

Agenda Item No. 1c  
For: April 10, 2008

## **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)**

*Agenda for Wednesday, March 5, 2008*



**Convene at 12:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 1:15 p.m.**  
**Bayside Rooms 3 and 4**  
**Pier One, Port of San Francisco**

Approval of Summary of Meeting of February 6, 2008

### **1. Operational Issues**

- Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity
- Parking and Access Update
- Update on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking
- Spring Schedule Changes

### **2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items**

- New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Update
- Ferry Passenger “Social Issues”

### **3. Member/Visitor Comments**

### **4. Committee Business**

### **5. Next Meeting: April 2, 2007**

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

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of February 6, 2008  
2. Ferry Route Performance Report for January 2008  
All Routes  
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal  
Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

# FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

*Notes of Meeting of Wednesday, February 6, 2008*



**Bayside Rooms 3 and 4  
Pier One, Port of San Francisco**

FPAC Members Present: Ken Eichstaedt, RADM Frank Johnston, Robert Karfiol, Melissa Mooney, Eric Selvig, Dwight Steeves  
Staff Present: Rebecca Wessling, Terminal Operations Superintendent; Harvey Katz, Senior Planner  
Guests: Reinhard Ludke; Denise Turner, Port of SF

Approval of Summary of Meeting of January 9, 2008. The summary was approved.

## **1. Operational Issues**

Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity. Mr. Katz provided the customary staff report.

Parking and Access Update. Staff did not provide an update on this topic. Guest Ludke suggested that the District would move ahead with a serious feasibility study of the proposed garage. There was also a brief discussion of possible funding of LFT parking improvements related to a congestion pricing program prepared in San Francisco.

Update on Vessel Repair – Drydocking. The *M.V. Del Norte* will return to Larkspur from drydock on February 10 but will undergo additional repairs there for another week, returning to service February 25. Ferry staff wants to make sure all repairs are completed before the vessel returns to service. It is more efficient to perform these additional repairs in Larkspur rather than in drydock.

The *M.V. Mendocino* is scheduled to be out of service for repairs for approximately 8 weeks starting in March 2008. The *Mendocino's* absence will impact ferry service to weekday night baseball games.

Ferry staff proposed to the committee that the back-up schedule be altered by moving the 7:50 a.m. Larkspur departure to 7:30 or 7:40 so that passengers could arrive in San Francisco before 8:30 a.m. That is, the schedule could be built on maintaining the same arrival rather than departure times. The committee discussed this at length and concluded that advancing this departure at least 10 minutes would be preferred. It was also noted that the back-up schedule would continue in effect after the *Del Norte* returned to service since the *Mendocino* would then be taken out of service.

Mr. Karfiol inquired about coordinating drydocking with other ferry operators. Staff responded that drydock scheduling was arranged between the operator and repair facility.

## **2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items**

New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Procurement. Staff did not provide an update on this topic. Ms. Mooney mentioned a positive item in the press concerning the new ferry's ability to burn bio-diesel as fuel.

Ferry Passenger "Social Issues". Ferry staff is still working on this item. Mr. Eichstaedt reported that placards on the Alameda ferries advise passengers not to spread out their baggage or themselves over many seats, and the signs state the number of people that can be accommodated at each table.

There was a discussion of smoking on the 5:20 p.m. northbound Spaulding trip. Staff does receive complaints about smoking from some passengers. Mr. Steeves observed that the smoking scofflaws are actually quite considerate and make an effort to isolate themselves and their smoke from other passengers and to collect and dispose of their butts rather than throw them in the Bay. All agreed that enforcement of the no-smoking policy is problematic.

## **3. Member/Visitor Comments**

Attendees made the following comments:

- Staff reported that AT&T ballpark special ferry fares were approved to increase from \$7 to \$7.50.
- The 2008 Giants baseball ferry service schedule has not been published yet. Attendees noted the public desire for weekday day-game service. Staff responded that this special service will not be provided in 2008 due to parking constraints.
- RADM Johnston noted that certain window seats in the Spaulding vessels were blocked.
- Members mentioned that some people get hard-copy commuter-checks from their employers and cannot electronically transfer the funds to their TransLink cards. These passengers must make a special effort to add-value to their TransLink cards. The TransLink program is studying this and hopes to provide an electronic commuter-check program before long.
- It was suggested that signs be put on the on-board recycling barrels to discourage passengers from dumping trash in them. Staff stated that Marin Recycling actually removes all recyclables from the general trash, too. However, staff has subsequently learned that the best way to achieve maximum recycling of discarded items on the vessels is to have separate receptacles for recyclables. Therefore staff will work on providing signs for the bins.
- Ms Mooney stated that the northbound Sausalito ferry departing San Francisco at 5:30 p.m. leaves late because of the time it takes for southbound cyclists to leave the vessel. Passengers would like this addressed so that the vessel can leave on time.

## **4. Committee Business**

No committee business was discussed.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at noon in the usual location (Pier One in San Francisco). All members present indicated they would likely attend.