

October 21, 2021



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

Assembly Bill 361, signed by the Governor of the State of California on September 16, 2021, amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow Board members, staff and the public to participate remotely in meetings, without complying with traditional teleconference meeting rules.

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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, October 21, 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 (8): Chair Fredericks; Vice Chair Arnold; Directors Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (1): Director Melgar.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Present (13): Directors Arnold, 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 Conroy, Giudice, Melgar and Stefani.

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

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller;

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Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; 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.

(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [02:21 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 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. President Pahre also expressed her appreciation that staff was making plans to move past the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Director Arnold arrived.]

(4) "Fare Coordination/Integration Study + Business Case" Presentation by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) [03:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan provided some background on the Study. He said the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has created a Fare Integration Task Force, and he outlined its composition. He also spoke about the Policy Advisory Council, Fare Coordination and Integration Subcommittee, which is comprised of a group of advocates. He introduced William Bacon of MTC, and Michael Eiseman of BART who jointly provided the *Fare Coordination/Integration Study + Business Case* presentation. He outlined the student pass program for colleges and universities. At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Mulligan added that staff is very supportive of this effort. He expressed appreciation for the funding that would come with the initiative, and the efforts of those involved in the initiative.

[33:21 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors Hill, Cochran, and Theriault commented and inquired about the presentation. Director Hill expressed appreciation for the Task Force's efforts, and he inquired about how schedules would be affected. Director Cochran inquired about new collection equipment. Director Theriault inquired about the institutional pass program, how the program would work and what it would demonstrate. He requested follow up once the pass program is formulated.

Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Eiseman responded to the inquiries. Mr. Mulligan said that schedule coordination is quite complex, and he noted that more frequent headways

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could help with the schedule piece. He clarified that the collection equipment would be for transit. Mr. Eiseman stated that an institutional pass would allow passage across multiple systems. He said the educational institution would purchase the passes, and then, the students would use them for free. He responded that the pilot would show changes in ridership, revenue and the effect on various riders. Mr. Mulligan added that the pass program would expand on current transit options for riders.

The following individuals spoke under public comment: **[40:30 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident
- Wendi Kallins, Safe Routes to School and Marin County Resident

[Director Grosboll departed.]

(5) Authorize Actions for Implementation of a Demonstration Project to Provide Golden Gate Ferry Service Between the San Francisco Ferry Terminal and Angel Island
[47:11 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler presented the staff report.

Director Hill and Chair Fredericks commented and inquired about the staff report. Director Hill asked if the new ferry service could affect the District's capital costs. Chair Fredericks expressed appreciation for the new service.

Mr. Swindler responded to the Directors' inquiries.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[9:55 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager: (1) to negotiate and execute a joint exercise of powers agreement with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of ferry berthing facilities on Angel Island, in a form approved by the Attorney; (2) to implement a new ferry route between the San Francisco Ferry Terminal and Angel Island, to be implemented initially as a one year demonstration project; and, (3) to schedule a Public Hearing to receive public comment on proposed fares for this demonstration route.

Action by the Board at its meeting of October 22, 2021 – Resolution

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AYES (12): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (5): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Melgar and Stefani.

(6) Approve Actions Relative to Installing Transit Signal Priority Equipment on Golden Gate Transit Buses for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project [57:11 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the staff report. He highlighted the benefits of the project for Golden Gate Transit riders and bus headways, and outlined how the equipment would work.

Director Hill inquired about the staff report. He asked if the technology would work on Lombard Street in San Francisco and inquired about the advisability of switching a route to Geary Boulevard.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiries. He said that SFMTA was working on a Transit Signal Priority project on Lombard Street.

The following individual spoke under public comment: [1:06:36 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(b) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) approve actions relative to the installation of Transit Signal Priority equipment on Golden Gate Transit buses, as follows:

- (1) Establish a new capital project Transit Signal Priority on Golden Gate Transit Coaches (Project #2250) in the FY 21/22 Bus Division Capital Budget in the amount of \$312,400 to be funded with 100% District funds.
- (2) Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for the purchase of GTT Opticom 2101 TSP Equipment for up to 75 buses, subject to the successful testing of the equipment on Golden Gate Transit Coaches.

This matter will be presented to the Finance-Auditing Committee at its October 21, 2021 meeting for concurrence.

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Action by the Board at its meeting of October 22, 2021 – Resolution

AYES (11): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (6): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Melgar and Stefani.

(7) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [1:09:22 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

Director Theriault inquired about the Chase Center ferry route ridership. Chair Fredericks inquired about the ferry commute service and current ridership projections.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's and Chair's inquiries.

(8) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit

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

(9) Public Comment [1:14:23 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(10) Adjournment [1:15:20 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors RABBITT/SNYDER moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10: 16 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Fredericks, Chair
Transportation Committee

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