



Agenda Item No. (6)(A)

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

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

Honorable Members:

**DISTRICT BRIDGE PATROL PERSONNEL RECOGNIZED BY THE CALIFORNIA
HIGHWAY PATROL**

On Thursday, July 14, 2022, District Bridge Patrol personnel responded to a request for assistance from the California Highway Patrol (CHP). CHP Dispatch advised their units were out with a subject possibly armed with a gun at the Vista Point Parking Lot. In collaboration with the CHP Officers on scene, both Bridge Patrol and Roadway Services personnel worked together in a professional manner to ensure the safety of the public. Bridge Patrol Personnel provided ballistic shields to the CHP negotiating team while providing additional cover. Roadway Services personnel provided traffic control and assisted temporarily restricting access to the immediate area. This fluid situation was handled with tact, professionalism, a calm demeanor, and due regard for public and employee safety, reflected in the letters of commendation from the California Highway Patrol to the District personnel involved.

UPDATE ON SAN FRANCISCO FERRY TERMINAL RAMP REPAIR

On June 30, 2021 during a facility inspection at the San Francisco Ferry Terminal, a crack was discovered in one of the outer berth structural steel framing elements. Detailed inspections of both the inner and outer berth steel ramps were performed on July 6th and 7th, 2021 by District certified steel inspectors. The inspections revealed additional cracks in both the inner and outer berths after which both berths were red tagged and the terminal shut down.

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22050 and the District's Procurement Policy, the General Manager, on July 14, 2021, authorized an emergency procurement, Contract No. 2021-F-049, with Moffatt & Nichol to perform a thorough damage assessment and structural analysis of the inner and outer berths in order to determine the cause of the cracks and the structural condition of the berths. On August 17, 2021, Moffatt & Nichol submitted a draft damage assessment report that identified deficiencies in the existing hydraulic lift system and possible vessel surge as contributing factors in the damage. On November 19, 2021, Staff executed the first amendment to Contract No. 2021-F-049 with Moffatt & Nichol to provide engineering design services and to

UPDATE ON SAN FRANCISCO FERRY TERMINAL RAMP REPAIR (continued)

prepare construction drawings and technical specifications associated with repairs to the inner berth. The District received the design documents on March 10, 2022 and applied for permit with the Port of San Francisco on March 11, 2022. The District received the Port of San Francisco permit for construction on April 18, 2022.

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22050 and the District’s Procurement Policy, the General Manager, on April 22, 2022, authorized an emergency procurement, Contract No. 2021, Contract No. 2022-F-035, with Power Engineering Construction (“Power”), located in Alameda, CA, in the not to exceed amount of \$612,600 to perform repairs to the inner berth. On April 25, 2022, the District executed the second amendment to Contract No. 2021-F-049 with Moffatt & Nichol, in the amount of \$84,040 to provide construction engineering support services associated with construction Contract No. 2022-F-035.

Power is continuing preparing work plans and submittals for the work. Power has commenced with repairs to the inner berth concrete support beam and is fabricating temporary supports necessary to support the berth while repairing the structure steel cracks. Work is progressing.

The outer berth condition was determined to be worse than the inner berth and will require more extensive repairs. Engineering staff and Moffatt & Nichol have begun investigating outer berth repair options.

Fiscal Impact

Current estimated costs to date for all activities related to the structural steel cracks are \$3,532,723. The General Manager will continue to provide the Board with regular updates on the status and costs of this work.

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	COSTS
Structural Analysis and Damage Assessment (Moffatt & Nichol)	\$43,634
Inner Berth Repair Design (Moffatt & Nichol)	\$98,610
Inner Berth Permitting Fees (Port of San Francisco)	\$13,570
Inner Berth Construction Repairs (Power Engineering)	\$612,600
Inner Berth Engineering Construction Support (Moffatt & Nichol)	\$84,040
Inner Berth Quality Assurance Inspections (ISI)	\$30,269
Outer Berth Repair Design (estimated)	\$200,000
Outer Berth Permitting Fees (estimated)	\$50,000
Outer Berth Construction Repairs (estimated)	\$2,000,000
Outer Berth Engineering Construction Support (estimated)	\$200,000
Outer Berth QA Inspections (estimated)	\$100,000
District Staff Costs (estimated)	\$100,000
TOTAL COSTS	\$3,532,723

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

Recreational and tourism travel has bounced back much faster than commute travel. Afternoon ferry trips from Sausalito to San Francisco, Giant’s ballpark service and Angel Island service are quite popular. For example, from January through August of 2022 the Sausalito ferry has carried 5.5 times more bicycles than in all of 2021.

The return of commuters is much slower. Currently over 20 percent of all office space in downtown San Francisco is unleased. For the remaining 80 percent of office space where there is a tenant, employers and employees are sorting out what the new normal is for the work week. It will take some time for downtown San Francisco to recover and for new regional commute patterns to emerge. Fortunately, we have one-time federal COVID relief money to buy the District time to react to the new landscape.

During the week of September 4th ridership was down on our buses by about 62 percent (we only carried 38 percent of our normal bus ridership) and our ferry ridership was down 48 percent (we are only carried 52 percent of our normal ferry ridership). Bridge traffic was down about 15 percent when compared to the same week, pre-COVID

The District continues to add back bus and ferry service in a measured fashion consistent with the return of our customers travelling in the Golden Gate Corridor.

REVENUES

The District’s revenues for the week of September 4th were down approximately \$940,000. As compared to the same week pre-pandemic, for the week of September 4th, Bus ridership was down 62 percent, ferry ridership was down about 48 percent and Bridge traffic down about 15 percent.

The District collected about 85 percent of our pre-COVID amount of tolls, so tolls for transit were about 70 percent $[(85-50) / 50 = 70\%]$ of our usual amount, or tolls for transit were down about 30 percent last week.

Week of September 4, 2022

	Bridge	% change	Bus	% change	Ferry	% change
	Sept 4 - Sept 10		Sept 4 - Sept 10		Sept 4 - Sept 10	
Weekly Ridership/Traffic	336,009	-14.59%	24,692	-61.93%	27,804	-47.90%
Weekly Revenue	\$ 2,857,757	-14.59%	\$ 125,629	-62.62%	\$ 204,098	-53.94%
Weekly Revenue Loss	\$ (488,178)	-14.59%	\$ (210,422)	-62.62%	\$ (238,996)	-53.94%
2019 Weekly Ridership/Traffic	393,408		64,854		53,370	

Notes:

*State Shelter in place started 3/17/2020

**Percentage changes are based on Year over year equivalents (current year vs 2019)

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

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

RESEARCH EFFORTS CONTINUE TO COLLECT WORKPLACE REOPENING DATA

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has partnered with the Bay Area Council to conduct research with employers regarding their plans for reopening workplaces and bringing non-essential workers back. They have been conducting monthly surveys of employers to obtain information regarding Bay Area employers’ return to work plans to assist transit agencies in planning for the future. After 16 months, they are now switching to conducting the survey every other month. As such, there was no survey in August. I will include information from their September survey in my October General Manager’s Report.

PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

PRESENTATION TO:	DATE:	PRESENTED BY:
Japanese Consulate	August 15, 2022	David Rivera and Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz

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 August 26, 2022, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
September 24, 2022	National EMS Memorial Bike Ride (West Coast)	West Sidewalk, Vista Point North to South	SE	50
October 15, 2022	A21 A Walk for Freedom San Francisco	East Parking Lot, Golden Gate Bridge Plaza Area, East Sidewalk	EX	150-350
October 22, 2022	Rotary International Golden Gate Bridge Ride, Run, Walk to End Polio Now	East Parking Lot, Golden Gate Plaza Area, West Sidewalk/East Sidewalk	SE	TBD

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

VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

Vehicle Traffic Incident	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities	Location
RE – Rear Ender	2	2	0	Bridge
HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
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HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
RE – Rear Ender	2	1	0	Bridge
SS – Side Swipe	3	0	0	Bridge
RE – Rear Ender	2	1	0	Bridge
RE – Rear Ender	2	2	0	Bridge
HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
RE – Rear Ender	3	0	0	Plaza
HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Doyle
HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
O – Other	1	1	1	Waldo
O – Other	1	1	0	Waldo
HB – Hit Barrier	1	0	0	Plaza
TOTAL	24	8	1	

BICYCLE INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

Bicycle Incidents	Bicycles	Injuries	Fatalities	Location
BB – Bicycle/Bicycle	2	1	0	Bridge
SO - Solo	1	1	0	Bridge
BB – Bicycle/Bicycle	2	1	0	Bridge
BB - Bicycle/Bicycle	2	1	0	Bridge
SO - Solo	1	1	0	Alexander
TOTAL	8	5	0	

FERRY BICYCLE COUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Ferry Bicycle Counts for the month of August 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 – August	8,450

*The Larkspur August bicycle count was 1,424

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 - August	46,346

*The Sausalito August bicycle count was 12,844

Tiburon Southbound Bicycle Counts	
January - August	6,285

*The Tiburon August bicycle count was 1,476

Angel Island Northbound Ferry Bicycle Counts	
2021 (December service start) Annual Total	39
January - August	3,251

*The Angel Island August bicycle count was 697

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO CA HIEN (CHUCK) VOONG, SUPERVISING CIVIL ENGINEER, BRIDGE DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Supervising Civil Engineer Ca Hien (Chuck) Voong, celebrated twenty-five years of service with the District on September 8, 2022.

Mr. Voong joined the District on September 8, 1997 as an Associate Civil Engineer.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO VON SAU HOANG, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator, Von Sau Hoang, celebrated twenty years of service with the District on September 6, 2022.

Mr. Hoang joined the District on September 6, 2000 as a full-time Bus Operator.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO JOHNNY WINATA, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION

We are pleased to announce that Bus Operator, Johnny Winata, celebrated twenty years of service with the District on September 6, 2022.

Mr. Winata joined the District on September 6, 2000 as a full-time Bus Operator.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2022

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Senior Capital and Grant Programs Analyst, Jacob Brown, in the District Division, as the Employee of the Month for August 2022.

Mr. Brown is recognized for his role leading the District's Triennial Review process for the first time this year. He began by reaching out to participants early and keeping them informed throughout the entire process. He provided necessary documentation and offered and provided support to participants. Mr. Brown contributed his own labor to the process as well, providing documentation for areas covered by the Capital and Grants department. This was the District's third triennial review, and the process well-organized and transparent, with Mr. Brown at the helm. departments and staff from across the District participate in the Triennial Review, and Mr. Brown's efforts made the work more manageable. Mr. Brown exerted considerable effort in working with the City of Sausalito to write their first Title VI program ever and his experience and skill were of great benefit.

Mr. Browns's colleagues share that he approaches his work with a "people first" mentality that builds positive, professional working relationships. He is thoughtful about reaching out to people individually to solve problems and to ensure the work is completed in a timely manner. He adds tremendous value to the Capital and Grant Programs team both as someone who leads by example, and as a subject matter expert in the many subjects for which he has been responsible in his nearly four years with the District (capital planning and budget, TDA/STA/RM2 grants, other state grants, FTA grants, to name a few).

Mr. Brown joined the District as a Capital Grants Program Analyst on September 10, 2018 and promoted to his current position on August 9, 2021. Prior to joining the District Mr. Brown was a Grants Manager at Chicago Cook County Public Hospital, and prior to that a Field Research Specialist at the University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Health Research & Policy and before that a Research Fellow at Syracuse University School of Architecture.

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Mr. Brown was born in the Crawfordsville, Indiana and attended Southmont High School in Crawfordsville. He went on to receive a B.A. from Wabash College and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Cornell University, and an MBA from the university of Chicago. Mr. Brown has been a resident of San Francisco since 2018, where he lives with his wife Carrie and young son Milo. In his free time, Mr. Brown enjoys yoga, the beach, dance music.

Denis J. Mulligan
General Manager

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Attachment: 2022-0923-FinanceComm-No6-Attachment C – Transit Funding & Expense Comparison

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