

December 16, 2022

<u>MINUTES OF THE</u> <u>GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE</u> <u>/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

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 audio recording that is posted online at: <u>https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents.</u>

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

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee (Committee)/Committee of the Whole of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conferencing on Friday, December 16, 2022, at 9:15 a.m., Chair Cochran presiding.

- (1) <u>Call to Order</u>: 9:15 a.m. [00:22 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
- (2) <u>Roll Call</u>: Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. [01:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Cochran; Vice Chair Snyder; Directors Garbarino, Hernández and Hill; President Theriault. Committee Members Absent (3): Directors Giudice, Rodoni and Stefani. Other Directors Present (4): Directors Grosboll, Mastin, Pahre and Thier.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (10): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Stefani.

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

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; 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; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

A copy of the report is available on the District's web site at <u>https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents</u> or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(3) <u>Approve the Implementation of the District's 2023 Legislative Platform</u> [03:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report. He highlighted some key legislative priorities and stated that staff is seeking approval of the framework for the year.

[07:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Snyder expressed appreciation for being on the Committee and working with staff on the District's lobbying efforts. He inquired about Regional Measure 3, the Larkspur Ferry Channel and the meeting with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. He noted the District's legislative lobbying program is very important.

Director Hill expressed support for Alexander Avenue safety improvements.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' comments and inquiries. He said that the Regional Measure 3 lawsuit is expected to be heard in the next year. He clarified that, if the California Supreme Court rules in favor of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Regional Measure 3 funds would go to MTC acting as the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), and indicated that such funds would be used for the specific projects included in the Regional Measure 3 voter pamphlet.

The following individual spoke under public comment: [15:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

• David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(a) <u>Action by the Committee</u>

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

RECOMMENDATION

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The Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the implementation of the 2023 Legislative Platform as attached to the staff report.

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

AYES (10): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (6): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Stefani.

(4) <u>Public Comment</u>

There was no Public Comment.

(5) Adjournment [18:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, <u>**Directors THERIAULT/HERNÁNDEZ**</u> moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Carried

Respect submitted. Gerald

Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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