

May 19, 2022



**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 video recording that is posted online at:
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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 virtually/remotely on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., Chair Arnold 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 Arnold; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Thier; President Theriault.

Committee Members Absent (2): Directors Melgar and Snyder.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Cochran, Garbarino, Hernández and Pahre.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Melgar, Snyder 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 Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division

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Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Director of Planning Ron Downing; ADA Compliance and Program Manager Jon Gaffney; 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 [04:16 Minutes Mark on the Video 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.

(4) Authorize Execution of a Second Amendment to Contract No. 2022-F-085, Vivalon ADA Shuttle Bus Services, with Vivalon, for Emergency ADA Backup Service for the Larkspur Ferry [05:29 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

ADA Compliance and Program Manager Jon Gaffney presented the staff report. As part of his report, he clarified the difference between the District's paratransit service and the emergency backup service.

[09:56 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for the report and staff's action to arrange for the emergency backup service.

President Theriault inquired about the location of pick up and drop off, and whether there had been any issues with the service.

Director Mastin inquired about the term of the contract.

Director Thier commended staff for the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation in the contract.

Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiries.

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

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The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors authorize execution of the Second Amendment to Contract No. 2022-F-085, *Vivalon ADA Shuttle Bus Services*, with Vivalon, San Rafael, CA, in the amount of \$254,678, for Emergency ADA Backup Service for the Larkspur Ferry, with the understanding that the funds will be available in the Ferry Division Operating Budget.

Action by the Board at its meeting of May 20, 2022 – Resolution

AYES (11): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (6): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Melgar, Snyder and Stefani.

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [13:58 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He noted that the report masks the effects of the pandemic because the traffic and ridership is compared to a year during the pandemic. He said that the Finance-Auditing Committee report has charts that compare the current year to 2019, which was before the pandemic began. He pointed out how Bridge traffic and transit ridership are below pre-pandemic levels.

The following individual spoke under public comment: [15:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [18:11 Minutes Mark on the Video 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 contract to provide local bus service, and staff looks forward to concluding negotiations and bringing forth an item for the new contract for Board approval.

(7) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Chair Arnold inquired about the effects of the most recent COVID-19 surge on Bridge traffic, transit ridership, staff recruitment and the challenges of hiring staff.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Chair's inquiries, and stated that people interested in working for the District can go to www.goldengate.org and click on "Current Job Openings."

(8) Adjournment [22:11 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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All business having been concluded, Directors THIER/RABBITT moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Arnold, Chair
Transportation Committee

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