

**FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
(FPAC)**

Agenda for Wednesday, June 4, 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 May 7, 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
- Ferry Passenger “Social Issues”
- Notification of Public Hearing regarding Proposed Toll Increase (handout)

3. Member/Visitor Comments

4. Committee Business

- Establishment of FPAC Attendance Standards

5. Next Meeting: June 4, 2008

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

- Attachments:
1. Summary from meeting of May 7, 2008
 2. Ferry Route Performance Report for April 2008
 - All Routes
 - Larkspur-AT&T Ballpark
 - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal
 - Larkspur-Sausalito Ferry Terminal
 - Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

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Notes of Meeting of Wednesday, May 7, 2008



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

FPAC Members Present: Ken Eichstaedt, RADM Frank Johnston, Melissa Mooney, Dwight Steeves

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

Guests: Reinhard Ludke, ferry rider; Colman Mullin, ferry rider

Approval of Summary of Meeting of April 2, 2008. Since there was no quorum at the May meeting, FPAC reviewed the April meeting summary without taking action. There were no corrections or comments.

1. Operational Issues

Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity. Harvey Katz provided the customary staff report. FPAC discussed the overload situation and the utilization of a back-up vessel for overloads at 8:20 a.m. FPAC members and staff asked whether the back-up vessel could be better publicized for the benefit of ferry passengers. Staff was concerned that passengers could become reliant on the back-up vessel, which is available only during the drydocking of a high-speed ferry. FPAC would like some kind of formal announcement of the back-up vessel but made in a way not to encourage people to delay their arrival at the ferry terminal.

Parking and Access Update. Staff reported that the LFT parking expansion project would likely go out to bid in mid-June. Ken Eichstaedt suggested that District pursue providing shuttle bus service for commute-time ferries. Members also suggested that ferry staff be aware of the Greenbrae Interchange project and understand any problems or opportunities that it may provide.

Update on Vessel Maintenance – Drydocking – Back-up Bus Service. (See also the above item “Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity”.) Work on the *M.V. Mendocino* is progressing. It will be out of service for repairs until June 15.

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

Route 97. Mr. Katz provided a report on Route 97 bus ridership. Ridership is high, with the trip carrying standees at times. Staff will continue to monitor Route 97 ridership. Staff reported the possibility of providing increased capacity should resources be available.

New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Procurement. Staff reported that the keel of the new vessel must be laid by the end of 2008. It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded in July or August, 2008.

Ferry Passenger “Social Issues”. Mr. Eichstaedt reported that some East Bay-to-San Francisco ferries carry signs specifying how many people are to sit at a table. Similar signs could be mounted on Golden Gate ferries where table seating is provided. This should encourage people not to spread out and take over tables when boats are full.

3. Member/Visitor Comments

- Visitor Mr. Ludke reported that the 5:55 p.m. northbound ferry was at capacity. He also mentioned that passengers are taking a long time to disembark the Sausalito ferry when it arrives in San Francisco.
- Visitor Mr. Mullin proposed that the 511 number open before 7 a.m. and that a recording of any sudden and important schedule changes be available at all hours to callers. He also suggested that signs instructing passengers how to handle bicycles on the Sausalito ferries be translated into European languages common to tourists who rent the bikes and ride the ferries. He also noted that there was no heater on the upper deck of the *M.S. Marin*.
- Dwight Steeves reported that the 7:10 a.m. ferry takes too long to unload in San Francisco. This could become a significant problem in an emergency.

4. Committee Business

Establishment of FPAC Attendance Standards. This item was postponed again because of lack of a committee quorum to take action.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 4, 2008**, at noon in the usual location (Pier One in San Francisco). All members present expect to attend.