



Agenda Item No. (3)(a)–(3)(d)

To: Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of November 17, 2022

From: Ron Downing, Director of Planning
Denis J. Mulligan, General Manager

Subject: **REPORTS OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES**
(a) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**
(b) **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
(c) **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
(d) **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Recommendation

There is no recommendation associated with this item.

Summary

The purpose of the formation of the above-mentioned Advisory Committees is to provide the public a forum by which they can communicate their viewpoints and suggestions on the operations of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), as well as on the bus and ferry transit systems, to the District Board of Directors and staff. These Advisory Committees meet regularly, and designated District staff participates in these meetings. From time to time, these Advisory Committees submit recommendations to the District’s Transportation Committee (Committee) for its consideration.

The Secretary of the District is required to provide packets of the Advisory Committees to the Committee.

The documents attached to this report are as follows:

- (a) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**
Agenda Packet of October 20, 2022
- (b) **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
There is no new meeting information at the time of this mailing.
- (c) **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
There is no new meeting information at the time of this mailing.
- (d) **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Packet of October 19, 2022

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachments

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

Meeting: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held on Zoom. See information below:



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://goldengate-org.zoom.us/j/88580189448?pwd=bmg0VHRSUnlVZkFlendvRm1JV2dnZz09>

Meeting ID: 885 8018 9448

Passcode: 233657

Call In: (669) 900 6833

- 1. Introductions (2 Minutes)**
- 2. Agenda (2 Minutes)**
- 3. ACA-Related Items (10 Minutes)**
 - a) ACA Recruitment
- 4. Marin Transit-Related Items (30 Minutes)**
 - a) Marin County Local Bus and Mobility Management
 - b) Paratransit Service (Regional and Local)
- 5. GGBHTD-Related Items (60 Minutes)**
 - a) COVID 19 – Continued Response
 - b) Alternative Service Larkspur Ferry
 - c) Presentation – Autism Training for Bus Operators
- 6. ACA Member Announcements/Comments; Public**
 - a) Open Time (3 Minutes per Speaker)

(Speakers are limited to three minutes. Members or visitors with specific comments or incidents to report are requested to call Jon Gaffney at (415) 257-4417 at least two days prior to the meeting.)

(Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 1:30 pm)



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**Advisory Committee on Accessibility
Minutes of April 28, 2022**



Members Patti Mangles, Marcela Vargas

Present:

Staff: Jon Gaffney, ACA Compliance and Program Manager
Carlena Natouf, Customer Relations Supervisor
Collette Martinez, Acting Director of Operations Ferry Division
Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant

Ex-Officio Joanna Huitt, Senior Mobility Planner, Marin Transit

Members:

Visitors: Director Michael Theriault
Director Elbert Hill
Director James Mastin

Chair Patti Mangles started the meeting at 1:32 pm. There was not a quorum of members present. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

1. Introductions

2. Minutes / Agenda – As there was no quorum for the meeting. Jon Gaffney stated that the minutes would be approved at the next meeting.

3. ACA-Related Items

- a) CalACT Spring Conference 2022 – Mr. Gaffney gave a report to the group. Mr. Gaffney explained that CalACT is a statewide, non-profit organization that represents the interests of small, rural and specialized transportation agencies and described their bi-annual conferences. He then went on to describe a few of the sessions he attended. Mr. Gaffney then proposed having presentations on various topics that were presented at future meetings.

- b) ACA Recruitment – Mr. Gaffney explained that in the past, ACA committee recruitment was mainly conducted through advertisements in the Riders Guide, the Golden Gate Gazette, and by word of mouth to other bay area

organizations. Marcela Vargas offered to assist with recruitment. She also suggested that recruitment notices should be placed at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and San Francisco Ferry Terminal..

4. Marin Transit-Related Items / Paratransit Report

- a) Marin County Local Bus and Mobility Management – Joanna Huitt discussed a pilot project that Marin Transit offered that provided free fixed route transit to seniors and individuals with disabilities. She stated that the program ran from October 2021 to March 2022. She also discussed Marin Transit’s Low Income Fare Assistance Program.

Ms. Huitt then described the Marin Access Incubator Program. She explained that this grant program is focused on making transportation opportunities available for seniors and individuals with disabilities in the West Marin area. Marin Transit was seeking applications for funding from various organizations in the community.

- b) Paratransit Service (Regional and Local) – Ms. Huitt announced that the Marin Access Paratransit contract had transitioned between operators from Vivalon to Transdev last February. She explained that the new contractor is operating out of a new facility owned by Marin Transit in San Rafael, as well as two parking facilities owned by the District in San Rafael and Novato.

Mr. Gaffney presented ridership and on-time performance statistics for the paratransit service.

5. GGBHTD Related Items

- a) COVID-19 Continued Response – Mr. Gaffney announced that masks were no longer required onboard GGBHTD buses or ferries.
- b) Alternative Ferry Service – Mr. Gaffney described an ongoing situation involving the Larkspur Ferry service at the San Francisco Ferry Terminal. He explained that, due to mechanical issues outside of the District’s control, the Ferry Division cannot service Gate A at this time, and has moved its operations to Gate B. Mr. Gaffney explained that the configuration of Gate B in San Francisco requires passengers to disembark from a different deck

than that which they board. Therefore, passengers who cannot access the internal stairs on our vessels cannot complete a trip onboard the Larkspur Ferry service when high-speed catamarans, which have no elevators, are in use.

To ensure that individuals who need to travel from Larkspur to San Francisco can continue to do so, the District contracted with Vivalon to provide an emergency backup service for individuals who cannot traverse the stairs. That service consists of vehicles that will transport these individuals between the ferry terminals without need for advance reservation. This service is in effect seven days a week during Larkspur Ferry service hours of operation. This service is temporary and will only remain in place until repairs can be made to Gate A in San Francisco.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 21st, 2022. That meeting was later canceled and October 20, 2022 was announced as the next meeting.



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PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Agenda for Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Convene at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held via Zoom:

<https://goldengateorg.zoom.us/j/84646319535?pwd=OVZ0aGJ2dXUrNWpkYUlaK2dGQkc0Zz09>

Call-in number: 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 846 4631 9535

Passcode: 504661



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation by Staff
 - a. GGBHTD Overview
 - b. PBAC Overview
3. Discussion of PBAC Goals
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-chair
5. Discussion of Issues Surrounding Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity on the District's Properties
 - a. Identify Significant Issues
 - b. Consider Potential Action Items for Future Meetings
6. Determine Preliminary Meeting Schedule and Time
7. Member/Visitor Comments (2 minutes per speaker)
8. Adjournment

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PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 19, 2022



Members Present: David Alexander, Parker Day, Carolyn (Candy) Doran, Dan Federman, Kevin Gammon, James Grady, Jon Herman, Timothy Hunter, Sasha Madfes, Charles Metzler, Susan Nawbary, Phoebe Rockwood, Ray Scherck, Warren Wells

District Staff Present: David Rivera, Deputy General Manager, Bridge Division; Amorette Ko-Wong, Secretary of the District; Paolo Cosulich-Schwartz, Director of Public Affairs; Raymond Santiago, Manager of Traffic Engineering and Transit Facilities; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department

Guests Present: Michael Theriault, President, Board of Directors; Elbert Hill, Board of Directors; James Mastin, Board of Directors

David Rivera called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He welcomed the applicants present to be members of the first GGBHTD Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC).

1. **Introductions.** Staff, new members, and visitors introduced themselves.
2. **Presentation by Staff.**
 - a. GGBHTD Overview/b. PBAC Overview. David Rivera combined Items a) and b) and gave a brief description of the District's establishment of the PBAC and how bicycles play an integral part of all District modes of transit: bus, ferry and bridge.

At this point in the meeting, the agenda was altered for the Election of Officers.

3. **Election of Officers.** David Rivera stated that a chair and vice-chair would be needed to facilitate and monitor the meetings. Warren Wells asked if there was an established charter for the PBAC and whether the group would create resolutions for the Board of Directors. David Rivera stated that this committee is more of an advisory board. The Board committees make recommendations to the Board, not advisory committees. Secretary Ko-Wong echoed that PBAC is an advisory committee to staff, and electing officers would help provide structure and parameters to work within, so the committee can then formulate ideas for needed solutions to take to staff. President Theriault remarked that the Board receives reports of the advisory committees prior to their Board meetings.

After more group discussion, Sasha Madfes and David Alexander, both of San Francisco, volunteered to be chairs. Warren Wells, Berkeley, and James Grady, San Francisco, volunteered as vice-chairs. Warren Wells suggested that these appointments could be held for a period of one year, with vice-chairs ascending to future chairs.

(A vote to confirm the chair and vice-chair positions will be taken at the beginning of the next meeting to verify the leadership of this advisory committee.)

4. **Determine Preliminary Meeting Schedule and Time.** The group agreed to meet via Zoom again next month on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m., and every other month thereafter for the first few months.
5. **Discussion of PBAC Goals.** This will be an ongoing item on the agenda, as the committee evolves and develops more specific goals and objectives. During the meeting, Sasha Madfes created a Google excel spreadsheet for members to list discussion points for future meetings. A copy of the spreadsheet is attached to this document. The spreadsheet also contains topics that were discussed at the meeting.
6. **Discussion of Issues Surrounding Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity on the District's Properties.**
 - a. **Identify Significant Issues.** Two most significant issues were identified:
 - 1) Bicycle access on the Bridge sidewalks during pedestrian activity.
 - 2) Bicycle access and safety issues along Alexander Avenue, most of which is owned and operated by the District.
 - b. **Consider Potential Action Items for Future Meetings.** The two issues identified above will be the primary focus for the immediate future, as well as other items of interest on the attached list. This agenda topic will be ongoing.
7. **Member/Visitor Comments.** None.
8. **Adjournment.** David Rivera adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Please enter problems or ideas you'd like to discuss further at a future meeting.

DATE ENTER	ENTERED BY	BREIF DESCRIPTION
10/19/2022	Sasha Madfes	NO WALKING signage - paint on the ground and place bright traffic lights at the start of each side of the West path - using universal symbols, not words.
10/19/2022	Sasha Madfes	Current sign placement vs the previously used A-frame signs, as to whether bikes are permitted at the approach of the East side path.
10/19/2022	Sasha Madfes	Require helmets be worn by all.
10/19/2022	Sasha Madfes	Install round mirrors around the tight turns of the bridge posts.
10/20/2022	Sasha Madfes	The new radar devices show cyclists how fast their are going, but nowhere near them does it let them know the speed limit for that section.
10/20/2022	Sasha Madfes	Add NO STOPPING signage along the narrower parts of the West side path.
10/20/2022	Ray Scherck	Stop sign for vehicles exiting from 101 north at Alexander and bike/Ped crossing w/ push button activated flashing light and proper painted cross walk needed coming south to crossing Alexedander to access East side of GG.
10/20/2022	Ray Scherck	Agree with Death trap on Alexander too- Protected Class IV bi-directional bike/ped path on East side of road stating at Vista point to down ALEXander to East Road (long term) vegetation removal the length of Alexander, pot holes and k-rail (near east road) need immediate attention (short term)
10/20/2022	Ray Scherck	Have West side open during peak hours daily to seperate Bike and Peds
10/20/2022	Ray Scherck	GG Bridge west side storage box's need to be reshaped (maybe shortened & elongated) so they don't stick out so far into the path.
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	The signs at every entrance of the bridge are wildly confusing even for a native speaker. There needs to be a substantial consolidation of the signage.
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	Heavy crosswinds create significant handling challenges for even experienced cyclists, and recent railing changes (a design which did not consider the safety issues) makes matters worse, leading more commuters to skip the bridge on windy days.
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	Sharp turns combined with strong wind currents at the two towers creates dangerous conditions for even the most experienced cyclists.
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	Tactile pavement on heavy bike-traffic stretch in vista point area is a crash hazard especially on foggy mornings (which is like 85% of the time)
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	Light pole 26 (the pinch point on the west sidewalk) is the location of the plurality of bike crashes
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	Bicycles must ride in travel lane just south of Sausalito city limits due to unaddressed "temporary" k-rails.
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	The corner between Alexander and Conzelman is quite blind until at the limit line because of vegetation and the shape of the hillside. This creates a conflict risk especially for bicycles coming down Conzelman and turning left on Alexander

10/20/2022	Warren Wells	Bicyclists traveling southbound on the west sidewalk face a very tight 90 degree turn where they cannot see people approaching from the other direction. There is a convex mirror, but it doesn't suffice.
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	The sidewalks are closed completely to pedestrians and cyclist to accommodate major events
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	There is no ADA route between the bridge and Sausalito
10/20/2022	Warren Wells	The bridge is closed to pedestrians after 8 or 9 PM. I have seen people get stuck on the Marin side of the bridge. Once the suicide deterrant system is in place, is this ban necessary.
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	West side north bound entrance 90 degree turn needs the large stump removed expanding the access to make it safer
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	West side needs dashed lines to demark the middle at the light poles
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	West side needs solid center line around towers for easier and safer nagivation
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	Light pole 26 is narrow and feels dangerous - maybe give the up hill side right of way (same rule when cars come together on a narrow road, the up hill has the right of way) if needed
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	Direct bikes over the ramp at light pole 26 onto the roadway next to the bridge for safer navigation, This would allow easy access to Sausalito
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	Going West the underpass has not enough markings and feels unsafe
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	Going west after the underpass before the lot, the bike lane is not clearly marked and has branches blocking the entire lane at times - needs green bike lane symbols on the road
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	The west side south bound entrance near the parking lot needs repainting and better put a green strip the whole way to the bridge saying "bikes only"
10/22/2022	Charles Metzler	Agree (26) yellow bumps extremely hazardous and need to be removed from all bike lanes
10/19/2022	Susan Nawbary	Alexander Ave safety; traffic calming and addition of stop sides, vehicle traffic lane diet
10/19/2022	Susan Nawbary	Bus can only accommodate 2 bikes and no flat bars. Riders with bikes wait for bus only to find bus is full and have to wait 45 more minutes.
10/19/2022	Susan Nawbary	Ferries don't have enough bike spots for peak commute hours. GGBHTD pretends that commuters are not back but they've already had to add 2 evening ferries. On-foot passengers not at capacity but bikes are. Remove indoor seats for an indoor bike rack.
10/19/2022	Susan Nawbary	There is no order to people on foot or hike unloading and as a result both jockey to get off the ferry. Means some bike owners yank bikes from bottom of pile causing damage to other bikes
10/19/2022	Susan Nawbary	Vegetation at larkspur ferry terminal blocks visibility of bike path so riders on the SFD sidewalk cannot see people exiting the ferry and vice versa, as well as pedestrians walking to the SMART train
10/19/2022	Susan Nawbary	The SMART train is way too long of a walk for very pregnant people, children under 5, and elderly. It can take 10 minutes when a family includes all three. Need a shuttle or a connection from the train across SFD that isn't a sojourn for those walking with canes, small children or a large fetus
10/20/2022	Candy Doran	Better access to West side of GGB instead of blind 90 degree turn around the cement pillar; included here needs to be some type of diversion to keep the pedestrians from entering. The trail from the Merchant parking lot puts them right onto the bike path

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