

November 18, 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.

**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, November 18, 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 (4): Directors Cochran, Garbarino, Grosboll and Theriault.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (5): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Hernández, Melgar and Stefani.

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

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/Bridge Division Steve Miller;

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Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; 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 [02:10 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.

[Director Grosboll arrived.]

(4) Presentation by the Transportation Authority of Marin on the Northbound US-101 to Eastbound I-580 Direct Connector Project [03:02 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan stated that the District has a number of reasons to be interested in the Northbound US-101 to Eastbound I-580 Direct Connector project. He introduced Anne Richman and Dan Cherrier of the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) who provided the *Northbound US-101 to Eastbound I-580 Direct Connector Project* presentation. Mr. Mulligan expressed appreciation for TAM staff's efforts on the project to date. He pointed out that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would ultimately control any land underneath the freeway.

[33:21 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors Mastin, Hill, Grosboll, Rodoni, Theriault and Garbarino, and Chair Fredericks commented and inquired about the presentation.

Director Mastin inquired if land acquisition was included in the preliminary cost of the alternatives. He commented that Alternatives 1A and 1B, and possibly Alternative 2 could have the least impact on traffic during construction, and would allow for higher travel speeds.

Director Hill inquired about the top three most popular alternatives. He said the San Rafael City Council was most positively inclined towards Alternatives 3A, 3B modified, 2 and 6.

Director Grosboll inquired if the Canal Alliance had taken a position on a particular alternative. He also inquired about the sentiments of the bicycle community towards the alternatives.

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Director Rodoni expressed appreciation for the TAM staff and their efforts on the project. He said that he has a number of constituents with a strong interest in the project. He also said that he thought this project along with the District's San Rafael Transit Center project were some of the more important transportation projects in the area. He encouraged the project team to progress at a pace that would allow for adequate public input.

Director Theriault expressed support for people having high-level discussions about the transportation corridor that would go beyond the project being presented today. He asked if the community would be served by having the key stakeholders develop ways to maximize a fluid flow of traffic rather than attempting to eliminate traffic.

Director Garbarino stated that the Executive Director of the Canal Alliance had sent a letter expressing opposition to Alternatives 1A and 1B.

Chair Fredericks expressed appreciation for the project team's outreach efforts so early in the process.

Ms. Richman and Mr. Cherrier responded to the Directors' inquiries.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[36:05 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [38:32 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.

Director Hill inquired if the ferry ridership included the special event ridership. Chair Fredericks inquired about the possibility of providing benchmarks for what would trigger increases in bus service.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's and Chair's inquiries. He reviewed the District's standards for offering bus service.

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [44:54 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 said that staff is actively negotiating with Marin Transit for a new multi-year contract to provide local bus service for Marin Transit. He said staff looks forward to bringing a new contract to the Board in the coming months.

(7) Public Comment [46:23 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

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(8) Adjournment [48:48 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors RABBITT/SNYDER moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Fredericks, Chair
Transportation Committee

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