

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-013

**APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS
RELATIVE TO A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
CARPOOL AND MULTI-AXLE VEHICLE TOLLS**

February 12, 2010

WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) has identified a \$132 million projected deficit over the next five years; and,

WHEREAS, the District created a Financial Planning Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) in May 2009, for the purpose of identifying possible solutions to address said projected deficit; and,

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee drafted and recommended approval of *FY 09/10 Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability (Plan)* which laid out specific initiatives that, once implemented, will help restore the District to stable financial footing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District approved said *Plan* at its meeting of October 30, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Phase I of the *Plan* includes Initiative No. 23, which calls for increasing certain special-category toll rates, specifically for carpools and multi-axle vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed toll increases will help restore the District to stable financial footing; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed carpool rate will allow carpools and clean air vehicles to financially support District operations and maintenance while generating a projected \$1.3 million in additional annual toll revenues in FY 10/11 and maintaining a toll incentive for carpools and clean air vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed multi-axle rate will eliminate multi-axle vehicle toll disparities between the Golden Gate Bridge and California state-owned bridges while generating additional projected toll revenues of approximately \$600,000.00 in FY 11/12 and \$1.2 million in annual toll revenues upon full implementation in FY 12/13; and,

WHEREAS, the options under consideration by the District to change existing tolls for the Golden Gate Bridge do not require federal approval; and, therefore are exempt from the National Environmental Protection Act process; and,

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WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act statutorily exempts the District's proposal to modify existing tolls on the Golden Gate Bridge to help restore the District to stable financial footing; and,

WHEREAS, the District wishes to ensure full public review of the proposed toll increase option; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance-Auditing Committee, at its meeting of February 11, 2010, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (Board) hereby authorizes undertaking the public review process associated with a proposal to establish a toll for carpools and to increase multi-axle vehicle tolls by conducting an informational Open House and setting a Public Hearing for the purpose of providing information, answering questions and receiving input from the public about the proposal, as follows:

Open House

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites

San Rafael, CA

Public Hearing

Friday, May 14, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Board Room, Administration Building

Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza Building

San Francisco, CA;

and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes staff to present at the Open House information on a proposal to establish a toll for carpools and to increase multi-axle vehicle tolls, an initiative included in the *FY 09/10 Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability*, that will result in a carpool toll equal to 50% of the cash toll (\$3.00), and a 3+ axle vehicle toll of \$5.00 per axle for FasTrak® customers and \$6.00 per axle for cash toll customers, to be capped at 7 axles; with a targeted date for implementation of the carpool toll on July 1, 2010, a targeted date for half of the multi-axle toll increase on July 1, 2011 and a targeted date for the other half of the multi-axle toll increase on July 1, 2012.

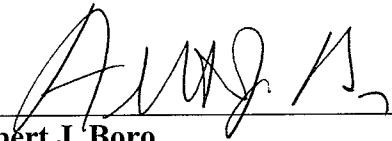
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ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2010, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

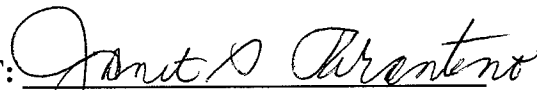
AYES (15): Directors Brown, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Grosboll, McGlashan, Moylan, Newhouse Segal, Pahre, Snyder, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Eddie; First Vice President Reilly; President Boro

NOES (0): None

ABSENT (4): Directors Campos, Dufty, Kerns and Sanders



Albert J. Boro
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST: 

Janet S. Tarantino
Secretary of the District