



Agenda Item No. (6)(A)

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2022**

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

Honorable Members:

AN ADDITIONAL \$75 MILLION

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced on March 7th that it will award \$75 million to the Bridge District in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding as part of a nationwide competitive program. The Bridge District is fortunate to be one of the 35 recipients in 18 states to receive funding through this discretionary program.

This one-time COVID relief money will be used to pay for the ongoing costs of providing bus and ferry service and backfill the missing Bridge tolls and transit fares associated with the continued diminished travel in the Golden Gate Corridor.

The size of the funding awards is based on the extent of the financial challenges facing an agency, so the \$75 million award to the District is a testament to the extent of our continued financial hurdles.

Fortunately, this money will keep our operations afloat for quite some time. Kudos to President Biden, Secretary Buttigieg, the Federal Transit Administration, Speaker Pelosi and the Bay Area Congressional delegation for recognizing our need for additional COVID relief funding.

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

Fortunately, during the week of March 6th, we saw a slight uptick in transit ridership as more employers cautiously reopen their offices in downtown San Francisco. That having been said, travel remains well below pre-pandemic levels, whether by Bridge bus or ferry. 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 71 percent (we are only carried 29 percent of our normal ferry ridership). Bridge traffic was down about 18 percent when compared to the same week, pre-COVID. The District is incrementally adding back bus and ferry service as we see the return of our customers travelling in the Golden Gate Corridor.

REVENUES

The District's revenues for the week of March 6th were down approximately \$1 million, highlighting the District's need for one-time federal COVID relief funding. Overall, Bridge traffic was down about 18 percent. Overall, bus ridership was down about 67 percent and ferry ridership was down 71 percent. The District collected about 82 percent of our pre-COVID amount of tolls, so tolls for transit were about 64 percent $[(82-50) / 50 = 64\%]$ of our usual amount, or tolls for transit were down about 36 percent last week.

Week of March 6, 2022

	Bridge	% change	Bus	% change	Ferry	% change
	Mar 6-Mar 12		Mar 6-Mar 12		Mar 6-Mar 12	
Weekly Ridership/Traffic	311,153	-18.20%	19,883	-67.40%	13,662	-70.88%
Weekly Revenue	\$ 2,540,953	-18.20%	\$ 95,334	-68.27%	\$ 102,511	-71.68%
Weekly Revenue Loss	\$ (565,529)	-18.20%	\$ (205,137)	-68.27%	\$ (259,402)	-71.68%
2019 Weekly Ridership/Traffic	380,405		61,000		46,911	

Notes:

*State Shelter in place started 3/17/2020

**Percentage changes are based on Year over year equivalents (c)

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

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

MASKING ON PUBLIC TRANSIT

On March 10th, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) extended the federal requirement mandating the wearing of masks on public transportation conveyances and in public transportation hubs through April 18, 2022. Accordingly, staff and customers onboard buses and ferries are still required to wear masks.

RESEARCH EFFORTS CONTINUE TO COLLECT WORKPLACE REOPENING DATA

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has partnered with the Bay Area Council to conduct monthly research with employers regarding their plans for reopening workplaces and bringing non-essential workers back. They have been surveying these employers for 11 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. The February 2022 Employer Survey Results on Return to Work can be found at <https://public.flourish.studio/story/1136674/>. The Bay Area Council will continue surveying the Employer Network and we will continue to share their findings each month.

UPDATE ON RISK TO BUS AND FERRY FUNDING

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the principal source of funding for the District's bus and ferry capital projects as well as vital operating assistance during the pandemic. Before the District can receive money from 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".

On October 28, 2021, the 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.

The State of California has filed a motion for summary judgement seeking resolution of this matter. On January 27, 2022, the United States Department of Labor and the ATU submitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California cross-motions and briefs in opposition to the State of California's motion for summary judgement. At the highest level, the cross-motions request that the Court deny the State's motion and instead rule in favor of USDOL and ATU, respectively. The State submitted a reply brief to the Court on February 4, 2022, and a hearing for summary judgment was held on February 17th. At this juncture, the Court has not yet ruled on the motion for summary judgement.

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

For the month of February, District staff made the following speeches and/or presentations to organizations, groups, and interviewers interested in the District:

PRESENTATION TO:	DATE:	PRESENTED BY:
Marin Grand Jury	February 9, 2022	Denis Mulligan

SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS

Below are the dates and sponsoring agencies of special events and expressive activities for which permits have been sought. The following applications were received since last reported to the Board in the February 25, 2022, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
CANCELED April 30, 2022 – May 1, 2022	The Relay	E Sidewalk	SE	200/day
May 7, 2022	The Shiny Penny Walk	E Sidewalk	EX	Less than 50
May 15, 2022	Rotary International – Golden Gate Bridge Ride, Run, Walk to end Polio Now	Start East Parking Lot/Golden Gate Plaza Area	SE	1,000

*Permit Types: EX – Expressive Activity and SE – Special Event

BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Bridge southbound traffic for the month of February was 1,167,784 vehicles. FasTrak usage is 84% overall for February. This compares to 83% overall for the past rolling 12-months (March to February) (Attachment B).

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

Vehicle Traffic Incident	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities	Location
HB - Hit Barrier	1	1	0	Bridge
RE - Rear Ender	3	0	0	Waldo
HB - Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Doyle
HB - Hit Barrier	1	1	0	Waldo
HB - Hit Barrier	1	0	1	Waldo
OT – Overturn	2	0	0	Bridge
SS – Side Swipe	2	1	0	Waldo
OT - Overturn	1	1	0	Plaza
HB - Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
HB - Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
RE - Rear Ender	2	0	0	Waldo
C - Collision	2	0	0	Waldo
RE - Rear Ender	2	0	0	Bridge
TOTAL	20	4	1	

BICYCLE INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

For the month of February, there were the following bicycle incidents to report:

Bicycle Incidents	Bicycles	Injuries	Fatalities	Location
SO - Solo	1	1	0	Plaza
BB – Bike/Bike	2	1	0	Bridge
TOTAL	3	2	0	

FERRY BICYCLE COUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Ferry Bicycle Counts for the month of February are as follows:

Larkspur Southbound Bicycle Counts	
2017 Annual Total	30,990
2018 Annual Total	29,747
2019 Annual Total	29,828
2020 Annual Total	7,422
2021 Annual Total	4,716
January - February	1,301

*The Larkspur February bicycle count was 684

Sausalito Southbound Bicycle Counts	
2017 Annual Total	144,064
2018 Annual Total	116,248
2019 Annual Total	95,590
2020 Annual Total	9,415
2021 Annual Total	8,845
January - February	3,180

*The Sausalito February bicycle count was 1,916

Tiburon Southbound Bicycle Counts	
January - February	645

*The Tiburon February bicycle count was 481

Angel Island Ferry Bicycle Counts	
2021 (December service start) Annual Total	39
January - February	622

*The Angel Island February bicycle count was 339

RETIREMENT OF NEVIL ESTUPINAN, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce that Bus Operator, Nevil Estupinan, retired on March 1, 2022, after thirty-two years, 6 months, and 11 days of service with the District.

Mr. Estupinan joined the District as Bus Operator on September 18, 1989.

We wish Mr. Estupinan a long and happy retirement.

RETIREMENT OF STEVEN SAFFORD, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce that Bus Operator, Steven Safford, retired on March 1, 2022, after twenty-six years, 1 month, and 24 days of service with the District.

Mr. Safford joined the District as Bus Operator on January 5, 1996.

We wish Mr. Safford a long and happy retirement.

RETIREMENT OF PATRICIA DE LA CERDA GRAY, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce that Bus Operator, Patricia De La Cerda Gray, retired on March 1, 2022, after 26 years, 1 month of service with the District.

Ms. De La Cerda Gray joined the District on January 5, 1996, as a Bus Operator.

Prior to District service, Ms. De La Cerda Gray worked as a Customer Service Representative for Sprint.

Ms. De La Cerda Gray was able to maintain a safe and accident-free record during her service with the District. Ms. De La Cerda Gray states “it has been a pleasure to work with some of the finest drivers for more than 26 years and it has been the best place to work, spending time getting to know my coworkers from all different backgrounds was the best. Thank you to you all.”

When she retires, Ms. De La Cerda Gray is looking forward to spending more time in her country of birth, Chile, enjoying time with her family and traveling. She wishes the “best to you all”.

We wish Ms. De La Cerda Gray a long and happy retirement.

RETIREMENT OF ARTHUR L. FIELDS, JR., BRIDGE LANEWORER, BRIDGE DIVISION

It is my privilege to announce that Bridge Laneworker, Arthur L. Fields, Jr., retires on March 31, 2022, after twenty-four years and 26 days of service with the District.

Mr. Fields, Jr. joined the District as a Temporary, Part Time Bridge Laneworker on March 8, 1998.

We wish Mr. Fields, Jr. a long and happy retirement.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO MATTHEW K. CORBETT, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator Matthew Corbett celebrated twenty-five years of service with the District on March 3, 2022.

Mr. Corbett joined the District as a Bus Operator on March 3, 1997.

Mr. Corbett was Employee of the Month for May 2005. He also has many accommodation letters for his great bus driving skills.

Prior to District service, Mr. Corbett drove charters and airport service.

In his free time, Mr. Corbett enjoys camping, fishing, and riding old trains.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO NORMA JELLISON, MANAGER, REAL ESTATE SERVICES AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, DISTRICT DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Norma Jellison, Manager of Real Estate Services and Property Development celebrated twenty years of service with the District on March 4, 2022.

Ms. Jellison joined the District as a Real Estate Specialist on March 4, 2002.

During her service at the District, Ms. Jellison was the Employee of the Month for November 2015. She negotiates and manages leases, licenses and permits for all 3 divisions, including negotiating a joint powers agreement for Angel Island Ferry service and leases for the Tiburon Ferry Landing, the San Francisco Mid-Day Bus Lots at 8th and Harrison and 101 Perry (Permanent Mid-Day Bus Lot) and the Salesforce Transit Center Bus Plaza Platform. She also managed the District's railroad right of way in Marin and Sonoma Counties and transfer of same to Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (S.M.A.R.T.).

Prior to District service, Ms. Jellison was a Senior Real Estate Specialist and Contracting Officer for the US Postal Service. She worked in the Pacific Facilities Service Office for over 10 years and was responsible for land acquisition and leasing in the eleven Western States. She was also a Senior Associate with EIP Associates, environmental and land use planning consultants, and was Councilmember and Mayor of the City of El Cerrito in Contra Costa County.

In her free time, Ms. Jellison is the Whale Watch Program Coordinator and a Docent for Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods at Bodega Head and a Coastal Advocate.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO CHARLES HARRIS,
ENGINEERING CONTRACTS ASSISTANT, DISTRICT DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Engineering Contracts Assistant, Charles (Charlie) Harris, celebrated twenty years of service with the District on March 14, 2022.

Mr. Harris joined the District on March 14, 2002 as an Engineering Office Specialist, and then promoted to Engineering Office Manager in May 2006. In January 2015, he promoted to Engineering Document Contract Assistant and in June 2016 was promoted to his current position of Engineering Contracts Assistant. Mr. Harris was the Employee of the Month for July 2021.

Mr. Harris is a resident of Petaluma, CA where he lives with his spouse Olga, and children Stacy, Katy and Johnny. Mr. Harris enjoys music and plays the electric bass guitar in various bands, currently in a band called Grateful Tuna. He also enjoys gardening and vacationing in Sierra County with his family. He is a member of the Marin Rod and Gun Club and Wetlands Restoration.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2022

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Bus Mechanic, Robert Fistolera, as the Employee of the Month for March 2022.

Mr. Fistolera was recently appointed to be Acting Chief Mechanic, and is recognized for his professionalism, intelligent approach to problem solving in the workplace and his ability to quickly get up to speed in his new role. Mr. Fistolera is dedicated to his job and is always ready to help when needed. As importantly, Mr. Fistolera is a positive influence in the maintenance department. His colleagues describe him as a true professional who never stops working on helping and encouraging the new generation of mechanics to be their best. Of special note, Mr. Fistolera's colleagues remark that he has a "can do" attitude and is always happy to help anyway he can, tackling tasks without hesitation.

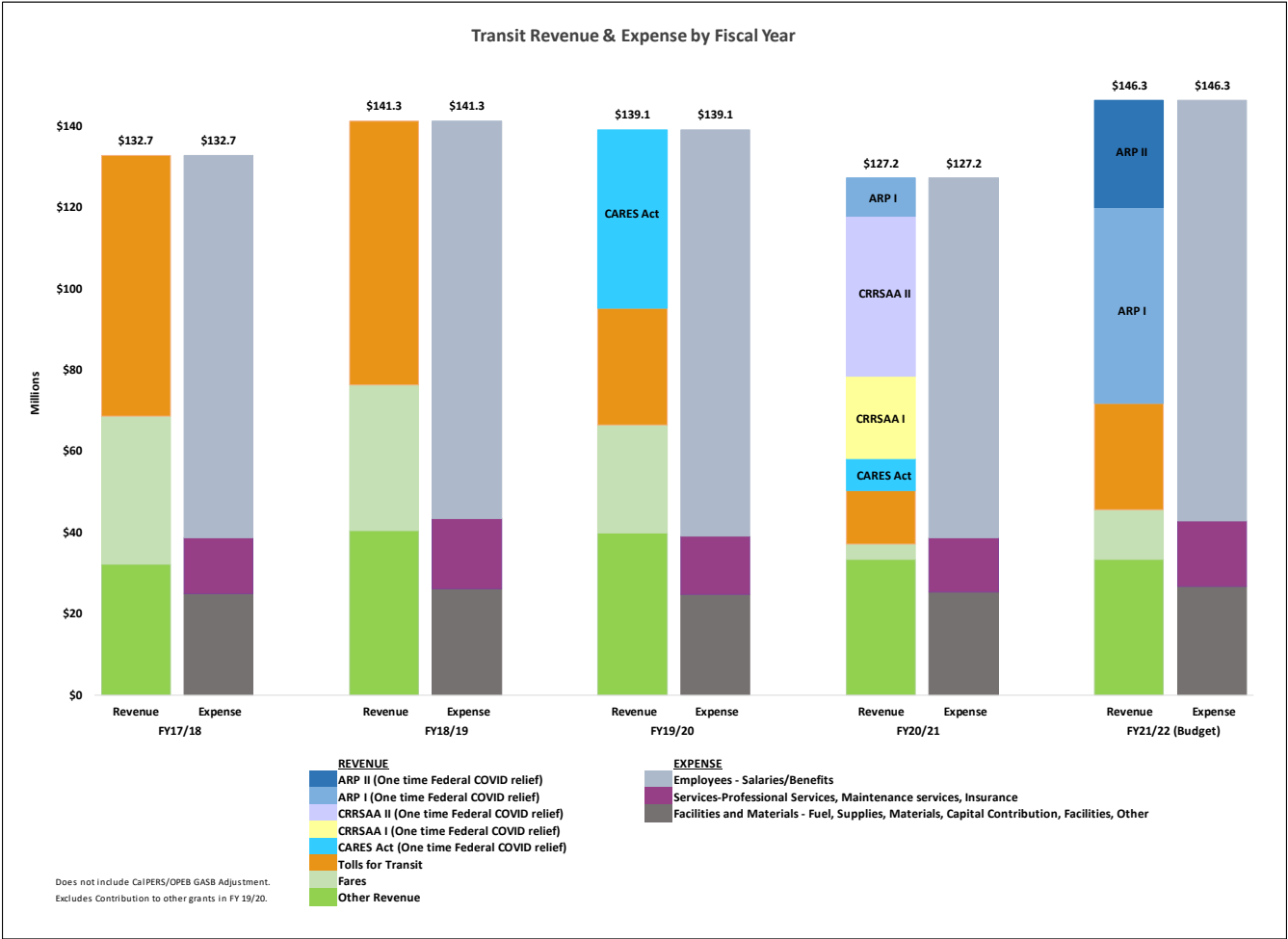
Mr. Fistolera joined the District as Mechanic on July 9, 2012. Prior to joining the District, Mr. Fistolera was a Mechanic at Bayshore International, Inc., a Mechanic at Mill Valley Refuse and a Mechanic/Equipment Operator at Ken Borden Trucking.

Mr. Fistolera was born in Petaluma, CA and attended Piner High School in Santa Rosa, CA. He attended Sonoma State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. Mr. Fistolera has been a resident of Santa Rosa since 1978. He enjoys gardening, camping, dirt bike riding, skiing, fishing and hunting. He was Student of the Year at Comstock Jr. High and is a member of Wilderness Unlimited and the Duncans Mills Camping Club. Mr. Fistolera shares that it is his goal to treat others as he would want them to treat him and to leave this world a better place, to the best of his ability.

Denis J. Mulligan
General Manager

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Attachments: A. 2022-0324-FinanceComm-No8-Attachment C – Transit Funding & Expense Comparison
B. Bridge southbound traffic for the month of February



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FEBRUARY 2022

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC AND TOLL REVENUE

I. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC

	FEBRUARY				FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				MARCH TO FEBRUARY - (LAST 12 MONTHS)			
	2022	% of Total Traffic	2021	% Change	2022	% of Total Traffic	2021	% Change	2022	% of Total Traffic	2021	% Change
2-Axle	1,157,178	99.1%	975,484	19%	10,306,040	99.2%	8,294,460	24%	15,315,789	99.2%	11,467,377	34%
Multi-Axle	10,606	0.9%	8,764	21%	80,807	0.8%	67,028	21%	126,153	0.8%	97,978	29%
TOTAL	1,167,784		984,248	19%	10,386,847		8,361,488	24%	15,441,942		11,565,355	34%

II. TRAFFIC RESOLUTION

	FEBRUARY				FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				MARCH TO FEBRUARY - (LAST 12 MONTHS)			
	2022	% of Total Traffic	2021	% Change	2022	% of Total Traffic	2021	% Change	2022	% of Total Traffic	2021	% Change
FasTrak Account Paid	977,226	84%	831,943	17%	8,553,279	82%	7,024,683	22%	12,786,769	83%	9,797,885	31%
<i>Full FasTrak Fare Paid</i>	936,287	80%	796,897	17%	8,179,840	79%	6,707,052	22%	12,229,834	79%	9,354,028	31%
<i>Carpool/Clean Air Paid</i>	32,747	3%	26,400	24%	302,987	3%	240,134	26%	448,113	3%	320,775	40%
<i>PWD Paid</i>	286	0%	268	7%	2,684	0%	2,310	16%	4,174	0%	3,293	27%
<i>Non-Revenue Paid</i>	7,906	1%	8,378	-6%	67,768	1%	75,187	-10%	104,648	1%	119,789	-13%
License Plate Account Paid	23,457	2%	11,969	96%	176,405	2%	90,949	94%	246,133	2%	123,592	99%
One-Time Paid	4,932	0%	3,845	28%	52,086	1%	34,227	52%	77,821	1%	49,438	57%
Invoice Paid	12,562	1%	16,389	-23%	192,880	2%	203,186	-5%	289,497	2%	386,890	-25%
Violation Paid	-	0%	-		38	0%	18	111%	41	0%	44,409	-100%
In Process and Outstanding	149,607	13%	120,102	25%	1,412,159	14%	1,008,425	40%	2,041,681	13%	1,163,141	76%
TOTAL	1,167,784		984,248	19%	10,386,847		8,361,488	24%	15,441,942		11,565,355	34%

III. TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED

FEBRUARY			FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			MARCH TO FEBRUARY - (LAST 12 MONTHS)		
2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change
\$ 9,805,438	\$ 7,360,449	33%	\$ 85,224,198	\$ 67,384,876	26%	\$ 126,191,258	\$ 93,143,093	35%

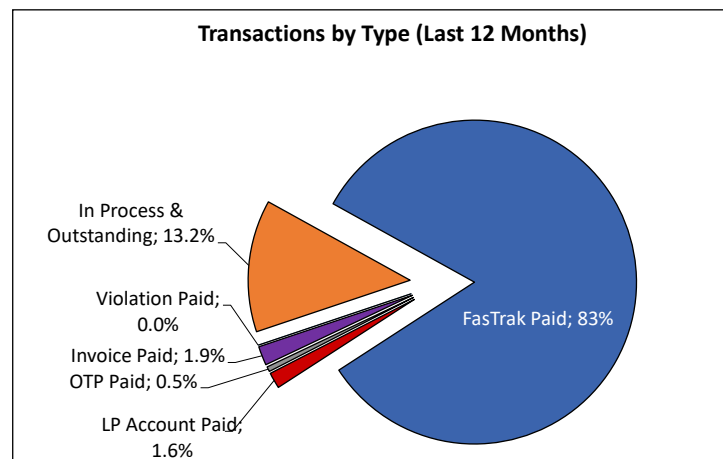
* Note: Total Revenue Collected is all monies received and is not directly related to the transaction counts above.

DATA SINCE INCEPTION *	
Revenue Vehicles	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,098,253,828
Multi-Axle Vehicles	29,187,849
Disabled Patron Vehicles	460,736
Commute Period Carpool	3,319,696
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,131,222,109
Non-Revenue Vehicles	
Federal	12,257,389
CHP/GGBHTD	5,439,876
GG Transit Buses	3,717,559
Other Non-Revenue	190,161
Commute Period Carpool NR	14,934,191
Non-Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	36,539,176
Total Toll-Paying Direction Vehicles	1,167,761,285

* 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.



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