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**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**JULY 23, 2021**

**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>.**

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session via audio conference, on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

- (1) CALL TO ORDER:** President Barbara L. Pahre.
- (2) ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

**Directors Present (15):** Directors Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**Directors Absent (1):** Director Arnold.

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

**Staff Present:** General Manager Denis Mulligan; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorneys Madeline Chun and Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Second Vice President Cochran. **[03:03 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[03:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong stated that the Board would take public comment for all items on the agenda at this time.

The following individuals spoke under "Public Comment":

- Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1575
- Marina Secchitano, Labor Coalition Chair

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments. **[18:22 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **[21:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the Consent Calendar.

**[22:23 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Director Grosboll inquired about the voting process. Ms. Ko-Wong responded to the Director's inquiry.

**Directors COCHRAN/GARBARINO** moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. All items were approved by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES (15):** Directors Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (1):** Director Arnold.

- (A) **Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings**

- (1) Transportation Committee of June 24, 2021;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of June 24, 2021;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of June 24, 2021;
- (4) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of June 25, 2021;
- (5) Board of Directors of June 25, 2021; and,
- (6) Special Board of Directors of July 9, 2021.

**Carried**

- (B) **Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller**

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**Resolution No. 2021-064** (as detailed in the July 22, 2021 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments
- (4) Accepts Investment Report for June 2021

**Adopted**

**(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**(A) General Manager [23:48 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager's Report. He stated that the District is in discussions with the California State Parks to take over ferry service between San Francisco and Angel Island, and the District is also in discussions about taking over mid-day ferry service between San Francisco and Tiburon. He recognized the following employees for their service: Maria Rodriguez, Darren McVeigh, and Charles Harris.

Directors Grosboll and Theriault, and President Pahre commented and inquired about the General Manager's Report. Director Grosboll suggested the Board discuss the District's marketing efforts in August or September. President Pahre agreed with Director Grosboll's comments and the value of having a Board discussion. Director Theriault expressed appreciation for Mr. McVeigh's service to the District. He also requested that Mr. Mulligan respond to the letter that was received from Charles Johnson the Clerk/Executive Officer at the State of California Court of Appeal First Appellate District regarding the Court staff's return to the office.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries. He stated that staff could make a presentation to the Board about marketing the District's transit services. He responded that Mr. Johnson had requested that the District resume direct service to the Civic Center. He clarified that at this time, there is low ridership to Civic Center and riders have to transfer at the Bridge Toll Plaza to reach Civic Center.

**(B) Attorney [40:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Attorney Kimon Manolius presented the Attorney's Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

**(1) Closed Session**

Attorney Manolius stated the Board would convene in Closed Session for Board Agenda Item Nos. 6.B.1.a, as follows:

- (a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
Report of George Hills
  - (i) *Hayes vs. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District*

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**(C) District Engineer [40:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the District Engineer's Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. She provided a status update on a few projects.

Director Hill commented on the District Engineer Report. He expressed appreciation for the new format of the report.

**(7) OTHER REPORTS:**

There were no "Other Reports" to discuss.

**(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [44:16 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

President Pahre stated that these agenda action items were discussed at the Committee meetings. She said that, on July 22, 2021, Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the *Golden Gate Transit Bus and Golden Gate Ferry Ridership Trends* to the Transportation Committee, and that Director of Risk Management and Safety Kelli Vitale presented the *District Workers' Compensation and Liability Annual Summary* to the Finance-Auditing Committee.

**(A) Meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole [45:47 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]  
July 22, 2021  
Chair Alice Fredericks**

Chair Fredericks seconded President Pahre's comments, and expressed appreciation for Mr. Downing's presentation.

**(1) Adopt Title VI Equity Analysis Findings Relative to COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Adjustments to Golden Gate Transit Commute Bus Service [46:05 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors FREDERICKS/HILL**

**Resolution No. 2021-065** adopts the findings of the Title VI equity analysis for Golden Gate Transit commute bus service changes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes include service reductions on Routes 27, 54, and 72 and the suspension of Routes 2, 4, 8, 18, 24, 25, 38, 56X, 58, 74, 76, and 92 (including all lettered variations of the impacted routes). The equity analysis concludes that the changes do not have a disparate impact on minority passengers nor impose a disproportionate burden on low-income passengers.

**Adopted**

**AYES (15):** Directors Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

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**NOES (0):** None.  
**ABSENT (1):** Director Arnold.

**(B) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee [48:54 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]  
July 22, 2021  
Chair David Rabbitt**

**(1) Authorize Filing an Application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 21/22 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance and Regional Measure 2 Operating Funds to Support Bus, Ferry, and Paratransit Services [49:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors RABBITT/COCHRAN**

**Resolution No. 2021-066** authorizes the General Manager to file an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for FY 21/22 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, and Regional Measure 2 funds to support bus, ferry, and paratransit services in the amount of \$22,708,972. Approval of this action also authorizes the General Manager to file revisions to this application if projected funding amounts change during FY 21/22.

**Adopted**

**AYES (15):** Directors Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.  
**ABSENT (1):** Director Arnold.

**(9) ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no “Addresses to Board” to discuss.

**(10) SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**(A) Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies for COVID-19 related Emergency Actions [51:39 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report. President Pahre stated that it appears the Board should not be acting on this item at this time.

**Directors GARBARINO/THERIAULT** moved and seconded to continue consideration of this item until the next Board meeting.

**Carried**

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**AYES (15):** Directors Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (1):** Director Arnold.

**(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**(A) Closed Session [53:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of President Pahre, stated that the Board would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the matters listed on the Board Agenda as Closed Session, Item No. 6.B.1.a, as outlined above.

**(B) Open Session [54:08 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

After Closed Session, President Pahre called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present. Attorney Manolius reported that the Board had met in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act. He stated the Board was briefed about the matter, and gave appropriate guidance to its attorneys.

**(12) NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no "New Business" to discuss.

**(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [54:29 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

A copy of Board Agenda Item No. 13, "Communications" is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

**(14) ADJOURNMENT: [54:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

All business having been concluded Directors RODONI/GARBARINO moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:06 a.m. in the memory of Elizabeth Monserrate.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong  
Secretary of the District