

Agenda Item No. 1c  
For: May 8, 2008

**FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
(FPAC)**

***Agenda for Wednesday, April 2, 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 March 5, 2008

**1. Operational Issues**

- Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity
- Parking and Access Update
- Update on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking, Status of Back-up Bus Service

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

- New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Update
- Availability of Surplus Ferry Vessels in Washington State
- Ferry Passenger “Social Issues”

**3. Member/Visitor Comments**

**4. Committee Business**

- Establishment of FPAC Attendance Standards
- Consideration of R. Ludke for Membership

**5. Next Meeting: May 7, 2007**

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

# FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

*Notes of Meeting of Wednesday, March 5, 2008*



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

FPAC Members Present: RADM Frank Johnston, Robert Karfiol, Melissa Mooney, Eric Selvig, Dwight Steeves, Cindy Swift

Staff Present: Harvey Katz, Senior Planner; Rebecca Wessling, Terminal Operations Superintendent

Approval of Summary of Meeting of February 6, 2008. The summary was approved.

## 1. Operational Issues

Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity. Harvey Katz provided the October and November 2007 reports, noting that overloads were occurring less frequently during the reporting period, probably due to seasonal ridership variation and drydocking of the *M.V. Del Norte*. Cindy Swift reported that the Route 97 bus from LFT to the Financial District has become more crowded during the current week and was carrying standees. This is a 45-foot (high-capacity) coach.

Spring Schedule Changes. The planned permanent change in the weekend schedule was discussed, in particular, how it would be publicized. Rebecca Wessling stated that notices would be given to San Francisco hotel concierges at a “concierge event” on March 10, which would include a ferry ride from San Francisco to Sausalito for concierges of major hotels. The change would also be publicized in the standard manner, including printed schedules and posting on the District website. FPAC discussed whether staff should send an e-blast notification as well. Staff will consider this. It was also noted that the website schedule loses some bold formatting when printed off the website.

Parking and Access Update. Staff reported that plans have been finalized and District has met with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Another meeting between BCDC, the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) and the District engineers is scheduled for March 13. Some minor changes resulted in a reduction of about nine parking spaces. Pedestrian markings and signage have not been finalized.

Update on Vessel Maintenance – Drydocking. The *M.V. Del Norte* returned to service today (March 5). The *M.V. Mendocino* will be out of service for repairs for six to eight weeks starting March 31. During this time, the 7:50 a.m. southbound departure will move up to 7:35 a.m. to arrive in San Francisco at the usual 8:20 a.m. Dwight Steeves inquired about buses being added to southbound departures to accommodate overflow passengers. Ms. Wessling stated that the 7:10 a.m. departure would have a back-up bus and staff would

consider providing one for the 8:20 as well. The *M.S. Marin* is now undergoing some unscheduled repairs and should return to service March 10. The *M.S. Sonoma* will also undergo repairs in the near future.

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

New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Procurement. Staff reported the Request for Proposals would be issued in the summer of 2008, with vessel delivery to take place about January 2010. FPAC members stated that they had not seen any vessel designs or specifications yet. Members also discussed reports of two surplus *Del Norte*-type vessels available in Washington State. They suggested that Golden Gate Ferry or WETA acquire them because they are needed in this region. FPAC requested that staff provide an update on this topic at the April meeting.

Ferry Passenger "Social Issues". There was a brief discussion of this item, including such issues as cigarette smoking and occupying more than one seat, but there was no staff report.

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

- Ms. Swift noticed that the "NextFerry" signs seem to have been turned off, and Ms. Wessling responded that they were, in fact, turned off but will operate once the normal schedule (no drydocking) resumes.
- Members asked about security personnel scanning the terminals with sniffing dogs and were told that this happens from time to time. It is unscheduled and appears to be a training exercise.

## **4. Committee Business**

No committee business was discussed.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at noon in the usual location (Pier One in San Francisco). All members present except one expect to attend.