## GOLDEN GATE GAZETE



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#### **VISIT THE DISTRICT'S NEW, IMPROVED WEBSITE!**

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) recently unveiled its new website, providing a much better online experience for customers. The site has a more modern look, plus a responsive design making it easier to use on a variety of devices. The

search engine has been improved, as have the service alerts and webcam. The site is easier to navigate, so finding information about the Golden Gate Bridge, buses,



and ferries is right at your fingertips!

Check out the new site at **goldengate.org**.

#### **NEW HANDRAIL INSTALLATION ON GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**

In February, contractors began work to remove and replace the Golden Gate Bridge's west sidewalk handrail as part of the Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit Project. The new railing allows for much better airflow compared to the thick, solid former railing that resisted the passage of air. The former rail's pickets were very wide, while the new rail's pickets are thin, with an open space between the blades. So far, over 1,100 of 4,100 total feet of new handrail has been installed, and contractors will continue placing new railing between the North and South towers into the new year.



A new, aerodynamic handrail is being installed on the west sidewalk of the Bridge

The contractor will also install a new wind fairing as part of this project with work expected to begin in early 2020. The wind fairing is a quarter-circle metal structure, painted our iconic International Orange, installed just below the Bridge

sidewalk. It reduces wind resistance on the Bridge by directing air when it reaches the side of the Bridge. Currently, the Bridge can withstand sustained wind of 68 mph and the goal is to retrofit it to withstand sustained wind of up to 100 mph.

### BARBARA PAHRE CONFIRMED AS NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

The District Board of Directors (Board) recently confirmed Barbara L. Pahre as the new Board President. Her two-year term became effective on October 1, 2019. She is joined by First Vice President Michael Theriault and Second Vice President Gerald D. Cochran.

President Pahre succeeds Sabrina Hernández, who represents the City and County of San Francisco and served as President since June 2017. "It has been an honor to serve our community in this leadership capacity for the past two years," said outgoing President Hernández. "President Pahre's extensive experience on the Board and in the community means the District is in good hands for years to come."



Barbara L. Pahre

President Pahre is appointed by the Napa County Supervisors and is the seventh Director representing the County of Napa since the District's inception in 1923. She has served on the Board since 2000 and has a distinguished career in transportation and public service. She has served on a number of District committees and as a District appointee on the SMART Board of Directors as Vice-Chair.

"I first want to thank President Hernández for all of her hard work and leadership over the years," said the incoming President. "I look forward to building upon her legacy of transparent, thoughtful, and responsive stewardship at the District."

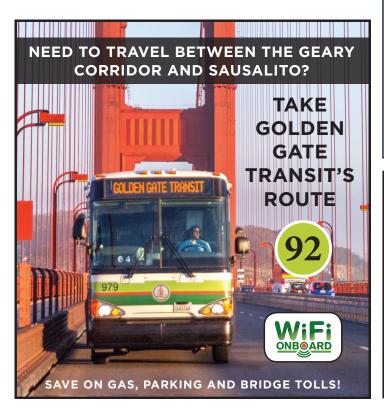
#### Take Golden Gate Ferry to Chase Center!

Golden Gate Ferry service from Larkspur to San Francisco's Chase Center is up and running! The service launched with the first Warriors preseason game in October and will be available for special events and Warriors games.

The new round-trip service departs from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and drops off at the Chase Center ferry dock at Pier 48, which is located about a 12-minute (.5 mile) flat walk to the arena. The ride between Larkspur and Pier 48 takes about an hour. All ferries have snack bars and a variety of refreshments to make the trip more enjoyable. Tickets are \$14 each way and must be purchased in advance online or by calling 877/473-4849 (9 am to 9 pm). Visit **goldengateferry. org** for more information.



Chase Center Ferry Service drops off at Pier 48, a short walk from the arena. Photo Credit: Jason O'Rear/Chase Center



# ENJOY the HOLIDAYS in SAN FRANCISCO We'll take care of getting you there!

## CAUTION! SUBJECT TO FLOODING

During unusually high tides (King tides), Manzanita Park & Ride is prone to flooding. Higher than normal tides are predicted for mid- and late December, mid- and late January, mid-February, and early March.

Check tide tables (at tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov) before parking in the Manzanita lot.

#### **STAY INFORMED!**









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Visit goldengate.org or call 511

#### **LUGGAGE POLICY**

For passenger safety, all onboard items must be stored:



- · Completely under the seat,
- · Completely in the overhead rack, or
- · Completely on the passenger's lap.

Mobility devices such as canes, crutches, walkers, and collapsible strollers are exceptions; however, no item can block an aisle or exit.

#### SMART Service to Larkspur Expected to Begin in Late 2019

SMART began construction of its rail extension to Larkspur in July 2017. The extension includes 2.2 miles of track connecting San Rafael and Larkspur, with a terminal station near Larkspur Landing Circle. SMART train service to Larkspur is projected to begin in late 2019.

The new SMART station is a 15-minute walk (1/2 mile) to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Golden Gate Ferry and SMART schedules will be coordinated so customers can easily connect between the two transit systems.



When trains begin running to Larkspur, GGT Route 31 will be discontinued.

#### **GOLDEN GATE SAUSALITO & TIBURON FERRY REDUCED SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Tues. 12/24, Thurs. 12/26, Fri. 12/27, Mon. 12/30, & Tues. 12/31

GOLDEN GATE SAUSALITO FERRY				
Depart Sausalito	Arrive San Francisco	Depart San Francisco	Arrive Sausalito	
8:15 AM	8:45 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	
10:55 AM	11:25 AM	11:35 AM	12:05 PM	
12:15 PM	12:45 PM	12:55 PM	1:25 PM	
1:55 PM	2:25 PM	2:35 PM	3:05 PM	
3:15 PM	3:45 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	
4:45 PM	5:15 PM	5:30 PM	6:00 PM	
6:10 PM	6:35 PM	6:45 PM	7:10 PM	
7:20 PM	7:50 PM	7:55 PM	8:20 PM	

GOLDEN GATE TIBURON FERRY				
Depart Tiburon	Arrive San Francisco	Depart San Francisco	Arrive Tiburon	
6:40 AM	7:10 AM	7:15 AM	7:45 AM	
7:55 AM	8:25 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	
9:10 AM	9:35 AM			
		4:25 PM	4:55 PM	
5:05 PM	5:35 PM	5:45 PM	6:15 PM	

#### **GOLDEN GATE LARKSPUR FERRY REDUCED SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Tues. 12/24, Thurs. 12/26, Fri. 12/27, Mon. 12/30, & Tues. 12/31				
Depart Larkspur	Arrive San Francisco	Depart San Francisco	Arrive Larkspur	
6:35 am	7:05 am	7:10 am	7:40 am	
7:30 am	8:00 am	_	_	
7:50 am	8:20 am	8:30 am	9:05 am	
9:20 am	9:55 am	10:10 am	10:45 am	
11:10 am	11:45 am	11:55 am	12:30 pm	
12:40 pm	1:15 pm	1:25 pm	2:00 pm	
2:50 pm	3:25 pm	3:30 pm	4:00 pm	
4:10 pm	4:45 pm	5:00 pm	5:30 pm	
_	_	5:30 pm	6:00 pm	
5:40 pm	6:15 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm	
7:25 pm	8:00 pm	8:10 pm	8:40 pm	
8:50 pm	9:25 pm	9:35 pm	10:05 pm	

Route 25 will NOT operate on days when Larkspur Ferry operates a Reduced Service Schedule.

## WINTER FERRY SCHEDULES



The Sausalito and Tiburon Ferry schedules will remain unchanged for the winter season. The Larkspur

Ferry weekday schedule will remain unchanged for the season; however, the weekend schedule will be modified when SMART begins serving the new Larkspur station (projected for December). When SMART begins running to the Larkspur station, train schedules will be coordinated with Ferry schedules and extra weekend service will be added.

Visit **goldengate.org** or call **511** for schedule updates once SMART begins Larkspur service.



#### **RAILWAY SAFETY**

#### A REMINDER:

Golden Gate Transit buses are required to stop at all railroad crossings. When driving behind a bus,



follow at a safe distance and be prepared for the bus to stop when approaching a railroad crossing. Always be extra alert and aware around railroad crossings and be prepared to stop your vehicle 15 feet behind the crossing gates when the crossing signals are activated. For more track safety tips, visit **sonomamarintrain.org/get-tracksmart**.



#### **BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS**

#### **Effective Sunday, December 8, 2019**



Golden Gate Transit schedules are adjusted quarterly to improve system efficiency.

Routes 2, 4, 4C, 8, 18, 25, 27, 58, 72, 92, 101, 101X Schedules adjusted up to six minutes to improve connections and running times.

**Route 2** Weekday southbound 6:51 am trip cancelled. Service to the top of Donahue Street suspended until further notice. All trips now serve stop at Donahue & Terners. Weekend service discontinued for the winter season. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 4** Southbound 6:32 am trip cancelled. Northbound 4:54 pm and 6:00 pm trips cancelled. Service FROM Strawberry will begin later and service TO Strawberry will end earlier. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 8** Sansome Street stop move to south of Clay.

**Route 18** Northbound trip added at 6:59 pm. Northbound 4:37 pm trip cancelled. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 24/24C/24X** No longer serves the San Anselmo Hub. Instead, buses serve Sir Francis Drake & Bank. Larkspur Ferry now served by Route 24, not Route 24X. Route 24X now operates nonstop between the College of Marin and the GGB Toll Plaza. Route 24X service reduced to two trips in each direction. Route 24 no longer serves bus pads south of Lucky Drive. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 25** No longer serves the San Anselmo Hub. Instead, buses serve Sir Francis Drake & Bank. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 27** No longer serves Sleepy Hollow. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 31** No longer serves Peacock Gap. Once SMART begins serving the Larkspur Station, Route 31 will be cancelled.

**Route 38** Northbound trip added at 3:30 pm. Service reduced to three southbound and three northbound trips. See Route 38A for supplemental service. Route extended to Marinwood via Las Gallinas.

**Route 38A** New route with two southbound and two northbound trips. Route 38A serves Marinwood, Lucas Valley, and Terra Linda (Freitas & Montecillo).

**Route 44** Route cancelled. See Routes 38 and 38A for alternate service. For alternate bus pad service, see Routes 54, 54C, and 58.

**Route 54/54C** No longer serves San Marin. See Route 56X for alternate service. Northbound 3:32 pm and 6:07 pm trips no longer serve bus pads. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 56** Route renamed "56X." Five southbound and four northbound trips added. Service extended to Novato GGT (Golden Gate Place). Schedule adjustments.

**Route 58** Northbound trip added at 3:57 pm. Sansome Street stop moved to south of Halleck.

**Route 72** Northbound 6:03 pm trip cancelled. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 72X** Northbound 3:25 pm and 3:44 pm trips combined to depart at 3:34 pm.

**Route 74** Southbound 5:23 am trip cancelled. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 76** Southbound 5:31 am trip cancelled. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 92** Northbound 6:11 pm trip cancelled. Schedule adjustments.

**Route 101** Northbound weekday 3:15 pm trip operates to San Rafael Transit Center only.

Marin Transit schedules can be found at marintransit.org or in the Marin Transit Rider's Guide.

For new GGT bus schedules, pick up the Winter 2019/2020 Golden Gate Transit Guide on your bus or ferry, visit goldengate.org, or call toll-free 511/TDD 711. &



#### HOLIDAY SERVICE CALENDAR **HOLIDAY FERRY CHRISTMAS EVE** Reduced Service Monday - Friday Tuesday, December 24, 2019 See Page 3 **CHRISTMAS DAY** No Service **Holiday** Wednesday, December 25, 2019 THURSDAY & FRIDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS **Reduced Service** Monday - Friday Thursday-Friday, December 26-27, 2019 See Page 3 MONDAY BEFORE NEW YEAR'S & NEW YEAR'S EVE **Reduced Service** Monday - Friday Monday-Tuesday, December 30-31, 2019 See Page 3 **NEW YEAR'S DAY** No Service Holiday Wednesday, January 1, 2020 Larkspur - Expanded Holiday MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Monday - Friday Sausalito-Holiday Monday, January 20, 2020 Tiburon - No Service PRESIDENTS' DAY Larkspur/Sausalito - Holiday Monday, February 17, 2020 Tiburon - No Service Route 25 will not operate on any of the above dates.