



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

17-08

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2008**

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

Honorable Members:

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2008

There were no staff presentations for the month of July to report.

SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS

Below are the 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 August 22, 2008, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
September 9, 2008	Walking with Woods	East Sidewalk	EX	30-50
September 11, 2008	Flagman's Monthly Walk Across the Bridge	East Sidewalk	EX	1
September 12-30, 2008	Walk2Forgive.com	East Sidewalk	EX	1

- The types of permits: EX – Expressive Activity; SE – Special Event

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2008

Bridge traffic for the month of July decreased 1.7% to 3,351,008 vehicles as compared to the previous year's total of 3,410,790 vehicles during the month of July. Average daily traffic reflects a decrease from 110,025 in July 2007, to 108,097 in July 2008. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, July 25, when 116,802 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2008

Of the 3,351,008 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in July, there were 16 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2008 (continued)

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
C - Collision	1	2	1	0
RE – Rear Ender	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	2	5	1	0
APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive & Park Presidio Blvd.)				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	4	4	1	0
RE – Rear Ender	7	16	8	0
O- -Other	3	3	1	0
TOTAL	14	23	10	0

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO WALTER JACKSON, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Walter Jackson will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on September 12, 2008.

Mr. Jackson joined the District as a Bus Operator on September 12, 1988. Prior to District employment, Mr. Jackson was a Bus Operator for AC Transit in Oakland.

Mr. Jackson grew up in Richmond, CA and attended Contra Costa Junior College receiving an AA degree.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO WILFRED MARLIN OWENS, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Wilfred Marlin Owens will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on September 12, 2008.

Mr. Owens joined the District as a Bus Operator on September 12, 1988. During his career with the District, Mr. Owens was selected as the first recipient of the Advisory Committee on Services for Persons with Disabilities. Noting his courtesy and thoughtfulness in boarding two disabled passengers in June 1990, he received the award in the spring of 1991.

Prior to District employment, Mr. Owens was an interstate driver and freight handler for Greyhound Lines, Inc. Mr. Owens was in the Broadcasting industry for a number of years between 1966 and 1977, as an “on air personality” for such stations as KSOL AM and FM, KDIA and for KEMO and KRON TV stations. Mr. Owens stage name for broadcasting is “Willie Popcone” AKA Ben Owens. Mr. Owens was also an engineer for both ABC and NBC.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO WILFRED MARLIN OWENS, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION (continued)

Mr. Owens was born, raised and educated in San Francisco and has a family history rich in transportation. Mr. Owens' father worked for Greyhound for 30 years and both his mother (a conductor) and aunt were among the first five women hired at MUNI. Currently a resident of Solano County, Mr. Owens is married to June D. Owens who holds the distinction of being the second longest sitting Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) president for Central Contra Costa Transit Authority employees, behind ATU Local 1575's Tony Withington. The couple has one daughter, Nicole S.M. Owens, who is a full-time college student.

Mr. Owens is going to study Law in his spare time and is considering returning to Broadcasting after completing his tenure with the District.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO HUGH REID, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Hugh Reid will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on September 12, 2008.

Mr. Reid joined the District as a Bus Operator on September 12, 1988. Prior to District employment, Mr. Reid was a driver for Western Greyhound Lines Company and for Goodwill Industries. Mr. Reid's first job was in what is now known as Zimbabwe, starting off in a gold mine doing sampling and surveying and was an Assistant Assayer when he left. Also in Zambia, he managed the Cargo Department for Zambian Airlines in Lusaka and ran all operations at Kitwe Airport which is on the Congo border. During this time, he was also an Assistant Inspector with the Zambian Police Reserve and gave driving tests for the Zambian Motor Vehicle Department. At the University of Minnesota, he worked as an assistant scientist performing chemical analysis. And, as a senior research technician with Amex in Colorado, Mr. Reid was instrumental in developing two new processes which received U.S. and international patents.

Mr. Reid grew up in Scotland and came to California to work for Kaiser Engineers as an assistant to one of the Vice-Presidents and then worked as a Project Administrator on a Mobil Oil engineering study. He attended the University of Colorado receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

In his free time, Mr. Reid enjoys boating and computers.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO DENNIS HOILIEN, BRIDGE SERVICE SUPERVISOR, BRIDGE DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bridge Service Supervisor Dennis Hoilien will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on September 15, 2008.

Mr. Hoilien joined the District as a Temporary Part-Time Laneworker and on September 15, 1988, became a Permanent Laneworker. On September 13, 1991, he became a Bridge Service Operator and was promoted to his current position on December 26, 1996. The District has received letters from grateful patrons regarding Mr. Hoilien's courteous roadside help.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO DENNIS HOILIEN,
BRIDGE SERVICE SUPERVISOR, BRIDGE DIVISION (continued)**

Prior to District service, Mr. Hoilien was employed by Ray Cortez Painting and Contracting in Novato and DeMello Roofing in San Rafael. He was also employed by the San Rafael Hitch Shop. Mr. Hoilien is a certified Tow Truck Operator for the State of California and for the past 13 years has been working part-time for Bill's Towing Service.

In his free time, Mr. Hoilien enjoys riding his Harley and motor boating.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2008

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Colin McDermott, Safety & Security Coordinator, as the Employee of the Month for September 2008.

Mr. McDermott receives this prestigious award in recognition of going above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to being the cohesive strength in coordinating various emergency schedules and responses, Mr. McDermott gets involved to understand and generate plans that work for everyone in the Ferry Division. Mr. McDermott is sensitive to the needs of his fellow co-workers and is also willing to help out on other projects whenever the need arises. He is also a member of the District's internal Marketing/Ops Committee and contributes to the expansion and improvement of the District's ferry service.

Mr. McDermott joined the District as a Casual Deckhand in 1976, before promoting to his current position in August 1998. It is noted that although Mr. McDermott's title is Safety & Security Coordinator, he is a Vessel Master as well. Prior to joining the District, he was Captain/Company Pilot for Crowley Marine Services in Oakland, and a Captain for Dutra Construction in San Rafael.

Born in San Francisco, Mr. McDermott has been a resident of Patterson, CA, since 1986. He attended Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, CA and later attended California Maritime Academy where he achieved a B.S. degree in Nautical Industrial Technology. In his spare time, Mr. McDermott enjoys camping, hiking, traveling, reading and is involved in youth sports in his community.

Mr. McDermott is grateful for his award, but due to scheduling conflicts, he will be unable to accept his award at the Board meeting of September 12, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith
General Manager

Attachment

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Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
Summary of Traffic and Toll Revenue
 July 2008

REVENUE VEHICLES	MONTH OF:		2008 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE		12 MONTHS ENDING:		JULY		TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2008	JULY	08/09	07/08	2008	2007	%	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,610,630	1,635,741	1,610,630	1,635,741	18,904,122	19,001,770	-1.5%	-0.5%	849,699,868
Auto Trailers (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,028,806
Buses (1)	14,524	10,640	14,524	10,640	132,272	116,564	36.5%	13.4%	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	1,661	1,558	1,661	1,558	19,703	22,581	6.6%	-12.7%	21,497,088
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,626,815	1,647,939	1,626,815	1,647,939	19,056,097	19,140,915	-1.2%	-0.4%	380,428
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal									877,542,728
NON-REVENUE VEHICLES									
Federal (2)	575	608	575	608	7,129	7,978	-5.4%	-10.6%	12,231,686
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	9,308	9,185	9,308	9,185	109,870	109,589	1.3%	0.2%	3,847,354
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	3,022	4,279	3,022	4,279	39,524	65,164	-29.3%	-39.3%	3,397,964
Free Vehicles (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	47,629	43,384	47,629	43,384	432,556	424,781	9.7%	1.8%	14,121,935
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	60,534	57,456	60,534	57,456	589,079	607,512	5.3%	-3.0%	33,789,100
NORTHBOUND VEHICLES									
2-Axle Vehicles	1,652,803	1,694,755	1,652,803	1,694,755	19,502,553	19,631,863	-2.4%	-0.6%	889,824,387
Multi-Axle Vehicles	10,856	10,640	10,856	10,640	163,269	116,564	2.0%	40.0%	21,528,084
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,663,659	1,705,395	1,663,659	1,705,395	19,665,822	19,748,427	-2.4%	-0.4%	911,352,471
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)									
TOTAL REVENUE	3,351,008	3,410,790	3,351,008	3,410,790	39,310,998	39,496,854	-1.7%	-0.4%	1,822,684,299
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$7,361,056	\$7,450,766	\$7,361,056	\$7,450,766	\$85,326,778	\$85,016,422	-1.2%	0.3%	\$1,305,679,844
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$237,453	\$240,347	\$237,453	\$240,347	\$233,133	\$232,922	-1.2%	0.0%	\$50,222
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	\$4,5248	\$4,5213	\$4,5248	\$4,5213	\$4,4777	\$4,4416	0.0%	0.8%	\$1,4879
	108,097	110,025	108,097	110,025	107,407	108,211	-1.7%	-0.7%	70,109

(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.

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