



Agenda Item No. (5)

To: Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of October 26, 2023

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Subject: **MONTHLY REPORT ON BRIDGE TRAFFIC, TRANSIT RIDERSHIP
TRENDS, AND TRANSIT SERVICE PERFORMANCE**

This report includes information showing monthly data for travel in the Golden Gate Corridor updated through August 2023 with the data for each month compared to the same month pre-pandemic. Information is collected as follows:

- Golden Gate Bridge – monthly southbound vehicular traffic as recorded in the toll lanes, southbound monthly averages of 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. weekday commute period traffic, and southbound monthly averages of 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. weekday commute period traffic;
- Golden Gate Ferry – monthly totals of boarding passengers as recorded in the daily vessel logs; and,
- Golden Gate Transit Bus – monthly totals of boarding passengers as recorded in on-board fare collection equipment.

Golden Gate Bridge:

To present a snapshot of the most recent data trends, the table below summarizes March 2020 through August 2023 single-month Bridge traffic changes in southbound a.m. peak period traffic, p.m. peak period traffic, and total traffic, compared with the respective pre-COVID month.

Monthly Southbound Bridge Traffic Volumes Compared to the Same Month Pre-Pandemic (Not Annualized)

	Bridge Total	Bridge A.m. Peak	Bridge P.m. Peak
Mar-20	-42.3%	-40.9%	-38.6%
Apr-20	-69.4%	-72.0%	-67.6%
May-20	-43.2%	-61.1%	-56.2%
June-20	-42.4%	-48.4%	-43.8%
July-20	-36.3%	-46.3%	-32.6%
Aug-20	-35.5%	-44.7%	-34.0%
Sept-20	-36.6%	-46.2%	-36.5%
Oct-20	-32.5%	-40.7%	-28.0%
Nov-20	-31.6%	-42.0%	-27.3%
Dec-20	-36.1%	-43.0%	-29.8%
Jan-21	-36.7%	-46.3%	-35.3%
Feb-21	-33.7%	-44.4%	-32.5%
Mar-21	-29.0%*	-42.0%*	-26.3%*
Apr-21	-26.6%*	-40.7%*	-24.1%*
May-21	-22.49%*	-38.0%*	-24.3%*
June-21	-19.3%*	-34.4%*	-19.0%*
July-21	-17.6%*	-35.6%*	-11.3%*
Aug-21	-20.1%*	-34.2%*	-15.1%*
Sept-20	-19.8%*	-33.7%*	-16.0%*
Oct-21	-20.6%*	-30.1%*	-9.6%*
Nov-21	-13.8%*	-30.2%*	-10.0%*
Dec-21	-16.1%*	-35.2%*	-9.0%*
Jan-22	-24.7%*	-38.9%*	-20.0%*
Feb-22	-21.1%*	-35.9%*	-13.0%*
Mar-22	-17.4%*	-31.3%*	-8.4%*
Apr-22	-18.5%*	-31.4%*	-14.2%*
May-22	-17.9%*	-30.4 %**	-15.1%**
June-22	-19.3%*	-32.8%**	-15.5%**
July-22	-19.7%*	-33.6%**	-12.5%**
Aug-22	-19.2%*	-30.5%**	-13.3%**
Sept-22	-18.7%*	-29.7%**	-11.4%**
Oct-22	-18.3%*	-24.2%**	-8.3%**
Nov-22	-18.3%*	-27.9%**	-9.8%**
Dec-22	-18.2%*	-30.2%**	-5.2%**
Jan-23	-17.9%*	-33.0%**	-19.4%**
Feb-23	-18.2%*	-29.9%**	-13.4%**
Mar-23	-18.8%*	-28.7%**	-8.8%**
Apr-23	-15.8%*	-27.9%**	-11.6%**
May-23	-15.0%*	-26.4%**	-11.9%**
June-23	-14.7%*	-28.5%*	-12.0%*
July-23	-13.4%*	-29.2%*	-6.9%*
Aug-23	-14.6%*	-25.9%*	-12.9%*

* August 2023 data are single month values. Year over year monthly values are compared to March 2019 – February 2020 (pre-pandemic) to give a better view of the declines in Bridge traffic during the pandemic.

** May 2022 - August 2023 a.m. peak and p.m. peak hourly totals utilize new toll transaction database. Numbers are subject to change as database validation testing continues.

Golden Gate Ferry (GGF):

To present a snapshot of the most recent data trends, the below table summarizes March 2020 through August 2023 single-month ferry patronage changes compared with the respective pre-COVID month.

Ferry Total Ridership Compared to the Same Month Pre-Pandemic (Not Annualized)

	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	--	-98.2%	-82.9%*	-68.8%
February	--	-97.1%	-73.9%*	-60.8%
March	-67.6%	-96.6%*	-65.2%*	-59.8%
April	-99.2%	-95.9%*	-60.0%*	-48.4%
May	-98.9%	-95.2%*	-54.7%*	-42.7%
June	-97.8%	-90.4%*	-51.2%*	-40.5%
July	-97.7%	-75.5%*	-51.4%*	-35.1%
August	-97.9%	-83.1%*	-51.5%*	-38.6%
September	-97.3%	-80.3%*	-50.4%*	
October	-96.7%	-81.6%*	-55.7%*	
November	-96.4%	-80.1%*	-56.2%*	
December	-97.3%	-79.3%*	-62.5%*	

* August 2023 data are single month values. Year over year monthly values are compared to March 2019 – Feb. 2020

Golden Gate Transit Bus:

To present a snapshot of the most recent data trends, the below table summarizes March 2020 through August 2023 single-month bus patronage changes compared with the respective pre-COVID month.

Bus Total Ridership Compared to the Same Month Pre-Pandemic (Not Annualized)

	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	--	-83.7%	-72.7%*	-61.0%*
February	--	-81.6%	-68.4%*	-58.4%*
March	-53.3%	-79.7%*	-63.6%*	-57.6%*
April	-88.3%	-79.4%*	-63.9%*	-58.8%*
May	-85.0%	-77.1%*	-61.0%*	-56.3%*
June	-79.3%	-71.3%*	-56.6%*	-53.3%*
July	-78.9%	-69.2%*	-59.2%*	-54.9%*
August	-80.2%	-71.3%*	-57.0%*	-51.9%*
September	-79.2%	-69.2%*	-56.7%*	
October	-79.0%	-69.2%*	-57.7%*	
November	-76.8%	-65.3%*	-56.6%*	
December	-79.8%	-65.6%*	-58.7%*	

* August 2023 data are single month values. Year over year monthly values are compared to March 2019 – February 2020.

Transit Service Performance Statistics Report: The Transit Service Performance Statistics Reports for the months of August 2019 through August 2023 show Golden Gate Bus and Golden Gate Ferry operations relative to performance targets set forth in the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's Short-Range Transit Plan. Below are selected metrics broken out by single (non-annualized) month. Note that the steep declines in performance for June 2020 through August 2023 reflect the ridership declines due to the shelter-in-place orders related to the pandemic.

Bus Passengers Per Trip						Bus Farebox Recovery					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		21	8	14	17			20.5%	3.7%	10.4%	6.4%
February		22	9	16	20			20.3%	5.3%	9.6%	19.3%
March		11	9	19	20			9.0%	5.3%	11.1%	14.4%
April		3	10	20	21			2.4%	6.3%	11.1%	11.5%
May		4	11	21	22			3.4%	6.0%	13.9%	15.2%
June		5	14	21	22			1.5%	6.5%	11.8%	8.2%
July		7	16	20	22			4.5%	10.6%	18.6%	20.9%
August	23	8	16	22	24		26.1%	4.7%	8.0%	13.4%	14.7%
September	23	9	16	21			22.6%	3.2%	8.0%	15.4%	
October	22	9	16	21			26.6%	5.4%	6.2%	11.1%	
November	21	9	16	19			20.2%	5.0%	9.4%	13.2%	
December	19	8	15	16			22.5%	5.3%	9.4%	9.8%	

Ferry Passengers Per Trip						Ferry Farebox Recovery					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		103	8	29	37			36.2%	0.8%	11.4%	10.0%
February		109	11	38	47			37.0%	1.4%	12.5%	11.7%
March		50	15	48	47			15.6%	2.9%	16.2%	13.6%
April		4	22	64	64			0.3%	2.1%	18.4%	22.0%
May		6	28	69	64			0.5%	4.7%	16.1%	29.2%
June		11	46	78	72			1.3%	2.4%	18.3%	29.6%
July		13	80	85	88			1.3%	9.1%	28.6%	35.5%
August	133	12	54	83	82		57.9%	1.4%	7.1%	22.9%	36.7%
September	125	13	50	66			57.0%	1.4%	7.3%	26.5%	
October	121	15	46	59			48.8%	2.0%	8.3%	18.7%	
November	109	14	50	50			35.1%	2.5%	10.4%	14.7%	
December	101	9	35	38			33.8%	0.9%	9.5%	11.0%	