**Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee**

# (FPAC)

# *Minutes of Meeting of Monday, November 14, 2022*

FPAC Members Present: Chuck Hornbrook, Jordan Jaffe, Michael Stryker, Bardha Varfaj

Guests Present: Bert Hill, Board of Directors; Jim Mastin, Board of Directors, David Pilpel, Member of Public

Staff Present: Emily DelRoss, Senior Planner; Michael Hoffman, Director of Engineering and Maintenance; Collette Martinez, Manager of Ferry Operations; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022. Minutes were reviewed with no edits. A vote was not taken due to lack of quorum.
2. **Operational Issues**
3. Ridership Updates. Josh Widmann reported recent ferry ridership. Weekday ridership for all routes was close to 4,000 unlinked daily passenger trips in September but is now averaging around 2,500 – 3,000, depending on the weather. Larkspur weekday ridership is around 2,000 unlinked passenger trips (excluding Monday and Friday) while weekend ridership approaches approximately 500 – 750 unlinked daily passenger trips per weekend day. Sausalito service has been carrying around 750 unlinked passenger trips and up to 1,000 - 1,500 unlinked passenger trips on weekend days. Tiburon ridership has been flat since September, averaging 300 – 400 unlinked passenger trips on weekdays and 200 on weekends. Unlinked daily passenger trips for Angel Island depends on weather, averaging around 200 on weekdays and 400 on sunny weekends.
4. Service Updates. Collette Martinez reported that in January there will be an additional Tiburon southbound trip on weekends, departing at 6:05 p.m. The afternoon Larkspur weekday schedule will remain as-is to avoid crowding.
5. **Updates and Other Items**
6. Draft Short-Range Transit Plan Presentation from David Davenport, Principal Planner. David Davenport provided an overview of the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP). He discussed anticipated future expenses and funding levels and the necessary service modifications required. The SRTP will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval at the December meeting. Jordan Jaffe inquired about the recommended service changes and was told the normal process of public outreach and Board approval would be necessary to make such changes.
7. Vessel Updates. The M.V. *Mendocino* has been out of service for a month, returning the week of this meeting. Michael Hoffman stated the M.S. *Sonoma* will be receiving a new floor on the main deck and will be back in Larkspur the second or third week of December.
8. Terminal Updates. The inner berth at San Francisco is being repaired and progress is being made. At this point in the meeting, Michael Hoffman provided an update on the new ferry vessel project. The Board approved the award in August to begin the four-phased approach. Wake analysis is being conducted for the vessel design. Stakeholder input will be sought on the design of the vessel, including customers, to determine details of windows and seating, and other various factors related to the trade-offs of sound, comfort, and speed. The prospective vessel will be 100 tons, which in theory could hold 500 passengers.
9. Return to Office Timeline Discussion. Michael Stryker discussed parking availability and the variable parking pricing at UCSF Mission Bay. Daily parking rates have been increasing slightly, which is reflective of increased demand. No other return-to-work mandates or changes have gone into place. Jordan Jaffe noted at One Market Street the parking lot was full on a recent rainy day. His work is continuing the hybrid model. Bardha Varfaj stated there is no return-to-work mandate for her office. Chuck Hornbrook stated Tiburon ferry passengers are pleased the concessions have returned to the vessels. He observed recently that the One Maritime parking garage was almost full. Overall, he said, One Maritime is roughly 80 percent full, compared to 40 percent last year.
10. **Committee Business**

A. FPAC Initiatives.

i. Larkspur 42 Crossings/Parking Needs Environmental Review. Josh Widmann stated that the baseline travel demand calibrations continue, with recent forecast revisions. A possible public outreach may occur in the first quarter of 2023.

ii. Sonoma-Marin Bike Share. Josh Widmann reported that the Bolt contract officially ended October 16, as the company has ceased operations. A new vendor is being sought and E-Scooters are being considered in addition to E-Bikes. The working group will reconvene in January with updates that will be passed along to FPAC.

iii. New Vessels Discussion. This update was provided earlier in the meeting by Michael Hoffman.

iv. Election of FPAC Chair and Vice-Chair. Due to the lack of a quorum at the FPAC meeting no vote was taken.

1. Membership Recruitment & New Member Vote. No updates.
2. **Member/Visitor Comments**

Chuck Hornbrook asked which path from the Larkspur SMART station to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal faregates was the shortest. Collette Martinez did not recommend going through the parking lot to avoid any vehicular conflicts. The perimeter was stated to be the safest route.

1. **Next Meeting: January 9, 2023.**

The committee agreed to reconvene on January 9, 2023from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. using the Zoom meeting format.