



December 19, 2019

## **MINUTES OF THE BUILDING AND OPERATING COMMITTEE**

Honorable Board of Directors  
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway  
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Building and Operating Committee (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., Chair Theriault presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 10:00 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

**Committee Members Present (5):** Chair Theriault; Vice Chair Moylan; Directors Cochran and Garbarino; President Pahre (Ex Officio).

**Committee Members Absent (3):** Directors Belforte, Fredericks and Rabbitt.

**Other Directors Present (4):** Directors Hernández, Hill, Mastin and Sobel.

**Staff Present:** General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

**Visitors Present:** None

- (3) **Approve Actions Relative to the National Park Service Special Use Permit for Contract No. 2016-B-1, Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit**
  - (a) **Staff Report**

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In a memorandum to the Committee, Deputy District Engineer John Eberle, District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush and General Manager Denis Mulligan reported on staff's recommendation to approve actions relative to extending the National Park Service' Special Use Permit term to December 31, 2023. A copy of the staff report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

**(b) Presentation of Staff Report**

At the meeting, Mr. Eberle reviewed the staff report. He noted the National Park Service issues permits for only four years at a time. He said the Agreement includes the original terms and some additional ones to reflect new circumstances such as road configuration, current personnel, and vegetation and soil removal.

**(c) Action by the Committee**

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors COCHRAN/MOYLAN** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve actions relative to the National Park Service Special Use Permit for construction Contract No. 2016-B-1, *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit*, as follows:

- i. Authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 to the permit extending the permit term to December 31, 2023;
- ii. Approve an annual permit fee in an amount of \$48,717 for each of the four years of the permit extension to be charged to the *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System* (Project #1526) capital project;
- iii. Authorize a \$194,868 budget increase in the FY 19/20 Bridge Division Capital Budget for Project #1526, to be funded with District's cell site revenues, for a revised total Project #1526 budget of \$192,779,868, subject to the concurrence of the Finance-Auditing Committee at its meeting of December 19, 2019; and,
- iv. Authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the permit with the terms and conditions as outlined in the staff report.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of December 20, 2019 - Resolution**

**AYES (5):** Chair Theriault; Vice Chair Moylan; Directors Cochran and Garbarino; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (3):** Director Belforte, Fredericks and Rabbitt.

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**(4) Approve Actions Relative to a Lease Extension of the High-Speed Ferry, M.V. Millennium**

**(a) Staff Report**

In a memorandum to the Committee, Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler and General Manager Denis Mulligan reported on staff's recommendation to approve actions relative to a lease extension for the high-speed ferry *M.V. Millennium* for an additional 129 days. A copy of the staff report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

**(b) Presentation of Staff Report**

At the meeting, Mr. Swindler reviewed the staff report. He reviewed the goals for the lease, and the refurbishment work being done on the *M.S. Sonoma* ferry. He noted the *M.V. Millennium* operates primarily out of Tiburon and fills in for other vessels when required. Mr. Mulligan recognized Director of Engineering and Maintenance/Ferry Damon Brewer and Hanson Bridgett's staff for their negotiation efforts with the California Air Resources Board to obtain their approval to accommodate the lease extension.

**(c) Action by the Committee**

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors GARBARINO/COCHRAN** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve actions relative to a lease extension of the high-speed ferry *M.V. Millennium* as follows:

- i. Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an extension to the District's lease with Rhode Island Fast Ferry for the high-speed ferry *M.V. Millennium* for a term of 129 additional days at the existing rate of \$6,850.00 per day, for an additional amount of \$883,650;
- ii. Approve an additional estimated amount of \$116,350 for engineering and support services, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1 million for the extension; and,
- iii. Authorize a \$1,000,000 budget increase in the FY 19/20 Ferry Division Capital Budget for the *M.S. Sonoma Refurbishment and Repower Project (Project #1740)*, subject to the concurrence of the Finance-Auditing Committee at its meeting of December 19, 2019.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of December 20, 2019 - Resolution**

**AYES (5):** Chair Theriault; Vice Chair Moylan; Directors Cochran and Garbarino; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (3):** Director Belforte, Fredericks and Rabbitt.

**(5) Status Report from Board Appointee(s) on Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board**

The Committee received a verbal update on matters relating to Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART). The verbal update is provided for informational purposes only and no action is required. A copy of the written report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

President Pahre spoke about SMART completing and opening its train extension to Larkspur. She thanked the District Board and staff for their contributions to the project and its completion. She noted that she and Director Garbarino also attended the opening of the new station in downtown Novato.

Director Garbarino spoke about the syncing of the Golden Gate Ferry and SMART services. She added that this will make public transit more attractive as an alternative to driving, and contribute to the reduction of climate change impacts. She said SMART will be placing a Sales Tax Initiative on the ballot for March. She noted that SMART has done an amazing job at managing its funds that have been received from the existing sales tax, and their management has allowed them to more successfully expand. She shared a copy of the SMART mailer sent to Marin and Sonoma residents highlighting its accomplishments.

Chair Theriault expressed his hope that the Sales Tax Initiative would be positively received by voters enabling the SMART expansion to Cloverdale.

**(6) Status Report on Engineering Projects**

In a memorandum to the Committee, Deputy District Engineer John Eberle, District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush, and General Manager Denis Mulligan reported on current engineering projects. The report is provided for informational purposes only and no action is required. A copy of the report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

**(7) Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

**(8) Adjournment**

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Theriault, Chair  
Building and Operating Committee