

January 26, 2023



**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, January 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Chair Hill presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m. **[00:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:24 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

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

Committee Member Absent (0): None.

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

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

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (1): Director Stefani.

[Note: On this date, there were four 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; Director of Planning Ron Downing; 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 [03:54 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: [04:43 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(4) Approve Award of Contract No. 2022-D-88, Regional Bus, Ferry, and Bridge User and Non-User Survey, to Corey, Canapary and Galanis [06:34 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the staff report. He outlined the importance of the survey and how circumstances have changed. He stated that the survey would provide important information to the District and will assist the District's future Title VI reporting. He reviewed Corey, Canapary and Galanis' experience and status as a Small Business Enterprise.

General Manager Denis Mulligan requested the Committee approve the item and stated the survey will assist the District to plan for the future.

[Directors Rabbitt and Thier arrived.]

[12:38 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Hernández, President Thériault and Director Thier expressed support for conducting the survey. Chair Hill and Director Thier expressed support for surveying equity communities.

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Director Hernández thanked Mr. Downing for the report and Mr. Mulligan for the additional information. She inquired about the schedule for conducting the surveys, the possibility that this type of survey could be scheduled more frequently and the value of a standardized survey. She also inquired about the meaning of equity communities, and the reasons why staff are including equity communities in the survey.

President Thériault stated that the survey would occur at an ideal time and be conducted at the beginning of the strategic planning process. He expressed support for the groups being surveyed including those who are not currently users of District services. He suggested two part questions that ask about how someone might use services in the present and how someone might use District services should conditions revert to pre-pandemic conditions.

Chair Hill inquired about surveying people who do reverse commutes.

Director Thier stated she believes that the timing of the survey is interesting and important because the region is emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. She expressed support for identifying the reasons behind trends in transit, doing another survey in a few years and the results of the surveys.

Mr. Downing and Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiries. Mr. Downing explained the timing of the surveys, the value of the survey results, and confirmed that the type of survey is more expensive. Mr. Mulligan agreed that doing more frequent surveys could be valuable and outlined why the District wants to survey these groups. Mr. Downing explained the meaning of equity communities, and confirmed that the survey would evaluate all riders' travel times and destinations.

(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

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve award of Contract No. 2022-D-088, *Regional Bus, Ferry, and Bridge User and Non-User Survey*, to Corey, Canapary and Galanis for a total not to exceed amount of \$362,338, to provide consulting services for a Regional Bus, Ferry, and Bridge User and Non-User Survey; with the understanding that requisite funds are available in the FY 2022/23 District Division Operating Budget.

Action by the Board at its meeting of January 27, 2023 – Resolution

AYES (12): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President

Cochran; President Thériault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Giudice, Grosboll and Stefani.

(5) Presentation on Regional Network Management Update [26:18 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. He emphasized that the Regional Network Manager (RNM) model funding is to be determined.

Mr. Mulligan commented about the goals, challenges and funding for RNM model. He said staff is supportive of the RNM model being presented.

[Directors Giudice and Grosboll arrived.]

[52:49 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors Rabbitt and Snyder and President Thériault expressed appreciation for Mr. Mulligan's regional leadership.

Chair Hill and Directors Rabbitt thanked Mr. Downing for the presentation.

Director Rabbitt spoke about the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force's work and goals. He reviewed a number of factors that are important to the RNM model including coordination between the transit agencies, key performance indicators (KPIs), financial investments, and benefit to riders. He acknowledged the complexity of the model and challenges.

Director Snyder expressed appreciation for Director Rabbitt's role and contributions to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). He commented about the complexity of coordinating regional transit in the Bay Area, and the value of retaining control over the District's transit service. He inquired about any mandates governing the RNM model. He expressed support for institutionalizing coordination between the various Bay Area transit agencies.

President Thériault stated that the RNM project is still unfolding, and District representatives will have time to provide input to decision makers. He expressed optimism that the process would unfold over time.

Director Hill commented about the complexity of Bay Area transit and expressed optimism about the results of the process.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiry. He spoke about the complexity of coordinating transit schedules, and how schedule changes could trigger changes to some agencies' collective bargaining agreements. He also spoke about the complexity of

developing the schedule and determining which riders get priority.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[1:06:25 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

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Chair Hill inquired about equity fares in San Francisco.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Chair's inquiry and stated that staff would present more information as part of the discussion about the proposed Five-Year Fare Program.

(6) **Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance** **[1:12:55 Hour 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 remains roughly the same and transit has gotten stronger.

(7) **Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit** **[1:14:15 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]**

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(8) **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

(9) **Adjournment** **[1:14:53 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]**

All business having been concluded, **Directors RABBITT/SNYDER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert Hill, Chair
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