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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2008**

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

Honorable Members:

PHASE II GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT AWARDED THE NOVA AWARD FOR INNOVATIONS IN BRIDGE RETROFIT TECHNIQUES FOR 2008 BY THE CONSTRUCTION INNOVATION FORUM

On November 11, 2008 Construction Innovation Forum presented the Phase II Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit/South Approach Structures Project with a Nova Award for innovations in bridge retrofit techniques, such as the Fort Point Arch Energy Dissipation Devices, Arch Pin Bearing Uplift System, South Pylon retrofit and “cheese plate” retrofit method of steel gusset plates. The Forum also recognized Thomas Jee, the project's chief design engineer, and the project's design engineers Kuang Lim and Marvin Young, as persons primarily responsible for developing the innovations. Ewa Bauer, Deputy District Engineer and Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project Manager, accepted the award on behalf of the project.

The Construction Innovation Forum is an international nonprofit organization formed in 1987 to recognize innovations in the construction industry that improve quality and efficiency, and reduce the cost of construction. To date, 535 nominations for the Nova Award have been submitted from more than 20 countries, and 72 innovations involving 14 countries have received the prestigious award.

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

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

PRESENTATION TO:	PRESENTED BY:
California Transit Association Fall Conference	Teri Mantony
Petaluma Transit Advisory Committee	Ron Downing
Transportation Security Administration - International Working Group on Land Transport Security	Lisa Locati, Mike Locati, and Kary Witt

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 November 21, 2008, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
December 14, 2008	Bay Area Code Pink	East Sidewalk	EX	150

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

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008

Bridge traffic for the month of October decreased 2.3% to 3,345,328 vehicles as compared to the previous year’s total of 3,427,078 vehicles during the month of October. Average daily traffic reflects a decrease from 110,551 in October 2007, to 107,914 in October 2008. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, October 10, when 113,636 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008

Of the 3,345,328 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in October, there were 6 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

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

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT BUS SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 2008

Attached is the *Golden Gate Transit Bus System Performance Report* for the month of October 2008. The reports provide a breakdown of monthly patronage by county bus services (Attachment 2).

RETIREMENT OF JIMMY CHAN, BUS MECHANIC, BUS DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Bus Mechanic Jimmy Chan on December 30, 2008, after thirty-four years and five months of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. Chan joined the District as a Bus Servicer on August 2, 1974. He was promoted to Apprentice Mechanic on January 21, 1979, advancing to Journey Level Mechanic on January 21, 1979. Mr. Chan received the Bus Transit Employee of the Month Award for December 1983, in recognition of his positive attitude, dependability and ability to work effectively with others.

Prior to District service, Mr. Chan was a driver for Lone Star Industries in San Francisco and for Lockheed Training Center in Sunnyvale.

RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL PARNOW, VAULT SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Vault Supervisor Michael Parnow on December 30, 2008, after thirty-four years and four months of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. Parnow joined the District as Summer Hire in 1974 and then was hired as a Laneworker in September 1974. He was promoted to Vault Officer on June 1, 1977, to Assistant Vault Supervisor on December 16, 1991, and finally to his current position of Vault Supervisor on March 1, 2002.

Mr. Parnow was raised in Fairfax where he started his baseball career first playing Little League. At Marin Catholic High School he played second base where he made All-League during his junior and senior years and was the most valuable player in his senior year. After high school, he attended College of Marin where again he was second baseman and made All-League.

Prior to District service, Mr. Parnow was drafted in 1972 by the Los Angeles Dodgers and played two seasons as a third baseman in the Dodgers' minor league organization. During the off season, he worked as a dispatcher for California State Automobile Association. His professional career in fast-pitch softball began in 1974 with the Marin Wheels. He then played for Guanella Brothers in Santa Rosa from 1976-1993. While playing for Guanella Brothers, he made the All-American team seven times and played on the U.S. National Team three times in Argentina, the Philippines, and in Mexico. In January 1998, Mr. Parnow was named into the National Softball Hall of Fame, the sport's highest honor.

Retirement plans include travel and lots of golf!

RETIREMENT OF KATHLEEN KELLY, PURCHASING OFFICER, DISTRICT DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Purchasing Officer Kathleen Kelly on December 26, 2008 after twenty-four years and four months of dedicated service with the District.

Ms. Kelly joined the District as a Buyer on August 8, 1984, promoted to Senior Buyer on September 29, 1987, and promoted once again to her current position of Purchasing Officer on July 1, 1994. Ms. Kelly was awarded District Employee of the Month for November 1988, and again for May 2008, "for her prompt, courteous and professional manner in dealing with fellow employees and vendors."

Born in the Panama Canal Zone, Ms. Kelly attended schools in Marine City, Michigan. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics from Western Michigan University. In Michigan, Ms. Kelly worked as a volunteer Nutrition Counselor in Kalamazoo and a Claims Representative for The Hartford in Troy. After moving to California, Ms. Kelly worked as a Purchasing Agent for the Internal Revenue Service and then as a Buyer for Charles Schwab, both in San Francisco.

RETIREMENT OF CYNTHIA PETERSEN, PARATRANSIT COORDINATOR, DISTRICT DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Paratransit Coordinator Cynthia Petersen on December 26, 2008, after twenty-one years and four months of dedicated service with the District.

Ms. Petersen joined the District as an Associate Planner on August 10, 1987. On December 28, 1995 she became a Paratransit Coordinator Planner. Prior to District service, Ms. Petersen worked as Planning Technician for the City of San Pablo, Assistant Planner for the City of Pinole, Associate Planner for the City of Petaluma, and Real Estate Coordinator for Victoria Stations Corporate offices in Larkspur.

Ms. Petersen planned, designed, and coordinated the implementation of the District's Americans with Disabilities Act Joint Paratransit Plan with Marin County. She was instrumental in achieving full compliance with the paratransit requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act for the District. Ms. Petersen's efforts resulted in a program accepted by the Federal Transit Administration which is effective, practical, and most importantly supported by the community of disabled persons. Her co-workers speak highly of Ms. Petersen's thoroughness and accuracy. She is staff liaison with the Advisory Committee on Accessibility, was previously liaison with the Bus Passenger Advisory Committee, and has been recognized by those committees for her professionalism in working with them on sensitive issues. Ms. Petersen represents the District at a number of regional transportation coordination meetings held monthly in the Bay Area.

Ms. Petersen was born in Berkeley, California. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Urban Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**RETIREMENT OF CYNTHIA PETERSEN, PARATRANSIT COORDINATOR,
DISTRICT DIVISION (continued)**

Ms. Petersen currently resides in San Rafael and enjoys a large extended family with her husband, Edward Petersen. She enjoys walking, boating, gardening, and taking care of her pets. She plays the flute in the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary Non-Marching Band.

Retirement plans include travel, boating, relaxation and lots of new projects.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2008

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Kurt Tangeman, Laborer, as the Employee of the Month for December 2008.

Mr. Tangeman receives this prestigious award in recognition of his dedication to his job and for his attention to detail for on the job tasks. Mr. Tangeman takes pride in his work and it shows in all his work that supports the surrounding areas complimenting the Golden Gate Bridge. Fellow District employees take notice that, Mr. Tangeman not only helps to keep the grounds in and around the District “litter-free,” but he can be seen welcoming the employees with his warm smile and positive attitude.

Mr. Tangeman joined the District as a Laneworker in March 2000, promoted to his current position in August 2007. Prior to District employment, he held the position of Painter/Bodyman for Locke Brothers, Body and Fender; and for Fiberglass Marine Repair as a Fiberglass Machine Repairman.

Born in Houston, Texas, Mr. Tangeman has been a resident of Fairfax, since 1996. He attended Sir Francis Drake High School and later attended the College of Marin and Indian Valley College. In his spare time, Mr. Tangeman enjoys snow skiing, waterskiing, cycling, and traveling. Of special note, Mr. Tangeman is honored to be recognized as Employee of the Month by his co-workers.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith
General Manager

Attachments

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Summary of Traffic and Toll Revenue

October 2008

REVENUE VEHICLES	MONTH OF: OCTOBER			2008 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS ENDING:			TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2008	2007	%	08/09	07/08	%	2008	2007	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,587,280	1,650,942	-3.8%	6,393,687	6,628,191	-3.5%	18,689,568	19,072,328	-2.0%	854,477,764
Auto Trailers (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,028,806
Buses (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	10,742	11,305	-4.9%	48,419	47,986	0.9%	128,821	116,673	10.4%	21,530,983
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,666	1,722	-3.2%	6,682	6,601	1.2%	19,681	21,627	-9.0%	385,449
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,599,688	1,663,969	-3.8%	6,448,788	6,682,778	-3.5%	18,838,070	19,210,628	-1.9%	882,359,540
NON-REVENUE VEHICLES										
Federal (2)	623	603	3.3%	2,262	2,483	-8.9%	6,941	7,689	-9.7%	12,233,373
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	9,192	9,309	-1.2%	37,094	36,897	0.5%	109,681	109,180	0.4%	3,874,877
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	2,965	3,846	-22.9%	11,563	15,784	-26.7%	36,560	59,154	-38.2%	3,406,505
Free Vehicles (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	38,908	35,812	8.6%	168,070	157,269	6.8%	439,112	423,782	3.6%	14,242,376
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	51,688	49,570	4.2%	218,989	212,433	3.0%	592,294	599,805	-1.2%	33,947,292
NORTHBOUND VEHICLES										
2-Axle Vehicles	1,684,856	1,702,234	-1.0%	6,448,613	6,847,225	-5.8%	19,140,469	19,693,760	-2.8%	894,614,773
Multi-Axle Vehicles	9,096	11,305	-19.5%	37,522	47,986	-21.8%	152,589	116,673	30.7%	21,554,750
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,693,952	1,713,539	-1.1%	6,486,135	6,895,211	-5.9%	19,293,058	19,810,433	-2.6%	916,169,523
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)	3,345,328	3,427,078	-2.3%	13,153,912	13,790,422	-4.6%	38,723,422	39,620,866	-2.2%	1,832,476,355
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,692,229	\$7,373,214	17.8%	\$32,030,718	\$29,997,967	6.7%	\$87,449,239	\$85,363,434	2.4%	\$1,330,349,506
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$280,394	\$237,846	17.8%	\$260,412	\$243,886	6.7%	\$238,932	\$233,872	2.1%	\$50,991
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$5.4337	\$4.4311	22.6%	\$4.9669	\$4.4888	10.6%	\$4.6422	\$4.4436	4.4%	\$1.5077
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	107,914	110,551	-2.3%	106,942	112,117	-4.6%	105,802	108,550	-2.5%	70,237

ATTACHMENT 1

This Month's Traffic Record		
High:	Friday, October 10, 2008	113,636
Low:	Sunday, October 19, 2008	93,200
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		28
Number of Days with rain		3

(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.

