



Agenda Item No. (6)(A)

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2021**

The Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

FUNDING FOR ONGOING BUS AND FERRY SERVICE IS AT RISK

Before the District can receive money from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the FTA sends a grant application to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) for certification that the transit agency has not infringed upon the collective bargaining rights of its employees. This is known as a 13(c) certification.

Of note, all of the federal COVID relief funding that Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has allocated to the District is administered by FTA and must receive a 13(c) certification before FTA provides the money to the District.

Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funding provided about half of the revenue that the District used to pay its bus and ferry operating expenses for the 2020/21 fiscal year, and the District is relying upon federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) money to pay a significant portion of its bus and ferry expenses in the current 2021/22 fiscal year.

On October 28, 2021, the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), in response to objections raised by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), released a letter formally nullifying their prior determination (issued in 2019) on the impact of the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) on collective bargaining rights. Specifically, they now assert that PEPRA violates the collective bargaining rights of California transit workers.

On November 19, 2021, the State of California filed a Motion to Stay/Preliminary Injunction seeking Court intervention to postpone or block USDOL's implementation of their new determination, recognizing that the new determination would block the award of federal grants to California transit agencies. The District provided a Declaration that was part of the state's filing.

On December 3, 2021 the USDOL filed a Memorandum in Opposition to California's Motion to Stay Agency Implementation and the ATU filed a Brief in Opposition to California's Motion for a Stay/Preliminary Injunction. At this juncture, the second tranche of ARP funding (\$43.9 million) has not been certified by USDOL, so the FTA has not provided the funding to the District.

FUNDING FOR ONGOING BUS AND FERRY SERVICE IS AT RISK (continued)

On July 28, 2021 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) allocated \$57.7 million of American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal funds (first tranche of ARP funding) to the District. Fortunately, this grant was certified by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) and the grant was awarded to the District by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The District is spending that money on bus and ferry operations.

On October 27, 2021 MTC allocated \$43.9 million of additional ARP funds (second tranche of ARP funding) to the District. However, the District's grant application submittal is occurring after the USDOL's October 28th change in position regarding PEPRA. Preliminarily, it appears that this money may not be forthcoming.

The District currently has a projected budget shortfall for FY21/22 and has anticipated spending all of its first tranche of its ARP money and approximately \$24 million of its second tranche of ARP money to balance its budget. While the grant associated with the first tranche has been certified and awarded, the second tranche money is at risk, with associated impacts to the District's Adopted Budget and its ability to fund its bus and ferry service.

UPDATE ON IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Travel still remains well below pre-pandemic levels in the Golden Gate Corridor, whether by Bridge bus or ferry. During the week of November 28th, ridership was down on our buses by about 67 percent (we only carried 33 percent of our normal bus ridership) and our ferry ridership was down 80 percent (we are only carried 20 percent of our normal ferry ridership). Bridge traffic was down about 12 percent when compared to the same week, pre-COVID.

The District will continue to restore bus and ferry service incrementally and in a measured way as we see the return of our customers travelling in the Golden Gate Corridor.

REVENUES

District revenues for the week of November 28th were down approximately \$800,000. This is only the second week since the pandemic started nearly 21 months ago that weekly operating losses have been less than \$1 million, highlighting the District's continued need for and usage of the federal COVID relief funding allocated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Overall, Bridge traffic was down about 12 percent. Bridge commute traffic levels will likely remain lower, similar to the past few months – until there is a greater reopening of offices in downtown San Francisco. The District collected about 88 percent of our pre-COVID amount of tolls, so tolls for transit were about 76 percent $[(88-50) / 50 = 76\%]$ of our usual amount, or tolls for transit were down about 24 percent last week.

REVENUES (continued)

Week of November 28, 2021

	Bridge	% change	Bus	% change	Ferry	% change
	Nov 28-Dec 4		Nov 28-Dec 4		Nov 28-Dec 4	
Weekly Ridership/Traffic	307,561	-11.74%	18,808	-67.37%	7,730	-80.02%
Weekly Revenue	\$ 2,511,620	-11.74%	\$ 87,919	-71.47%	\$ 54,682	-82.11%
Weekly Revenue Loss	\$ (333,926)	-11.74%	\$ (220,285)	-71.47%	\$ (251,046)	-82.11%
2019 Weekly Ridership/Traffic	348,452		57,642		38,694	

Notes:

*State Shelter in place started 3/17/2020

**Percentage changes are based on Year over year equivalents (ci

*** Weekly Revenue loss uses traffic compared to 2019 and using present toll rate (present value)

****Ferry numbers do not currently include Giants service

RESEARCH EFFORTS CONTINUE TO COLLECT WORKPLACE REOPENING DATA

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has partnered with the Bay Area Council to conduct research with employers regarding their plans for reopening workplaces and bringing non-essential workers back. They have been surveying these employers for eight months to monitor developments in workplace reopening plans. The survey results reflect information on Bay Area employers' return to work plans to assist transit agencies in planning for the future. See the November results at <https://public.flourish.studio/story/1048656/>. The Bay Area Council will continue surveying the Employer Network for the remainder of the year and we will continue to share their findings each month.

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

For the month of November, District staff made no speeches and/or presentations.

SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS

No applications were received since last reported to the Board in the November 19, 2021, Report of the General Manager:

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Bridge southbound traffic for the month of October was 1,347,664 vehicles. FasTrak usage is 77% overall for October. This compares to 83% overall for the past rolling 12-months (November - October) (Attachment B).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

For the month of November, there were the following vehicle traffic incidents to report:

Vehicle Traffic Incident	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities	Location
H/B – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
H/B – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Waldo
C - Collision	2	5	0	Bridge
H/B – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
R/E – Rear Ender	3	0	0	Waldo
H/B – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Doyle
H/B – Hit Barrier	1	2	0	Waldo
R/E – Rear Ender	2	0	0	Waldo
SS – Side-Swipe	2	0	0	Doyle
TOTAL	14	7	0	

BICYCLE INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

For the month of November, there were no bicycle incidents to report:

FERRY – TRANSPORT BICYCLE COUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

For the month of November, the following were the Bicycle Counts for the Sausalito Ferry service:

Sausalito Southbound Bike Counts	
2016 Annual Total	169,685
2017 Annual Total	144,064
2018 Annual Total	116,248
2019 Annual Total	95,590
2020 Annual Total	9,415
*January – November 2021	8,052

*The Sausalito November bicycle count was 1,238 (69 weekday and 1,169 weekend)

For the month of November, the following were the Bicycle Counts for the Larkspur Ferry service:

Larkspur Southbound Bike Counts	
2016 Annual Total	35,769
2017 Annual Total	30,990
2018 Annual Total	29,747
2019 Annual Total	29,828
2020 Annual Total	7,422
*January – November 2021	4,301

*The Larkspur November bicycle count was 472

RETIREMENT OF STEVEN W. MILLER, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, BRIDGE DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce that that Deputy General Manager Steven Miller retires on December 31, 2021.

Mr. Miller joined the District as a Bus Mechanic on May 24, 1994. Mr. Miller promoted to Maintenance Trainer in 2003, promoted to Maintenance Superintendent in 2006, promoted to Director of Bus Maintenance in 2010, and promoted to his current position on July 26, 2017. Prior to District employment, he worked in the construction industry and served for six years from January 1988 to 1993 in the United States Army, with overseas service in Germany and with the First Armored Division in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kuwait.

During his career with the District, Mr. Miller has served in various leadership roles in the transit industry including Chair of the California Transit Association Zero Emission Bus Task Force and Chair of the Bay Area Regional Transit Association Maintenance Committee.

Mr. Miller is currently an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified Transit Bus Technician and a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certified Master Trainer. In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, running and bicycling, coin collecting, reading history books, and getting some rest.

We wish Mr. Miller a long and happy retirement.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO ALFONSO BEASLEY, MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Marketing Representative, Alfonso Beasley, celebrated twenty years of service with the District on December 5, 2021.

Mr. Beasley joined the District as a Customer Service Representative on December 5, 2001.

Prior to District Service, Mr. Beasley worked for the IRS, EBMUD and the Ramada Hotel as a bellman.

During his career with the District, Mr. Beasley has been responsible for managing Golden Gate Bridge District's participation in various events. His favorite; managing our booth at the Marin County Fair. He maintains bus stop signage, manages our fare media programs, and serves as a liaison to the Customer Service Center.

In his free time, Mr. Beasley enjoys working with computers, taking pictures, watching sports and spending time with his family and friends.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2021

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Ironworker, Enzo Fok, as the Employee of the Month for December 2021.

Mr. Fok is recognized for his professionalism and dedicated work ethic. Mr. Fok completes his projects quickly and without hesitation. In August of this year Mr. Fok worked at the South end of the Bridge building quick deck and containment areas to protect the paint crews from the ever changing weather conditions on the Bridge. Mr. Fok is known for always being willing to step up when extra effort is needed. Of special note, his colleagues remark that Mr. Fok is a very talented Ironworker, with a great attendance record, who works seamlessly with fellow coworkers from all departments!

Mr. Fok joined the District as an Ironworker on August 14, 2017. Prior to joining the District Mr. Fok was an Ironworker at SME Steel Contractors, an Ironworker at JC Metal Specialists Inc., and an Ironworker Foreman at Herrick Corporation.

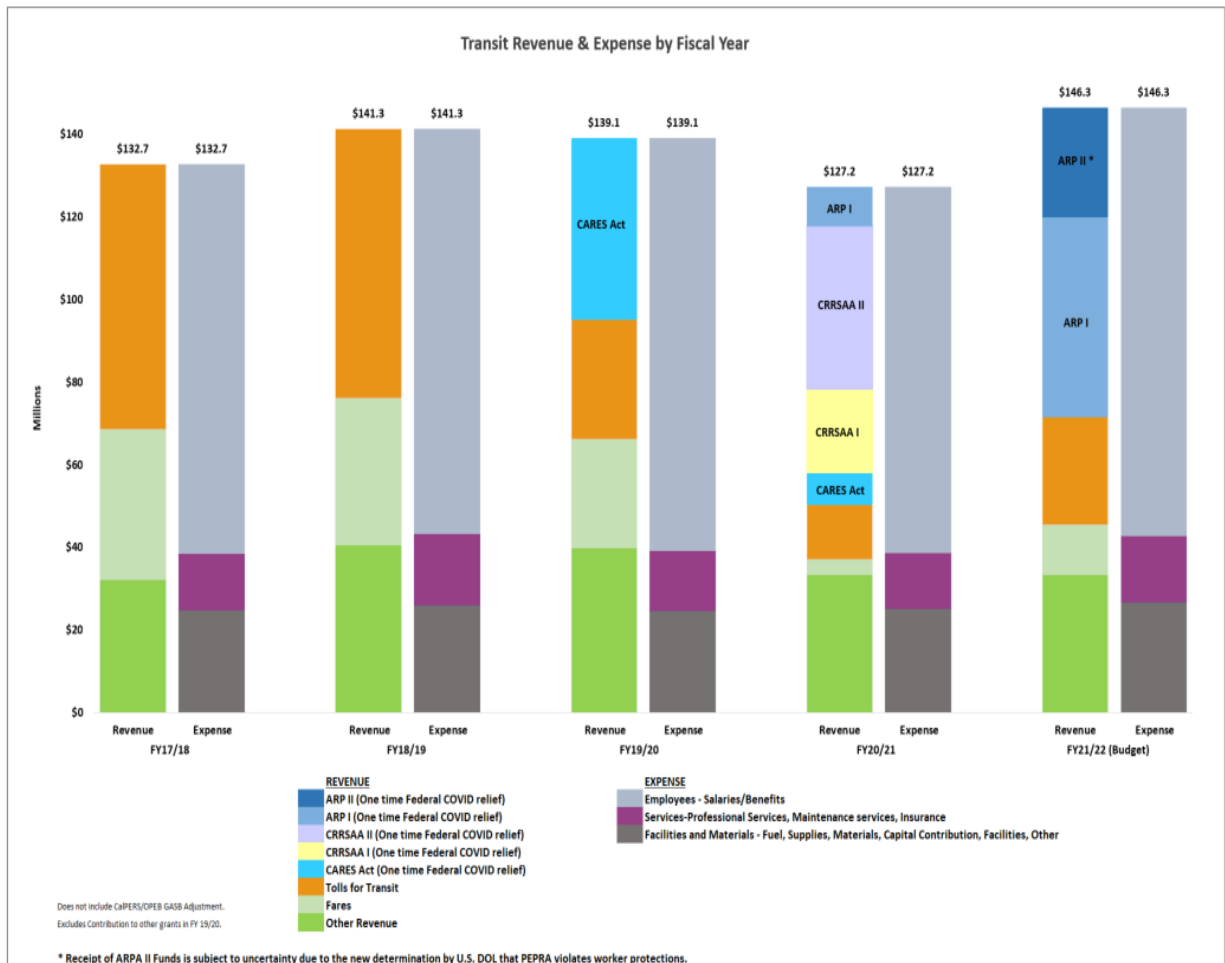
Mr. Fok was born in Hong Kong where he spent his early education years. He is currently attending City of College San Francisco. He received the Herrick Safety Award and is a member of the Ironworkers Union. Mr. Fok has been resident of Daly City since 2006, where he lives with his wife Addy Pui Wah Chung and their children, Shan Shan Kitty Fok, Chloe Mimmy Fok and Sherman Fok. Mr. Fok enjoys watching action movies with his family and spending time with his children as well as travel, swimming, skiing, fitness and cars.

Denis J. Mulligan
General Manager

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Attachment: A. 2021-1217-FinanceComm-No8-Attachment C – Transit Funding & Expense Comparison
B. Bridge southbound traffic for the month of October

2021-1216-FinanceComm-No8-Attachment C – Transit Funding & Expense Comparison



SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC AND TOLL REVENUE

I. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC

	OCTOBER				FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				NOVEMBER TO OCTOBER - (LAST 12 MONTHS)			
	2021	% of Total Traffic	2020	% Change	2021	% of Total Traffic	2020	% Change	2021	% of Total Traffic	2020	% Change
2-Axle	1,337,059	99.2%	1,135,583	18%	5,425,348	99.2%	4,353,381	25%	14,376,176	99.2%	13,550,443	6%
Multi-Axle	10,605	0.8%	8,857	20%	41,346	0.8%	35,407	17%	118,313	0.8%	120,665	-2%
TOTAL	1,347,664		1,144,440	18%	5,466,694		4,388,788	25%	14,494,489		13,671,108	6%

*Breakdown between 2 axle and 3+ axle approximated for April and May 2021 based on historical data due to lane classification error.

II. TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

	OCTOBER				FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				NOVEMBER TO OCTOBER - (LAST 12 MONTHS)			
	2021	% of Total Traffic	2020	% Change	2021	% of Total Traffic	2020	% Change	2021	% of Total Traffic	2020	% Change
FasTrak Account Paid	1,040,479	77%	966,610	8%	4,448,673	81%	3,675,611	21%	12,031,235	83%	11,738,679	2%
Full FasTrak Fare Paid	992,695	74%	923,148	8%	4,253,120	78%	3,507,505	21%	11,502,661	79%	11,236,438	2%
Carpool/Clean Air Paid	38,877	3%	33,244	17%	158,958	3%	126,961	25%	417,257	3%	364,895	14%
PWD Paid	367	0%	328	12%	1,492	0%	1,207	24%	4,085	0%	3,950	3%
Non-Revenue Paid	8,540	1%	9,890	-14%	35,103	1%	39,938	-12%	107,232	1%	133,396	-20%
License Plate Account Paid	17,034	1%	11,733	45%	84,450	2%	44,741	89%	200,386	1%	140,876	42%
One-Time Paid	4,626	0%	4,861	-5%	30,293	1%	19,392	56%	70,863	0%	80,587	-12%
Invoice Paid	22,712	2%	32,401	-30%	115,795	2%	128,649	-10%	286,949	2%	669,255	-57%
Violation Paid	6	0%	6	0%	12	0%	18	-33%	15	0%	113,980	-100%
In Process and Outstanding	262,807	20%	128,829	104%	787,471	14%	520,377	51%	1,905,041	13%	927,731	105%
TOTAL	1,347,664		1,144,440	18%	5,466,694		4,388,788	25%	14,494,489		13,671,108	6%

III. TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED

OCTOBER			FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			NOVEMBER TO OCTOBER - (LAST 12 MONTHS)		
2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
\$ 10,669,776	\$ 9,464,188	13%	\$ 44,385,246	\$ 35,228,211	26%	\$ 117,508,971	\$ 107,611,811	9%

* Note: Total Revenue Collected is all monies received and is not directly related to the transaction counts above.

DATA SINCE INCEPTION *	
Revenue Vehicles	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,093,545,151
Multi-Axle Vehicles	29,154,259
Disabled Patron Vehicles	459,544
Commute Period Carpool	3,175,667
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,126,334,621
Non-Revenue Vehicles	
Federal	12,257,389
CHP/GGBHTD	5,407,211
GG Transit Buses	3,717,559
Other Non-Revenue	190,161
Commute Period Carpool NR	14,934,191
Non-Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	36,506,511
Total Toll-Paying Direction Vehicles	1,162,841,132

* Data Since Inception includes only data for vehicles traveling in toll-paying direction.

As of July 2020, counts no longer include non-vehicle transactions.

*Beginning July 2021, historical data reflects the counts and categorization as previously reported.

