

March 25, 2021



**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20, issued by the Governor of the State of California, in which portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act are suspended and allows, all Board members, staff and the public to participate by telephone.

**These minutes are supplemented by the audio recording that is posted online at:
<https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents>.**

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

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conferencing on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 9:03 a.m., Chair Fredericks presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:03 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Fredericks, Vice Chair Arnold; Directors Hill, Mastin and Rabbitt; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (1): Director Rodoni.

Other Directors Present (6): Directors Cochran, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Snyder and Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (12): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (2): Directors Rodoni and Stefani.

[Note: On this date, there were five vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

Chair Fredericks invited all Board members in attendance to join the Committee and receive the presentation. **[1:05 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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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 Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

Copies of all reports and presentations are available on the District's web site at <https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents/> or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

- (3) **Report of District Advisory Committees [2:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**
(a) **Advisory Committee on Accessibility; (b) Bus Passengers Advisory Committee; and, (c) Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee**

The staff report on the District Advisory Committees was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

- (4) **San Rafael Transportation Center Relocation Analysis, Environmental Clearance, and Preliminary Design Presentation by Kimley-Horn [3:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

General Manager Denis Mulligan made a few introductory remarks about the project, and he expressed appreciation for the project team. He introduced Adam Dankberg of Kimley-Horn who gave the presentation, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

Director Theriault commented on the presentation. He expressed his appreciation for the team's outreach to the Spanish speaking community in Marin County, and he suggested the project team conduct public outreach to high school students.

Director Garbarino echoed Director Theriault's comments. She spoke in support of the Canal Alliance. She suggested the project team also reach out to new San Rafael Councilmember Maika Llorens Gulati.

Chair Fredericks echoed Directors Theriault's and Garbarino's comments about conducting outreach to high school students.

Directors Theriault, Garbarino, Hernández and Hill expressed preliminary opinions about the alternatives.

Director Hernández expressed appreciation for the presentation and the alternatives. She echoed Directors Theriault's, Garbarino's and Chair Fredericks' comments about the outreach to high school students. She asked a series of questions about the outreach and in particular, the outreach to people who speak Spanish. She requested clarity about the time, days of the week and manner in which the outreach was conducted.

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Director Hernández suggested that the project team consider its reliance on the Canal Alliance and offer appropriate support in return. She encouraged the project team to conduct outreach to the Spanish speaking and transit users that will collect their views about the San Rafael Transportation Center alternatives.

President Pahre commented on the presentation. She expressed appreciation for the survey's distinction between transit riders and non-riders. She expressed her view that the District's responsibility lies in listening to the transit riders.

Director Rabbitt commented about the presentation. He echoed President Pahre's comments about listening to the riders.

Director Hill suggested the project team keep in mind the District's climate change goals in addition to its other considerations as it selects a San Rafael Transportation Center alternative. He encouraged building flexibility into the alternative. He pointed out that new housing could affect who is using transit.

Director Arnold suggested that District representatives consult with Marin County Supervisor Dennis Rodoni who represents the Canal area.

Chair Fredericks expressed appreciation for the Directors' comments.

Mr. Dankberg responded to the Directors' inquiries. He provided additional information about the outreach measures, and said he would provide additional information in the future. Mr. Mulligan added to Mr. Dankberg's responses. He noted that the project team deliberately separated out the responses of the riders in comparison to other members of the community. He provided additional information about the outreach process, and he noted that the District would conduct extensive public outreach after releasing the draft environmental document. He said that the project team members would provide a summary of their outreach program. He also said that the District would talk to the Canal Alliance about appropriate compensation for their efforts. He indicated that the District was planning to present these alternatives to the Transportation Authority of Marin, and Marin Transit, which includes all members of the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[1:15:26 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco County Resident

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [1:18:34 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [1:19:47 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

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General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He said that the District operates service for Marin Transit under contract. He also said that staff was talking to Marin Transit staff about renewal of this contract at about the same level of service.

Director Hernández commented on the staff report.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's comments.

(7) Public Comment [1:26:40 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco County Resident
- Armand Domalewski, Seamless Bay Area

(8) Adjournment [1:30:58 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors ARNOLD/COCHRAN moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Fredericks, Chair
Transportation Committee

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