

Agenda Item No. 1c
For: November 20, 2008

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Agenda for Wednesday, October 1, 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 September 3, 2008

1. Operational Issues

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

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

- New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Update
- Ferry Passenger “Code of Conduct”

3. Member/Visitor Comments

4. Committee Business

5. Next Meeting: November 5, 2008

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

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of September 3, 2008
2. Ferry Route Performance Report for August 2008
All Routes
Larkspur-AT&T Ballpark
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal
Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Notes of Meeting of Wednesday, September 3, 2008



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

FPAC Members Present: Ken Eichstaedt, RADM Frank Johnston, Colman Mullin, Erik Selvig
Staff Present: Rebecca Wessling, Terminal Operations Superintendent; Harvey Katz, Senior Planner
Guests: (none)

Approval of Summary of Meeting of June 4, 2008. The summary was approved without change. It should be noted that there was a quorum at this meeting, with four attendees out of eight total members.

1. Operational Issues

Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity. According to the customary staff report, overcrowding on the Larkspur AM peak ferries declined in August 2008. This may be attributable to resumption of the normal schedule with the *M.V. Mendocino's* return from drydock, the customary summer vacation commute drop, and the parking construction project, begun August 12, which may be discouraging a few riders. At the request of FPAC, Mr. Katz also distributed ridership data for the Sausalito ferry in August. These data show much higher ridership on southbound PM trips due to heavy use by tourists who rent bicycles for a one-way ride from San Francisco to Sausalito. Mr. Mullin supposed that this tourist ridership will diminish now that the August vacation month is over.

Sausalito Service Improvements. Mr. Mullin suggested that a sign be installed at the Sausalito Ferry Landing to provide directions for cycling back to San Francisco. He explained that some tourists ferry over to Sausalito with their bikes, then miss the last returning trip and must cycle back to the city. Staff noted that this would be the responsibility of the city of Sausalito, which controls the landing.

Parking and Access Update. Construction for parking expansion at Larkspur Ferry Terminal continues. The main paving should be completed by the end of October, with all work (and potential disruption) finished by the end of 2008. There was no news on the proposed parking structure at Larkspur.

Update on Vessel Maintenance – Drydocking – Back-up Bus Service. The *M.V. Mendocino* experienced a minor engine problem, probably due to ingesting some debris, and may be out of service for a few days.

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

New Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Procurement. Staff reported that the process is moving along, and the new vessel should enter service in early 2010.

Ferry Passenger Code of Conduct. It was suggested that Ferry management publish a brief one-page code of passenger conduct to be posted on the vessels and in the terminals.

3. Member/Visitor Comments

- FPAC members were invited to participate in a vessel evacuation exercise on October 22, 2008.
- Members requested more information on the status of the proposed Larkspur parking structure.
- Members inquired about the appearance of print advertising on the vessels. They requested that staff provide information on this.
- Ms. Wessling invited FPAC members to attend and listen to Mr. Swindler's monthly "open house" sessions, which occur the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 4:00 p.m., at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal.

4. Committee Business

No discussion.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 1, 2008**, at noon in the usual location (Pier One in San Francisco). All members present expect to attend.