

Agenda Item No. 1.c.
For: April 9, 2009

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Agenda for Monday, March 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 February 9, 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

- Golden Gate Ferry Vessel Refurbishment Receives \$9.4 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Ferry Passenger “Code of Conduct”
- TransLink and Elimination of Ferry Discount Ticket Books
- Discussion of Fall 2008 Ferry Survey Focus Group Data

3. Member/Visitor Comments

4. Committee Business

5. Next Meeting: April 13, 2009

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

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of February 9, 2009
2. Ferry Route Performance Reports for January 2009
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, February 9, 2008

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

FPAC Members Present: Ken Eichstaedt, Erik Selvig, Robert Karfiol, Dwight Steeves, Melissa Mooney
Staff Present: Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Rebecca Wessling, Terminal Operations Superintendent
Guests: Denise Turner, Port of SF

Approval of Summary of Meeting of January 12, 2008.

1. Operational Issues

Larkspur AM Peak Ferries at Capacity. Josh Widmann presented the staff report on overcrowding on the Larkspur AM peak ferries during January. Ferry patrons in January experienced overloads on 11 trips, with Wednesday, January 15, registering the highest overload of 20 passengers unable to board.

Parking and Access Update. Mr. Widmann briefed the committee on the Larkspur Ferry Terminal parking lot crosswalk flashing ground lights, which will be operational in upcoming weeks. District is working on a pamphlet to explain the new circulation and parking changes at the Larkspur lot to pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. The committee expressed interest in reviewing these draft materials.

Rebecca Wessling indicated that the viewing area adjacent to Berth 1 is nearing completion. Non-approved park-and-ride vehicles in the lots adjacent to E. Sir Francis Drake Blvd. are still being monitored by ferry staff, and signage may be installed if the problem persists. Ms. Wessling informed the committee that Ferry is seeking an additional half dozen motorcycle parking spots. Ken Eichstaedt suggested making room on the sidewalk by removing bicycle racks but was informed that the BCDC does not permit motorcycle parking on pedestrian paths. Ms. Wessling informed the committee that one older landing dock was under consideration for motorcycle parking, but the slope may pose a problem. Mr. Widmann announced that work may begin on an Environmental Impact Report for a parking garage at LFT in a few months. Mr. Eichstaedt was curious if ferry feeder bus service would be considered and was told that an application for grant money was turned down by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Report on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking. Mr. Widmann announced that the *M.S. San Francisco* will be back in service near the end of February. The *M.V. Del Norte* will be going out of service for refurbishment at the end of April and will be replaced by one of the newly acquired Washington State vessels. This replacement is expected to last until September 2009, when the Washington State vessel will be taken out of service for improvements. The committee asked whether the Ferry Division would be affixing a District logo to the vessel, but no plans have been made.

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

Update on Acquisition of Two Used Ferry Vessels. Mr. Widmann informed FPAC that the District did not know the date the second Washington State vessel would arrive in the Bay Area, but said it would not be before 2010. No name has been chosen for the ferries yet, but several local location names are possibilities.

Ferry Passenger Code of Conduct. Mr. Widmann distributed draft posters and ferry etiquette tips. Members commented on images and text. FPAC members wanted information on where the printed materials were going to be displayed. Members also provided written comments, which were collected for District Marketing staff review.

TransLink and Elimination of Ferry Discount Ticket Books. Mr. Widmann informed the committee that all turnstile CIDs should be operational at the San Francisco Ferry Terminal. The committee was reminded that the last day to use ferry ticket books will be March 31, 2009. Members asked if values expire on TransLink cards and were informed they do not. Specifics about when the TransLink Muni-to-Ferry transfer credit is applied to the TransLink account were requested and Mr. Widmann said he would obtain this information for the March meeting.

Public Hearing for Special Event Ferry Fare Increase to AT&T Park. Mr. Widmann discussed the details of the February 13th Public Hearing to raise the Special Event Ferry Fare from \$7.50 to \$8.00. He explained that the fare had not been raised in two years and the new fare allowed the District to provide a revenue-neutral special service.

Amgen Bicycle Tour Ferry Supplemental Service on February 16th. FPAC committee members were informed that on Monday, February 16, the Amgen Tour of California bicycle race would cross the Golden Gate Bridge southbound. One additional early ferry trip will leave San Francisco at 7:00 a.m. to arrive in Sausalito at 7:30 a.m. for spectators to view the race.

Ferry Survey Results from Fall 2008. Mr. Widmann notified the committee that results from the passenger survey in the fall of 2008 will be available for FPAC discussion in either March or April.

3. Member/Visitor Comments

Members requested information on Ferry WiFi and were informed that a Request for Proposals may be issued in the next few months. Mr. Widmann also told members that GGT bus routes 75 and 72X already provide WiFi connections.

4. Committee Business.

None.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **March 9, 2009**, 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. in Bayside Rooms 3 and 4, Pier One, Port of San Francisco.