

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

***Agenda for Monday, October 19, 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 September 14, 2009

### **1. Operational Issues**

- Report of Larkspur A.M. Peak Passengers Left Behind
- *M.V. Del Norte* Repower Project
- Code of Conduct Update
- Report of *M.V. Napa* and *M.V. Chinook* Refurbishment/Repower Project
- Status Report on New Gangways and Pier Engineering Effort

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

- Toll Plaza Construction Update
- Discussion of Sausalito Ferry 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Potential Celebration
- Input on Transit Guide Redesign
- Concession RFP Criteria Discussion
- Modification of Muni Fare Agreement
- Special Thanks to Karen Taylor for Red and White Fleet PUC Hearing Contributions

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

### **4. Committee Business**

- New Member Recruitment
- Membership Guidelines

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

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

- Attachments:
1. Summary from meeting of September 14, 2009
  2. Ferry Route Performance Reports for July and August 2009
    - All Routes
    - Special Events
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-AT&T Park
    - Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

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## *REVISED NOTES OF Meeting of Monday, September 14, 2009*



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

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

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

Guests: Denise Turner, Port of San Francisco; Bill Peterson, Prospective FPAC Member

Approval of Summary of Meeting of June 8, 2009. The minutes were approved as written.

#### **1. Operational Issues**

Sausalito Bicycle Tourist Update. Joshua Widmann reported that the bicycle coordinator in Sausalito successfully redistributed bicyclists during the peak p.m. commute period. Delays were prevented on the 4:45 p.m. vessel (which is interlined with the 5:25 "slow boat" to Larkspur after arriving in San Francisco) because of the addition of an unpublished backup 4:00 p.m. boat. Bicycle rental companies are, however, made aware of the backup trip. Mr. Swindler also reported that the bicycle rental companies funded the bicycle coordinator position. Colman Mullin pointed out that August 2009 ridership appeared to be down from August 2008.

\$3.2 million ARRA Sausalito Float Funding Award. Mr. Widmann reported that in September an engineering contract will be awarded to one of the six proponents for design of a new ferry float. Mr. Swindler explained that the goal will be to upgrade all facilities (Larkspur, San Francisco and Sausalito) to accommodate main deck loading instead of upper deck, as is now the case in Larkspur and San Francisco. The Sausalito float will be upgraded first as grant funds have been secured to specifically address this facility. One of the desired features is to provide separate boarding for bicycles and pedestrians. In response to Karen Taylor's request for the timeline of the float upgrade project, Mr. Swindler reported that the Sausalito upgrades will likely take at least two years.

Del Norte Rehabilitation Rebid. The Ferry Division will be accepting bid proposals until September 15 for the *M.V. Del Norte* Repower project. Mr. Swindler reported that irregularities in the bid process required a rebidding effort. Each of the three proponents submitted bids that contained irregularities that could not be waived. Mr. Swindler expected the rebid would result in three bids. This contract is for shipyard work necessary to install new engines, refurbish and re-rat the reduction gears, install new generators, install refurbished water jets and perform other related work. Mr. Swindler reported that the Ferry Division will waive up to \$100,000 of the delivery costs for non-Bay Area vendors. The *Del Norte* is expected to be completed and back by April 1, 2010.

Ban on Electric Bicycles on Ferries. Since June, electric bicycles have been banned aboard Sausalito vessels due to weight concerns. Mr. Swindler reported that there are no restrictions aboard Larkspur vessels.

Code of Conduct Update. The committee was briefed on the status of the ferry Code of Conduct. If approved by the Board in October, posters explaining the Golden Gate Ferry Rules of Conduct will likely appear on board vessels. Dwight Steeves suggested that vessel monitors display District rules. Mr. Swindler confirmed that video displays are likely aboard the new vessels. Mr. Mullin suggested the monitors be sound-free. Robert Karfiol asked Mr. Swindler how the policies would be enforced. Mr. Swindler replied that he will work with the deckhands to distribute business card-sized handouts to violators, indicating the specific ordinance in violation.

Approval of Sole-Source Contract for M.V. Napa and M.V. Chinook to procure Diesel Engines. Mr. Swindler reported that the Board authorized award of this contract to Valley Power Systems North in late July.

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

Recap of Labor Day Weekend Expanded Service. During Labor Day weekend, when the Bay Bridge was closed for construction, both Larkspur and Sausalito ferry schedules were expanded to facilitate travel to the Sausalito Arts Festival and Marin connections to the East Bay. Sausalito service was effectively doubled, which helped avoid trip overloads.

Larkspur Ferry Terminal Parking Garage Update. Plans for a new Larkspur Ferry Terminal garage have been on the back burner, but Mr. Swindler reported the project may soon return to the forefront, depending on traffic concerns relating to the Doyle Drive project. The District is also investigating the possibility of utilizing the funding for other ferry projects.

Toll Plaza Construction Update. From 9 p.m. Friday, September 18, to 5:30 a.m. Monday, September 21, the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza undercrossing will be closed. In addition, from 8 p.m. October 24 to 2 p.m. October 26, the southeast visitor area parking lot on/off-ramps will be closed.

Doyle Drive Replacement Update. In preparation for Doyle Drive reconstruction, ramps will be closed to southbound Highway 1 from Doyle Drive during the weekend mornings of September 19-20 and September 26-27 to allow for tree cutting.

Red and White Fleet Update. Mr. Swindler informed the committee that there will be a California Public Utilities Commission public hearing September 15 regarding the attempt by Red and White Fleet to provide service to Sausalito. He invited committee members to attend the meeting to express support of the District's position opposing the Red and White Fleet's proposal.

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

Mr. Mullin asked about any upcoming concession RFP changes, and Mr. Swindler reported that bids are being solicited. Mr. Swindler suggested discussing concession improvement ideas in the October FPAC meeting.

**4. Committee Business**

The committee was informed that member recruitment was underway.

Mr. Widmann reported that there has been District discussion about coordinating the schedules and requirements of the three District advisory committees. FPAC members supported updating the 1998 guidelines, which detail geographical residence requirements, meeting frequencies, and committee chairpersons. These requirements and guidelines will be discussed at the October meeting.

**5. Next Meeting: October 19, 2009**

Members indicated a quorum will be present in October.