

# FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

*Agenda for Monday, November 9, 2020*

**Convene at 12:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 1:15 p.m.**

**Online Meeting Address:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98836587000?pwd=SDVSVTM1cW50UUVoZHZPMzRuU2hsZz09>



## **1. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2020**

## **2. Operational Issues**

- A. Ridership Updates – Current Trends
- B. Service Updates – Current Schedules

## **3. Updates and Other Items**

- A. Ferry Division COVID-19 Safety Measures
- B. Vessel Updates
- C. Terminal Updates

## **4. Committee Business**

- A. FPAC Initiatives
  - i. Larkspur 42 Crossings/Parking Needs Environmental Review
  - ii. Sonoma-Marin Bike Share
  - iii. Ferry WiFi
  - iv. EV Charger Update
- B. Membership Recruitment

## **5. Member/Visitor Comments**

## **6. Next Meeting: January 11, 2021**

Survey of Members to Determine Quorum

- Attachments:
- 1. Summary from meeting of February 10, 2020
  - 2. Ferry Route Performance Report for August and September 2020
    - All Routes
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal (LSSF)
    - Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal (SSSF)
    - Tiburon Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal (TBSF)
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal-Chase Center Warriors (LSCC)
    - Larkspur Ferry Terminal -Chase Center Special Event (LSC1)

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*Minutes of Meeting of Monday, February 10, 2020*

**Bayside Rooms 3 and 4  
Pier One, Port of San Francisco**



FPAC Members Present: Jamie Taylor

Guests Present: Eric Selvig, Prospective Member; Michael Stryker, Prospective Member

Staff Present: Collette Martinez, Manager of Ferry Operations; Josh Widmann, Planning Department

Approval of Summary of Meeting of January 13, 2020. Minutes were reviewed with no corrections but a vote was not taken due to lack of a quorum.

## **1. Operational Issues**

Report on Weekday A.m. and P.m. Larkspur Service Sellouts. Josh Widmann reported the following highlights of January 2020 showing selected departure sellouts and the average number of patrons leftover per trip:

January 2020	7:30 a.m. 12 (19 avg. left over)	7:50 a.m. 11 (20 avg. left over)
	8:20 a.m. 10 (16 avg. left over)	
	5:30 p.m. 14 (30 avg. left over)	6:00 p.m. 10 (16 avg. left over)

Mr. Widmann reported the 4:30 p.m. Larkspur departure, a popular crossing in January 2020, saw a 7 percent increase in patrons. Overall system-wide ferry patronage was down -3.2 percent. Broken out by route ferry ridership dropped -1.7 percent for Larkspur, -9.2 percent for Sausalito, and increased +3.5 percent for Tiburon. Overall the system ridership rate of decline slowed down compared to the prior month.

## **2. Updates and Other Items**

A. Vessel Updates. Mr. Widmann reported the California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant awardees will be announced in April. The District submitted a TIRCP application for \$12 million to partially fund the construction of a new larger capacity high-speed ferry vessel. Additionally a Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant of \$2 million through the state, has been committed to the District. Mr. Widmann reported the M.S. *Sonoma* is expected to return to the active fleet in the summer and the M.S. *San Francisco* will be leaving soon after the M.S. *Marin* returns from the shipyard.

B. Terminal Updates. No updates.

C. SMART Updates. Mr. Widmann reported that SMART promotional fares continue. The Sail and Rail program will last nine months and the Weekender promotion will go through the end of February. There will be signage upgrades at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal parking lot to direct passengers to the

SMART station. Additionally signage indicating the preferred pedestrian pathway through the Larkspur parking lot will be installed.

### **3. Committee Business**

#### **A. FPAC Initiatives.**

i. Larkspur 42 Crossings/Parking Needs Environmental Review. Mr. Widmann reported that consultant proposals are being reviewed and interviews will take place at the end of the month of February.

ii. Bike Share Updates. The TAM/SCTA legal team has been reviewing the contract language for the agreement between the Sonoma-Marin bikeshare contractor, Gotcha Mobility, and the municipalities and special districts who will participate in the program. More details will be available in March, including the site location selection based on the contractor's work on demand analysis in the two-county area of Marin and Sonoma, in particular the SMART stations and around busy transit hubs.

iii. Ferry WiFi Status. Corporate WiFi for vessel masters is still currently the only available WiFi on-board Golden Gate ferries and there is no publicly available network. No specific new public WiFi updates were available but the committee was informed they will be updated of any new developments.

B. Membership Recruitment & New Member Vote. Prospective members Chuck Hornbrook (attended in January) and Alexander Chase (has not attended yet) unfortunately could not make the February 10 meeting. Prospective member Michael Stryker was in attendance (attended in January as well) and was voted onto the committee. Three FPAC members voted electronically prior to the meeting and one voted at the meeting in person. As stated at the January meeting, Michael Stryker utilizes the Larkspur route to access UCSF and mentioned an interest in the provision of daily service to Mission Bay. Mr. Stryker also has an interest in monitoring current peak period departure overloads.

#### **4. Member/Visitor Comments**

No member/visitor comments.

#### **5. Next Meeting: April 13, 2020.**

The committee agreed to reconvene on April 13, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Bayside Rooms 3 and 4, Pier One, Port of San Francisco. The April 13 meeting along with the scheduled June 8 and August 10 FPAC meetings were later cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic.