

**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-048**

**APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE  
GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY PAVILION**

May 27, 2011

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), by Resolution No. 2010-066, at its meeting of July 23, 2010, authorized entering into a cooperative relationship with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Conservancy) to support development of a Visitor/History Center and to assist the District's efforts to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Golden Gate Bridge (Celebration); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Conservancy, the District and the National Park Service (NPS) are working cooperatively to revitalize the Golden Gate Bridge east side Visitors Plaza and adjacent areas, by constructing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pavilion (Pavilion), a new, interim 3,500 square foot facility that will orient visitors and provide interpretive and commemorative products; augmenting visitor services; improving orientation and way-finding; improving traffic flow, visitor access and site circulation; improving site accessibility; and, preserving and enhancing when possible, historic, natural, scenic and recreational resources in the area, in preparation for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge in May 2012; and,

**WHEREAS**, revitalization of the Visitors Plaza, including construction of the Pavilion, will result in the enhancement of this popular and significant visitor destination, until a long-term master plan can be prepared and implemented; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed improvements will be undertaken by the Conservancy and its contractors, consistent with the recently executed Memorandum of Understanding between the NPS, the Conservancy and the District, pursuant to Resolution No. 2011-020, approved by the Board at its meeting of March 11, 2011; and, pursuant to the Project Agreement between the District and the Conservancy, providing for a program of activities for the 75th Anniversary, and for visitor enhancements to the Golden Gate Bridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Conservancy has agreed to take the lead role for funding and for undertaking agreed-upon improvements to the Visitors Plaza; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Advisory Committee recommends that the Board approve actions relative to construction of the Pavilion; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby approves the undertaking of the following improvements by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to the Visitors Plaza located on the east side of the Golden Gate Bridge:

- a. Construction of the 75th Anniversary Pavilion, a new interim 3,500 square foot facility that will orient visitors and provide interpretive and commemorative products;
- b. Widening of the Visitors Plaza around the Joseph Strauss statue to enable groups to gather more easily;
- c. Restriping of the parking lot to separate cars and tour buses and enhance public safety;
- d. Renovation of the interior of the Round House to allow for flexible multi-purpose uses after moving the retail operation to the new interim facility;
- e. Minor renovations of the Bridge Café; and,
- f. Provision of a unified and clear signage system for the Visitors Plaza; and; be it further


**RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the General Manager to take necessary actions to facilitate this project; and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that construction will not proceed until necessary approvals from the National Park Service and any other legally required regulatory approvals are obtained.

**ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

- AYES (15):** Directors Arnold, Boro, Campos, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Renée, Snyder, Stroeh; Second Vice President Grosboll; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly
- NOES (0):** None
- ABSENT (4):** Directors Brown, Mar, Sobel and Theriault

  
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**Janet Reilly**  
**President, Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**   
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**Janet S. Tarantino**  
**Secretary of the District**