

December 15, 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, December 15, 2022, at 9:02 a.m., Chair Arnold presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:02 a.m. **[00:36 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:34 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Committee Members Present (8): Chair Arnold; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; President Theriault.

Committee Member Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (6): Directors Cochran, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández and Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (14): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (2): Directors Giudice 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; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Director of Planning Ron Downing; Principal Planner David Davenport; 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 [04:00 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: [04:46 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(4) Discussion and Action to Adopt the Final Short-Range Transit Plan for Regional Bus, Ferry, and Paratransit Service Prepared for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Fiscal Years 2022/23 Through 2027/28 [06:17 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing introduced the staff report, and Principal Planner David Davenport presented the staff report. Mr. Davenport explained the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) financial scenarios and staff's rationale for adding a fourth scenario with District projections.

General Manager Denis Mulligan requested the Committee approve the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) so the District would remain eligible to receive funding from the MTC, and spoke further about the importance of all the scenarios.

He expressed appreciation for all those who contributed to the SRTP and the scenarios including Mr. Davenport, Mr. Downing, Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta and her team, Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Jim Swindler and his team, and Auditor-Controller Joe Wire and his team. He noted the information will be used to advocate for additional funds for operating bus and ferry services.

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Chair Arnold inquired about staff's goals for presenting the fourth scenario to MTC.

Director Grosboll inquired about the passenger complaints on page 38 and asked if the complaints had been addressed. He expressed appreciation for the improvement in the Mechanical Failure Rate on page 37.

[Director Rabbitt arrived.]

Director Rodoni inquired if the five year SRTP can be revisited periodically.

Director Mastin expressed appreciation for the addition of the fourth scenario. He inquired about the Passenger No-Shows and Late Cancellations on page 38.

Director Hill expressed appreciation for the fourth financial scenario.

Director Thier expressed appreciation for the SRTP, and especially the fourth scenario and 3.4.2. Equity Considerations on page 50. She spoke about the importance of equity considerations and providing transportation to those who have limited means. She acknowledged the amount of work that goes into a document like the SRTP.

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for the fourth financial scenario. She spoke about the impact of the pandemic and importance of the additional scenario. She expressed appreciation for staff's contributions.

Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Davenport responded to the inquiries. Mr. Mulligan stated that staff would like MTC to be aware of staff's financial projections. He confirmed that the SRTP would be reviewed each year. Mr. Davenport and Mr. Mulligan explained that the Passenger No-Shows and Late Cancellations are passenger metrics, spoke about some of the industry trends and confirmed that staff is working to improve these metrics.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[22:37 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

[26:30 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Rabbitt responded to the public comment.

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

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The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the Final Short-Range Transit Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/23 through 2027/28 for submission to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Action by the Board at its meeting of December 16, 2022 – Resolution

AYES (14): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Giudice and Stefani.

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [30:09 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 staff anticipates that Bridge traffic and transit will remain about the same during the winter. He said the office vacancy rate is 25% in San Francisco, and as a result, these results are unlikely to change in the near future.

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Director Rabbitt inquired about the office vacancy rate in San Francisco and trend of working from home. He said he understands the President is contemplating the District's strategic plan, and how the District could assist San Francisco to re-open.

Director Pahre commented about how Bridge traffic and revenue is down, the District's financial constraints, and the public's requests for more service. She spoke about the challenge of these competing forces, and said she looks forward to seeing the District's strategic plan.

Director Hill commented about the available space in San Francisco.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiry. He clarified that about 25% of office space is vacant. In addition, companies have space which is not necessarily being used, and management is not yet sure how many employees will be willing to return to the office. He highlighted that tourism returned in the past year and is anticipated to return further in the upcoming year.

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [37:19 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 indicated that Marin Transit staff has approached District staff about the possibility of leasing some unused District buses.

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(7) **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

(8) **Adjournment [38:56 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

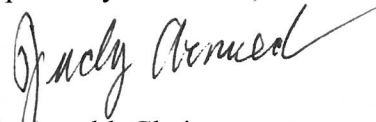
President Theriault encouraged those in attendance to join him and applaud Chair Arnold who had led her last Transportation Committee meeting.

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for the applause. She stated that she has been a member of the Golden Gate Bridge District Board for over a decade, the District is a great organization and those involved are doing a wonderful job. She noted that the COVID-19 pandemic was unexpected. She wished everyone well and said she would miss them.

All business having been concluded, **Directors HILL/THIER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Arnold, Chair
Transportation Committee

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