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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2008**

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 February 8, 2008, Report of the General Manager.

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2008

Bridge traffic for the month of January increased 2.5% to 2,966,384 vehicles as compared to the previous year's total of 2,893,530 vehicles during the month of January. Average daily traffic reflects an increase from 93,340 in January 2007, to 95,690 in January 2008. The highest traffic day recorded was Thursday, January 17 when 112,726 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2008

Of the 2,966,384 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in January, there were 4 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive & Park Presidio Blvd.)				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB- Hit Barrier	2	2	0	0
RE – Rear Ender	2	4	1	0
TOTAL	4	6	1	0

FERRY STATISTICS – JANUARY 2008

During the month of January, Larkspur ferry service carried 95,269 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 35,275 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 41,542. A total of 942 crossings were scheduled and 936 were completed. Six mid-day crossings were cancelled on January 4, 2008, due to unusually heavy rains and high winds. Averages were:

Daily	3,176
Weekdays	4,283
Sat., Sun., Hol.	591
AM Commute	1,680
PM Commute	1,978

Sausalito ferry service carried 23,004 passengers during the month of January. Morning commute runs carried 4,295 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 8,324. A total of 495 crossings were scheduled and 491 completed. Four mid-day crossings were cancelled on January 4, 2008, due to unusually heavy rains and high winds. Averages were:

Daily	767
Weekdays	788
Sat., Sun., Hol.	717
AM Commute	205
PM Commute	396

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

RETIREMENT OF ANGELO LEONE, SUPERINTENDENT SHOP FACILITIES, BUS DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Superintendent of Shop & Facilities Angelo Leone, Bus Division, after thirty-six years and three months of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. Leone joined the District as a Body and Paint Mechanic on October 26, 1971. He was promoted to Body Shop Leadman in 1974, Body Shop Supervisor in 1980 and to his current position in June 1986. Mr. Leone has received numerous letters from his supervisors thanking him for his consistent work ethic (perfect attendance) and dedication to the District.

In 1987, Mr. Leone was selected as employee of the month for July. In 1991, Mr. Leone was the first recipient of a recognition award from the *Advisory Committee on Services for Persons with Disabilities*, citing his exemplary performance and acknowledging the “countless hours spent redesigning the early wheelchair lifts, upgrading buses to accommodate various types of wheelchairs and providing many innovative solutions to make the buses accessible.” Mr. Leone also received letters from then General Manager, Carney Campion, thanking him for his personal

RETIREMENT OF ANGELO LEONE, SUPERINTENDENT SHOP FACILITIES, BUS DIVISION (continued)

involvement in the opening of the transit center in San Rafael and for the role he played in the 1998 *Carney J. Campion Celebration Banquet*. In 1999, Mr. Leone assembled a crew and installed bicycle racks on over 250 buses within a six week period and more recently, installed bicycle racks on the District's MCI Buses which now allows all Golden Gate Transit buses to carry bicycles.

Over the last five years, Mr. Leone has been the Bus Transit Division's lead person on the Translink Project, collaborating with various stakeholders of the project throughout the Bay Area on the Phase II Translink implementation.

Prior to District service, Mr. Leone worked for Van Ness Oldsmobile as a body and fender mechanic.

Mr. Leone was born and raised in San Francisco and currently resides in Petaluma.

Retirement plans include, boating, water-skiing and working on old cars.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES R. O'DONNELL, CHIEF HOUSE PAINTER, BRIDGE DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Chief House Painter James O'Donnell, Bridge Division, on February 14, 2008, after twenty-nine years and eight months of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. O'Donnell joined the District on June 26, 1978, as a Sign Painter and was promoted to Chief House Painter September 17, 1982. He and his team are responsible for the painting of buildings, road markings, signs, furniture, and offices throughout the District. In addition to his regular duties, Mr. O'Donnell has consistently donated his talent for special events and retirement memorabilia. He created the logo for the Bridge's 50th anniversary, he designed service awards including "The Ring"; certificates for service (i.e., Safe Driver for Bus, Retirement), T-Shirts for the Sister Bridge footrace, the logo for a former Basketball team and the lettering on the Christmas and the "Sumner" buses. Mr. O'Donnell is particularly proud of being the first employee in the "Crafts", non-office, to receive the District's Employee of the Month award in 1985.

Prior to his employment with the District, he was an independent house painter; Northern California District Manager for C.M. Paula Company; sign maker and auto artist. He is a self taught sign painter and as a teenager he "pin-striped" cars. In his spare time Mr. O'Donnell enjoys house boating and fishing at Lake Shasta, attending his grandchildren's activities, re-lettering horse drawn wagons and old Fire Department equipment.

Mr. O'Donnell's retirement plans include, spending more time with his wife, Diane, completing their new home, finishing work on his 1939 Chevy sedan and doing more poster work.

RETIREMENT OF MARY D. REGAN, WORKERS' COMPENSATION SPECIALIST, DISTRICT DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Workers' Compensation Specialist Mary Regan on February 15, 2004, after twenty-four years of dedicated service with the District.

Ms. Regan joined the District on February 1, 1984, as a Clerk Typist II in the Bus Administration Division and was promoted to Secretary on August 23, 1984. She was promoted to Maintenance Purchasing Assistant in the Bus Maintenance Department in April 1989. Ms. Regan was promoted once again on April 9, 1990, to Workers' Compensation Assistant, Bus Division and on April 1, 1993, her position was reclassified to Workers' Compensation Technician, and reclassified again on July 1, 1998, to Workers' Compensation Analyst. On December 6, 2002, Ms. Regan was promoted to her current position of Workers' Compensation Specialist.

Prior to District employment, Ms. Regan was employed with Victoria Station, Inc., as a Purchasing Assistant, Optical Sciences Group, Inc. as a Marketing Secretary and the San Francisco Examiner as Secretary to the General Manager.

Ms. Regan attended College of Marin earning her Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and went on to Chico State, where she earned her degree in Psychology and Business.

Ms. Regan's retirement plans include spending time with family and friends, reading, taking classes at Santa Rosa Junior College and traveling.

RETIREMENT OF NABIL BAKY, BUS MECHANIC, BUS DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Bus Mechanic Nabil Baky on February 2, 2008, after twenty-three years and eleven months of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. Baky joined the District as a Bus Servicer on June 18, 1984, and was promoted to Mechanic Apprentice on August 16, 1993. He successfully completed his Apprenticeship on August 16, 1997. During his tenure with the District, Mr. Baky was honored by his co-workers and chosen Employee of the Month for March 1991 and placed second in the Open Division of the 1989 Northern Regional Bus Rodeo hosted by the District.

Prior to District employment, Mr. Baky worked as Supervisor of Circulation for USA Today, Production Supervisor for Automatic Bar Controls and Transportation Supervisor for US Fulbright Commission.

Mr. Baky was born in Cairo, Egypt, where he attended high school and the Professional Training Center, graduating with a diploma in Metal Work, Machines. He also served a year in the Egyptian Army.

**PRESENTATION OF THIRTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO GREGORY HANSARD,
MARINE SUPERINTENDENT, FERRY DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Marine Superintendent Gregory Hansard celebrated thirty years of service with the District on February 11, 2008.

Mr. Hansard joined the District as a Boat Operator (the position title was later changed to Vessel Master) on February 11, 1978. He was promoted to his current position of Marine Superintendent on December 5, 2005. Other positions held at the District include: Ferry Security Officer and Safety, Security and Training Officer. In 2000, Mr. Hansard left the District for five months to work on the Washington State Ferry.

Prior to District employment, Mr. Hansard worked for the Angel Island Ferry as a Deckhand, Boat Operator, ticket sales and maintenance. Mr. Hansard attended Sonoma State University, taking courses in Physics and Math.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith
General Manager

Attachments

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Summary of Traffic and Toll Revenue

January 2008

REVENUE VEHICLES	MONTH OF: JANUARY			2007 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS ENDING:			TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2008	2007	%	07/08	06/07	%	2008	2007	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,432,055	1,390,129	3.0%	11,121,511	10,963,011	1.4%	19,274,715	18,696,416	3.0%	840,281,516
Auto Trailers (1)			-			-			-	2,028,806
Buses (1)			-			-			-	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	8,878	7,776	14.1%	76,423	72,658	5.1%	121,653	117,321	3.6%	21,430,599
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,593	2,011	-20.7%	11,435	13,834	-17.3%	20,588	24,106	-14.5%	370,602
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,442,526	1,399,916	3.0%	11,209,369	11,049,503	1.4%	19,416,956	18,837,843	3.0%	868,048,061
NON-REVENUE VEHICLES										
Federal (2)	595	682	-12.7%	4,174	4,840	-13.7%	7,412	8,885	-16.5%	12,228,123
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	9,476	9,253	2.4%	64,287	64,786	-0.7%	109,151	112,870	-3.2%	3,792,586
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	3,063	5,799	-47.1%	25,355	39,778	-36.2%	51,955	67,351	-22.8%	3,379,516
Free Vehicles (4)			-			-			-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	27,532	31,115	-11.5%	249,317	248,706	0.2%	422,578	420,000	0.6%	13,895,312
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	40,666	46,849	-13.2%	343,133	358,110	-4.1%	591,096	609,106	-2.9%	33,485,698
NORTHBOUND VEHICLES										
2-Axle Vehicles	1,474,314	1,438,989	2.4%	11,476,079	11,334,955	1.2%	19,886,399	19,329,628	2.8%	880,103,158
Multi-Axle Vehicles	8,878	7,776	14.1%	76,423	72,658	5.1%	121,653	117,321	3.6%	21,430,598
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,483,192	1,446,765	2.5%	11,552,502	11,407,613	1.2%	20,008,052	19,446,949	2.8%	901,533,756
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)	2,966,384	2,893,530	2.5%	23,105,004	22,815,226	1.2%	40,016,104	38,893,898	2.8%	1,803,067,515
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,478,164	\$6,566,347	-1.3%	\$50,328,127	\$49,817,745	1.0%	\$85,481,221	\$84,612,838	1.0%	\$1,263,158,482
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$208,973	\$211,818	-1.3%	\$234,084	\$231,710	1.0%	\$234,195	\$231,816	1.0%	\$48,929
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$4.4908	\$4.6905	-4.2%	\$4.4898	\$4.5086	-0.4%	\$4.4024	\$4.4916	-1.9%	\$1.4552
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	95,690	93,340	2.5%	107,465	106,117	1.2%	109,633	106,559	2.8%	69,843

This Month's Traffic Record	
High:	Thursday, January 17, 2008 112,726
Low:	Sunday, January 6, 2008 64,454
All Time Traffic Record	
High:	Friday, October 27, 1989 162,414
Low:	Thursday, December 9, 1937 3,678
This Month's Weather	
Number of Days with no rain	16
Number of Days with rain	15

- (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		
	2006/07 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	CUMUL 2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	CUMUL 2007/08	
							CUMUL 2007/08 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	156,466	156,466	145,214	145,214	(7) %	(7) %	143,932	1 %
AUGUST	151,966	308,432	150,814	296,028	(1) %	(4) %	297,085	(0) %
SEPTEMBER	120,908	429,340	121,117	417,145	0 %	(3) %	422,384	(1) %
OCTOBER	122,423	551,763	121,612	538,757	(1) %	(2) %	554,276	(3) %
NOVEMBER	108,118	659,881	110,902	649,659	3 %	(2) %	665,086	(2) %
DECEMBER	106,522	766,403	104,285	753,944	(2) %	(2) %	775,934	(3) %
JANUARY	104,670	871,073	95,269	849,213	(9) %	(3) %	887,347	(4) %
FEBRUARY	95,460	966,533					986,537	
MARCH	113,245	1,079,778					1,105,939	
APRIL	126,219	1,205,997					1,222,480	
MAY	134,286	1,340,283					1,350,618	
JUNE	137,479	1,477,762					1,495,000 (revised 8/9/07)	

LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2006/07 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	CUMUL 2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	
JULY	93,497	93,497	89,341	89,341	(4) %	(4) %	
AUGUST	95,376	188,873	97,671	187,012	2 %	(1) %	
SEPTEMBER	80,215	269,088	76,963	263,975	(4) %	(2) %	
OCTOBER	88,799	357,887	90,847	354,822	2 %	(1) %	
NOVEMBER	79,216	437,103	79,934	434,756	1 %	(1) %	
DECEMBER	73,790	510,893	70,157	504,913	(5) %	(1) %	
JANUARY	81,744	592,637	76,817	581,730	(6) %	(2) %	
FEBRUARY	73,634	666,271					
MARCH	82,795	749,066					
APRIL	86,674	835,740					
MAY	88,503	924,243					
JUNE	89,125	1,013,368					

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SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2006/07 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	CUMUL 2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	CUMUL 2007/08	
							CUMUL 2007/08 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	86,142	86,142	62,054	62,054	(28) %	(28) %	70,429	(12) %
AUGUST	61,147	147,289	69,554	131,608	14 %	(11) %	135,120	(3) %
SEPTEMBER	50,617	197,906	57,955	189,563	14 %	(4) %	189,394	0 %
OCTOBER	46,530	244,436	48,655	238,218	5 %	(3) %	239,755	(1) %
NOVEMBER	32,703	277,139	39,786	278,004	22 %	0 %	272,829	2 %
DECEMBER	28,194	305,333	30,340	308,344	8 %	1 %	304,416	1 %
JANUARY	27,483	332,816	23,004	331,348	(16) %	(0) %	333,244	(1) %
FEBRUARY	29,361	362,177					364,713	
MARCH	43,058	405,235					404,099	
APRIL	45,621	450,856					463,279	
MAY	47,124	497,980					514,459	
JUNE	49,193	547,173					560,000	
							(revised 8/9/07)	

SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2006/07 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2006/07 TOTAL	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	CUMUL 2007/08 TO 2006/07 +/-	
JULY	36,497	36,497	24,570	24,570	(33) %	(33) %	
AUGUST	26,943	63,440	29,662	54,232	10 %	(15) %	
SEPTEMBER	18,932	82,372	17,928	72,160	(5) %	(12) %	
OCTOBER	19,402	101,774	19,685	91,845	1 %	(10) %	
NOVEMBER	14,739	116,513	16,656	108,501	13 %	(7) %	
DECEMBER	12,794	129,307	13,543	122,044	6 %	(6) %	
JANUARY	14,209	143,516	12,619	134,663	(11) %	(6) %	
FEBRUARY	12,757	156,273					
MARCH	19,525	175,798					
APRIL	21,697	197,495					
MAY	19,227	216,722					
JUNE	20,806	237,528					

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