

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, November 6, 2025



FPAC Members Present: Chuck Hornbrook, Jordan Jaffe, Nathan Lozier, Michael Stryker

Guests Present: Mike Ghaffary, Prospective Member; Emerson Wyper, Prospective Member

Staff Present: Chris Bearden, Director of Ferry Operations; Joshua Cosgrove, Ferry Maritime Program Manager; Collette Martinez, Manager of Ferry Operations, Ferry Division; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:39 p.m.

B. Roll Call. A roll call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2025. Minutes were approved at 12:40 p.m. with a motion to approve from Jordan Jaffe and a second from Chuck Hornbrook.

D. New Updates

1. Operational Issues

a. Ridership Updates. Josh Widmann reported select ridership trends stating August ridership was up over 11 percent compared with 2024, with noticeable weekend growth and baseball ridership growth. September ridership was up 3 percent compared with 2024. However, some routes such as Tiburon and Sausalito were down slightly, in part due to fewer weekend days in 2025. Collette Martinez noted we are no longer accepting Blue & Gold tickets as of 2024, so ridership on Tiburon and Sausalito routes may reflect that.

b. Service Updates. July 2025 schedules will continue through January 11, 2026. Tiburon layover time may change next summer due to the need for longer turnaround times. Chuck Hornbrook noted the large afternoon gap on Tiburon service. Collette Martinez noted that when the Liwa class boats arrive, we will be able to do faster trips and perhaps additional triangle trips serving multiple destinations in one loop. Nathan Lozier commented that he reverse-commutes with his bike, so to get to Mill Valley he can utilize whatever schedule is most convenient, from either Sausalito or Tiburon.

2. Updates and Other Items

- a. Vessel Updates. The M.V. *Napa* was taken out of service on October 1 with an anticipated January return.
- b. Terminal Updates. Due to time constraints, updates on this topic were brief. The two Larkspur gangways will be reinstalled in December, according to Josh Cosgrove.
- c. Return-to-Office Timeline Discussion. No updates were reported by the group.

E. Committee Business

1. FPAC Initiatives

- a. Three-Year Membership Term Renewal Vote. A vote was taken in favor of membership renewal for the three applicable members. All votes were in favor. Regular use of Golden Gate Ferry was stressed. No other three-year terms were up for renewal.
- b. By-Laws Review. Draft wording was agreed on, stating that “Members may not serve on multiple District Passenger Advisory Committees (PACs) concurrently.” A slight rewording modification was proposed to *Section 1 – Composition* to state “The Committee will ideally consist of no fewer than...”
- c. Larkspur Ferry Service and Parking Expansion Study. One no-build option plus three alternative options are being considered. The three options are (1) garage, (2) transportation demand management (TDM) combined with bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements, and (3) a hybrid option of a garage and TDM/bike/pedestrian/transit. The Draft EIR is slated for release mid-2026 or later.
- d. Sonoma-Marin Bike Share. Josh Widmann presented SMART Connect data indicating roughly 30 daily Redwood Bikeshare trips to ferry from SMART compared with 20 daily trips in 2024. The committee discussed Marin Transit Route 219 as a way to get to Tiburon ferry along the Tiburon peninsula.
- e. Clipper 2.0 Updates. Josh Widmann reported that a December 10 migration of accounts will begin the transition to Clipper 2.0. There will be a four to six-month period where accounts are migrated. Open payment begins on December 10.

2. Membership Recruitment

Some prospective members remain but they have yet to attend their first meeting.

F. Public Comments

No public comment.

G. Adjournment. The committee agreed to reconvene on Thursday, February 5, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Port of San Francisco. This was later changed to January 29.