

December 16, 2021



**MINUTES OF THE BUILDING AND OPERATING 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 Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conferencing on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 9:01 a.m., Chair Theriault presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:01 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

**Committee Members Present (8):** Chair Theriault; Vice-Chair Garbarino; Directors Cochran, Conroy, Fredericks, Mastin and Rabbitt; President Pahre.

**Committee Members Absent (1):** Director Hernández.

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

**Committee of the Whole Members Present (12):** Directors Conroy, 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 (6):** Directors Arnold, 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; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division

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James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Bridge Captain David Rivera; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

Copies of all reports 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.

Chair Theriault said that he would welcome comments from all Board members present at the meeting.

**[Directors Conroy and Grosboll arrived, and the Committee became a Committee of the Whole.]**

**(3) Approve Actions Relative to Reducing Wind Induced Sound Emanated by the Golden Gate Suspension Bridge West Railing [02:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the staff report.

**[20:37 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors Mastin and Hill commented and inquired about the staff report. Director Mastin inquired about an alternative plan should the mitigation measure not work. Director Hill asked how long the components of the mitigation measure are expected to last.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush responded to the Directors' inquiries.

**(a) Action by the Committee**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve actions relative to reducing wind induced sound emanated by the Golden Gate Suspension Bridge west railing as follows:

- (i) Approve an installation of 1/16-inch thick tapered U-shape aluminum clips with 1/16-inch thick vibration damping material inserts on both edges of the pickets of the new western bridge railing for the full length of the main span of the Suspension Bridge as described in the staff report;
- (ii) Approve an addition of a Suspension Bridge Sound Reduction Project in the FY 2021/22 Bridge Division Operating Budget with the estimated cost of \$450,000; and,
- (iii) Authorize the filing of a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Suspension Bridge Sound Reduction Project;

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with the understanding that sufficient funds are available in the Bridge Division Operating Budget.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of December 17, 2021 – Resolution**

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

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (6):** Directors Arnold, Giudice, Hernández, Melgar, Rabbitt, and Stefani.

[Director Rabbitt arrived.]

**(4) Status Report from Board Appointee(s) on Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board  
[25:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Director Garbarino provided a Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) status report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. President Pahre and Director Rabbitt added to the report.

**(5) Status Report on Engineering Projects [29:43 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented a status report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

**(6) Public Comment [31:31 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1575

**(7) Adjournment [32:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

All business having been concluded, **Directors COCHRAN/SNYDER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Theriault, Chair  
Building and Operating Committee

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