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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 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, September 23, 2022, at 10:01 a.m., President Theriault presiding.

- (1) CALL TO ORDER:** President Michael Theriault. **[00:18 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:07 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors Present (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Directors Absent (1): Director Giudice.

[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; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Judy Arnold **[03:57 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 Pahre arrived.]

- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[04:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

President Theriault inquired about the number of people who are present to make public comments. Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong responded there are seven members of the public who want to speak.

President Theriault confirmed that the public comment period of 30 minutes would be sufficient, and the speakers could have three minutes each.

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment: **[10:06 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- Kymberlyrenée Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- Maurizio Bonacini, San Francisco Resident
- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1575
- Warren Wells, Marin County Bicycle Coalition

[21:08 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments. He expressed appreciation for the Gamboa family's tireless advocacy and indicated that the Board and staff share the family's gratitude for the completion of the Suicide Deterrent System net under Light Pole 77. He spoke about the District's Zero Emission Bus Plan, and indicated staff would make a presentation about zero emission ferries to the Building and Operating Committee in the near future. He said staff would work with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) regarding safety on Alexander Avenue in Sausalito. He also said staff is working towards hiring more bus operators, and has partnered with Local 1575, California Transit Works, the College of Marin, and Santa Rosa Community College to create an innovative program to help people become bus operators through apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships.

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **[25:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

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

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President Theriault stated that at the last meeting, he had voted to approve the minutes for the meetings of July 2022. He said that even though he did not attend those meetings, he watched the meetings on YouTube and is aware of what transpired.

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

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Giudice.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Transportation Committee of August 25, 2022;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of August 25, 2022;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of August 25, 2022; and,
- (4) Board of Directors of August 26, 2022.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2022-077 (as detailed in the September 22, 2022 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

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

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager [27:44 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report. He recognized a number of Bridge Security and Roadway Services employees who received commendations from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for their assistance with an incident that involved a possibly armed suspect at Vista Point including: Hector Bough, Jeremy Owens, Bill San Gregory, Jesus Rodriguez, Patrick Farrell, Anthony D'Amico, Miguel Torres, Kevin Horn and Fabien Benjamin. He noted the employees did an outstanding job and District staff are proud of them.

He highlighted a few additional items in his report including: 1) Update on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the District's revenue and the current levels of Bridge traffic and bus and ferry transit ridership; and, 2) Recognition of Chuck Voong, Von Sau Hoang, Johnny Winata and Jacob Brown for their District service.

[36:33 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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President Theriault inquired about the status of forming the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC). He commented about a Vision Zero Plan, and stated that he would reach out to Warren Wells.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the President's inquiry.

(B) Attorney [37:43 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 [38:18 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 and the Santa Rosa Bus Facility Resurfacing project, and showed photos of the projects.

[43:21 and 47:01 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault stated the complete District Engineer Report is available as part of the Building and Operating Committee meeting materials.

Director Hill inquired about the possibility of solar panels and the timing of that installation.

Director Mastin expressed appreciation for the photos, and inquired about the possibility of Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers for the public in the area.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush responded to the Directors' inquiries.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no other reports to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [48:53 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

**(A) Meeting of the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
[49:09 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
September 22, 2022
Chair Patricia Garbarino**

President Theriault stated that the following items were discussed in detail at the Building and Operating Committee meeting of the day before.

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation to the Committee for their thoughtful discussion and questions related to the Suicide Deterrent System, and noted that it is a very important project.

- (1) **Approve Actions Relative to the Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System Project** [49:48 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/MASTIN

Resolution No. 2022-078 approves the following actions relative to the *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System Project* (Project #1526):

- (a) Authorizes a \$4,637,000 increase in the project budget to finance, through approximately December 2023, the contract administration and construction engineering by District's Engineering staff;
- (b) Authorizes execution of the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-B-07, *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit Construction Scheduling and Claim Review Services*, with Secretariat International, Manhattan Beach, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,542,000, for continuation of expert construction scheduling and estimating and claim evaluation services through approximately December 2023;
- (c) Authorizes execution of the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-B-084, *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent Field Inspection Support Services*, with Summit Associates, Concord, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,127,000, for continuation of field inspection services through approximately December 2023; and,
- (d) Authorizes an increase in the amount of \$8,306,000 in the FY 2022/23 Bridge Division Capital Budget for Project #1526, to be financed with District reserves, for a revised total Project #1526 budget of \$214,938,868, in concurrence with the Finance/Auditing Committee.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Giudice.

- (2) **Approve Actions Relative to Award of Sole Source Contract No. 2022-F-084, California Air Resource Board (CARB) Compliant Tier 4 Diesel Engines, to Pacific Power Group** [52:44 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Pahre requested confirmation of the contract amount and Chair Garbarino responded to her inquiry.

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Directors GARBARINO/THIER

Resolution No. 2022-079 approves actions relative to the award of Sole Source Contract No. 2022-F-084, *CARB Compliant Tier 4 Diesel Engines*, to Pacific Power Group as follows:

- (a) Approves award of sole source Contract No. 2022-F-084 to Pacific Power Group of Kent, WA, in the amount of \$3,505,727, inclusive of tax, for four engines; and,
- (b) Authorizes a contract contingency of \$175,286 to cover unforeseen materials or service necessary to preserve and store the four engines.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Giudice.

**(B) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole [55:17
Minutes Mark on the Video Recording
September 22, 2022
Chair David Rabbitt**

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

- (1) **Authorize Direct Encumbrance and Disbursement of FY 22/23 Revenue-Based State Transit Assistance Funds to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission [55:45 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors RABBITT/HILL

Resolution No. 2022-080 authorizes the General Manager to request that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) encumber \$4,341,929 in Revenue-based State Transit Assistance to MTC to support implementation of the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan). This encumbrance will allow for the disbursement and payment of \$4,341,929 to MTC to implement the Action Plan.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Giudice.

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(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 [57:49 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the staff report. She spoke about Assembly Bill 2449 and how its passage could affect the Board.

President Theriault commented that the Board approved an action that would facilitate meeting arrangements being made in the event the Board is required to return to in person meetings.

Directors RABBITT/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2022-081 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 (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Giudice.

(B) Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies for COVID-19 Related Emergency Actions [1:00:18 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

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

Carried

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Giudice.

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

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There was no new business.

(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [1:01:48 Hour 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: [1:01:55 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded Directors SNYDER/ARNOLD moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 a.m. in the memory of Robert Freney.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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