



COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 23, 2009

1. Letter from John C. Diamante, addressed to the Board of Directors, dated October 9, 2009, expressing his concerns toward an all-party solution process for appropriate rebuilding, rehabilitation and improvement of the Doyle Drive Reconstruction Project.
2. Electronic letter from Janice Johnson Kuhl, addressed to the Board of Directors, dated October 13, 2009, expressing her satisfaction with the District for providing safe and reliable ferry service during the severe weather conditions which occurred on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.
3. Electronic letter from Regina Schneider, addressed to Secretary of the District Janet S. Tarantino, dated October 13, 2009, expressing gratitude for the District's response to her previous electronic letter regarding Golden Gate Transit Route 54, and expressing her further concerns regarding said route.
4. Letter from President Albert J. Boro, addressed to Sandra Gordon, dated October 14 2009, expressing his appreciation for Ms. Gordon's service as a member of Advisory Committee on Accessibility.
5. Electronic letter from Dr. Louann Brizendine, addressed to the Presidio Trust and the Board of Directors, dated October 16, 2009, expressing her concerns regarding the traffic calming procedures implemented by the California State Department of Transportation for the Doyle Drive Reconstruction Project, and Public Affairs Director Mary Currie's response dated October 16, 2009.

John C. Diamante

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Please deliver the following page(s) to:

NAME: Office of Janet Tarantino,
Secretary of the District

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FROM: _____

DATE: October 9, 2009 TIME: _____

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Dear (Janet),,

I have no way to get copies to you this morning but would be grateful if you would receive this as submitted in Public Comment.

Thank you,

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL

From: West Coast office, Threshold (Int'l
Ctr for Env Renewal), Inc.
41 Sutter, PMB 1009
City 94104 415.392 3111

To: Directors, GGBH&TD
Regular Meeting of:

October 9, 2009

Public Comment

Toward all-party solution process
for appropriate rebuilding,
rehabilitation and improvement of
the Southern Access System (SAS)—
No Presidio freeway.

Honorable Directors:

I would not be here to announce but to relate as an update
that this movement of engineer and intervenor citizens
is moving toward committee to ensure this outcome regard-
ing the 'Doyle Drive Project.'

Lead agent, the City's TA, reportedly seeks a PPP for half
the funds yet needed, \$600 million. Renewed stewardship
consciousness for national parks has stirred in the Area's
strong PBS-viewing public; the same are, now, immersed in
the story of "Saving the Bay" via KQED and KTEH. The cer-
tified Project's expense and contradictions have spread a
lot of rebooting among parties hitherto decided upon SAS
demolition for park acreage and uses lost to a surface bar-
rier obsolete freeway, wasteful MacArthur Interchange plans
and a new but obsolete Girard Intersection which would up
park traffic. The minds of everyone around since WWII are
on it, plain to see since tree clearance. The stars seem
aligned.

The (committee) focus is roadways appropriate to national
parks (RANP). The feeling seems to be, this is a job for
Caltrans bridge builders rather than highway builders. The
committee would pursue all avenues to assist a process for
a better outcome and might retire when such got under way.
There is agreement that the District should always be first
to know all. Thank you.

Respectfully,

John Diamante

Patsy Whala

From: Jan Tarantino
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 11:25 PM
To: Patsy Whala
Subject: Fw: Thank you for keeping the Spalding ferries in good condition

From: JMJohnson94941@aol.com
To: Jan Tarantino
Sent: Tue Oct 13 19:54:40 2009
Subject: Thank you for keeping the Spalding ferries in good condition

Dear Golden Gate Bridge Board,

On days like today, Tuesday, October 13, I am so thankful that you keep the large Spalding ferries running regularly and in good condition. When the winds are high and the Bay choppy, there is nothing more comforting than knowing those boats will take us safely to and from San Francisco.

Thank you very much!

--Janice Johnson Kuhl
San Rafael
Regular GGT Ferry Commuter

Patsy Whala

From: Jan Tarantino
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 11:26 PM
To: Patsy Whala
Subject: Fw: incident 2009-09-159

From: RSchnei578@aol.com
To: Tony Clark
Cc: Jan Tarantino
Sent: Tue Oct 13 19:10:02 2009
Subject: Re: incident 2009-09-159

Thank you for your comments regarding route 54 service. GGBHTD policy states that a commute trip must average 20 or more transbay patrons for continued operation. Route 54 San Francisco Civic Center service did not meet this criterion, it was therefore canceled. <<<

And thank you for your response. I am ccing this to the Board secretary so she can make certain the board continues to be aware of the situation. I believe this is in reply to my email to you of September 13, 2009?

There are two factors I'm not sure you took into account.

The first is that your survey was done during the summer months when people are on vacation. I think you'll find that most transit systems have something of a drop off during the summer months.

The other is that the ONE evening 54 from Civic Center departed at 4:40 p.m. Most businesses, including the City, State and Federal employees work until 5. There is no way most of them could not change their schedule to leave at 4:30. If that ONE evening civic center 54 ran at 5:10 or even 5:15 I believe you would have increased ridership on that route.

<<<Patrons of the service have the option of taking other route 54/56 services and transferring at the GGB toll plaza.<<<

And, as we did today, standing in the rain (the "shelter" there does not keep out the cold or rain. Of concern about that is the woman with the disability who used to take the ONE civic center 54. Since the schedule change she has been spoken to rudely by one of the morning 54 drivers -- the one who "suggested" she take another bus, as well as neither the 54 nor the 93 driver assists her either boarding or departing from the bus. With the start of the rainy season there is concern for her safety among several of the passengers.

<<<For updated scheduling information please visit 511.org.<<<

A totally useless organization as their voicemail is even worse than Golden Gate Transit's to navigate.

Regina Schneider



October 14, 2009

Sandra Gordon
260 Camino Alto Court
Mill Valley, CA 94941

SUBJECT: ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY

Dear Ms. Gordon:

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District is sorry to lose you as a member of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA). On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your service as a member of ACA.

The Committee benefited greatly from your years of service, including acting as Chairperson. Your observations and support as a Mill Valley representative allowed you to contribute unique insight and information to the group. Remember, you are welcome to attend any future meetings.

Your interest in the District is much appreciated. Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry hope to continue to be able to serve you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert J. Boro".

Albert J. Boro
President, Board of Directors

c: J Tarantino, H Katz and K Paulson

Patsy Whala

From: Jan Tarantino
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 1:04 PM
To: Patsy Whala
Subject: Fw: Objection to presidio closure for traffic

----- Original Message -----

From: Brizendine, Louann <louann.brizendine@ucsf.edu>
To: presidio@presidiotrust.gov <presidio@presidiotrust.gov>; Jan Tarantino
Cc: GGBHTD <goldengate@service.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Fri Oct 16 13:01:39 2009
Subject: Objection to presidio closure for traffic

Dear Presidio Trust and Golden Gate Bridge board members and directors,

As a citizen and community member this so-called traffic-calming plan is a disaster waiting to happen for the years 2009-2011. This, of course, is based on my experience of recent weeks with the closures and diversion in the Presidio Calming Program/study this week; and my read of the up coming situation on the Doyle Drive Reconstruction Plan. The closures are a serious threat to the traffic stability off the GG Bridge of those of us coming in from Marin to the City everyday, and in light of the planned Doyle Drive diversions of the next 3 years may cause serious harm to the community of people using the GG Bridge daily to shop in SF, get to work and use medical services in SF. In my opinion, this is NOT the time to undertake this study/plan as it faces serious backlash. Furthermore, the directors and board members don't seem to be in communication with all agencies concerned, eg GG Bridge, Presidio, CalTrans, etc. (I base this on recent news of the GG Bridge board of directors meeting not being aware of the plan or dates for the Doyle Drive project in July 2009. What is going on here? How are doctors, nurses, students and patients going to get from Marin to UCSF without going through the Presidio if the tunnel to 19th AVE and Doyle Drive are closed?) I would encourage you to table this TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY/PROGRAM until after the Doyle Dr reconstruction is completed, otherwise the community on both sides of the GG Bridge face serious disruptions of their life and livelihoods.

Sincerely,

Louann Brizendine, M.D.

UCSF professor/faculty living in Sausalito.

Thank you for your comment on California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) plans to reconstruct Doyle Drive and concern for traffic congestion and delays. The project is a Caltrans' project, not a Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) project.

The GGBHTD shares your concerns and has expressed them to Caltrans in two recent letters from its Board of Directors which can be viewed on our website at <http://goldengate.org/news/bridge/doyledrive.php>.

Caltrans is obliged to prepare a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to address possible disruptions to traffic during the construction period. This TMP could include a variety of actions to alleviate congestion.

The specific role of alternative public transit services has not yet been defined by Caltrans, but the District is urging them to consider providing for transit options to Doyle Drive during construction. It is very likely that the GGBHTD will publicly discuss the Caltrans TMP proposal at one of its upcoming Board meetings (you can follow the meeting agendas at <http://goldengate.org/board/calendar.php>).

Please check the Caltrans' Doyle Drive Reconstruction Project website on information at www.doyledrive.com and to sign-up for e-mail updates go to <http://www.doyledrive.com/contact>.

I hope this helps. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

/s/Mary Currie, Public Affairs Director

Dated: October 16, 2009