



Agenda Item No. (3)(a)–(3)(d)

To: Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of October 23, 2025

From: Ron Downing, Director of Planning
Denis J. Mulligan, General Manager

Subject: **REPORTS OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES**
(a) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**
(b) **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
(c) **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
(d) **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Recommendation

There is no recommendation associated with this item.

Summary

The purpose of the formation of the above-mentioned Advisory Committees is to provide the public a forum by which they can communicate their viewpoints and suggestions on the operations of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), as well as on the bus and ferry transit systems, to the District Board of Directors and staff. These Advisory Committees meet regularly, and designated District staff participates in these meetings. From time to time, these Advisory Committees submit recommendations to the District's Transportation Committee (Committee) for its consideration.

The Secretary of the District is required to provide packets of the Advisory Committees to the Committee.

The documents attached to this report are as follows:

- (a) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**
Agenda Packet of October 16, 2025
- (b) **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Packet of October 15, 2025
- (c) **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
No meeting information is available at this time.
- (d) **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Packet of October 8, 2025

Since the Committee last met in June, cancellation notices included District Advisory Committee reports and links as outlined below:

- **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Packet of July 16, 2025
<https://www.goldengate.org/events/bus-passenger-advisory-committee-bpac---july-2025/>
- **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**
Agenda Packet of July 24, 2025
<https://www.goldengate.org/events/-advisory-committee-on-accessibility---july-2025/>
- **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Packet of August 13, 2025
<https://www.goldengate.org/events/pedestrian-and-bicycle-advisory-committee-pbac---august-2025/>
- **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Packet of September 4, 2025
<https://www.goldengate.org/events/ferry-passengers-advisory-committee-fpac---september-2025/>

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachments

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (ACA)

Agenda for Thursday, October 16, 2025



Convene at 1:30 p.m. – Adjourn by 3:00 p.m.

Conference Room (Room 109), Administration Building
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District
1011 Andersen Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Approval of July 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes (*Attached*)
3. Ongoing Business
 - a. Receive information report on Marin County Local Bus and Mobility Management
 - b. Receive information report on Paratransit Service (Regional and Local)
 - c. Receive information report on GBHTD Statistics and Initiatives
4. New Business
 - a. Presentation (Update) – MASCOTS (Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan)
 - b. Committee Applications / Membership Update
5. Member Announcements
6. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 15, 2026

Public Comment Note: Members of the public are encouraged to participate in-person and provide public comment at the designated times during the meeting.



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Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, P.O. Box 29000, Presidio Station, San Francisco, CA 94129-9000; or e-mail to districtsecretary@goldengate.org; or telephone at (415) 923-2223, or the District's ADA Compliance & Program Manager at (415) 257-4416, or California Relay Service at 711.

Sign-language interpreters may be requested by the deaf or hearing impaired by calling (415) 257-4415 or TDD **711** at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Consult the District's website at <http://www.goldengate.org/>, or call **511** for further GGT bus and ferry schedule information. Information on accessible services is also available on the District's website. To schedule paratransit transportation to the meeting (for paratransit eligible riders), call Marin Access Paratransit at (415) 454-0964 or (800) 454-0964.

For further information regarding the ACA, call Jon Gaffney, ADA Compliance and Program Manager, at (415) 257-4416 or email jgaffney@goldengate.org.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY
(ACA)**

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 24, 2025



Location: Conference Room (Room 109), Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District, 1011 Andersen Drive. San Rafael, CA 94901

Committee Members Present: Patti Mangels, Terry Scussel, Marcela Vargas, Craig Yates

Committee Members Absent: Jaime Faurot

District Staff Present: Jon Gaffney, ADA Compliance and Program Manager; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department, Carlena Natouf, Customer Relations Supervisor

Visitors Present: Mohamed Osman, Marin Transit; Kent Hinton, Transdev Inc.

1. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Patty Mangels called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Members, staff and visitors introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. **Ongoing Business.**
 - A. **Marin County Local Bus and Mobility Management.** Mohamed Osman explained that some changes to Marin Transit's mid-day fixed route service had gone into effect.
 - B. **Marin Access/Paratransit Service (Regional and Local).** Mr. Osman announced that same day service began on the Marin Local Paratransit service. Kent Hinton stated that the fare for the same day paratransit was \$15.

Mr. Osman then mentioned that Marin Transit's Mobility Wallet program had changed eligibility requirements. Craig Yates stated that he had not received any information on the program. Mr. Hinton stated that information went out all paratransit eligible riders and said he would follow up with Mr. Yates to ensure he received that information.

Mr. Hinton discussed the paratransit statistics for the month of June 2025. He explained that there was a significant increase in calls for the month of June as a result of the program changes at Marin Access. He then went on to discuss staffing levels in the call center and announced the promotion of a couple members of his staff. Mr. Hinton also announced that Regional Paratransit service continues to see an increase in ridership from month to month.

Mr. Hinton announced that Marin Access Paratransit reached 30 consecutive days without an accident. This achievement was awarded by a day for staff where management prepared made-to-order pizzas.

4. New Business.

A. Review and Approval of Proposed ACA Bylaws. Jon Gaffney presented the proposed ACA bylaws changes to the committee. The changes included a three-year term for members as well as a clause that allows individuals to serve as a member on only one committee at a time at the District. The changes were unanimously passed. These changes will be made to the bylaws of all four committees.

B. Presentation – MASCOTS (Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan)

Mr. Gaffney discussed the MASCOTS plan that was developed through coordination of all of the North Bay Transit Agencies (GGBHTD, Marin Transit, Sonoma County Transit, Petaluma Transit and Santa Rosa City Bus). He explained that these agencies performed an extensive review of the existing service north of the Golden Gate Bridge to eliminate any duplication of service and increase frequency and the over all rider experience. He stated that a proposal to change the existing service was developed with these principals in mind while remaining cost neutral. He announced that the process was in the public outreach phase and encouraged the committee to comment if they had any suggestions or concerns. Mr. Gaffney explained that the largest change for GGBHTD would be the cancellation of the Route 101 north of Novato. It was stated that this change would end GGBHTD Basic Fixed Route service north of Novato (though commute service would still be provided from Sonoma County to SF) as this service was duplicative of the service being provided by SMART.

Mr. Gaffney explained that the discontinuation of the Golden Gate Transit Route 101 in Sonoma County removed the paratransit obligation for the District in Sonoma County. However, it was stated that there is a commitment to keeping that service in place for those in need. No changes were proposed by the MASCOTS plan to the existing regional paratransit service. From the rider's perspective the service will remain the same.

Mr. Gaffney announced that GGBHTD would continue public outreach through August 2025 and then take a final recommendation to the District's Board of Directors in Fall of 2025.

5. ACA Member Announcements.

Patti Mangles asked how the general public can contact GGBHTD to comment on service levels and provide service suggestions. Carlena Natouf explained that individuals are encouraged to reach out to Customer Service by phone or through the website. All comments submitted are brought to GGBHTD's Planning Department for future service planning.

6. Public Comment.

Craig Yates asked about the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) effort to assign Mobility Managers in each county. Mr. Gaffney explained that that effort was

ongoing and stated he would report any progress back to the group. Mr. Yates also asked about Marin Transit's Marin Mobility Consortium. Mr. Gaffney stated that the group was still meeting quarterly.

7. Adjournment.

Patti Mangles adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m. Members were advised that the next meeting would take place on October 16, 2025.

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BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)



Agenda for Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Convene at 6:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 8:00 p.m.
Vivalon – Caboose Room #1
930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Approval of July 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes (*Attached*)
3. Bus Stoppers¹
4. Ongoing Business
 - a. Proposed Amendment of Bylaws
5. New Business
 - a. MASCOTS Plan – Revised Service Change Proposal
6. Announcements
7. Members' Forum²
8. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025

¹ Members to submit observed problems in bus operations, preferably in writing before the meeting, and provide a verbal summary in less than 2 minutes.

² Members to discuss topics not covered on the agenda or that should be added to a future agenda.

BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 16, 2025



Location: San Rafael District Conference Room, 1011 Andersen Dr, San Rafael, CA 94901

Committee Members Present: Dan Bell, Mike Combs, Odin Palen, Patty Rodgers, Dave Troup

Committee Members Absent: Scott Kempf

District Staff Present: David Davenport, Principal Planner; Melanie Sanborn, Marketing & Communications Specialist; Francis Tremblay, Marketing & Communications Specialist

Guests Present: Shane Weinstein and David Herrera, ATU 1575

1. **Roll Call and Introductions:** Mike Combs opened the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Five members were present, representing a quorum.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** BPAC members approved the May 21, 2025, meeting minutes.
3. **Bus Stoppers:**
 - a. Mike Combs reported that real-time departure information is not displaying on the signs along Van Ness Avenue. Staff will research the issue.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Proposed Amendment of Bylaws: David Davenport presented proposed revisions to the BPAC bylaws to provide consistency with other District committees. Committee members were agreeable to the revisions, which will be brought to the following meeting for formal adoption.
 - b. MASCOTS Plan – Service Change Proposals: David Davenport presented proposed changes to GGT bus routes under the Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service (MASCOTS) Plan. The package includes the discontinuation of Routes 150, 164, and 172X and changes to Routes 101, 130, 132, 172, 580, and 580X. No changes to Routes 114 and 154 or the ferry are under consideration. Staff requested BPAC's feedback on the proposal, which would be shared with the Board as part of the public hearing process if provided as a formal letter or verbal comments.

Mike Combs stated that MASCOTS could be perceived as a service cut due to the elimination of routes, especially since service is not provided under a unified brand. He observed that there is a tradeoff between losing direct service to San Francisco from various bus pads and improving service elsewhere. Dave Troup and Odin Palen emphasized the need to provide unified messaging.

Odin Palen opined that there is too much service at bus pads and service should be provided into neighborhoods too, potentially with every other trip offset between bus pad

and neighborhood service. Dave Troup suggested that every other trip on Route 130 continue to serve bus pads to maintain direct service to San Francisco, and along with Mike Combs, he noted that it would be difficult to make a fully informed recommendation without specific Marin Transit and SMART proposals available. Patty Rodgers agreed with the need to maintain direct service to San Francisco from the bus pads.

Dan Bell expressed support for changes to Routes 172 and 580, except he did not think it was necessary to restrict San Francisco local travel on the 172. He also felt that direct service at Southern Marin bus pads was not necessarily an issue, and he was supportive of Marin Transit's preliminary proposal to extend Route 71 to Sausalito.

Mike Combs acknowledged the committee's general sense of frustration with agency-level planning and approval processes for what is a holistic public transit project. The committee voted unanimously to have Mike Combs draft a formal comment letter that reflects BPAC's concerns, with the understanding that the letter would not reflect everybody's exact feedback due to some differences of opinion.

5. Announcements: None.

6. Members' Forum:

- a. Dan Bell requested that a presentation on the District's fiscal cliff be given at a future meeting.
- b. Odin Palen shared that this would be his last meeting, and the committee thanked him for his service.

7. Public Comment:

- a. Shane Weinstein expressed concern about the MASCOTS Plan's reliance on SMART, which he felt would put up barriers to travel to Sonoma County and result in a late-night service gap. He noted that customers want one-seat rides and faster service.
- b. David Herrera pointed out that the District's Board has members who sit on the Boards of other public transit agencies, and he said the committee's feedback is important to the MASCOTS process.

8. Adjournment: Mike Combs adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Members were advised that the next meeting will take place on September 17, 2025. [The next meeting was subsequently rescheduled to October 15, 2025.]

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)



Agenda for Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Convene at 5:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 6:30 p.m.

Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, Board Room, San Francisco, CA.

- 1. Call to Order (5 Minutes)**
- 2. Roll Call and Introductions (5 Minutes)**
- 3. Consent Calendar (5 Minutes)**
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2025
- 4. Committee Business (60 Minutes)**
 - a. Membership Terms 2025-2028
 - b. Approval of August Bylaws Edits
 - c. PBAC 2026 Meeting Dates and Topics
 - d. Approval of Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Counter GM Thank You Letter
 - e. Blazing Saddles Bike Rentals Discussion
- 5. Public Comment - 3 Minutes per Speaker (10 Minutes)**
- 6. Adjournment**

Attachments:

1. Draft Minutes of August 13, 2025 PBAC
2. Draft Bylaws with August 13, 2025 Edits
3. Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Counter GM Thank You Letter

Public Comment Note: If you know in advance that you would like to make a public comment during the meeting, please email PAC@goldengate.org with your name and item number you would like to provide comment on no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers will be allotted no more than 3 minutes to speak and will be heard in the order of sign-up. Said time frames may be extended only upon approval of the Committee Chair.

Public comments may also be submitted by e-mail to PAC@goldengate.org. Comments submitted before the meeting will be provided to the Committee members before or during the Committee meeting. Comments submitted after the meeting is called to order will be included as an attachment to the minutes for this meeting.

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PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 13, 2025



Location: Board Room, Administration Building
Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94129

Members Present: Parker Day, Candy Doran, Dan Federman, Kevin Gammon, Barbara (BJ) Jones, Sasha Madfes, Susan Nawbary, David Pilpel, Ray Scherck, Warren Wells

Members Absent: Timothy Hunter, Charles Metzler

District Staff Present: David Rivera, Deputy General Manager, Bridge Division; Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: Director Elbert (Bert) Hill and Prospective Member Aaron Weiman

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Warren Wells called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum of members was present.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Committee members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves.
3. **Consent Calendar.**
 - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2025, and April 9, 2025.** Parker Day moved that both sets of meeting minutes be approved and Sasha Madfes provided a second. Committee members voted to approve both meeting minutes documents unanimously.
4. **Committee Business.**
 - a. **Pedestrian and Bicycle Counters Presentation.** Josh Widmann shared a PowerPoint presentation on the various types of bicycle and pedestrian counters currently available and in use around the Bay Area as well as recent photos from the Vista Point Trail Project. He stated that the National Park Service (NPS) has installed temporary counters near the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge, and that the District is researching installing counters as well. He explained the various types of counters, including cost, accuracy, extent of construction involved (such as tearing up pavement for installation), and trip hazards. Infrared counters are the most eco-friendly. A group discussion followed the presentation, and PBAC members expressed their desire to have a counter system permanently installed on the Golden Gate Bridge. Warren Wells commented that other Bay Area bridges and multiuse paths have installed counter systems and provide bike and pedestrian use data on their websites. Mr. Wells remarked that crash data, for example, can show whether an accident occurred when bicycle volumes were high.

Parker Day asked if the NPS temporary counters are going to be made permanent, and David Rivera stated that was the intended plan. The counter system will not be difficult to install but will need power, he said. Mr. Wells asked about the location of the counters, and Mr. Rivera replied at both east and west sidewalk entrances and on both north and south ends of the Bridge.

David Pilpel suggested that it might be helpful to obtain video every few years to determine bicycle type data, as the counters do not show that information. He also mentioned writing a letter of thanks to the Board of Directors in support of the counters. Warren Wells said he would take responsibility for writing a letter to the appropriate party, and the committee can review it at the October meeting. Warren Wells also stated that he would also like to see some detail regarding type of bicycles crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, as well as public reporting of the data.

b. Membership and Bylaws Updates. Josh Widmann shared proposed edits to the PBAC Bylaws to the group. The first recommended change was to have consistency with other passenger advisory committees and cap membership at 11 members; however, PBAC members did not wish to change the maximum total of members from 16. The committee went over Section 2, which states that members must reapply every three years. Most members are due for renewal in October-November 2025. The members agreed on a proposed clause from the District's attorneys to state that members cannot hold membership on multiple District passenger advisory committees. Josh Widmann said applications will be sent to members who want to renew. A vote will be taken at the next meeting, with the edits that Josh Widmann entered in real time at this meeting.

c. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations. Parker Day commented that he was unable to board the Larkspur Ferry with his bicycle recently, as a notice with new regulations for E-Bikes and Mobility Devices was posted there. The new regulations, effective July 18, 2025, state that the maximum weight allowed for E-bikes is 50 pounds, and thus, his bike was now too heavy and too large to take aboard the ferry. There was no advance notice of the new Ferry regulations posted on the District website or social media platforms, nor was it communicated by E-Blast or text. Mr. Day also stated that he felt the new regulations should have been reviewed by PBAC prior to implementation. He said that he plans to attend the next Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee (FPAC) meeting to discuss the matter with staff.

David Pilpel requested that the schedule of meetings for the entire year be posted on each agenda. He was informed that the schedule of all PAC meetings is posted on the District website.

5. **Public Comment.** None.

6. **Adjournment.** Warren Wells adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Golden Gate Bridge Board Room, San Francisco, CA.

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

Section 1. Name.

The name of this group is the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee ("Committee").

Section 2. Creation and Purpose.

The Committee was created by Ordinance No. 2021-001 of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District ("District") Board of Directors ("Board of Directors") "for the purpose of making recommendations concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety on the Golden Gate Bridge and related matters concerning District facilities and services." (Ordinance No. 2021-001, Section 3.)

The Committee advises District staff. District staff will provide informational updates on Committee business to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP & STAFFING

Section 1. Composition.

The Committee will consist of no fewer than six (6) and no more than sixteen (16) interested representatives of the bicyclist and pedestrian communities appointed by District staff. (Ordinance No. 2021-001, Section 3.)

Section 2. Member Terms.

Each member will serve a term of three (3) years. Members wishing to serve another term may reapply to the District for Committee membership. Members may not serve on multiple District Passenger Advisory Committees (PACs) concurrently.

Section 3. Member Vacancy.

Members are expected to attend all Committee meetings. If a member is absent for two (2) consecutive meetings without first notifying District staff of their anticipated absence, the member's seat will automatically be deemed vacant. The District may appoint an interested representative of the bicyclist community and/or pedestrian community to fill the resulting vacancy for the duration of the departing member's term.

Section 4. District Support.

District staff will support the Committee's business as follows:

- Serve as the liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Serve as the liaison between the Committee and District staff, all internal and external organizations, and members of the public.
- Prepare Committee meeting agenda packets in consultation with the Committee Chair.
- Post and distribute Committee meeting agenda packets.
- Attend Committee meetings.
- Prepare Committee meeting minutes.
- Maintain the Committee roster.
- Manage Committee member recruitments.
- Handle all communications to and from the Committee.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of Officers.

The officers of the Committee will be the Chair and Vice Chair. Their duties are as follows:

Section 1.1. Chair Duties.

The Chair presides over all Committee meetings of which there is quorum of members present. The Chair works with District staff to schedule meetings and develop meeting agendas. The Chair may create and appoint members to temporary ad hoc advisory subcommittees of the Committee as provided in the Brown Act.

Section 1.2. Vice Chair Duties.

The Vice Chair assists the Chair in the execution of that role. The Vice Chair presides over meetings in the event the Chair is absent. In the event of a vacancy in the Chair's position, the Vice Chair will succeed as Chair for the remainder of the Chair's term, and the Committee will elect a successor Vice Chair.

Section 2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice Chair annually. No person may occupy the Chair or Vice Chair position for more than one (1) year. Committee members will nominate and vote to elect a Chair and Vice Chair at the first regular meeting of each calendar year. An individual receiving a majority of the votes of the current membership will be elected and will assume office at the second meeting of the year.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. Brown Act.

The Committee is subject to and will comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) ("Brown Act"). Notice of Committee meetings, posting of Committee meeting agendas, and the conduct of such meetings will comply with the Brown Act requirements applicable to legislative bodies.

Section 2. Location and Time.

District staff, in consultation with the Committee Chair, will establish the time and place for regular Committee meetings to be held five times per year. The District may schedule additional meetings as necessary. Generally, meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the selected month. The Chair, in consultation with District staff, may cancel a regularly scheduled meeting if there are no items requiring Committee discussion or action, or if less than a quorum of the Committee is expected to attend the meeting.

Section 3. Minutes.

District staff will record each regular and special meeting. District staff will prepare the minutes for all Committee meetings. A copy of the minutes of the prior meeting will be presented to the Committee for approval at the next Committee meeting. District staff will include a copy of the minutes of the most recent Committee meeting in the informational report on advisory committees to the Transportation Committee of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Public Comment.

Public comment at Committee meetings will be limited to three (3) minutes per person, unless the Chair, at his or her discretion, permits additional time.

Section 5. Parliamentary Procedure.

Section 5.1. Robert's Rules of Order.

The Committee will follow Robert's Rules of Order, except where inconsistent with applicable law, these Bylaws or modified by action of the Committee.

Section 5.2. Voting.

Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Members must be present to vote. Action items must have a simple majority vote of the current Committee membership in order to pass, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws. Procedural questions may be decided by a simple majority vote of the Committee members present.

Section 5.3. Quorum.

A simple majority of the current Committee membership shall constitute a quorum authorized to transact any business duly presented at a meeting of the Committee.

Section 6. Order of Business.

The order of business for Committee meetings generally will be as follows:

- (a) CALL TO ORDER
- (b) ROLL CALL
- (c) ELECTION OF OFFICERS – when appropriate and at least once each year
- (d) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
- (e) OTHER BUSINESS
- (f) COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS
- (g) PUBLIC COMMENTS – at this time, members of the public may speak on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee
- (h) ADJOURNMENT

Section 7. Adjournment.

The Chair may adjourn a meeting when the discussion of all business on the agenda has concluded or a quorum of the Committee is no longer present at the meeting.

ARTICLE V: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Communications with the District; Requests for Information. All member communications to the District related to the Committee, including requests for information or records to support Committee business, should be directed to the staff person designated by the District or submitted to pac@goldengate.org.

Section 2. Committee Records.

All Committee records are the property of the District and are subject to public disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 7920.000 et seq.) Requests to inspect or copy Committee records should be made to the Secretary of the District by email at districtsecretary@goldengate.org, or by mail at Golden Gate Bridge, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, California, 94129. The Secretary of the District will handle all requests for Committee records.

Section 3. Member Conduct. Members are expected to show respect for each other by raising hands, not interrupting, and following time limits for discussion at Committee meetings.

Members are expected to respect the Brown Act's open meeting requirements when communicating with each other about subjects within the Committee's jurisdiction.

Section 4. Conflicts of Interest. If a member has a conflict of interest in a matter before the Committee, the member must abstain from making, participating in making, or influencing the making of a decision on that matter. Before the Committee begins discussing an item in which a member has a conflict of interest, the member must state the nature of the conflict on the record, excuse themselves from the meeting, and refrain from any participation in the decision.

Section 5. Compensation. Members will not receive compensation for, or reimbursement of expenses associated with, attendance of Committee meetings. The District will not make any reimbursement or payment in connection with expenses incurred on behalf of the Committee without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. No Standing Subcommittees. There shall be no standing subcommittees.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Committee by a majority vote of the current Committee membership, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Committee at a previous meeting. Actions by the Board of Directors that replace or supersede these Bylaws or provisions thereof shall take precedence or be incorporated as soon as possible.

Amended February 8, 2024
Adopted February 15, 2023
Amended August 13, 2025

Dear General Manager Mulligan,

Writing on behalf of the members of the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (the District) Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC), I wish to express our gratitude toward staff and our support for their recent effort to install automated bicycle and pedestrian counters on the entrances to the Golden Gate Bridge's east and west sidewalks. While a seemingly minor improvement, this has the potential to bring substantial benefits to the District.

At present, all of the Bay Area Toll Authority-managed bridges (the Dumbarton, Bay Bridge East Span, Richmond-San Rafael, Carquinez, and Benicia) have automated bicycle/pedestrian counters, and provide up-to-date totals on a web portal. Only the Golden Gate Bridge does not conduct daily counts. In fact, the most recent figures were from a manual count that took place in 2015. It is already known how many vehicles pass through the toll plaza every day and how many riders use the buses and ferries. By installing permanent automated counters, the District will achieve parity with the other modes of bridge users.

By providing user counts on the bridge, the District will have firm data on what many of us already know, namely that the Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most-bicycled bridges in the nation, and by far the most-ridden in the San Francisco Bay Area. This will make excellent supporting data for any competitive grant applications submitted by the District in which it seeks to improve safety or access for non-motorized users of the bridge.

Additionally, by having clear data about the number of people walking or bicycling over the bridge, staff and the Board of Directors will be able to make better-informed decisions about how best to allocate scarce resources to serve the bridge's many diverse users.

We have two requests for staff upon completion of the installation of the automated counters. First, there should be some public visibility into the count data. The gold standard for this would look like the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Bridge Counter Data (<https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/data-tools/bridge-paths-counter-data>), which makes the counts accessible for anyone via web browser. Alternatively, this goal could be accomplished via the General Manager's report with an annual total at the end of the year.

Second, we request that staff or contractors be assigned to do periodic manual counts in order to do validation of the automated counters and to gather qualitative data about users, e.g. the share of rental bikes using the bridge.

Once again, we express our appreciation to staff for the continued work and for their support of our committee.

Sincerely,

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