

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Agenda for Wednesday, February 7, 2007



Convene at 12:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 1:15 p.m.
Embarcadero Room
Pier One, Port of San Francisco

Approval of January 3, 2007, Meeting Summary

1. Committee Issues

- Membership Guideline Review
- Meeting Schedule
- Promotion of FPAC Membership at Sausalito Ferry

2. Service Issues

- NextFerry Signage Status

3. Operational Issues

- Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity
- Fuel Consumption per Mile Report
- Spare the Air Program
- Update on Parking Issues

4. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

- Spaulding Refurbishment Update
- Bicycle-Ferry Coordination Issues: Bicycle Parking Signs in Paid Area, Promoting Bicycling to the Ferry, Marin County Bicycle Route Map

5. Member/Visitor Comments

6. Consideration of Committee Membership

7. Next Meeting: March 7, 2007

- Survey of members to determine if a quorum will be present

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of January 3, 2007
2. Ferry Route Performance Report for December 2006
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal
Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

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Summary of Meeting of Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Embarcadero Room, Port of San Francisco, Pier One

FPAC Members Present: Frances Barbour-Hayden, Frank Johnston, Robert Karfiol, Eric Selvig, Cindy Swift

Staff Present: Helen Haas, Customer Relations Supervisor; Karyn Paulson, Administrative Assistant; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner

Approval of Summary of Meeting of December 6, 2006. The notes were approved with a change to the fifth bullet item in Section 5, "Member/Visitor Comments," to read:

- Ms. Swift mentioned that the LFT ticket booth was opening at 5:20 a.m. but has recently been opening later. Route 97 bus riders don't have time to buy tickets before departure.

1. Committee Issues

- Membership Guidelines

Cindy Swift wants members to be active and attend all meetings unless they notify the District with a reason. She believes FPAC should meet only with a quorum of greater than 50%. Two formal recommendations she made were voted on and passed: (1) If a member misses three meetings without sending notice to the District, he/she will be subject to removal from the Committee, and (2) Members are excused from accumulating missed meetings if they RSVP in advance.

- Meeting Schedule

Members wanted monthly meetings through 2007. Frances Barbour-Hayden proposed asking at the end of each meeting who would attend the next meeting and cancelling it if no quorum is expected. Because of historical poor attendance, it's likely the August and December meetings will be cancelled.

- Consideration of Membership Application

Mr. Kizirian's application for membership was reviewed by the committee. Members decided Mr. Kizirian should be asked to attend the next meeting before acting on his membership.

- Promotion of FPAC Membership at Sausalito Ferry

Marketing is planning an upcoming seat drop to encourage riders of the Sausalito Ferry to apply for FPAC membership.

2. Service Issues

- NextFerry Signage Status has not changed from last month.

3. Operational Issues

- Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity

Ferries reached capacity only three days in December: the 14th, 28th, and 29th. The parking lot continues to fill up by mid-day. Ms. Swift asked if the two electric car-charging spots could be used for general parking, in light of how few electric cars exist. Staff will investigate. Ms. Swift also noted that some employees park their own vehicles in the general lot and asked if the District would prevent this. Staff will follow up.

- Fuel Consumption per Mile Report
Because Mr. Swindler was not at the meeting, no report was provided.

4. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

- Spaulding Refurbishment. No update.
- Bicycle-Ferry Coordination Issues. The bike parking sign for the paid area is available and will be installed within the week. It is a green sign with a white bicycle outline and the word "Parking". Harvey Katz was looking into the possibility of Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) passing out flyers at the LFT about bicycle travel training sessions. MCBC is planning to provide the District with a laminated Marin County Bicycle Trail map to post at LFT. Ms. Barbour-Hayden talked about selling these maps for \$10 at the ferry terminal ticket booth; she will follow up.
- East Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Signal Timing Project. New signal timing began early in December and was revised December 11, and all feedback to District staff has been positive. The project has been completed and allows more vehicles to depart the LFT parking lot at one light, significantly easing congestion after ferries arrive.

5. Member/Visitor Comments

- Ms. Swift wants to know why there is still no ticket agent at LFT at 5:20 a.m. Helen Haas will check into ticket booth staffing.
- Ms. Haas told the group that hundreds of TransLink cards were given to bus commuters and usage has increased rapidly. Far more ferry passengers (up to 1,000 transactions per day) use TransLink than bus riders. AC Transit is having equipment problems and is not testing its TransLink cards yet. GGT bus drivers and ticket agents are still adjusting to the system, so there are occasional human errors.

6. Next Meeting

Next month's FPAC meeting will be February 7th at noon in the same location (Embarcadero Room at Pier One in San Francisco). No one of the members present said he or she would be unable to attend.