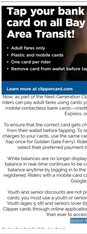

GOLDEN GATE
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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Winter 2025/2026

Golden Gate Transit & Golden Gate Ferry

Tap your bank card on all Bay Area Transit!

- Adult fares only
- Plastic and mobile cards
- One card per rider
- Remove card from wallet before tapping

Learn more at clippercard.com

CLIPPER
More ways to pay
BANK MEGA

Now, as part of the Next-Generation Clipper system rollout, all Bay Area transit riders can pay adult fares using cards you already have in your wallet: plastic or mobile contactless bank cards—credit or debit—Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover.

To ensure that the correct card gets charged, riders should remove their card from their wallet before tapping. To reduce the risk of improper or multiple charges to your cards, use the same card to tap on and off Golden Gate Transit (tap once for Golden Gate Ferry). Riders paying with a mobile device should select their preferred payment in Apple Wallet or Google Wallet.

While balances are no longer displayed on Clipper readers, checking your balance in real-time continues to be convenient. Riders can see their Clipper balance anytime by logging in to the Clipper app or website if their card is registered. Riders with a mobile card can check their balance in their Apple or Google Wallet.

Youth and senior discounts are not provided when using contactless bank cards; you must use a youth or senior Clipper card to receive the discount. Youth (ages 5-18) and seniors (over 65) can now apply for Youth and Senior Clipper cards through online applications at clippercard.com—making it easier than ever to access discounted fares.

learn more >>

Tap Your Bank Card On All Bay Area Transit

Golden Gate Schedules Extended through Mid-April

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT GUIDE
2025 - 2026
AUGUST 10, 2025
GOOD THROUGH APRIL 11, 2026!
LARKSPUR SAUSALITO TIBURON & ANGEL ISLAND
GOOD THROUGH APRIL 12, 2026!
AUG. 11, 2025

Please note that the current Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry schedules have been extended through mid-April 2026. Please keep your existing Golden Gate Transit Guide (effective August 10, 2025–January 10, 2026) and Ferry pocket schedule (effective August 11, 2025–January 11, 2026) until April 2026. Updated Transit Guides and Ferry schedules will be available in late March.

online schedules >>

Golden Gate Schedules Extended Through Mid-April

Golden Gate Holiday Service Calendar

HOLIDAY	BUS		FERRY	CUSTOMER SERVICE
	ROUTES 101, 130, 150, 580	ROUTES 114, 132, 154, 164, 172, 172X, 580X	LARKSPUR, SAUSALITO, TIBURON & ANGEL ISLAND	
CHRISTMAS EVE *Wednesday, December 24*	REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICE	REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICE	WEEKEND SERVICE	OPEN 7AM TO 6PM
CHRISTMAS DAY *Thursday, December 25*	WEEKEND SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	CLOSED
DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY *Friday, December 26*	WEEKEND SERVICE	NO SERVICE	WEEKEND SERVICE	OPEN 7AM TO 6PM
NEW YEAR'S EVE *Wednesday, December 31*	REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICE	REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICE	WEEKEND SERVICE	OPEN 7AM TO 6PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY *Thursday, January 1*	WEEKEND SERVICE	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	CLOSED
DAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY *Friday, January 2*	WEEKEND SERVICE	NO SERVICE	WEEKEND SERVICE	OPEN 7AM TO 6PM

holiday calendar >>

Golden Gate Bus and Ferry Holiday Service Calendar

Golden Gate Transit

MASCOTS Plan Brings More Frequent, Coordinated Transit in April 2026

MASCOTS
MARIN-SONOMA COORDINATED TRANSIT SERVICE PLAN

At its November meeting, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District (District) Board of Directors (Board) approved upcoming changes to Golden Gate Transit service as part of the Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service (MASCOTS) plan, taking effect in April 2026.

MASCOTS is a partnership among nine North Bay transit and funding agencies working together to design a more connected and frequent regional network - with the goal of planning service as if it were operated by one unified agency. The aim is to boost ridership and make travel along the Highway 101 corridor easier by reducing overlapping services, improving transfers, and adding service where demand is highest.

Key Golden Gate Transit changes include:
- More frequent buses between San Rafael and San Francisco
- Simplified commute routes in Sonoma County
- Streamlined Route 580 service

All participating agencies will roll out their MASCOTS service changes in April 2026.

learn more >>

MASCOTS Plan Brings More Frequent, Coordinated Transit in April 2026

Caution! Manzanita Park & Ride May Flood

During unusually high tides, Manzanita Park & Ride may flood. Check tide tables and weather conditions prior to parking in the Manzanita lot.

During flooding, southbound schedules pick up at Buckeye, northbound schedules drop off at Pohono.

High tides are expected on the following dates: December 17-20, December 29-January 5, January 16-19, January 27-February 3, and February 28-March 1.

Tide tables can be found on many websites, including tidesandcurrents/noaa.gov.

tide tables >>

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Golden Gate Ferry

Board Greenlights First Ferries in Major Fleet Upgrade

GOLDEN GATE FERRY
LIWA

Golden Gate Ferry launched service in the early 1970s with the original M.S. *Golden Gate* and a small fleet of monohull vessels. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, we expanded with high-speed aluminum catamarans that continue to serve our busy Larkspur–San Francisco route today.

After decades of reliable service, many of our vessels have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced to meet modern emissions standards. Over the next eight years, we'll be rolling out a brand-new fleet of high speed, low-emission ferries, each built to the same design for better efficiency, reliability, and passenger experience.

At their November meeting, the Board approved a contract to build the first two vessels in this long-term replacement program.

The new M.V. *Liwa*-class design (rendering shown above) carries 500 passengers and is expected to enter service in 2027. These next-generation ferries will cut emissions by 80% and use 30% less power thanks to an improved hull design, while maintaining the fast, dependable service our riders count on.

Along with the M.V. *Liwa*, the order includes a replacement for the M.V. *Del Norte*, built to the same specifications. These will be the first two vessels in our future fleet of seven to eight identical ferries, arriving through 2033 and creating a consistent, modern experience across Golden Gate Ferry.

learn more >>

Board Greenlights First Ferries In Major Fleet Upgrade

Festive Ferry Tradition Welcomes Local Schoolchildren

This December, local elementary schoolchildren are bringing holiday cheer to the Golden Gate Ferry fleet. As part of a 35-year tradition, pre-K through 3rd grade classes take a free field trip on the Bay and decorate our ferries with festive artwork. After more than three decades of the program, some former student decorators are now our regular customers!

Teachers often use the trip as a hands-on lesson about transportation or Bay Area wildlife, and for many students, it's their very first time aboard a ferry. We're delighted to welcome them and to share the joy of discovery that comes with exploring the Bay.

To learn more about the program and to see a video of the festivities, click the "learn more" button below.

learn more >>

Festive Ferry Tradition Welcomes Local Schoolchildren

Largest Contract in District History Advances Seismic Retrofit

At their October meeting, the Board approved nearly $1 billion to begin the final phase of the Golden Gate Bridge Seismic Retrofit (Phase 3B). The cornerstone of this action was awarding an $864 million construction contract to Halmar International, LLC. This is the largest contract in the District's history.

Phase 3B focuses on strengthening the Bridge's main span and side spans, while reinforcing both towers and the south tower pier. Work will begin with the towers and side spans, which are less flexible than the main span. Improvements include adding large steel plates and trusses at the tower bases, as well as replacing the expansion joints where the roadway meets the towers and pylons.

Because of its size and complexity, Phase 3B will be delivered through two consecutive construction contracts. Construction is expected to begin in early 2026.

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Golden Gate Bridge

Golden Gate Bridge Parking Lots May Close During the Holidays

From Christmas Day (12/25) through New Year's Day (1/1) visitors to the Golden Gate Bridge should consider riding a bike, taking a bus, or using a rideshare when traveling to the Bridge. Parking lots may be closed from 11am to approximately 5pm to reduce traffic congestion. During these closures, personal vehicles will not be permitted to park at the Welcome Center southeast end parking lot or at Caltrans' Vista Point northeast end parking lot. Before visiting, check service alerts at goldengate.org to find the latest closure information.

service alerts >>

Golden Gate Bridge Parking Lots May Close During The Holidays

Become a Bridge Patrol Officer and Protect a Historic Landmark

The District is seeking dedicated individuals to become Bridge Patrol Officers, key team members who support the daily safety and smooth operation of the Golden Gate Bridge and its facilities. Our Bridge Patrol Officers also serve as friendly ambassadors, assisting the millions of people who drive, walk, or bike across this iconic landmark each year.

apply here >

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Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District

This Holiday Season, the District is Giving Back to Our Community

SF-MARIN FOOD BANK
Shop Floor & Donations

We're supporting local food banks through an employee food drive, and, in recognition of Giving Tuesday, a group of employees volunteered at the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank in San Rafael.

You may also remember Golden Gate Transit's beloved holiday buses from years past, festive favorites among commuters, passersby, and employees alike! Throughout December, we'll share throwback photos of these buses on our social media channels as a cheerful reminder of the season and an invitation to support neighbors in need. Each post will include simple ways to give back in your community.

The District proudly supports both the San Francisco-Marin and Redwood Empire food banks and encourages you to help end hunger close to home.

- To donate to the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, visit sfmfoodbank.org.
- To donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank, visit refb.org.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference this holiday season.

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