

## **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)**

***Agenda for Monday, February 9, 2009***

**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 January 12, 2009

### **1. Operational Issues**

- Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity
- Parking and Access Update
- Report on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking

### **2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items**

- Update on Acquisition of Two Used Ferry Vessels
- Ferry Passenger “Code of Conduct”
- TransLink and Elimination of Ferry Discount Ticket Books
- Public Hearing for Special Event Ferry Fare Increase to AT&T Park

### **3. Member/Visitor Comments**

### **4. Committee Business**

### **5. Next Meeting: March 9, 2009**

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

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of January 12, 2009  
2. Ferry Route Performance Reports for December 2008  
All Routes  
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal  
Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

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*Notes of Meeting of Monday, January 12, 2008*

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



FPAC Members Present: Ken Eichstaedt, Colman Mullin, Erik Selvig, Robert Karfiol, Dwight Steeves, Cindy Swift, Frank Johnston

Staff Present: Harvey Katz, Acting Access and Compliance Planner; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner.

Guests: Reinhard Ludke

Approval of Summary of Meeting of November 5, 2008.

### **1. Operational Issues**

Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity. Review of the November, December and beginning of January Larkspur AM peak ferry overloads indicated 15 affected trips, with Wednesday, January 7, registering the highest overload (27).

Parking and Access Update. By the end of January all new parking stalls should be available at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Members reported that the bicycle path upgrades have successfully smoothed out the transition from driveways to curbs. One member commented that lack of signage for the new concrete bridge could result in confusion. Another concern was the need for more clear space around news racks for motorcycle parking. Ken Eichstaedt suggested that some news racks be relocated. The committee learned that flashing crosswalk lights will be installed soon for pedestrians crossing the exit road within the terminal. Harvey Katz reported that the eastbound bus shelter on Drake will be relocated soon to allow for a clearer path of travel. A member also reported that the signal timing along East Sir Francis Drake Blvd. seems to provide less time for drivers to exit the ferry parking lot.

Report on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking. The *M.S. San Francisco* and *M.S. Sonoma* drydocking is nearing completion. One vessel has already been completed and the other will be finished soon.

### **2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items**

Update on Acquisition of Two Used Ferry Vessels. Ferry staff anticipates the first ferry from the State of Washington will be purchased January 15<sup>th</sup>. The second will be purchased by March. Cindy Swift was curious whether the vessels contained outdoor seating and requested interior photographs.

Ferry Passenger Code of Conduct. Josh Widmann reported on the current marketing campaign strategy to explain the District code of conduct. The campaign is based on one in Miami that reminds passengers to be clean, respectful and courteous. Guest Reinhard Ludke asked where the designated cell phone area was located. Committee members also asked

about the impetus for the code of conduct. Mr. Eichstaedt was interested in hearing public comments Jim Swindler receives at his monthly meet-and-greets.

TransLink and Elimination of Ferry Discount Ticket Books. Staff reported that use of TransLink cards is now the official method to receive a discounted ferry fare. Tickets from the old ticket books will be accepted through March 31, 2009. Passengers utilizing TransLink cards to transfer free from ferries to Muni were encouraged to carry the paper transfers as backup payment until Muni's TransLink system is fully functional. Committee members asked if bus ticket books will be honored on buses until March 31<sup>st</sup> as well. Staff reported that there are additional CID card reader devices at the ferry terminals to expedite the boarding process in the waiting area. Ferry terminal staff will still have to manually count passengers. Committee members pointed out that if a TransLink card needs refilling with a credit card, processing takes 24 hours of before the value is added.

Update on Proposed Bus Service Changes. Harvey Katz reported that the bus service changes described in the November FPAC meeting have been approved; however, delays in opening the carpool lanes on U.S. 101 have caused Route 101 service to be postponed to June 2009. The new Route 101 will serve all Route 80 Sonoma County and Novato stops, then stop at the San Rafael Transit Center and the Spencer bus pad only in Marin County before continuing to San Francisco.

Update on SMART Right-of-Way for Ferry Parking. The overflow parking area in the SMART right-of-way across the street from LFT will be available through at least summer, given the current pace of project construction. The committee asked about the status of ferry feeder buses and was told that the Golden Gate Bridge District had been turned down by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for funding this year. The committee also requested an update on the Larkspur ferry parking structure proposal and was told that no timeline has yet been set for an RFP.

### **3. Member/Visitor Comments**

Members requested information on Ferry WiFi and will receive an update in February. Members also expressed interest in whether any new ferry routes were being considered, specifically from Hamilton Air Force Base. Staff reported that no plans were under discussion for Hamilton ferry service.

### **4. Committee Business**

Members of the FPAC committee approved the 2009 FPAC Meeting Schedule and Roster.

### **5. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be **February 9, 2009**, 12 noon in Bayside Rooms 3 and 4, Pier One, Port of San Francisco.