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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2009**

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

Honorable Members:

**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 October 9, 2009, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
October 11, 2009	Marriage Equality Bridge Walk	East Sidewalk	SE	200
October 18, 2009	Seismic Challenge	West-Sidewalk	SE	300
October 22, 2009	Nat'l Fed. Of the Blind of CA	East-Sidewalk	SE	50

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

**BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009**

Bridge traffic for the month of September increased 5.3% to 3,408,674 vehicles as compared to the previous year's total of 3,235,832 vehicles during the month of September. Average daily traffic reflects an increase from 107,861 in September 2008, to 113,622 in September 2009. The highest traffic day recorded was Friday, September 4, 2009 when 125,564 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

**VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009**

Of the 3,408,674 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in September, there were 6 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

<b>GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	1	1	0	0
SS – Side-Swipe	2	4	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009  
 (continued)**

<b>APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive &amp; Park Presidio Blvd.)</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	1	2	1	0
RE – Rear Ender	1	3	1	0
RO – Roll Over	1	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**FERRY STATISTICS – SEPTEMBER 2009**

During the month of September, Larkspur ferry service carried 124,427 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 32,218 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 48,625 passengers. A total of 975 crossings were scheduled and completed; Of the 975 crossings completed, 28 were AT&T Park crossings. Averages were:

Daily	4148
Weekdays	4995
Sat., Sun., Hol.	2169
AM Commute	1534
PM Commute	2315
AT&T Park from Larkspur Weekday	310
Larkspur from AT&T Park Weekday	375
AT&T Park from Larkspur Sat. Sun. Hol.	599
Larkspur from AT&T Park Sat.Sun.Hol.	645

Sausalito ferry service carried 67,851 passengers during the month of September. Morning commute runs carried 4,788 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 18,832. A total of 527 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	2262
Weekdays	1819
Sat., Sun., Hol.	3295
AM Commute	228
PM Commute	897

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

**RETIREMENT OF BYRON Y. K. WONG, VAULT OFFICER, DISTRICT DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Vault Officer Byron Wong on October 31, 2009, after thirty-two years of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. Wong joined the District as a Bridge Officer on October 15, 1977. He was promoted to Vault Officer on July 24, 2000. Prior to District service, Mr. Wong worked as a Shipping Clerk for Tiffany & Co., as a Teller for the Bank of America, and as an Assistant Manager for Pleasant Hills Florist.

**PRESENTATION OF THIRTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO AUGUSTO A. RAMOS, VAULT OFFICER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Vault Officer Augusto Ramos celebrated thirty years of service with the District on October 1, 2009.

Mr. Ramos joined the District as a Bridge Officer on October 1, 1979, and was promoted to his current position as Vault Officer on September 1, 1988. Mr. Ramos received a certificate of appreciation for service as a donor representative in the 1999 United Way Campaign.

Prior to District service, Mr. Ramos was employed as a press machine operator for the Philippine Appliance Corporation in the Philippines, later becoming the supervisor's aide of the press shop. He also served in the United States Navy and became a "shellback" after crossing the Equator in 1968 aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Bennington. Mr. Ramos was employed as a Toll Collector for the Bay Bridge, receiving a letter of commendation from Captain John Sant for his outstanding work performance.

In his free time, Mr. Ramos enjoys yard work, bowling, and playing mahjong solitaire with friends.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO TILMAN R. HANSON, CHIEF BRIDGE PAINTER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Chief Bridge Painter Tilman Hanson celebrated twenty years of service with the District on October 2, 2009.

Mr. Hanson joined the District as a Bridge Painter on October 2, 1989, and was promoted to his current position on June 8, 1998. Prior to District service, Mr. Hanson was employed as a Painter for a number of Bay Area companies including, Blair & Son's Protective Coatings and Jeffco Painting. He also worked for American Coating in Denver Colorado.

In his free time, Mr. Hanson enjoys working on his hot rod, volunteering at Infineon Raceway, and watching Nascar races. He also enjoys spending time with his wife and their kids, and his energetic dog. He truly loves working on projects with his son, going to movies with his youngest daughter, and long distance conversations with his eldest daughter and grandchildren.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO KEVIN L. RADDATZ, ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT, BRIDGE DIVISION**

Previously reported in the General Manager's Report No. 12-09, Board of Directors Meeting of July 24, 2009; due to a previous scheduling conflict in July, Mr. Raddatz will be presented at the Board of Director's Meeting of Friday, October 23, 2009.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER 2009**

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Linh Do, Mechanic for Bus Maintenance, as the Employee of the Month for October 2009.

Mr. Do receives this prestigious award in recognition of his positive and ambitious attitude. Mr. Do is responsible for addressing and repairing any maintenance issues that occur with the Coaches so that they are operationally ready for the evening commute. Mr. Do's co-workers state that he is an employee of exceptional capability and motivation and brings his helpful knowledge to all. Mr. Do is called upon for his quick actions to jump in and get the job done in a timely fashion when time is a factor. His excellent interpersonal skills and customer service attitude are what really make the operation run effectively. Mr. Do is team player goes above and beyond of what is expected to the bus fleet assuring optimum performances!

Mr. Do joined the District in September 2007 as a Bus Mechanic in the Bus Maintenance Department and is currently located at the San Francisco lot facility. Prior to District employment, Mr. Do held a position as Bus Mechanic for Coach America (formerly Grayline) in San Francisco, CA,

Born in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Mr. Do attended Abraham Lincoln High School in San Francisco, CA, and earned a Medium/Heavy Vehicle Repair Certificate at College of Alameda in Alameda, CA. Mr. Do and his Wife Linda were recently married on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and just returned from their honeymoon in Maui. They are currently residents of Richmond, CA since 2003. In his spare time, Mr. Do's hobbies include basketball, working out at the gym and spending quality time going to the movies with his wife Linda.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith  
General Manager

Attachments

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## Summary of Traffic and Toll Revenue

September 2009

REVENUE VEHICLES	MONTH OF: SEPTEMBER			2010 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS ENDING:			TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	2009	2008	%	09/10	08/09	%	2009	2008	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,604,558	1,555,727	3.1%	4,883,509	4,806,407	1.6%	18,417,472	18,753,230	-1.7%	871,307,956
Auto Trailers (1)			-			-			-	2,028,806
Buses (1)			-			-			-	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	12,171	11,187	8.8%	34,623	37,677	-8.1%	118,135	129,384	-8.6%	21,638,376
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,652	1,719	-3.9%	4,858	5,016	-3.1%	19,272	19,737	-2.3%	403,055
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,618,381	1,568,633	3.1%	4,922,990	4,849,100	1.5%	18,554,879	18,902,351	-1.8%	899,314,731
<b>NON-REVENUE VEHICLES</b>										
Federal (2)	549	544	0.9%	1,620	1,639	-1.1%	6,444	6,921	-6.8%	12,239,194
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	7,559	9,196	-17.8%	22,939	27,902	-17.7%	102,689	109,798	-6.4%	3,968,374
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	4,199	2,814	49.2%	12,426	8,598	44.5%	35,925	37,441	-4.0%	3,439,465
Free Vehicles (4)			-			-			-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	37,311	36,729	1.5%	128,338	129,162	-0.6%	438,381	436,016	0.5%	14,641,849
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	49,618	49,283	0.6%	165,323	167,301	-1.1%	583,439	590,176	-1.1%	34,479,043
<b>NORTHBOUND VEHICLES</b>										
2-Axle Vehicles	1,726,029	1,606,729	7.4%	5,162,126	4,978,724	3.6%	19,128,619	19,363,143	-1.2%	912,263,832
Multi-Axle Vehicles	14,646	11,187	30.9%	40,970	37,677	8.7%	124,482	129,384	-3.7%	21,644,722
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,740,675	1,617,916	7.5%	5,203,096	5,016,401	3.7%	19,253,101	19,492,527	-1.2%	933,908,554
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)	3,408,674	3,235,832	5.3%	10,291,409	10,032,802	2.5%	38,391,419	38,985,054	-1.5%	1,867,702,328
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,731,705	\$8,465,479	3.1%	\$26,650,379	\$23,338,489	14.1%	\$100,433,336	\$86,130,224	16.6%	\$1,422,090,613
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$291,057	\$282,183	3.1%	\$289,678	\$253,679	14.1%	\$275,160	\$235,328	16.9%	\$53,818
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$5.3953	\$5.3967	-0.0%	\$5.4135	\$4.8130	12.4%	\$5.4128	\$4.5566	18.7%	\$1.5813
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	113,622	107,861	5.3%	111,863	109,052	2.5%	105,182	106,517	-1.2%	70,682

**This Month's Traffic Record**

High: Friday, September 4, 2009 125,564  
 Low: Sunday, September 13, 2009 92,418

**All Time Traffic Record**

High: Friday, October 27, 1989 162,414  
 Low: Thursday, December 9, 1937 3,678

**This Month's Weather**

Number of Days with no rain 29  
 Number of Days with rain 1

(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) Prior to July 1, 2009, this figure is DOUBLE the Monthly Total of ALL SOUTHBOUND vehicles.

## LARKSPUR FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2009/10 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2009/10 TOTAL	2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	CUMUL 2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	CUMUL 2009/10	
							CUMUL 2009/10 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	147,970	147,970	138,239	138,239	(7) %	(7) %	164798	(16) %
AUGUST	139,060	287,030	136,256	274,495	(2) %	(4) %	334272	(18) %
SEPTEMBER	122,290	409,320	124,427	398,922	2 %	(3) %	459708	(13) %
OCTOBER	121,944	531,264					579783	
NOVEMBER	96,989	628,253					687857	
DECEMBER	109,684	737,937					786223	
JANUARY	96,843	834,780					876150	
FEBRUARY	84,348	919,128					957265	
MARCH	102,951	1,022,079					1055760	
APRIL	114,288	1,136,367					1,168,102	
MAY	111,438	1,247,805					1,284,948	
JUNE	122,595	1,370,400					1,414,300	

## LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2009/10 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2009/10 TOTAL	2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	CUMUL 2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	
JULY	91,885	91,885	86,165	86,165	(6) %	(6) %	
AUGUST	86,822	178,707	82,270	168,435	(5) %	(6) %	
SEPTEMBER	85,418	264,125	80,843	249,278	(5) %	(6) %	
OCTOBER	90,337	354,462					
NOVEMBER	68,915	423,377					
DECEMBER	77,469	500,846					
JANUARY	72,399	573,245					
FEBRUARY	65,525	638,770					
MARCH	78,738	717,508					
APRIL	79,078	796,586					
MAY	70,232	866,818					
JUNE	81,378	948,196					

## SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2009/10 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2009/10 TOTAL	2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	CUMUL 2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	CUMUL 2009/10	
							CUMUL 2009/10 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	73,923	73,923	72,279	72,279	(2) %	(2) %	69,925	3 %
AUGUST	84,293	158,216	81,191	153,470	(4) %	(3) %	149,430	3 %
SEPTEMBER	55,289	213,505	67,851	221,321	23 %	4 %	210,344	5 %
OCTOBER	49,719	263,224					259,464	
NOVEMBER	35,887	299,111					296,768	
DECEMBER	31,172	330,283					325,002	
JANUARY	31,007	361,290					351,143	
FEBRUARY	25,345	386,635					378,518	
MARCH	42,082	428,717					422,829	
APRIL	48,240	476,957					469,099	
MAY	47,377	524,334					520,249	
JUNE	54,301	578,635					576,700	

## SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2009/10 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2009/10 TOTAL	2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	CUMUL 2009/10 TO 2008/09 +/-	
JULY	32,366	32,366	28,944	28,944	(11) %	(11) %	
AUGUST	33,031	65,397	32,226	61,170	(2) %	(6) %	
SEPTEMBER	22,964	88,361	23,620	84,790	3 %	(4) %	
OCTOBER	23,343	111,704					
NOVEMBER	14,589	126,293					
DECEMBER	15,792	142,085					
JANUARY	13,671	155,756					
FEBRUARY	12,578	168,334					
MARCH	21,040	189,374					
APRIL	21,105	210,479					
MAY	18,345	228,824					
JUNE	22,951	251,775					