



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**

[Agenda](#)

Roll Call

Present: Director McGlashan; Director Adams; Director Arnold; Director Heller;  
Director Brown

Absent: Director Albritton; Director Kinsey

Director Adams arrived later.

1. [Open time for public expression, limited to three minutes per speaker, on items not on the Transit district's agenda.](#)

No member of the public spoke at this time.

2. [Approval of minutes for March 17, 2008.](#)

[March 17, 2008, Draft Minutes.](#)

**M/s Director Arnold - Director Heller to approve the minutes of March 17, 2008.**

**Vote: Motion carried 4-0**

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Brown**

**ABSENT: Director Adams, Director Albritton, Director Kinsey**

3. [Board of Directors' Matters.](#)

Director McGlashan thanked the Technical Committee and the Community Committee for their outstanding public service effort regarding interviews of candidates for the position of Marin Transit General Manager.

Director Adams arrived.

4. [Transit Planning Manager's Oral Report.](#)

[February 2008 Monthly Monitoring Report](#)

[Monthly Monitoring 2007-08](#)

Transit Planning Manager Amy Van Doren stated that Marin Transit staff will attend the North Bay Leadership Council's Transportation Summit on Friday, April 25, 2008, in Petaluma. The Monthly Monitoring report showed an 8 percent increase in February 2008 over February 2007, an increase that is explained by rising gas prices, bad weather, and seasonal employment. The March preliminary report showed a 6 percent over March 2007; and Marin Transit will provide the Directors with a new monthly report compiling the information received regarding monitoring of Golden Gate Transit's service. She further stated that the first West Marin Stage vehicle purchased with Federal 5311F funds went into service on Friday, April 18, 2008; and two more vehicles would be coming within the next couple of months. Also, Golden Gate Transit issued requests for proposals for an entire upgrade of their communications system including real-time information system components; and the GGT project manager would be giving the Board a presentation in the future regarding the project timeline and the capabilities of the new system.

Director Adams stated that she was happy that poles at bus stops had new informational signs on them, that members of the public have asked about access to Kaiser in Terra Linda from Route 259, and asked if College of Marin and Dominican College had contacted staff regarding working in partnerships.

5. [Proposed Service and Capital Improvements for Local Bus System.](#)

[Staff Report: Proposed Service and Capital Improvements for Local Bus System](#)

Amy Van Doren reviewed the Proposed Service portion of the staff report and stated that \$1.1 million of the \$1.3 million available through the renegotiated GGT contract would be used for the improvements recommended in the staff report; the remainder would be kept in reserve for additional service improvements to be determined after the next Short-Range Transit Plan is complete. She responded to Directors' comments and questions regarding the Muir Woods Shuttle and a pending agreement with the National Park Service; additional hours added to the Santa Venetia mid-day weekday routes; school route subsidies and promotional free service for schools; possible ways to increase ridership on school routes; ridership patterns; and the Muir Woods shuttle.

Director Brown asked staff to analyze the impact of offering free fares on the supplemental school routes. Amy Van Doren responded that she would bring back an analysis as a separate item at a future meeting.

Director Adams asked about future service from Route 259 to Kaiser Terra Linda. Senior Transportation Planner Lauren Gradia responded that the issue would be revisited in the next Short-Range Transit Plan update; the issue was extensively reviewed in the past; and current schedule limitations prevent additional service to Kaiser.

Director McGlashan stated that funding for the Muir Woods Shuttle is recommended for three years because the long term approach is to have Muir Woods parking fees pay for the entire program.

Director Arnold announced that a Novato Community Workshop would be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Novato Unified School District building.

Amy Van Doren reviewed the Capital Improvements portion of the staff report covering proposed uses of capital funds, emphasizing that these projects would be implemented during the next two years and are outside of recommendations from the Strategic Marketing Plan.

Director Adams stated that she had received word from Senator Boxer's office that they are going to ask for federal legislative amendments that would allow Cap-and-Trade resources to come directly to local agencies, in particular to transit agencies.

Director Arnold asked if there was a Novato Hub transit alternatives report available, and if there would be related public and City Council meetings. Staff responded that they were not ready to issue any reports at this time, and that, although the meeting schedule was still open for discussion, they were planning on separate public and City Council meetings. Director McGlashan confirmed with staff that the Transit District is coordinating with SMART on the analysis of this issue.

**M/s Director Adams - Director Heller Recommended Action: Accept report and set public hearing for May 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. to consider proposed improvements.**

**Vote: Motion carried 5-0**

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Brown**

**ABSENT: Director Albritton, Director Kinsey**

6. [Agreement with Corey, Canapary & Galanis to Conduct Passenger Surveys.](#)

[Staff Report: Agreement with Corey, Canapary & Galanis](#)

Amy Van Doren reviewed the staff report and responded to Directors' questions regarding the scope of the agreement.

**M/s Director Brown - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Authorize President to Execute Agreement.**

**Vote: Motion carried 5-0**

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Brown**

**ABSENT: Director Albritton, Director Kinsey**

7. [Proposed Central and Southern Marin Transit Study.](#)

[Staff Report: Proposed Central and Southern Marin Transit Study](#)

Director McGlashan announced a modification to the recommended action, to authorize the action subject to Golden Gate Transit's authorization of their share of the financing.

Amy Van Doren stated that the proposed Central and Southern Marin Transit Study would dovetail nicely with other activities happening with the agency over the next six to eight months. She reviewed the staff report and responded to Directors' questions on the scope of the study, and issues such as shoulder use on the Hwy 101 Corridor, fees in the ferry parking areas, automated fare ticket dispensers, and streetcar service in Mill Valley and Sausalito.

Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) Planning Manager Eric Schatmeier explained that the intent of the proposed study is to use existing data as much as possible and examine new places and opportunities, thereby taking a comprehensive look at possible improvements to the trunk line service along Highway 101. Regarding fees in the ferry parking areas, he stated that parking charges, revenues, and use of the revenues are Golden Gate Transit issues. He also stated that there is strong interest in additional parking and shuttle service. Regarding streetcar service in Mill Valley and Sausalito, he stated that the limited budget allows, at minimum, a conceptual review of streetcar technology, costs, and feasibility.

**M/s Director Brown - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Authorize staff to participate in proposed study and contribute up to \$25,000 toward project costs subject to Golden Gate Transit's authorization of their portion of the funding.**

**Vote: Motion carried 5-0**

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Brown**

**ABSENT: Director Albritton, Director Kinsey**

8. [Subordination Request Relating to Proposed Bond Issue for the City of Novato Redevelopment Agency.](#)

[Staff Report: Subordination Request Relating to Proposed Bond Issue for the City of Novato Redevelopment Agency](#)

Amy Van Doren clarified that there would be no fiscal impact.

**M/s Director Brown - Director Arnold Recommended Action: Authorize President to Execute Subordination Request.**

**Vote: Motion carried 5-0**

**AYES: Director McGlashan, Director Adams, Director Arnold, Director Heller, Director Brown**

**ABSENT: Director Albritton, Director Kinsey**

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