

August 26, 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, August 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Chair Fredericks presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Committee Members Present (7): Chair Fredericks; Directors Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (2): Vice Chair Arnold; Director Melgar.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Cochran, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández and Theriault.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (4): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Melgar and Stefani.

[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; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General

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Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bus Division Mona Babauta; Director of Planning Ron Downing; 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.

[Director Rabbitt arrived.]

(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [02:31 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

(a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility; (b) Bus Passengers Advisory Committee; and (c) Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee

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

President Pahre and Chair Fredericks expressed appreciation to Director Mastin for attending most of the Advisory Committee meetings.

[Director Grosboll arrived.]

(4) US 101 Part-Time Transit Lane Feasibility Study Presentation by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) [03:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing provided some background on the Study. He introduced Derek McGill of the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) who provided additional background on the Study. Mr. McGill introduced the project consultant Adam Dankberg of Kimley-Horn who made the presentation on the US 101 Part-Time Transit Lane Feasibility Study. Mr. Mulligan expressed appreciation for the presentation and commented that the project was in line with other District goals such as transit equity and greenhouse gas emission reduction.

[27:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors Mastin, Hill, Snyder, Rabbitt, Theriault and Grosboll, President Pahre, and Chair Fredericks commented and inquired about the presentation. Director Mastin inquired if the 35 mph speed limit is applicable to the Part Time Transit Lane (PTT Lane), regular maintenance of the lane would be a part of the project, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement area and AB 476. Director Hill inquired about which local legislators are supporting AB 476. Director Snyder inquired about coordination of Caltrans construction work in the PTT Lane corridor and worker safety. President Pahre inquired about studies that show how buses manage to move effectively between the PTT Lane and other lanes of traffic. Director Rabbitt inquired about other examples of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes paired with PTT Lane. He requested clarification about the location of the average morning delay times cited in the presentation. Director Theriault inquired about the possibility of legislation that could give the buses priority when merging back

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into traffic at the end of the PTT Lane. He also inquired about how the CHP and entities with emergency vehicles have commented about the PTT Lane. Director Grosboll inquired about the timing of implementing the PTT Lane. Chair Fredericks inquired about how after the pandemic, altered travel patterns could affect demand for the PTT Lane.

Mr. Dankberg and Mr. McGill responded to the inquiries. Mr. McGill highlighted that the PTT Lane initiative is in line with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Blue Ribbon Task Force Transit Recovery priorities.

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [49:56 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He pointed out that Bridge traffic is down, and Bus and Ferry ridership is also down especially during commute hours. He added that local traffic is approaching pre pandemic regular levels. He noted that the District's ferry ridership has grown as a result of the special event ferries to the ballpark.

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [51:52 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He stated that the District provides local bus service to Marin Transit under contract, the contract is due to end the middle of next year, and Marin Transit staff have requested a six month extension to continue negotiations through the end of 2022.

Chair Fredericks inquired about the staff report and Mr. Mulligan responded.

(7) Public Comment [54:20 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(8) Adjournment [1:00:53 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors MASTIN/FREDERICKS moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Fredericks, Chair
Transportation Committee