

# FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

*Agenda for Monday, February 8, 2021*

**Convene at 12:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 1:15 p.m.**

**Online Meeting Address:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95199229799?pwd=MHUwTDdoNzYxZ0NBZjlkalVPRVNrZ09>



## **1. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2020**

## **2. Operational Issues**

- A. Ridership Updates – Current Trends
- B. Service Updates – Current Schedules

## **3. Updates and Other Items**

- A. Ferry Division COVID-19 Safety Measures
- B. Vessel Updates
- C. Terminal Updates

## **4. Committee Business**

- A. FPAC Initiatives
  - i. Larkspur 42 Crossings/Parking Needs Environmental Review
  - ii. Sonoma-Marin Bike Share
  - iii. EV Charger Update
- B. Membership Recruitment

## **5. Member/Visitor Comments**

## **6. Next Meeting: April 12, 2021**

Survey of Members to Determine Quorum

- Attachments:
- 1. Summary from meeting of November 9, 2020
  - 2. Ferry Route Performance Report for October, November, and December 2020
    - All Routes
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal (LSSF)
    - Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal (SSSF)
    - Tiburon Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal (TBSF)
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-Chase Center Warriors (LSCC)
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal -Chase Center Special Event (LSC1)

# FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

*Minutes of Meeting of Monday, November 9, 2020*

**Online Meeting Address:**

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FPAC Members Present:

Frank Leahy, Maryline  
Lewett, Michael Stryker

Guests Present:

Bert Hill, Board of Directors; Chuck Hornbrook, Prospective  
Member; Eric Selvig, Prospective Member

Staff Present:

Jim Swindler, Deputy General Manager, Ferry Division;  
Collette Martinez, Manager of Ferry Operations; Josh  
Widmann, Planning Department

Approval of Summary of Meeting of February 10, 2020. Minutes were approved.

## 1. Operational Issues

Ridership Updates. Josh Widmann reported a 97% drop in ferry ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with slight improvement since the 99% drop experienced in April 2020. Michael Stryker asked about trip level ridership and was told it is quite low, in the single digits for many trips, but low double-digits for commute trips.

Service Updates. The Larkspur system is operating on a single vessel schedule with no late night or weekend service. System-wide, Ferry is operating 22 daily weekday trips down from 72 daily trips pre-COVID-19. Currently the plan is to continue operating the 22-trip schedule.

## 2. Updates and Other Items

A. Ferry Division COVID-19 Safety Measures. Mr. Widmann reported the Ferry Division is utilizing enhanced safety measures including visitor, vendor, and employee health screening, seat markings to maintain social distancing, mandatory masks in terminals and on boats, disinfection of terminals and boats after each run, fogging offices, breakrooms, and shops. Jim Swindler mentioned Ferry is engaging with passengers without masks to ensure everyone is following the health protocol, and that we have released a Ferry re-opening video to show the steps that District has taken to prepare to fully reopen when the time comes.

B. Vessel Updates. Mr. Widmann reported the Spaulding vessels are currently not in use. Mr. Swindler noted that the M.S. *San Francisco* has returned and that the M.S. *Sonoma* is on schedule for return to the fleet by end of month. The M.V. *Del Norte* is going to San Diego in two weeks; then the M.V. *Mendocino* will leave as well for annual inspections. Maryline Lewett inquired about fleet electrification and noted there is a statewide diesel fleet mandate by 2030. Mr. Swindler indicated that the District is looking into technologies but given what is available currently, vessels would not be able to travel at current speeds with the existing slower electric engine technology,

and would operate a 90-minute Spaulding crossing, as opposed to the current 45-minute crossing. Hydrogen technologies were also discussed by committee members.

- C. Terminal Updates. Various updates were provided for the Sausalito landing and San Francisco terminal. Upcoming renovations to the Sausalito float will extend the life of the landing. Additional design services funding was approved at the July 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Some repairs to the San Francisco terminal were made in recent months, after an agreement was reached with the Port of San Francisco and the District in August 2020.

### **3. Committee Business**

#### **A. FPAC Initiatives.**

i. Larkspur 42 Crossings/Parking Needs Environmental Review. Mr. Widmann reported that progress was being made on the Larkspur expansion project, but no estimate was available yet on the number of additional crossings that will be sought in the environmental documentation beyond the current allowable 42 daily crossings. Jacobs Engineering Group was the awardee. Prior EIRs from the 1990s are now under review.

ii. Sonoma-Marin Bike Share. Site selection and contract language refinement have been continuing with Sonoma-Marin bike share project. Michael Stryker inquired if the bike share would utilize Clipper and was told an answer would be provided. Gotcha Mobility, the contractor working with the Transportation Authority of Marin and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, released a survey on November 9, 2020. The bike share go-live estimate at the time of this meeting was March 2021.

iii. Ferry WiFi Status. FPAC agreed to remove the WiFi agenda item due to a lack of updates.

iv. EV Charger Update. Maryline Lewett mentioned that the PG&E 10 EV charger space minimum rule had been revised, and that all 10 required spots need not be adjacent to one another in order to receive grant money. The October 22, 2020 Building and Operations Committee item was discussed, which informed the Board of Directors that a request to install EV chargers at all lamp posts at the Larkspur Terminal would not be possible given the lack of sufficient voltage, circuit breakers, and wiring constraints. However, the voltage capacity to expand the existing two single-head chargers to 4-head chargers is being researched. The future Larkspur garage EIR will also consider EV charging stations.

B. Membership Recruitment & New Member Vote. Prospective member Eric Selvig was in attendance for his second meeting in a row and a vote was taken on his membership. Mr. Selvig is a previous member of FPAC. He was voted on to the committee at the meeting. Prospective member Chuck Hornbrook was in attendance and a membership vote will be taken at the next meeting due to the rule requiring attendance of two meetings in a row. Recent member resignations include Cadio Zirpoli, Scott Ziolk, and Scott Kempf. Two additional riders not in attendance are also being considered for membership, pending meeting attendance. Ms. Lewett recommended an additional individual for new membership and was told an application will be emailed.

### **4. Member/Visitor Comments**

The committee discussed who has been working from home and what future dates their respective employers anticipated a return to the office.

### **5. Next Meeting: January 11, 2021.**

The committee agreed to reconvene on January 11, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. using the Zoom meeting format. The January 11 FPAC meeting was later cancelled due to the close proximity of the February 8 meeting.