JUNE	97,613	963,009					

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## SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2005/06 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2005/06 TOTAL	2006/07 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	CUMUL 2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	CUMUL 2006/07	
							CUMUL 2006/07 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	55,918	55,918	86,142	86,142	54 %	54 %	54,054	59 %
AUGUST	55,384	111,302	61,147	147,289	10 %	32 %	107,593	37 %
SEPTEMBER	45,237	156,539	50,617	197,906	12 %	26 %	151,322	31 %
OCTOBER	39,508	196,047	46,530	244,436	18 %	25 %	189,513	29 %
NOVEMBER	31,062	227,109	32,703	277,139	5 %	22 %	219,540	26 %
DECEMBER	22,218	249,327	28,194	305,333	27 %	22 %	241,017	27 %
JANUARY	22,634	271,961					262,897	
FEBRUARY	26,219	298,180					288,242	
MARCH	28,904	327,084					316,183	
APRIL	35,488	362,572					350,488	
MAY	45,337	407,909					394,314	
JUNE	59,592	467,501					451,920	

## SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2005/06 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2005/06 TOTAL	2006/07 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	CUMUL 2006/07 TO 2005/06 +/-	
JULY	20,627	20,627	36,497	36,497	77 %	77 %	
AUGUST	26,899	47,526	26,943	63,440	0 %	33 %	
SEPTEMBER	17,523	65,049	18,932	82,372	8 %	27 %	
OCTOBER	16,600	81,649	19,402	101,774	17 %	25 %	
NOVEMBER	13,319	94,968	14,739	116,513	11 %	23 %	
DECEMBER	11,199	106,167	12,794	129,307	14 %	22 %	
JANUARY	11,832	117,999					
FEBRUARY	11,816	129,815					
MARCH	13,699	143,514					
APRIL	15,904	159,418					
MAY	18,357	161,871					
JUNE	28,588	188,006					