

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Rules for Remote Participation for Passenger Advisory Committee Members

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District ("District") has four passenger advisory committees (Bus Passengers Advisory Committee, Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee on Accessibility, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; individually referred to as "Committee" and collectively referred to as "Committees"). The Committees are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 et seq.; "Brown Act") and have each adopted their respective bylaws. If authorized by the District Board of Directors and approved by the Committee, these rules supplement the Committee's bylaws. If the District Board of Directors has not authorized use of these rules, the Committee's use of the rules is automatically suspended until further action by the District Board of Directors.

A Committee may use these remote participation rules for "eligible subsidiary bodies" under the Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.6) if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. **Physical, staffed public meeting location.** A physical location attended in person by District staff and equipment with audiovisual technology must be made available for each Committee meeting. Committee Members and the public may participate in person from this location.
2. **Remote participation by audio and video.** Committee Members must use both audio and visual technology to participate remotely during a Committee meeting. Joining in a "listen-only" or "view-only" mode does not count as attendance. Committee Members must appear on camera during all open portions of the meeting. Committee Members may turn off their camera only in the following limited circumstances:
 - **Disability.** If a Committee Member has a physical or mental disability that requires participation off camera. If this is the case, please contact District staff in advance of the meeting regarding the reasonable accommodation process.
 - **Internet or connectivity failure.** If a Committee Member's connection is too poor to support video, the Committee Member may turn off their camera, but must announce the reason prior to doing so.
3. **Disclosure of others in the remote location prior to taking action.** If any other adult (age 18 or older) is present in the room from which a Committee Member is participating remotely during the meeting, then before any action is taken, the Committee Member must state: (1) who is present and (2) their general relationship to the Committee Member (such as spouse, caregiver, or colleague). Committee Members do not need to disclose the presence of individuals under 18.

In the event of any inconsistency between these rules and the Brown Act, the Committee must comply with the Brown Act.