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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

The Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

DELAY OF SERVICE CHANGE TO ROUTE 101

The March 2009 implementation of new Route 101 limited stop express service between Santa Rosa and San Francisco has been postponed until June. This service was approved by the Board of Directors in December 2008. Delays in the completion of both the northbound and southbound HOV lanes through San Rafael in the Gap Closure project are the reason for the postponement. Staff determined that without these lanes being available, the travel time savings that were anticipated with the new Route 101 service would not be achieved. Latest information from Caltrans indicates that it could be April before the northbound lanes are completed. Staff felt that it was better to wait until the lanes would be completely open before implementing new service. Because the Route 101 service is projected to produce cost savings that would be applied to a reconfiguring of Route 10 within San Francisco and the institution of a new Route 92 weekday commute shuttle along Geary Boulevard, those changes have also been deferred until June. All other commute service changes on Routes 8, 9, 60 and 75 that were approved in December will be implemented as planned on March 8, 2009, because they are not dependent upon completion of the Gap Closure HOV lanes.

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2009

For the month of January, District staff made speeches and/or presentations to community groups/interviewers interested in the District. The following presentations were made in the month of January:

PRESENTATION TO:	PRESENTED BY:
Caltrans Office Chief's Meeting Passenger Vessel Association	Denis Mulligan
Sausalito Rotary	Mary Currie

SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS

Below are the dates, times and sponsoring agencies of special events and expressive activities for which permits have been sought. The following applications were received since last reported to the Board in the January 23, 2009, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
February 8, 2009	Bay Area Code Pink	East Sidewalk	EX	150
February 16, 2009	Amgen Tour of California	Bridge Roadway	SE	

- The types of permits: EX – Expressive Activity; SE – Special Event

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

Bridge traffic for the month of December decreased 2.2% to 3,064,284 vehicles as compared to the previous year’s total of 3,133,578 vehicles during the month of December. Average daily traffic reflects a decrease from 101,083 in December 2007, to 98,848 in December 2008. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, December 12, when 114,180 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2008

Of the 3,064,284 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in December, there were 9 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	2	2	0	0
RE – Rear Ender	3	7	1	0
TOTAL	5	9	1	0
APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive & Park Presidio Blvd.)				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	1	1	0	0
RE – Rear-Ender	2	5	1	0
O – Other	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	4	7	1	0

FERRY STATISTICS – JANUARY 2009

During the month of January, Larkspur ferry service carried 96,843 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 31,766 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 40,633. A total of 920 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	3,228
Weekdays	4,287
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,110
AM Commute	1,588
PM Commute	2,032

Sausalito ferry service carried 31,007 passengers during the month of January. Morning commute runs carried 4,169 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 9,502. A total of 480 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	1,034
Weekdays	942
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,216
AM Commute	208
PM Commute	475

Tables detailing January Larkspur and Sausalito Ferry patronage are attached (Attachments 2-3).

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2009

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Ewa Bauer, Deputy District Engineer, as the Employee of the Month for February 2009.

Ms. Bauer receives this prestigious award in recognition of her extensive knowledge in the Engineering Industry and for her professional attitude. Ms. Bauer's co-workers speak highly of her knowledge for engineering and specific criteria required by the state to maintain a monument such as the Golden Gate Bridge. One fellow co-worker states, "Ewa's wealth of knowledge surpasses many that have worked on the Bridge". Ms. Bauer is very passionate of her duties and takes her job as a project manager very seriously, and works very closely with everyone who supports her.

Ms. Bauer joined the District in her current capacity of Deputy District Engineer in January 1995. Of special note, since 1995 Ms. Bauer's main focus is the management of the \$660 million Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project. Prior to District employment, she worked for the California Department of Transportation and a private consulting engineering company located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2009 (continued)

Born and educated in Poland, and later earning a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Swietokrzyska Polytechnic University graduating Cum Laude, Ms. Bauer resides in San Francisco and is a member of American Society of Civil Engineers. Her association to many technical organizations and affiliations has contributed to the District being awarded for its acclaim in modern day engineering to such a degree, that the District has received numerous prestigious awards such as the award of “Outstanding Civil Engineering Project”, awarded by the American Society of Civil Engineers and “California Preservation Foundation Trustees Award”, awarded by the California Preservation Foundation Trustees

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith
General Manager

Attachments

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	MONTH OF: DECEMBER			2008 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS ENDING: DECEMBER			TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
REVENUE VEHICLES	2008	2007	%	08/09	07/08	%	2008	2007	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,475,183	1,513,215	-2.5%	9,314,340	9,684,295	-3.8%	18,554,117	19,097,864	-2.8%	857,398,417
Auto Trailers (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,028,806
Buses (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	8,120	8,953	-9.3%	65,075	67,545	-3.6%	125,918	120,551	4.4%	21,547,639
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,634	1,622	0.7%	9,811	9,842	-0.3%	19,569	21,006	-6.8%	388,578
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,484,937	1,523,790	-2.5%	9,389,226	9,761,682	-3.8%	18,699,604	19,239,421	-2.8%	885,299,978
NON-REVENUE VEHICLES										
Federal (2)	521	542	-3.8%	3,299	3,579	-7.8%	6,882	7,499	-8.2%	12,234,410
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	8,873	8,777	1.0%	54,149	54,548	-0.7%	109,085	108,665	0.3%	3,891,932
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	2,483	3,057	-18.7%	16,593	22,292	-25.5%	35,082	54,691	-35.8%	3,411,535
Free Vehicles (4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	35,328	30,623	15.3%	233,844	221,785	5.4%	440,370	426,161	3.3%	14,308,150
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	47,205	42,999	9.7%	307,885	302,204	1.8%	591,419	597,016	-0.9%	34,036,188
NORTHBOUND VEHICLES										
2-Axle Vehicles	1,524,022	1,557,836	-2.2%	9,632,036	9,996,341	-3.6%	19,165,105	19,715,886	-2.8%	919,336,164
Multi-Axle Vehicles	8,120	8,953	-9.3%	65,075	67,545	-3.7%	125,918	120,551	4.5%	21,547,638
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,532,142	1,566,789	-2.2%	9,697,111	10,063,886	-3.6%	19,291,023	19,836,437	-2.7%	918,874,899
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)	3,064,284	3,133,578	-2.2%	19,394,222	20,127,772	-3.6%	38,582,046	39,672,874	-2.7%	1,838,211,065
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,030,314	\$6,916,256	16.1%	\$48,030,394	\$43,849,963	9.5%	\$89,596,919	\$85,641,349	4.6%	\$1,346,349,182
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$259,042	\$223,105	16.1%	\$261,035	\$238,315	9.5%	\$244,800	\$234,634	4.3%	\$51,484
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$5.4078	\$4.5389	19.1%	\$5.1155	\$4.4920	13.8%	\$4.7914	\$4.4513	7.6%	\$1.5208
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	98,848	101,083	-2.2%	105,403	109,390	-3.6%	105,415	108,693	-3.0%	70,292

This Month's Traffic Record	High:	December 12, 2008	114,180
	Low:	December 25, 2008	71,810
All Time Traffic Record	High:	October 27, 1989	162,414
	Low:	December 9, 1937	3,678
This Month's Weather	Number of Days with no rain	22	
	Number of Days with rain	9	

(1) Autos with Trailers, 3-Axle Buses, and Trucks are now categorized as Multi-Axle Vehicles; 2-Axle Buses and Trucks are now under 2-Axle Vehicles, as of January 1, 2000.

(2) Army, Navy, and Air Force vehicles and personnel required to use the Golden Gate Bridge are entitled to toll-free passage under Federal law.

(3) Statistics for CHP and District vehicles were not compiled prior to July 7, 1970; Compilation of Golden Gate Transit Buses began January 1, 1992.

(4) Free passage for carpools commenced April 12, 1976. Free vehicles occurred in October of 1989, due to heavy traffic after the Loma-Prieta earthquake.

(5) This figure is DOUBLE the Monthly Total of ALL SOUTHBOUND vehicles to determine an estimate of total Vehicles for BOTH Northbound AND Southbound traffic. The new toll system will enable independent Northbound traffic counts in 2009.

LARKSPUR FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09	
							CUMUL 2008/09 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	145,214	145,214	147,970	147,970	2 %	2 %	143,500	3 %
AUGUST	150,814	296,028	139,060	287,030	(8) %	(3) %	292,500	(2) %
SEPTEMBER	121,117	417,145	122,290	409,320	1 %	(2) %	411,000	(0) %
OCTOBER	121,612	538,757	121,944	531,264	0 %	(1) %	531,400	(0) %
NOVEMBER	110,902	649,659	96,989	628,253	(13) %	(3) %	641,100	(2) %
DECEMBER	104,285	753,944	109,684	737,937	5 %	(2) %	744,300	(1) %
JANUARY	95,269	849,213	96,843	834,780	2 %	(2) %	852,200	(2) %
FEBRUARY	90,838	940,051					950,600	
MARCH	108,504	1,048,555					1,067,100	
APRIL	118,826	1,167,381					1,196,600	
MAY	118,266	1,285,647					1,334,200	
JUNE	128,941	1,414,588					1,475,000	

LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS
	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-
JULY	89,341	89,341	91,885	91,885	3 %	3 %
AUGUST	97,671	187,012	86,822	178,707	(11) %	(4) %
SEPTEMBER	76,963	263,975	85,418	264,125	11 %	0 %
OCTOBER	90,847	354,822	90,337	354,462	(1) %	(0) %
NOVEMBER	79,934	434,756	68,915	423,377	(14) %	(3) %
DECEMBER	70,157	504,913	77,469	500,846	10 %	(1) %
JANUARY	76,817	581,730	72,399	573,245	(6) %	(1) %
FEBRUARY	70,913	652,643				
MARCH	81,451	734,094				
APRIL	81,837	815,931				
MAY	77,650	893,581				
JUNE	83,104	976,685				

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SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09	
							CUMUL 2008/09 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	62,054	62,054	73,923	73,923	19 %	19 %	62,700	18 %
AUGUST	69,554	131,608	84,293	158,216	21 %	20 %	132,900	19 %
SEPTEMBER	57,955	189,563	55,289	213,505	(5) %	13 %	191,500	11 %
OCTOBER	48,655	238,218	49,719	263,224	2 %	10 %	240,600	9 %
NOVEMBER	39,786	278,004	35,887	299,111	(10) %	8 %	280,800	7 %
DECEMBER	30,340	308,344	31,172	330,283	3 %	7 %	311,400	6 %
JANUARY	23,004	331,348	31,007	361,290	35 %	9 %	340,600	6 %
FEBRUARY	30,268	361,616					371,700	
MARCH	50,645	412,261					417,400	
APRIL	45,252	457,513					465,800	
MAY	50,178	507,691					515,800	
JUNE	57,564	565,255					568,000	

SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS
	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-
JULY	24,570	24,570	32,366	32,366	32 %	32 %
AUGUST	29,662	54,232	33,031	65,397	11 %	21 %
SEPTEMBER	17,928	72,160	22,964	88,361	28 %	22 %
OCTOBER	19,685	91,845	23,343	111,704	19 %	22 %
NOVEMBER	16,656	108,501	14,589	126,293	(12) %	16 %
DECEMBER	13,543	122,044	15,792	142,085	17 %	16 %
JANUARY	12,619	134,663	13,671	155,756	8 %	16 %
FEBRUARY	14,628	149,291				
MARCH	22,993	172,284				
APRIL	20,328	192,612				
MAY	20,737	213,349				
JUNE	24,158	237,507				

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