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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF MAY 22, 2009**

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

Honorable Members:

**GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS THE DISTRICT
WITH CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL
REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the District with the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA Certificate has been awarded to the Accounting Department, as it represents the department primarily responsible for producing the document. Specific to the District, however, certain individuals have contributed countless number of hours to complete the comprehensive annual financial report including:

Joseph M. Wire, Auditor-Controller
Bette Joe, Director of Accounting
Stefany Toll, Accounting Supervisor
Joanne Leone, Budget & Program Analyst
Lynne Yu, Capital/Grants Program Analyst
Mary Currie, Public Information Officer

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009

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

PRESENTATION TO:	PRESENTED BY:
American Institute of Architects	Denis Mulligan
California Transit Association Webinar	Steve Miller
IBTTA: Managing in an Era of Changing Economic Times	Denis Mulligan, Kary Witt, Kellee Hopper, & Mary Currie
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors	Denis Mulligan
San Francisco Rotary Club	Denis Mulligan

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 April 24, 2009, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
May 9, 2009	Girl Scout Bridging Event	East Sidewalk	SE	8,001
May 10, 2009	Bay Area Code Pink	East Sidewalk	EX	150
May 30, 2009	Waves to Win Practice Ride	West Sidewalk	SE	70
June 6, 2009	Sonoma County Historical Society Bridge Walk	East Sidewalk	SE	40-70
June 7, 2009	Sikh Peace March	East Sidewalk	EX	1,000

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

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

Bridge traffic for the month of March decreased 4.1% to 3,201,268 vehicles as compared to the previous year’s total of 3,339,680 vehicles during the month of March. Average daily traffic reflects a decrease from 107,732 in March 2008, to 103,267 in March 2009. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, March 27, when 115,214 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009

Of the 3,201,268 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in March, there were 12 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	1	1	0	0
RE – Rear Ender	6	14	4	0
TOTAL	7	15	4	0
APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive & Park Presidio Blvd.)				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	3	3	0	0
RE – Rear-Ender	1	3	0	0
O – Other	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	5	7	0	0

FERRY STATISTICS – APRIL 2009

During the month of April, Larkspur ferry service carried 114,288 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 32,376 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 46,702. A total of 998 crossings were scheduled and completed. Of the 998 crossings completed, 24 were AT&T Park crossings. Averages were:

Daily	3,810
Weekdays	4,686
Sat., Sun., Hol.	1,401
AM Commute	1,472
PM Commute	2,123
AT&T Park from Larkspur Weekday	231
Larkspur from AT&T Park Weekday	302
AT&T Park from Larkspur Sat. Sun. Hol.	447
Larkspur from AT&T Park Sat.Sun.Hol.	480

FERRY STATISTICS – APRIL 2009 (continued)

Sausalito ferry service carried 48,240 passengers during the month of April. Morning commute runs carried 4,705 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 16,400. A total of 492 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	1,608
Weekdays	1,466
Sat., Sun., Hol.	2,000
AM Commute	214
PM Commute	745

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

PRESENTATION OF TEN YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO CELIA G. KUPERSMITH, GENERAL MANAGER, DISTRICT DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Celia G. Kupersmith, General Manager, District Division, celebrated ten years of service with the District on April 8, 2009.

Ms. Kupersmith joined the District as General Manager on April 8, 1999. During her career with the District, Ms. Kupersmith has led efforts to carry out the seismic retrofitting of the Bridge, enhanced the overall security of the Bridge since 9-11, successfully negotiated a contract with Marin Transit District, transformed Golden Gate Ferry services into a 30 minute bay crossing, led the introduction of new technology including FasTrak and TransLink, enhanced the internal business operations by implementing a new executive management team structure and improved the long-term financial stability of the District. Also, Ms. Kupersmith played a key role in securing funding for critical projects including the Seismic Retrofit Project, Suicide Deterrent System study, the Moveable Median Barrier project and continues to pursue funding for future dredging projects, and additional bridge and transit security enhancements.

Prior to District service, Ms. Kupersmith worked for the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Austin, for eight years completing her service as Deputy General Manager of Developmnet. Moving to Reno, Nevada, Ms. Kupersmith was the Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Commission for five years. Ms. Kupersmith received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the Southwest Texas State University and her Master of Urban Planning, majoring in Transportation Planning, at Texas A&M University.

In her free time, Ms. Kupersmith enjoys long road trips, camping throughout California and Nevada, reading science fiction and fantasy books, sea kayaking on mountain lakes, and playing at photography. Ms. Kupersmith and her husband John live in southern Novato with their two five-pound dogs, Max and Ruby, and Meyers parrot, Biscuit.

Due to a previous scheduling conflict in April, the General Manager, Ms. Kupersmith will be presented at the Board of Director's Meeting of Friday, May 22, 2009.

RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH CONDER, BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR, DISTRICT DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Benefits Administrator Betti Conder whom officially retired on April 24, 2009, after twenty-six years and ten months of dedicated service with the District.

Ms. Conder joined the District June 1, 1982, as a Secretary in the Ridesharing department and was promoted to Employee Benefits Technician in August 1984. Her position was reclassified in July 1989, to Employee Benefits Coordinator and reclassified again to Benefits Administrator December 1995, due in part to the increased responsibilities and knowledge requirements for the position.

Ms. Conder has received several letters of acknowledgement from employees and organizations expressing appreciation for her assistance and praise of her ability to make difficult work flow smoothly through the medical bureaucratic system. Ms. Conder established the District Wellness Committee in the mid-1990's, initiated District wide annual health fairs and brought annual flu shots on site for the convenience of employees. Prior to District service, Ms. Conder was employed by Barnabell Associates in San Francisco as a Secretary.

Retirement plans include many outdoor activities; Ms. Conder enjoys hiking, gardening, fishing and taking her granddaughter on outings. She will also continue working as a volunteer counselor with Senior Advocacy Services in Santa Rosa. Retirement will also enable her and her husband to spend more time in the home they own in Peru.

Due to a previous scheduling conflict in April, Ms. Conder will be presented at the Board of Director's Meeting of Friday, May 22, 2009.

PRESENTATION OF THIRTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO FRANK LEDER, JR., BUS MECHANIC, BUS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

We are pleased to announce that Bus Mechanic Frank Leder celebrated thirty-five years of service with the District on February 27, 2009.

Mr. Leder joined the District on February 27, 1974, as a part-time Lane Worker. After his apprentice program in the Bus Maintenance Department he achieved Journey Level Bus Mechanic on May 1, 1979. In March of 1993, Mr. Leder was awarded District Employee of the Month.

Due to an erroneous omission, Mr. Leder was not reported in the General Manager's Report in the month of February. Mr. Leder unfortunately will not be able to attend the Board of Director's Meeting of May 22, 2009, however we do wish to acknowledge his achievement of thirty-five years of service.

**PRESENTATION OF THIRTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO JOHN BEARD,
SUPERVISING VESSEL MASTER, FERRY DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Supervising Vessel Master John Beard celebrated thirty years of service with the District on May 15, 2009.

Mr. Beard joined the District as a Ferry Operator on May 15, 1979, and was promoted to his current position on August 21, 2002. During his career with the District, Mr. Beard was commended by Deputy General Manager, Jim Swindler, for his outstanding performance during an oil spill; Mr. Swindler wrote, "Your efforts and leadership enabled us to maintain uninterrupted service." Mr. Beard has been involved in a number of life-saving efforts on the bay, and served as the M.E.B.A. shop steward for four years.

Prior to District service, Mr. Beard worked as a ferry operator for Mare Island Ferry Company. He also worked as 3rd Mate for Phillips Oil Company in Martinez, for the Army Corps of Engineers, on the Matson ship "KOPAA", and the tanker "Lion of California". Mr. Beard is a 1976 graduate of the California Maritime Academy. He is a certified instructor with the United States Golf Teachers Federation and also teaches Tai Chi.

In his free time, Mr. Beard enjoys spending time with family, playing golf and music.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO RONALD
CRESWELL, BRIDGE OFFICER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Bridge Officer Ronald Creswell celebrated twenty-five years of service with the District on May 3, 2009.

Mr. Creswell joined the District as a Bridge Officer on May 3, 1984. Prior to his employment with the District, Mr. Creswell worked as a Warehouseman for the U.S. Assay Office Bureau of the Mint. Mr. Creswell attended the San Francisco State University, San Francisco, where he earned his BA in Literature.

In his free time, Mr. Creswell enjoys being with his family.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO CALVIN
DEROSHIA, CHIEF BRIDGE PAINTER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Chief Bridge Painter Calvin Deroshia will celebrate twenty-five years of service with the District on May 29, 2009.

Mr. Deroshia joined the District as a Bridge Painter on May 29, 1984. He was promoted to his current position on May 9, 2006.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO CALVIN DEROSHIA, CHIEF BRIDGE PAINTER, BRIDGE DIVISION (continued)

Prior to his employment with the District, Mr. Deroshia was employed from 1974 to 1979 as a Structural Steel Painter for the State of Michigan on the Mackinaw Bridge, and as a Structural Steel Painter for CalTrans from 1979 to 1984.

In his free time, Mr. Deroshia enjoys woodwork, painting and gardening.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO NOLAN MCCOY, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Nolan McCoy will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on May 22, 2009.

Mr. McCoy joined the District as a Bus Operator on May 22, 1989. Prior to District service, Mr. McCoy was employed as a Security Guard for numerous Security Companies including, San Mateo Security, Top Shape Security, International Security and Investigative Services as an investigator. During his career with the District, Mr. McCoy participated in and received an award for the Bus Roadeo and received both five year and ten year safe driving awards.

In his free time, Mr. McCoy enjoys a variety of activities including photography, personal training, antique car shows, collectables (trading cards, jazz and blues records), travel and reading.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO THOMAS TERRITO, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Thomas Territo will celebrate twenty years of service with the District on May 22, 2009.

Mr. Territo joined the District as a Bus Operator on May 22, 1989. Prior to District service, Mr. Territo was employed as a Driver for a number of Tour Companies including; Trans Cal Tours, Lucky Tours International, AM Travel Tours, Franciscan Lines, Plaza Casino Tours and Mark IV Charter Tours, all of San Francisco and Skoff Trucking in Petaluma. Born and raised in Cheektowaga, New York, he was the 2nd eldest of six brothers. Two of his brothers' work for the District, Brother Mario works as an Operating Engineer at the Bridge and brother James retired as a Mechanic in the Bus Division.

In his free time, Mr. Territo enjoys playing bass guitar in which, his passion for music led him, together with other Bus Operator musicians, to form the *Bad Transfer* Band. At home, Mr. Territo is called 'Papa Tom' by his wife Aldrina and her teenagers Miquel, Angelique and Raniel. He enjoys watching them participate in many sports and whenever possible makes his signature breakfast or dinner for his active family.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MAY 2009

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Donna Stepanek, Bus Operator, as the Employee of the Month for May 2009.

Ms. Stepanek receives this prestigious award in recognition of her professionalism and empathetic attitude towards others. Ms. Stepanek's co-workers nominated for her efforts to go above and beyond to perform acts of kindness for fellow co-workers. During the cold fall mornings last year, Ms. Stepanek took it upon herself to start the buses for her co-workers so that the bus would be warm when they arrived to start their morning run. Although Ms. Stepanek faces extreme odds in her battle with Cancer, she always manages to show up to work with a bright smile, and a warm and caring attitude to start the day. Ms. Stepanek's co-workers noted that against all odds, her passion for life gives one hope for tomorrow.

Ms. Stepanek joined the District as a Part-Time Bus Operator in 1986 and promoted to a Full-Time Bus Operator in 1988. Prior to District employment, she worked for as a Part-Time Bus Operator for Marin Airporter in Larkspur, as a Glass Coater for Optical Coating Lab, Inc. in Santa Rosa, and as a Certified Nurses Aid for Gravenstein Convalescent Hospital in Sebastopol, California.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Ms. Stepanek attended High School at the Norte Dame Academy in Omaha. Ms. Stepanek resides in Richmond with her partner Patsy Whala and their two dogs, Willie and Recie. Ms. Stepanek enjoys gardening, biking, walking, visiting the beach with Patsy and their dogs, baking, riding motorcycles, cross word puzzles and watching her niece Katie play soccer and spending time with her family members. Of a special note, Ms. Stepanek feels honored for the Employee of the Month Award and to be nominated by her friends and co-workers that have become her second family while working for the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith
General Manager

Attachments

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