



Agenda Item No. (3)(a)–(3)(d)

To: Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of August 27, 2026

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 August 13, 2026 meeting.
- (b) **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
No meeting information is available at the time of this meeting.
- (c) **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
No meeting information is available at the time of this meeting.
- (d) **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Agenda packet of August 12, 2026 meeting.

Since the Committee last met in March, cancellation notices included District Advisory Committee reports and links as outlined below: (Include links from website)

- **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY**
https://www.goldengate.org/events/-advisory-committee-on-accessibility-aca---may-2026/?F_y=2026&F_m=5&F_c=
- **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
https://www.goldengate.org/events/bus-passenger-advisory-committee-bpac---may-2026/?F_y=2026&F_m=5&F_c=23
- **FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
https://www.goldengate.org/events/ferry-passengers-advisory-committee-fpac---april-2026/?F_y=2026&F_m=4&F_c=23

https://www.goldengate.org/events/ferry-passengers-advisory-committee-fpac---june-2026/?F_y=2026&F_m=6&F_c=23
- **PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
https://www.goldengate.org/events/pedestrian-and-bicycle-advisory-committee-pbac---april-2026/?F_y=2026&F_m=4&F_c=23

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Attachments

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (ACA)

Agenda for Thursday, August 13, 2026



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 October 16, 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 GGBHTD Statistics and Initiatives
4. New Business
 - a. SB 707 Updates to the Brown Act (Action Item)
 - b. Committee Applications / Membership Update
5. Member Announcements
6. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 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) 454-0902 or (800) 454-0902.

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, October 16, 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: None

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

Visitors Present: Kyle French, Marin Transit; Kent Hinton, Transdev Inc.

1. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Patty Mangels called the meeting to order at 1:33 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.

Kyle French stated that he did not have an update for the group on Marin Transit service.

B. Marin Access/Paratransit Service (Regional and Local)

Kent Hinton gave statistical highlights for the paratransit program. He stated that there are fewer calls to the paratransit call center this year than there were last year. He then explained that there was an increase in calls to the Travel Navigator Department that coincided with program changes to the Marin Access Mobility Management Programs.

Mr. Hinton stated that Marin Access call center hold times remained under the two-minute contract-required threshold. He explained that ridership was down slightly for the Marin Local Paratransit service and on-time performance for the paratransit remained over 90% on-time for both Marin local and regional service. Jon Gaffney added that the regional paratransit service had more ridership this year than it did the previous year.

Mr. Hinton described to the committee some work that Mr. Gaffney had performed to adjust the travel times in the paratransit scheduling software in San Francisco. This work was done to better reflect actual travel times within San Francisco. Mr. Gaffney stated that it was his hope that these changes would lead to an increase in on-time performance for the regional service.

Marcela Vargas asked about vehicles that arrive early on the paratransit service. Mr. Hinton explained that the rider is not required to leave until 5 minutes after the beginning of their assigned pickup window, even if the vehicle arrives early.

Mr. Hinton then explained that Marin Access was experiencing some turnover in the call center. He stated that they were cross-training various staff to be able to enter reservations into the call center software when the call center is short-staffed to ensure hold times remained low. Patti Mangles asked about the staffing level for drivers. Mr. Hinton stated that Marin Access was almost fully staffed on drivers.

4. New Business.

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

Mr. Gaffney distributed a printout of the proposed changes for GGBHTD and Marin Transit under MASCOTS. He explained that the changes were going to the District's Board of Directors for approval at their meeting on October 24, 2026. He stated that the changes are focused on increasing frequency of service without increasing cost and eliminating service duplication between the various service providers in the North Bay. He mentioned that the largest change to the service is the proposed elimination of Route 101 north of Novato. He also stated that the Route 580 would no longer travel along the frontage road in San Rafael, which would speed up the travel time of the route significantly.

Mr. French gave an update on Marin Transit's service changes under MASCOTS. Ms. Vargas asked about changes to east/west travel. Mr. Gaffney stated that east/west travel was not studied directly in the MASCOTS analysis. Ms. Vargas stated that Bel Marin Keys was not served by fixed route. Mr. French said he would take that feedback under advisement.

Mr. French stated that Marin Transit would be holding an outreach event on the MASCOTS changes with the Canal Alliance on October 22, 2026. Mr. Gaffney mentioned that GGBHTD would also be holding outreach events in the community to discuss the changes.

Mr. Gaffney stated that there was a commitment to continue providing regional paratransit service to Sonoma County even though that service would no longer be mandated with the elimination of Route 101 north of Novato.

A. Committee Applications / Membership Update

The committee discussed the ongoing difficulty in recruiting new members for the committee.

5. ACA Member Announcements

Ms. Vargas asked how individuals with disabilities access the fixed route bus in Marin. Mr. French explained that all the vehicles either have lifts or ramps. He stated that the lifts /ramps are for use by any passenger whether they use a mobility device or are ambulatory.

6. Public Comment.

No public comment was provided.

7. Adjournment.

Patti Mangles adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Members were advised that the next meeting would take place on January 15, 2026. That meeting was later canceled.

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PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PBAC)



Agenda for Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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 April 15, 2026
- 4. Bus Stop Sign Plan Scope of Work (Michael Jones – 25 Minutes)**
- 5. Committee Business (40 Minutes)**
 - a. Approval of Remote Meeting Policy
 - b. Vista Point Trail Updates (Dave Rivera)
 - c. Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations - Ongoing (PBAC Members)
 - d. Other Updates (Dave Rivera)
- 6. Public Comment - 3 Minutes per Speaker (10 Minutes)**
- 7. Adjournment**

Attachments:

1. Draft Minutes of April 15, 2026 PBAC Meeting
2. Remote Meeting Attendance Materials

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, April 15, 2026



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

Members Present: James Grady, Barbara (BJ) Jones, Stephen Lambe, Sasha Madfes, Charles Metzler, David Pilpel, Ray Scherck, Aaron Weiman, Warren Wells

Members Absent: Candy Doran, Parker Day, Kevin Gammon, Susan Nawbary

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

Guests Present: Prospective Member Lisa Mroz, Michael Jones

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Warren Wells called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum of eight members was present.
2. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Committee members, staff, and a visitor introduced themselves.
3. **Consent Calendar.**
 - a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025.** David Pilpel noted that on page two, the first line of the second paragraph should state Senate Bill 707, not 757. Mr. Pilpel then moved to approve the meeting minutes. James Grady provided a second. The November 12, 2025, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **2026 Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** Vice Chair Sasha Madfes nominated Chair Warren Wells for another term as chair. Mr. Wells nominated Ms. Madfes for another term as vice chair. David Pilpel moved to close nominations if there were none further, and BJ Jones provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved. Warren Wells and Sasha Madfes were elected chair and vice chair for 2026.
5. **Great Redwood Trail Presentation.** Michael Jones stated that the Great Redwood Trail is a 300-mile-long proposed multi-use rail-trail project connecting San Francisco Bay to Blue Lake in Humboldt County. The Master Plan was approved in March 2026. The trail follows the path of former Northwestern Pacific Railroad and is managed by the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA), in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt Counties, passing through the Eel River Canyon Preserve. The trail alignment there will be challenging, due to erosion and some areas of failing infrastructure including tunnels, bridges, and train trestles. The corridor in Sonoma and Marin Counties was transferred to Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART), who will be responsible for development in the southern segment.

Mr. Jones remarked that the project was the brainchild of CA Senator Mike McGuire, who saw an opportunity to create a regional trail that could bring jobs and money to the North Coast. The North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) had tried to obtain funds to repair the many landslides and tunnel collapses with no success. GRTA hopes this project will promote tourism, bring financial resources to the region, and promote recreational and environmental opportunities.

Stephen Lambe asked about funding for the project. Mr. Jones answered that the trail is being built in segments, currently around Ukiah. Mr. Wells mentioned that Proposition 4 funding is crucial, as 75 miles of the trail aligns with SMART and multi-use pathways. Funding may come from public and private sources, he added. James Grady asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Jones stated that it was a 20-year project, with five-year updates. Group discussion continued, including whether the northern terminus of the Golden Gate Bridge could be considered “Mile Zero” for the project, as stated in SB 727, which created the Great Redwood Trail Agency.

6. Committee Business.

a. Approval of Updated Bylaws. In Article III, Section 2, sentence three: BJ Jones proposed deleting the phrase, “if elected the following year” and so moved. Stephen Lambe provided a second. The PBAC Bylaws were updated by unanimous vote.

b. Bridge Patrol and Sidewalk Bike Safety. David Rivera explained that the Bridge patrol officers are public safety personnel whose primary purpose is to ensure the safety, security, and smooth operation of the Golden Gate Bridge. With regards to cyclists, officers can tell them to slow down but cannot issue citations. The District works with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), who can issue citations, and also responds if there is a serious accident on the Bridge.

Mr. Rivera stated that an electrical project related to a power issue is currently ongoing on the Bridge. Due to upcoming maintenance and training, staff will close the west sidewalk and push bicyclists onto the east sidewalk from 8:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. on May 8-9 and May 23-24. Cyclists and pedestrians will share the east sidewalk during this time. Announcements will be posted on the website and signs will be placed at the bike gates at the north and south end, westside. Also, night work will begin soon for the retrofit project, starting at the north tower. He emphasized that all Bridge lanes or both sidewalks are never closed at the same time, and there is never a Bridge special event or lane closure taking place simultaneously. Warren expressed his thanks to Mr. Rivera and staff for the timely text alerts. Mr. Rivera said to always let him know if more alerts or postings are needed.

Aaron Weiman commented that he had seen patrol officers on their phones and in cars, appearing inactive. He added that more safety resources are needed around the Bridge towers, where they can get congested. Mr. Rivera again encouraged members to email him with any problems: DRivera@goldengate.org.

c. Vista Point Trail Updates. David Rivera gave an update on the new multi-use path between Vista Point and Lower Conzelman Road. Funded by the National Park Service (NPS), trail updates are expected to be completed in May 2026. The trail will provide a

safer, more accessible connection for walking and biking between the Golden Gate Bridge and Fort Baker. Currently they are working on hand railings, signs and pavement markings. He stated that he was not sure if it would be a lighted trail at night. He shared online graphics of the area under construction.

d. Other Updates. Mr. Rivera announced that automatic bike and pedestrian counters had been installed on the Golden Gate Bridge. Data will be available each month and can be found in the General Manager's report on the website and directly on the Monthly Traffic Crossings webpage:

<https://www.goldengate.org/bridge/history-research/statistics-data/monthly-traffic-crossings/>

At this time, Warren Wells requested that staff bring back an agenda item that has been deleted, "Recent Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues/Observations – Ongoing." Staff confirmed that it would be back on the next meeting agenda.

7. **Public Comment.** None.

8. **Adjournment.** Warren Wells adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at the Golden Gate Bridge Board Room, San Francisco, CA. [This meeting was later cancelled.]

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Rules for Remote Participation for Passenger Advisory Committee Members

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District ("District") has four passenger advisory committees (Bus Passengers Advisory Committee, Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee on Accessibility, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; individually referred to as "Committee" and collectively referred to as "Committees"). The Committees are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 et seq.; "Brown Act") and have each adopted their respective bylaws. If authorized by the District Board of Directors and approved by the Committee, these rules supplement the Committee's bylaws. If the District Board of Directors has not authorized use of these rules, the Committee's use of the rules is automatically suspended until further action by the District Board of Directors.

A Committee may use these remote participation rules for "eligible subsidiary bodies" under the Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54953.8.6) if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. **Physical, staffed public meeting location.** A physical location attended in person by District staff and equipment with audiovisual technology must be made available for each Committee meeting. Committee Members and the public may participate in person from this location.
2. **Remote participation by audio and video.** Committee Members must use both audio and visual technology to participate remotely during a Committee meeting. Joining in a "listen-only" or "view-only" mode does not count as attendance. Committee Members must appear on camera during all open portions of the meeting. Committee Members may turn off their camera only in the following limited circumstances:
 - **Disability.** If a Committee Member has a physical or mental disability that requires participation off camera. If this is the case, please contact District staff in advance of the meeting regarding the reasonable accommodation process.
 - **Internet or connectivity failure.** If a Committee Member's connection is too poor to support video, the Committee Member may turn off their camera, but must announce the reason prior to doing so.
3. **Disclosure of others in the remote location prior to taking action.** If any other adult (age 18 or older) is present in the room from which a Committee Member is participating remotely during the meeting, then before any action is taken, the Committee Member must state: (1) who is present and (2) their general relationship to the Committee Member (such as spouse, caregiver, or colleague). Committee Members do not need to disclose the presence of individuals under 18.

In the event of any inconsistency between these rules and the Brown Act, the Committee must comply with the Brown Act.