

November 15, 2024



MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Friday, November 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., with Vice Chair Giudice presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong **[00:31 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (6): Vice Chair Giudice; Directors Garbarino, Hill, Rabbitt and Rodoni; President Cochran.

Committee Members Absent (3): Chair Snyder; Directors Dorsey and Safai.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Grosboll, Mastin, Pahre and Thériault.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (10): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, and Thériault; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (9) Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Hernández, Moulton-Peters, Safai, Snyder, Stefani and Thier.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer John Eberle; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development

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Kellee Hopper; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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**(3) State Update From the District's Legislative Advocates, Platinum Advisors, LLC
[01:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Steve Wallauch of Platinum Advisors, LLC (Platinum) presented the State Update. He highlighted the changed political environment, federal government leadership and State revenues. He spoke about Platinum's legislative advocacy efforts for Seismic Retrofit project funding and reviewed legislative activity that Platinum is tracking on the District's behalf, which includes Assembly Bill (AB) 2061 and Senate Bill (SB) 960. He spoke about the possibility of a regional funding measure for transit operations.

[07:29 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Mastin inquired about staff's goals for Seismic Retrofit funding and the sunset date for AB 2669. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Rabbitt inquired about the Seismic Retrofit funding percentage to project cost and requested clarification of the current project cost. Mr. Mulligan responded.

(4) Approve the Implementation of The District's 2025 Legislative Platform [11:45 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report. He spoke about the District's position in relationship to a possible regional measure and the necessity for SMART to get a renewed sales tax measure approved. He spoke about changes at the national level and how those changes could affect the District.

[20:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Grosboll inquired about the California Air Resources Board (CARB) deadline for replacing ferries. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Rodoni inquired about the Larkspur Ferry Channel. Mr. Mulligan responded.

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the implementation of the 2025 Legislative Platform as attached to this report.

Action by the Board at its meeting of November 15, 2024 – Resolution

AYES (10): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni and Thériault; Second Vice President Rabbitt,; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (9): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Hernández, Moulton-Peters, Safaí, Snyder, Stefani and Thier.

(5) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

(6) Adjournment [24:50 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors RABBITT/MASTIN** moved and seconded that the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerard Giudice, Vice-Chair
Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee