

November 17, 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, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., Vice Chair Hill presiding.

- (1) Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m. **[00:34 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Committee Members Present (7): Vice Chair Hill; Directors Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; President Theriault.

Committee Member Absent (1): Chair Arnold.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Present (11): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (5): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández 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; 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; Director of Planning Ron Downing; ADA Compliance and Program Manager Jon Gaffney; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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 [03:49 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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

The staff report was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[04:36 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

[Director Conroy arrived.]

(4) Authorize Execution of a Third Amendment to Contract No. 2022-F-085, Vivalon ADA Shuttle Bus Services, with Vivalon, for Emergency ADA Backup Service for the Larkspur Ferry [06:01 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

ADA Compliance and Program Manager Jon Gaffney presented the staff report.

[08:38 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Mastin inquired about the shuttle ridership and the possibility of an outside temporary lift during the berth repair project.

Director Pahre inquired about certificated transportation alternatives.

Director Snyder inquired about the possibility of distributing transportation vouchers and the timeline for the berth repair project.

Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries, outlined the limits of other transportation alternatives and spoke about some of the project unknowns. Mr. Mulligan indicated that the project could last past late summer.

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(a) Action by Committee

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors THERIAULT/MASTIN** 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 authorize execution of the third Amendment to Contract No. 2022-F-085, *Vivalon ADA Shuttle Bus Services*, with Vivalon, San Rafael, CA, in the amount of \$759,000 for Emergency ADA Backup Service for the Larkspur Ferry, with the understanding that the funds will be available in the Ferry Division Operating Budget.

Action by the Board at its meeting of November 18, 2022 – Resolution

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (5): Directors Arnold, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández and Stefani.

(5) Update on Regional Transit Coordination Presentation [16:22 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. Mr. Mulligan added that other public agency boards are receiving similar presentations, and many District staff members are very engaged in the process.

[28:51 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Rabbitt expressed appreciation for Mr. Mulligan's leadership, Mr. Downing's presentation and other staff members' contributions to the project. He commented about the project goals and noted the importance of collaboration and coordination.

Director Thier commended Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Downing and other staff for their contributions to the effort including coordination with other agencies. She spoke about the value of transit coordination.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[32:20 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

[34:39 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comment.

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General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He stated that Bridge traffic remains down, especially during commute hours. He highlighted that compared to pre pandemic levels - regional bus ridership is about 80%, commute bus ridership is about 20% and ferry ridership is about 50%.

[38:51 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Mastin inquired about the bus farebox recovery rate.

[39:23 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiry, and clarified that the current riders are taking more local trips and indicated that the local trips generate less revenue.

(7) **Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit** **[40:26 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.

(8) **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

(9) **Adjournment** **[41:16 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

All business having been concluded, **Directors MASTIN/SNYDER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Elbert Hill, Vice Chair
Transportation Committee

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