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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

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

Honorable Members:

***JOURNAL OF PROTECTIVE COATINGS AND LININGS* EDITORS CHOICE AWARD
FOR 2008**

Golden Gate Bridge Paint Superintendent Dennis "Rocky" Dellarocca and Senior Civil Engineer Noel Stampfli have been notified that their paper "The Golden Gate Bridge: A History of Maintenance Practice" has been awarded the *Journal of Protective Coatings and Linings* Editors Choice Award for 2008. The paper was published in the *Journal of Protective Coatings and Linings* in January, 2008 and was chosen from a field of over 100 papers reviewed by a panel of industry experts through the Society for Protective Coatings. The award will be presented at the 2009 Paint and Coatings Expo in New Orleans in February.

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008:

For the month of October, District staff made speeches and/or presentations to community groups/interviewers interested in the District. The following presentations were made in the month of October:

PRESENTATION TO:	PRESENTED BY:
APTA Annual Conference	Al Zahradnik
Excellence In Motion Reception and Award Ceremony	Ron Downing
Martin Wachs Distinguished Lecture in Transportation, UC Berkeley; St. Francis Yachtsmen Luncheon	Celia Kupersmith

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 October 24, 2008, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
November 1, 2008	“Moms for Obama”	East Sidewalk	EX	100
November 9, 2008	Bay Area Code Pink	East Sidewalk	EX	150
November 11, 2008	Flagman’s Monthly Walk	East Sidewalk	EX	1

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

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

Bridge traffic for the month of September decreased 3.9% to 3,258,757 vehicles as compared to the previous year’s total of 3,392,028 vehicles during the month of September. Average daily traffic reflects a decrease from 113,068 in September 2007, to 108,625 in September 2008. The highest traffic day recorded was Thursday, September 25, when 114,512 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

Of the 3,258,757 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in September, there were 5 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

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

FERRY STATISTICS – OCTOBER 2008

During the month of October, Larkspur ferry service carried 121,944 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 40,414 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 49,923. A total of 1,015 crossings were scheduled and 1,013 completed. Two crossings were cancelled on October 29th due to a mechanical failure of the *M.V. Mendocino*. Averages were:

Daily	3,934
Weekdays	4,758
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,564
AM Commute	1,757
PM Commute	2,171

Sausalito ferry service carried 49,719 passengers during the month of October. Morning commute runs carried 5,590 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 17,753. A total of 510 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	1,604
Weekdays	1,547
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,768
AM Commute	243
PM Commute	772

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

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2008

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Jovon Coleman, Terminal Assistant, as the Employee of the Month for November 2008.

Mr. Coleman receives this prestigious award in recognition of his excellent customer service skills. Mr. Coleman is a welcomed face to all passengers as he is always welcoming them aboard with a bright and cheerful smile. With the parking constrictions at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal passengers tend to get frustrated and bring their frustrations aboard. Mr. Coleman addresses their concerns in such a way that he quickly turns their attitude around. Fellow co-workers comment that he is a great asset to both the Larkspur and San Francisco Ferry terminals with his positive and cheery attitude.

Mr. Coleman joined the District as a Deckhand on October 29, 1999, promoted to his current position in December 2003. Prior employment before coming to the District, he held the position of Machinist for Todd Shipyard in San Francisco; an Account Executive for KDIA Radio in Oakland; and a Production Coordinator for West Laboratory, Berkeley, California.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2008 (continued)

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mr. Coleman has been a resident of Oakland, CA, since 1945. He attended McClymond High School in Oakland, California and later attended San Francisco State and Lany Colleges earning an AA degree. In his spare time, Mr. Coleman enjoys reading and restoring old cars.

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
 September 2008

REVENUE VEHICLES	MONTH OF:		2008 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE		12 MONTHS ENDING:		SEPTEMBER		TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2008	SEPTEMBER 2007	08/09	07/08	2008	2007	%	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,555,727	1,636,321	4,806,407	4,977,249	18,753,230	19,071,692	-3.4%	-1.6%	852,890,484
Auto Trailers (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,028,806
Buses (1)	11,187	13,081	37,677	36,681	129,384	116,232	2.7%	11.3%	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	1,719	1,633	5,016	4,879	19,737	21,907	2.8%	-9.9%	21,520,241
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,568,633	1,651,035	4,849,100	5,018,809	18,902,351	19,209,831	-3.3%	-1.6%	383,783
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal									880,759,852
NON-REVENUE VEHICLES									
Federal (2)	544	589	1,639	1,880	6,921	7,866	-12.8%	-12.0%	12,232,750
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	9,196	8,958	27,902	27,588	109,798	109,185	1.1%	0.5%	3,865,685
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	2,814	3,585	8,598	11,938	37,441	61,323	-27.9%	-38.9%	3,403,540
Free Vehicles (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	36,729	31,847	129,162	121,457	436,016	423,142	6.3%	3.0%	14,203,468
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	49,283	44,979	167,301	162,863	590,176	601,516	2.7%	-1.8%	33,895,604
NORTHBOUND VEHICLES									
2-Axle Vehicles	1,631,750	1,682,933	4,763,757	5,144,991	19,157,847	19,695,115	-7.4%	-2.7%	892,929,917
Multi-Axle Vehicles	9,091	13,081	28,426	36,681	154,798	116,232	-22.5%	33.1%	21,545,654
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,640,841	1,696,014	4,792,183	5,181,672	19,312,645	19,811,347	-7.5%	-2.5%	914,475,571
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)	3,258,757	3,392,028	9,808,584	10,363,344	38,805,172	39,622,694	-5.3%	-2.0%	1,829,131,027
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,465,479	\$7,382,942	\$23,338,489	\$22,624,753	\$86,130,224	\$85,368,835	3.1%	0.8%	\$1,321,657,277
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$282,183	\$246,098	\$253,679	\$245,921	\$235,328	\$233,887	3.1%	0.6%	\$50,718
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$5.3967	\$4.4717	\$4.8130	\$4.5080	\$4.5566	\$4.4440	6.7%	2.5%	\$1.5006
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	108,625	113,068	106,615	112,645	106,025	108,555	-5.3%	-2.3%	70,192

- (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; Completion 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: Thursday, September 25, 2008 114,512
 Low: Sunday, September 7, 2008 97,082
 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 30
 Number of Days with rain 0

LARKSPUR FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09	
							CUMUL 2008/09 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	145,214	145,214	147,970	147,970	2 %	2 %	143,500	3 %
AUGUST	150,814	296,028	139,060	287,030	(8) %	(3) %	292,500	(2) %
SEPTEMBER	121,117	417,145	122,290	409,320	1 %	(2) %	411,000	(0) %
OCTOBER	121,612	538,757	121,944	531,264	0 %	(1) %	531,400	(0) %
NOVEMBER	110,902	649,659					641,100	
DECEMBER	104,285	753,944					744,300	
JANUARY	95,269	849,213					852,200	
FEBRUARY	90,838	940,051					950,600	
MARCH	108,504	1,048,555					1,067,100	
APRIL	118,826	1,167,381					1,196,600	
MAY	118,266	1,285,647					1,334,200	
JUNE	128,941	1,414,588					1,475,000	

LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	
JULY	89,341	89,341	91,885	91,885	3 %	3 %	
AUGUST	97,671	187,012	86,822	178,707	(11) %	(4) %	
SEPTEMBER	76,963	263,975	85,418	264,125	11 %	0 %	
OCTOBER	90,847	354,822	90,337	354,462	(1) %	(0) %	
NOVEMBER	79,934	434,756					
DECEMBER	70,157	504,913					
JANUARY	76,817	581,730					
FEBRUARY	70,913	652,643					
MARCH	81,451	734,094					
APRIL	81,837	815,931					
MAY	77,650	893,581					
JUNE	83,104	976,685					

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SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09	
							CUMUL 2008/09 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	62,054	62,054	73,923	73,923	19 %	19 %	62,700	18 %
AUGUST	69,554	131,608	84,293	158,216	21 %	20 %	132,900	19 %
SEPTEMBER	57,955	189,563	55,289	213,505	(5) %	13 %	191,500	11 %
OCTOBER	48,655	238,218	49,719	263,224	2 %	10 %	240,600	9 %
NOVEMBER	39,786	278,004					280,800	
DECEMBER	30,340	308,344					311,400	
JANUARY	23,004	331,348					340,600	
FEBRUARY	30,268	361,616					371,700	
MARCH	50,645	412,261					417,400	
APRIL	45,252	457,513					465,800	
MAY	50,178	507,691					515,800	
JUNE	57,564	565,255					568,000	

SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS
	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-
JULY	24,570	24,570	32,366	32,366	32 %	32 %
AUGUST	29,662	54,232	33,031	65,397	11 %	21 %
SEPTEMBER	17,928	72,160	22,964	88,361	28 %	22 %
OCTOBER	19,685	91,845	23,343	111,704	19 %	22 %
NOVEMBER	16,656	108,501				
DECEMBER	13,543	122,044				
JANUARY	12,619	134,663				
FEBRUARY	14,628	149,291				
MARCH	22,993	172,284				
APRIL	20,328	192,612				
MAY	20,737	213,349				
JUNE	24,158	237,507				

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