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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JULY 22, 2022

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:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/goldengatedistrict>

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session held virtually/remotely on Friday, July 22, 2022, at 10:01 a.m., First Vice President Cochran presiding.

- (1) CALL TO ORDER:** First Vice President Gerald Cochran. **[00:30 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:21 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors Present (14): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.

Directors Absent (2): Director Conroy; President Theriault.

[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/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy

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

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Catherine Stefani [04:10 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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.

[Director Arnold arrived.]

(4) PUBLIC COMMENT: [04:36 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

First Vice President Cochran inquired about the number of people who were present to make public comments. Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong responded there are five members of the public who want to speak in the 30 minutes allotted by the Board.

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment: **[05:14 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- Kymerlyrenée Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- Charles Minster, San Francisco Resident
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1575
- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

[14:04 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

First Vice President Cochran asked Mr. Mulligan if he would like to respond to any of the public comments.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments.

Director Grosboll inquired about whether the District has ordered the 16 zero emission buses that are scheduled for replacement in 2026, and the cost to replace the buses with electric buses earlier than planned. He also inquired about the District's legislative goals relating to bus replacement.

Director Pahre inquired about the forces that drive the industry to manufacture electric buses, and whether District staff have notified manufacturers of the District's intent to purchase electric buses.

Director Hill inquired about the District's ability to have infrastructure installed for electric buses earlier than planned and the other critical path components of preparing to operate electric buses.

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Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries. He spoke about staff's plans to collaborate with other public agencies to build the infrastructure for electric buses and purchase the vehicles. He also indicated the involved agencies would like to ensure they have compatible infrastructure to fulfill mutual aid agreements and provide electric buses as requested.

The Board reopened Public Comment and the following individual spoke: **[25:43 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- Susan Vaughan, San Francisco Resident

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments.

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR: [29:46 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the Consent Calendar.

Directors THIER/RABBITT moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. All items were approved by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.
NOES (0): None.
ABSTENTION (1): Director Hernández.
ABSENT (2): Director Conroy; President Theriault.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of June 23, 2022;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of June 23, 2022; and,
- (3) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of June 24, 2022;
- (4) Board of Directors of June 24, 2022.

Carried

(B) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller

Resolution No. 2022-061 (as detailed in the July 21, 2022 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments
- (4) Accepts Investment Report for June 2022

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager [31:50 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan stated that staff sent an updated report to fix a numerical error at top of page 3 that morning.

- (1) **Ratify the Emergency Action of the General Manager to Approve A Contract with Valentine Corporation Related to Utility Repairs at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal** [32:24 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan outlined the emergency action he took related to work at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal.

Director Mastin inquired about a contingency for the contract.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiry.

Directors PAHRE/THIER

Resolution No. 2022-062 ratifies the emergency actions of the General Manager to approve Contract No. 2022-F-050, with Valentine Corporation, located in San Rafael, CA, in the not to exceed amount of \$227,735, to perform repairs to the pipes including removal and replacement under the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and staff costs of about \$15,000 for a total cost of about \$242,735.

Adopted

AYES (14): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (2): Director Conroy; President Theriault.

- (2) **General Manager Report** [35:35 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report, and highlighted a number of items in the report including: 1) Update on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Bridge traffic and bus and ferry transit ridership; 2) The importance of federal funding; and, 3) Recognition of Franklin McMurray, Melanie Sanborn and Jason Cave for their District service.

[40:25 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Grosboll inquired about the status of hiring Bridge Patrol Officers, and the duration of the training. He indicated he would inquire about the status of staffing and number of vacancies at a future meeting.

Mr. Rivera and Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiries.

- (B) **Attorney** [43:00 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Attorney Kimon Manolius presented the Attorney Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was required. He indicated a Closed Session would not be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

(C) **District Engineer [43:37 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. She highlighted some key developments of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) project, Administration Building Elevator Replacement project, and Santa Rosa Bus Facility Resurfacing project.

Director Mastin inquired about how the Administration Building Elevator project would disrupt work in the building.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush responded to the inquiry.

(7) **OTHER REPORTS:**

There were no other reports to discuss.

[Director Garbarino departed.]

(8) **REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [47:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

(A) **Meeting of the Transportation Committee [47:24 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
July 21, 2022
Chair Judy Arnold**

First Vice President Cochran stated that the following item was discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting of the day before.

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for the Directors' attendance and staff presentation at the meeting.

(1) **Adopt Title VI Equity Analysis Findings Relative to COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Adjustments to Golden Gate Ferry Service [48:03 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors ARNOLD/SNYDER

Resolution No. 2022-063 adopts 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.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.

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NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Conroy and Garbarino; President Theriault.

**(B) Meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee [50:13 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
July 21, 2022
Chair Sabrina Hernández**

(1) Approve Juneteenth Day as a District Paid Holiday for Non-Represented Employees

First Vice President Cochran stated that at the Committee meeting of the day before, the Directors took action to continue the item, ‘Approve Juneteenth Day as a District Paid Holiday for Non-Represented Employees’ to a future meeting. He expressed appreciation for Chair Hernández’s thoughtful comments and leadership at the meeting.

**(C) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee [50:41 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
July 21, 2022
Chair David Rabbitt**

First Vice President Cochran stated the following items were discussed at the Finance-Auditing Committee meeting of the day before.

Chair Rabbitt thanked Vice Chair Pahre for stepping into the Chair role and running the meeting in his absence the day before. He thanked Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and his staff for providing up to date financial information.

(1) Authorize Filing an Application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 22/23 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance and Regional Measure 2 Operating Funds to Support Bus, Ferry and Paratransit Services [51:47 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors RABBITT/MASTIN

Resolution No. 2022-064 authorizes the General Manager to file an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for FY 22/23 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, and Regional Measure 2 funds to support bus, ferry, and paratransit services in the amount of \$27,698,581. Approval of this action also authorizes the General Manager to file revisions to this application if projected funding amounts change during FY 22/23.

Adopted

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AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Conroy and Garbarino; President Theriault.

- (2) **Approve Establishment of an Educational/Institutional Clipper Pass on Golden Gate Transit Bus and Golden Gate Ferry Through a Pilot Program, and Amend the Master Ordinance Accordingly [53:40 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors RABBITT/GIUDICE

Ordinance No. 2022-002 approves establishment of a Clipper fare pilot program that would provide a fare discount through a monthly pass for riders destined to designated higher educational institutions or to specified major employers on Golden Gate Transit regional routes and regular (non-special event) Golden Gate Ferry service; and amends the Master Ordinance accordingly.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Conroy and Garbarino; President Theriault.

- (9) **ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no addresses to the Board.

- (10) **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- (A) **Adopt a Resolution in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361 Finding That the Proclaimed State of Emergency Continues to Impact the Ability to Meet Safely in Person [55:31 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the staff report.

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/SNYDER

Resolution No. 2022-065 adopts a resolution in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, finding that the proclaimed state of emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

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ABSENT (3): Directors Conroy and Garbarino; President Theriault.

- (B) Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies for COVID-19 Related Emergency Actions [57:31 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors GIUDICE/HERNÁNDEZ moved and seconded to continue consideration of this item until the next Board meeting.

Carried

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Conroy and Garbarino; President Theriault.

- (11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

- (12) NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

- (13) COMMUNICATIONS: [59:23 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

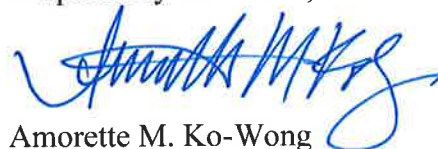
A copy of Board Agenda Item No. 13, Communications is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary

- (14) ADJOURNMENT: [59:33 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

All business having been concluded **Directors THIER/HILL** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:01 a.m. in the memory of Diane Joane Elizabeth Smit.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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