

October 27, 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, October 27, 2022, at 9:01 a.m., Chair Arnold presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:01 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 Member Absent (1): Director Snyder.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Cochran, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández and Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (12): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (4): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Snyder and Stefani.

[Note: On this date, there were three vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

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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 General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Principal Planner Barbara Vincent; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells; Operations and Schedules Analyst Beverly Wong.

[Director Rabbitt arrived.]

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 [04:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

(a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility; (b) Bus Passengers Advisory Committee; and (c) Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He stated that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee had met and additional information would be available for the next meeting.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[05:17 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Pilpel made his comments later in the meeting.

(4) Adopt Title VI Equity Analysis Findings Relative to Assumption of Angel Island Ferry Service and Fares, and Adopting the Current Service Model and Fares on a Permanent Basis [11:59 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Principal Planner Barbara Vincent presented the staff report. She provided additional information about the fares including the youth fare.

[16:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault noted a typographical error in the Conclusion of the Title VI Equity Analysis, which staff acknowledged. He also commented on the use of Marin County income base data in the Title VI Equity Analysis, considering that Angel Island ferry service passengers are primarily coming from San Francisco or points south and east of San Francisco. .

Director Mastin inquired about the park entrance fee and made a suggestion to clarify that

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the fee is included in the fare.

Director Hernández expressed appreciation for the staff report, and inquired about the survey period. She suggested that the District promote the discounted Clipper Start fares to low income riders.

Director Rabbitt stated that equity is an important issue: the region plays a major role in equity matters and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has been discussing equity, which includes fares and how transit serves the area.

Ms. Vincent and Mr. Mulligan responded to the President's and Directors' comments and inquiries. Mr. Mulligan clarified that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dictates the Title VI Equity Analysis methodology and timeline. Ms. Vincent spoke about the quality and quantity of the Angel Island passenger survey data, and noted that the District will be conducting a regional ridership survey to study data from a representative group of riders, including Angel Island ferry riders. Mr. Mulligan also spoke about regional efforts to look at equity and how transit is serving the Bay Area.

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions:

- (i) Adopt the findings of the attached Title VI equity analysis for assumption of the Angel Island ferry service; and,
- (ii) Adopt the Angel Island ferry service and fares upon completion of the current service and fare pilots.

The equity analysis concludes that introduction of this new service does not have a disparate impact on minority riders; however, it does represent a disproportionate benefit to non-low-income riders under the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's Title VI Policies. Additionally, the fares on the Angel Island ferry did not disparately impact minority riders but constitute a slight disproportionate impact to low-income riders on Golden Gate Ferry service.

Action by the Board at its meeting of October 28, 2022 – Resolution

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

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NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (5): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Grosboll, Snyder and Stefani.

*President Theriault stated he moves the item with the appropriate changes to the Conclusion.

**Director Hernandez stated she votes for the item with the understanding that staff will address the equity issues.

[Director Grosboll arrived.]

(5) Approve Updates to the Agency Safety Plan for Golden Gate Transit [30:52 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Operations and Schedules Analyst Beverly Wong presented the staff report.

[35:39 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault and Director Thier expressed appreciation for the staff report and work on the plan.

President Theriault indicated that the staff report provided information about the changes to the Agency Safety Plan, and he requested that future presentations on this subject include a redline version of the Agency Safety Plan showing the specific changes.

Director Thier commended the team for their focus on safety.

Director Pahre expressed appreciation for the Agency Safety Plan measures to promote safety including the training and the Safety Committee.

(b) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve updates to the Agency Safety Plan (ASP), version October 2022, for Golden Gate Transit (GGT), in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Rule.

Action by the Board at its meeting of October 28, 2022 – Resolution

AYES (12): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Conroy, Giudice, Snyder and Stefani.

(6) **Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance** [39:17 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 stated that Bridge traffic is about the same and bus and ferry transit ridership is slowly climbing.

(7) **Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit**

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(8) **Public Comment** [41:08 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

The following individual spoke under public comment:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

[43:49 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comment regarding Mr. Pilpel's application to serve on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC).

Director Hill commented that Mr. Pilpel is a pedestrian, and there are no other pedestrian representatives on the PBAC. He encouraged staff to find a way to help Mr. Pilpel apply to serve on the PBAC.

Director Thier echoed Director Hill's comments and expressed appreciation for Mr. Pilpel's input to the Board.

[46:03 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

The Board re-opened public comment, and the following individual spoke under public comment:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

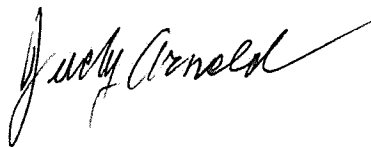
(9) **Adjournment** [48:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors HILL/THIER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judy Arnold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Judy Arnold, Chair
Transportation Committee

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