

Agenda Item No. 1.c.
For: October 8, 2009

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Agenda for Monday, September 14, 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 June 8, 2009

1. Operational Issues

- Sausalito Bicycle Tourist Update
- \$3.2 million ARRA Sausalito Float Funding Award
- Del Norte Rehabilitation Rebid
- Ban on Electric Bicycles on Ferries
- Code of Conduct Update
- Approval of Sole Source Contract for *M.V. Napa* and *M.V. Chinook* Diesel Engine and Drive Train Installation

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

- Recap of Labor Day Weekend Expanded Service
- Larkspur Ferry Terminal Parking Garage Update
- Toll Plaza Construction Update
- Doyle Drive Replacement Update

3. Member/Visitor Comments

4. Committee Business

- New Member Recruitment

5. Next Meeting: October 19, 2009 (third Monday)

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

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of June 8, 2009
2. Ferry Route Performance Reports for May & June 2009
All Routes
Special Events (June only)
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-AT&T Park
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal
Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

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Notes of Meeting of Monday, June 8, 2009

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

FPAC Members Present: Chas Blackford, Ken Eichstaedt, Robert Karfiol, Colman Mullin, Richard Smith, Dwight Steeves, Karen Taylor

Staff Present: Jim Swindler, Deputy General Manager, Ferry Division; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner

Guests: David Hoffman, Marin County Bicycle Coalition; Denise Turner, Port of San Francisco.

Approval of Summary of Meeting of May 11, 2009. The minutes were approved as written.

1. Operational Issues

Parking and Access Update. Josh Widmann reported that the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)-mandated improvements to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal perimeter were completed. David Hoffman told the committee that MCBC was satisfied with the recently upgraded bike path. Jim Swindler explained that elimination of some trees to create a wetlands viewing area has exposed the Greenbrae Boardwalk neighborhood to vehicle headlights during evening hours. Richard Smith asked if a parking lot management plan existed to file vehicles into specific stalls in the morning. Mr. Swindler said there is no plan. Karen Taylor asked about the history of the perimeter bike path and was brought up to date by Mr. Swindler. Ms. Taylor also requested clarification on whether bicycles are allowed to travel through the parking lot to access the boarding area. Mr. Hoffman explained that cyclists have the right to use the lot according to the California Vehicle Code, but safe use of the lot is the responsibility of the cyclists.

Report on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking. Mr. Swindler reported that the *M.V. Del Norte* has returned to service after being out for a temporary engine problem. He said the *M.V. Napa* will receive a bike rack in the rear of the vessel as well as washroom upgrades. Mr. Swindler announced the *Del Norte* is scheduled to go out for engine upgrade in July. Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Swindler what caused the failure of her morning vessel prior to FPAC, and he explained that the generators failed so the *Del Norte* had to operate on battery backup while returning to dock. Mr. Swindler reported that the Spaulding vessels will undergo refurbishment in the next two years, and gangway upgrades will be made to conform to standard main deck boarding (the lower main level).

Recap of Free May Weekend Larkspur Rides for Bicyclists. Mr. Widmann reported that 521 bicyclists took advantage of complimentary Larkspur ferry weekend trips in the month of May.

Upcoming Special Ferry Services. Mr. Widmann reported that there will be an extra morning Larkspur ferry trip to the Pride Parade on June 28. On July 18, the Kenny Chesney

concert in AT&T Park will be directly served by one afternoon ferry trip and one post-concert ferry trip.

Labor Day Weekend Expanded Service. Mr. Widmann discussed the upcoming Bay Bridge closure on Labor Day weekend and the resulting additional ferry trips that will be provided on September 5, 6 and 7. A schedule is under development, primarily for Sausalito ferry service.

Presentation by Jim Swindler on Sausalito Ferry Bicycle Tourists. Mr. Swindler reported recent developments in the attempt to remedy the overcrowding issues on Sausalito ferries due to the steady increase in tourists utilizing bicycles. He described the overcrowding as a coordination problem – too many tourists wishing to utilize the same Sausalito trips back to San Francisco at the same time. From discussions with the primary bicycle rental company in San Francisco, Blazing Saddles, Mr. Swindler reported one potential solution, which would utilize a bicycle coordinator to take reservations for Sausalito-to-San Francisco ferry trips. Mr. Swindler discussed recent scheduling changes intended to prevent a slowdown on the 5:20 p.m. trip from San Francisco to Larkspur, which uses a vessel recently arriving from Sausalito.

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

TransLink. The question of whether a patron is given their Muni transfer credit when boarding Muni or when boarding the ferry was revisited by Mr. Widmann. He explained that a round-trip Muni credit is issued after tagging on the ferry. The round trip is valid for 24 hours. Unfortunately the current TransLink programming does not allow for a reverse commuter to receive a free Muni transfer to ferry unless they have ridden the ferry in the prior 24 hours. Those commuters utilizing the Route 97 bus also do not receive the transfer credit in the afternoon. Modifications to this transfer policy are under consideration.

Bus Route 101 Launch/June Schedule Changes. The upcoming bus service changes were described. Route 92 will replace weekday peak hour Route 10 service on Geary Boulevard. Instead, Route 10 will travel along Lombard Street and Van Ness Avenue. Route 10 service will extend to serve Strawberry Village and the Manzanita stop. Route 101 will replace midday weekday Route 80 between Santa Rosa and San Francisco with limited-stop express service through Marin County. Routes 70 and 80 will continue to operate after 8:00 p.m. on weekdays to serve Sausalito.

3. Member/Visitor Comments

Ken Eichstaedt suggested more communication with the general public about which vessels will be going out of service for rehabilitation in the future. Colman Mullin was interested in more information at terminals, specifically about cancelled ferry trips prior to scheduled departure time. Ms. Taylor suggested that the ferry captain be given the ability to send cancellation information to patrons utilizing a message-updating service on the website and via text messages, especially in early morning hours when District Customer Service staff are unavailable.

4. Committee Business

FPAC Meeting Quorum Policy. Mr. Widmann reminded the new committee members that a quorum is met with half of the members in attendance. He also discussed the meeting

attendance policy, noting that policy prohibits missing more than two meetings in a row and five meetings in a calendar year.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Monday, September 14~~July 13~~, 2009**, 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in Bayside Rooms 3 and 4, Pier One, Port of San Francisco.