

December 20, 2019



**MINUTES OF**  
**THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

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

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information 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 Friday, December 20, 2019, at 9:25 a.m., Chair Cochran presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:25 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

**Committee Members Present (6):** Chair Cochran; Vice Chair Sears; Directors Hernández, Hill and Moylan; President Pahre.

**Committee Members Absent (0):** None.

**Other Directors Present (3):** Directors Fredericks, Mastin and Theriault.

**Staff Present:** General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; 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/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Jim Swindler; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

**Visitors Present:** None.

- (3) **Approve the Implementation of the 2020 Legislative Platform**
  - (a) **Staff Report**

In a memorandum to the Committee, Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong and General Manager Denis Mulligan reported on staff's recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the implementation of the 2020 Legislative Platform. A copy of the staff report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

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**(b) Presentation by Staff**

Mr. Mulligan said the Legislative Platform is a tool for staff to use when working with legislative matters including the District's consultants in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. He noted staff will be able to use the Legislative Platform to react more quickly with a clear focus to matters under consideration. He highlighted the 2020 Legislative Platform priorities of securing funds for the final phase of the Seismic Retrofit project and a new ferry to expand the District's ferry service. He noted the District has been more successful when focusing on one or two important items when seeking legislative funding support. As an example he cited the \$5.9 million federal ferry boat discretionary grant awarded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during the 2019 State Legislative session that will go towards a new 500-passenger, high-speed ferry.

Mr. Mulligan reported that staff is also monitoring the FASTER Bay Area (Freedom. Affordability. Speed. Transparency. Equity. Reliability.) ballot measure, tolling class action legislation, Water Resources Development Act activities, pension reform, bike and pedestrian safety, and matters that pertain to security for District operations. He said staff will continue to work collaboratively with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, American Transportation Association and California Transit Association on a variety of transportation funding efforts and advocacies.

Mr. Mulligan also reminded the Board that California Assembly Bill 40 that prohibits sidewalk tolls, authored by Assemblymembers Ting and Levine, would reach its sunset at the end of 2020. Assemblymember Ting has said there is a plan to submit a new bill to continue the prohibition against sidewalk tolls that also includes a sunset clause. He noted that if the bill is introduced without a sunset clause, he will return to the Board of Director with a staff recommendation.

**(a) Action by the Committee**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the implementation of the 2020 Legislative Platform.

**AYES (6):** Chair Cochran; Vice Chair Sears; Directors Hernández, Hill and Moylan; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (0):** None.

**(4) Public Comment**

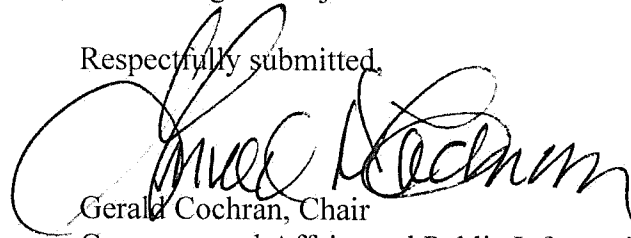
There was no public comment.

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**(5) Adjournment**

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald Cochran", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gerald Cochran, Chair

Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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