



Agenda Item No. (5)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Transportation Committee of October 21, 2021;
- (2) Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee of October 21, 2021;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of October 21, 2021;
- (4) Government Affairs and Public Information Committee of October 22, 2021; and,
- (5) Board of Directors of September 24, 2021.

Motion

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

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Investments
- (4) Accept Investment Report, October 2021

Resolution

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

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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.

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(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [09:03 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) [09:04 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: **[40:13 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.

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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.

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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**MINUTES OF THE RULES, POLICY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee (Committee)/Committee of the Whole of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conference, on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 10:20 a.m., Chair Arnold presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 10:20 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Arnold; Vice Chair Theriault; Directors Cochran, Garbarino, and Hill; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (2): Directors Grosboll and Hernández.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Fredericks, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (11): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, 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; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General

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Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Approve a Wage Adjustment for Non-Represented Employees and Deputy General Managers, and Related Action [2:39 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report.

President Pahre expressed appreciation for the patience of the non-represented employees.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[05:55 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 COCHRAN/GARBARINO** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve a 2.5% wage increase and a \$500 stipend per employee for non-represented employees and Deputy General Managers, effective on the first day of the pay period in which the Board of Directors approves the recommendation.

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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.

(4) Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

(5) Adjournment [08:32 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors COCHRAN/GARBARINO** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Arnold, Chair
Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
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Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conference, on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., Chair Rabbitt presiding.

- (1) Call to Order:** 10:30 a.m.
- (2) Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

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

Committee Member Absent (1): Director Grosboll.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Garbarino, Hill, Rodoni and Snyder.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (10): Directors Fredericks, Garbarino, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (7): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, 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; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorneys Madeline Chun and Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy District

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Engineer John Eberle; Director of Risk Management and Safety Kelli Vitale; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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[Director Snyder arrived and the Committee became a Committee of the Whole.]

(3) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller [02:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the Investment Report.

Director Mastin inquired about the staff report. Director Mastin inquired about the District's recent investment in an Amazon security. He also inquired about how U.S. Bank's acquisition of PFM would affect the District's relationship and rate structure with PFM. Director Hill expressed his view that the Committee could discuss and consider the risk involved in supporting various entities. Chair Rabbitt commented that a 'Socially Responsible' Investing Policy discussion item could be presented at a future meeting, and the Committee could discuss the possibility of managing the District's investments in various entities in a more thoughtful way. He noted there can be multiple ways to look at these investments and he gave the example of an Amazon distribution center that is being funded with some organized labor funds in Sonoma County.

Mr. Wire responded to the Directors' and Chair's comments and inquiries. He said the Board could provide more guidance. He said the Committee could ask staff to study this possibility and report back to the Committee. He suggested staff undertake this study after Lesley Murphy returns from maternity leave. He also said that staff is cautiously optimistic about continuing to receive excellent customer service from PFM after the U.S. Bank acquisition of PFM is complete. Mr. Mulligan added to Mr. Wire's response.

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions:

- (i) The Board of Directors had no commitments and/or expenditures to ratify for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021;
- (ii) Ratify investments made during the period September 14, 2021 through October 11, 2021;

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- (iii) Authorize the reinvestment, within the established policy of the Board, of any investments maturing October 11, 2021 and November 8, 2021 as well as the investment of all other funds not required to cover expenditures that may become available; and,
- (iv) Accept the Investment Report for September 2021.

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AYES (10): Directors Fredericks, Garbarino, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (7): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Melgar, and Stefani.

(4) Authorize Budget Adjustment(s) and/or Transfer(s)

- (a) **Budget Increase 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 [11:33 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

(i) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole in concurrence with the Transportation Committee at its meeting on October 21, 2021, recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) authorize a budget increase in the FY 21/22 Bus Division Capital Budget relative to establishment of a new capital project to install Transit Signal Priority (TSP) communication equipment in the amount of \$314,200 to be funded entirely with 100% District funds.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of October 22, 2021 – Resolution
Refer to Transportation Committee Meeting of October 21, 2021
NON-CONSENT CALENDAR**

AYES (10): Directors Fredericks, Garbarino, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (7): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Melgar, and Stefani.

(5) **Authorize Actions Related to Grant Programs**

No actions required authorization.

(6) **Status Report on the FY 21/22 Budget** [13:45 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. The FY 21/22 Adopted Budget is available on the District's website at: <https://www.goldengate.org/documents>.

Chair Rabbitt commented on the staff report. He stated that the federal government had freed additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for organizations that had already distributed the first tranche of ARPA funds. He also said the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) would likely act quickly and he expressed his view the District would remain competitive for the remaining ARPA funds.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Chair's comments.

The following individual spoke under public comment: [18:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

Chair Rabbitt responded to the public comment.

(7) **Monthly Review of Golden Gate Bridge Traffic/Tolls and Bus and Ferry Transit Patronage/Fares (for Three Months Ending September 2021)** [20:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He pointed out the Bridge, Bus and Ferry revenue results in comparison to budget. He explained some new tables in the report that showed the District's traffic, ridership and revenues in comparison to pre pandemic results that began on page 45.

Chair Rabbitt inquired about the staff report.

Mr. Wire responded to the Chair's inquiry.

(8) **Monthly Review of Financial Statements (for Three Months Ending September 2021)** [27:08 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

(a) **Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

(b) **Statement of Capital Programs and Expenditures** [28:53 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff reports, which were for informational purposes only and no actions were taken.

(9) **Review of the District's FY 21/22 First Quarterly Report of Judgments or Settled Claims** [30:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Attorney Madeline Chun presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(10) **Review of the Auditor-Controller's FY 21/22 First Quarterly Report on Authorized Budget Adjustments and Budget Transfers Under the General Manager's Authority** [31:02 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(11) **Review of the Auditor-Controller's FY 21/22 First Quarterly Report on Procurement Actions Under the General Manager's Authority**

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(12) **Closed Session** [32:22 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Attorney Madeline Chun at the request of Chair Rabbitt, stated that the Committee would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the following matter listed on the Agenda as Item No. 10(a):

(a) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Report of Athens Administrators, Inc.

- (1) *Derrick Hunt v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.*
- (2) *Tiffany Mitchell v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.*
- (3) *Angela Washington v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.*

She noted that Attorney Manolius would be present in Closed Session.

[33:07 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

After Closed Session, Chair Rabbitt called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present. Attorney Chun stated that the Committee had met in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the matter listed under Closed Session, outlined above. She reported that the Committee provided guidance for the future disposition of these matters.

(13) **Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

(14) **Adjournment** [33:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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All business having been concluded Directors FREDERICKS/COCHRAN moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Rabbitt, Chair
Finance-Auditing Committee

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MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION
COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conferencing on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Chair Cochran 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 Cochran; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Garbarino, Hernández, Rodoni and Snyder; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Fredericks, Grosboll, Mastin, Rabbitt 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 (5): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Melgar and Stefani.

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

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Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

A copy of the report is 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 Hernández arrived.]

(3) State Update from the District's Legislative Advocates, Platinum Advisors, LLC [02:26 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

The District's Sacramento Legislative Advocates Beau Biller and Steve Wallauch from Platinum Advisors, LLC presented the report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

Chair Cochran and Directors Theriault, Hill and Snyder commented and inquired about the report. Chair Cochran inquired about the high-speed rail budget appropriation. Director Theriault commented that he believes San Francisco Supervisor Matt Haney, and former San Francisco Supervisor and former District Director David Campos are the leading candidates for Assemblymember Chiu's soon to be vacant seat. He suggested the District's legislative advocacy team closely watch AB 984. Director Hill inquired about AB 984 and AB 629. Director Snyder expressed appreciation for the report. He concurred with Director Theriault's view about the leading candidates for Assemblymember Chiu's soon to be vacant position, and said he understood the Governor would likely set the election for mid-February 2022.

Mr. Wallauch responded to the Chair's and Directors' comments and inquiries. Mr. Mulligan added to Mr. Wallauch's comments about AB 629.

(4) Public Comment [25:33 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

There was no Public Comment.

(5) Adjournment [26:21 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors GARBARINO/HILL** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Cochran, Chair
Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session via audio conference, on Friday, October 22, 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 (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

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

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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- (3) **(3)PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Dick Grosboll. **[03:07 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[03:47 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:

- Kymberlyrenée Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1575

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments. **[12:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

[Director Arnold arrived.]

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **[13:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

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

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

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

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of September 23, 2021;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of September 23, 2021;
- (3) Board of Directors of September 24, 2021; and,
- (4) Special Board of Directors of October 1, 2021.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2021-076 (as detailed in the October 21, 2021 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments

- (4) Accepts Investment Report for September 2021

Adopted

(6) **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

(A) **General Manager** [15:59 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report. He spoke about the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and the ATU lawsuit against the Department of Labor (DOL) that challenges the DOL 13(c) certifications that transit agencies have fair and equitable arrangements in place. He said that this legal action could affect the District's ability to receive federal funding grants.

He indicated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Council have partnered to survey employers, and at this time, employers do not plan to schedule their staff to return to work in downtown San Francisco until 2022.

He recognized the following employees for their service: Charles Casillas, Joselito Legaspi, Jesus Rodriguez, Hung Lam and Michael Oderda.

President Pahre expressed appreciation for the employees who were recognized by Mr. Mulligan. Director Grosboll asked for additional details about the employee separations. He requested that staff supply a periodic separation report. Director Hernández stated she shared Director Grosboll's concerns, and expressed her concerns about the number of employee separations. She suggested the employee separation report be provided on a quarterly basis, and requested additional details. President Pahre stated she also believed the employee separation report could help the Board's decision making.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries.

(B) **Attorney** [34:31 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Attorney Madeline Chun presented the Attorney Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

(1) **Authorize Ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding with Public Employees Union Local One/AFSCME COUNCIL 57, Representing Bridge Painters**

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report. He explained some of the milestones that would trigger a wage increase.

Directors FREDERICKS/GARBARINO

Resolution No. 2021-077 authorizes ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Public Employees Union Local One / AFSCME COUNCIL 57, which represents the Painters' bargaining unit. The recommended MOU covers the time period from ratification until July 1, 2024 and provides for a 2.5% wage increase and a \$1,000 lump sum payment per employee, effective the pay period in which ratification occurs. It also provides for 2% wage increases on July 1, 2022 and on July 1, 2023, with up to an

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additional 1% each year based on agreed upon Golden Gate Bridge traffic triggers, as well as several other amendments to the MOU, as outlined in the staff report.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

President Pahre expressed appreciation for the efforts of all those involved in the labor bargaining.

(C) District Engineer [39:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Deputy District Engineer John Eberle presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [40:03 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Pahre stated that the agenda action items were discussed in depth at the respective Committee meetings, and she expressed appreciation to the Board members who attended the Committee meetings. She noted that the Transportation Committee received a presentation from representatives of MTC and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District on a *Fare Coordination/Integration Study and Business Case*.

**(A) Meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole [40:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
October 21, 2021
Chair Alice Fredericks**

(1) Authorize Actions for Implementation of a Demonstration Project to Provide Golden Gate Ferry Service Between the San Francisco Ferry Terminal and Angel Island [41:05 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Grosboll inquired about the weekend and weekday schedule. He expressed appreciation for the agreement reached with the State Parks.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiries.

Directors FREDERICKS/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2021-078 authorizes the General Manager: (1) to negotiate and execute a joint exercise of powers agreement with the State of California

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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.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

- (2) 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 [46:49 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors FREDERICKS/HILL

Resolution No. 2021-079 approves actions relative to the installation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) equipment on Golden Gate Transit buses, as follows:

- (i) Establishes a new capital project *Transit Signal Priority (TSP) on Golden Gate Transit (GGT) 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.
- (ii) Authorizes 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 GGT Coaches, as concurred with the October 21 Finance-Auditing Committee.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

- (B) Meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole [50:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
October 21, 2021
Chair Judy Arnold**

- (1) **Approve a Wage Adjustment for Non-Represented Employees and Deputy General Managers, and Related Action** [50:23 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors ARNOLD/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2021-080 approves a 2.5% wage increase and a \$500 stipend per employee for non-represented employees and Deputy General Managers, effective on the first day of the pay period in which the Board of Directors approves the recommendation.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

- (9) **ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no Addresses to Board to discuss.

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

- (A) **Adopt a Resolution in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361 Finding That the Proclaimed State of Emergency Continues to Impact the Ability to Meet Safely in Person** [52:55 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the staff report. Attorney Chun added to Ms. Ko-Wong's comments and noted that the Board would have to follow some procedural rules to safeguard the public's ability to comment.

Directors GARBARINO/FREDERICKS

Resolution No. 2021-081 adopts a resolution in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, finding that the proclaimed state of emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

- (B) **Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies for COVID-19 Related Emergency Actions** [58:37 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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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 MELGAR/SNYDER moved and seconded to continue consideration of this item until the next Board meeting.

Carried

AYES (16): Directors Arnold, 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 Giudice.

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business to discuss.

(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [1:00:59 Hour 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: [1:01:08 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded **Directors RABBITT/COCHRAN** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:03 a.m. in the memory of former United States Secretary of State and four star General Colin Powell, and former Director Dean Meyer.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

**RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

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

(1) Staff Report

The previous actions by the Auditor-Controller were presented to the Finance-Auditing Committee for approval at the meeting of November 18, 2021. The staff report can be found on the District's web site at <https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents>.

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