

July 21, 2022



## MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**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 Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held virtually/remotely on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 9:02 a.m., Chair Arnold presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:02 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

**Committee Members Present (5):** Chair Arnold; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Mastin, Rodoni and Snyder.

**Committee Members Absent (3):** Directors Rabbitt and Thier; President Theriault.

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

**[Note: On this date, there were three 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; Attorneys Madeline Chun and Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Director of Planning Ron Downing; Principal Planner Barbara Vincent; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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**(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [04:41 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.

Director Pahre inquired about the membership of the Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee and how staff typically recruits for the various advisory committees.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiries.

**(4) Adopt Title VI Equity Analysis Findings Relative to COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Adjustments to Golden Gate Ferry Service [06:55 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the report on behalf of Principal Planner Barbara Vincent. He explained the meaning of major service reduction, and the survey data that was analyzed to assess the impact of the major service reduction on minority and low income riders during the pandemic.

**[11:31 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Director Pahre expressed appreciation for the staff report. She requested additional information about staff's analysis of which riders have been affected by the ferry service changes. She inquired about whether the Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity Issues reviews service changes.

Director Hill inquired if staff had considered that service workers often have a reverse commute when making these service changes.

Director Hernández expressed appreciation for the report. She concurred with Director Pahre's comments and spoke about the possibility that the Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity Issues could review service changes in the future.

Mr. Downing and Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiries. Mr. Mulligan stated that this Title VI Analysis was produced in accordance with applicable federal regulations and Federal Transit Administration requirements. He indicated the Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity Issues could review service changes and design. He clarified that the District has maintained bus service for service workers.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[21:51 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

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**(a) Action by Committee**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the findings of the Title VI equity analysis for Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) service changes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes include service reductions on Larkspur, Sausalito, and Tiburon ferries. The equity analysis concludes that the changes do not have a disparate impact on minority passengers, nor impose a disproportionate burden on low-income passengers.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of July 22, 2022 – Resolution**

**AYES (5):** Chair Arnold; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Mastin, Rodoni and Snyder.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (3):** Directors Rabbitt and Thier; President Theriault.

**(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [24:51 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 commented about the limits of the report during the pandemic. He stated that the average number of bus riders per trip is 21 and the average number of ferry riders per trip is 69. He noted that the commute appears to be focused on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [26:41 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 he anticipates bringing forth an item for the new contract for Board approval.

**(7) Public Comment [27:39 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

The following individual spoke under public comment:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for Mr. Downing's presentation earlier in the meeting.

**(8) Adjournment [30:12 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

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All business having been concluded, Directors MASTIN/SNYDER moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Arnold, Chair  
Transportation Committee

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