

February 24, 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.

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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 Friday, February 24, 2023, at 9:03 a.m., Chair Hill presiding.

- (1) Call to Order:** 9:03 a.m. **[00:17 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:04 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Committee Members Present (9): Chair Hill; Vice Chair Mastin; Directors Hernández, Moulton-Peters, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; President Thériault.

Committee Member Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (3): Directors Cochran, Garbarino and Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (12): Directors Garbarino, Hernández, Mastin, Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Giudice, Grosboll, Safaí and Stefani.

[Note: On this date, there was one vacancy on the Board of Directors.]

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong;

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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; Senior Planner Emily DelRoss.

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.

[Director Thier arrived.]

(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [03:43 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: **[04:31 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(4) Adopt Title VI Equity Analysis Findings Relative to Golden Gate Transit Route 114, and Adopting the Current Service on a Permanent Basis [07:11 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing introduced Senior Planner Emily DelRoss who presented the staff report. She provided background about Route 114. She explained how staff anticipates the route will improve service equity with the addition of the stop at Marin City, meets the District's overarching goals to reduce traffic on the Bridge and fulfills the riders' requests for service.

General Manager Denis Mulligan expressed appreciation for the report. He indicated the District has refocused its transit service to better meet equity goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He highlighted that the Route 114 adds four trips in the morning and an express bus option from Marin City to the financial district.

[Director Rodoni arrived.]

[20:43 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors Moulton-Peters, Rabbitt, Hernández, Thier and Snyder expressed appreciation for the report. Directors Hernández and Thier welcomed Ms. DelRoss to the District.

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Director Moulton-Peters stated she rode the route for many decades and expressed appreciation for the service. She said the route has cultivated a culture of bus ridership in southern Marin.

Director Rabbitt expressed support for the item. He inquired about the ridership threshold to bring back service.

Director Hernández commented about staff's efforts to monitor ridership and demographics and said she understands the work is ongoing. She expressed appreciation for the route serving Mill Valley riders. She asked if the District could better serve the disadvantaged and low income community in Marin City and requested clarification about how the item fulfills Title VI requirements.

Director Thier spoke about the removal of service on Tiburon Boulevard between Tower Drive and East Strawberry Drive at mid-day, and requested the service be reinstated when passenger demand returns.

Chair Hill commented about Route 4 ridership before the pandemic.

Director Snyder expressed support for the item. He commented about the return to in person activities and asked about government worker commute patterns.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors inquiries. He said that the District has a goal of 20 riders per trip on average, and staff believes the Route 114 will better serve Marin City. He indicated that the District could consider implementing transit service with one schedule on Mondays and Fridays and another on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He confirmed staff would continue to evaluate demand and bring back service as ridership returns. He reviewed trends in Bridge traffic and transit ridership during commute hours.

(a) Action by Committee

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors THIER/MOULTON-PETERS** 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 the following actions relative to Golden Gate Transit Route 114, and adopting the current service on a permanent basis:

- (i) Adopt the findings of the attached Title VI equity analysis for the establishment of Route 114 as regular service; and,
- (ii) Adopt the Route 114 as regular Golden Gate Transit service.

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Action by the Board at its meeting of February 24, 2023 – Resolution

AYES (11): Directors Garbarino, Hernández, Mastin, Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Rabbitt, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.
NOES (0): None.
ABSTENTION(1) : Director Rodoni
ABSENT (6): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Giudice, Grosboll, Safaí and Stefani.

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [38:23 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 pointed to Bridge traffic volumes on page 86 and stated that staff is closely monitoring Bridge traffic as well as bus and ferry ridership.

The following individual spoke under public comment: [40:06 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [42:30 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.

(7) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

(8) Adjournment [43:10 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors SNYDER/MASTIN moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Elbert Hill, Chair
Transportation Committee

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