

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-093

**APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO CHANGES TO
GOLDEN GATE FERRY WEEKDAY FERRY SCHEDULES**

November 19, 2010

WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) Board of Directors (Board), by Resolution No. 2009-090 at its meeting of October 30, 2009, adopted the *09/10 Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability (Plan)* to address the District's five-year projected deficit; and,

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 9 of the *Plan, Eliminate Duplicative Bus Service and Bus/Ferry Trips with Low Ridership*, proposed reducing ferry trips with low ridership; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, by Resolution No. 2010-069 at its meeting of August 13, 2010, authorized a public review process to receive public comment on proposals to change Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) "Frequent Rider" discount fares and weekday schedules; and,

WHEREAS, public outreach done in connection with the proposed changes meets the District's legal requirements in calling a Public Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on October 7, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, during which public comments were heard; and,

WHEREAS, following the close of the public review period at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2010, staff reassessed its original proposals for reducing ferry trips with low ridership; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there will be no impact to minority, low income or disadvantaged communities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, if the proposed service changes are implemented because, based upon a review of available Census and ridership data, staff has concluded that affected ferry routes are oriented toward trips to and from San Francisco rather than towards local trips, and the users of these routes are predominantly non-minority, from middle to upper income communities; and,

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WHEREAS, staff has recommended that the Board approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because schedule changes as proposed do not fall under the definition of a “project” under CEQA; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule adjustments will contribute to the cost savings identified in Initiative 9 of the *Plan*; and,

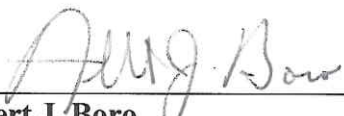
WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee, at its meeting of November 18, 2010, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby approves actions relative to changes to the Golden Gate Ferry weekday ferry schedules, for the winter season (October 1 through March 31), effective October 2011, as follows:

- a. Eliminates 5 of the 41 Larkspur Ferry service trips during the winter season, to improve operational efficiencies and generate cost savings, as follows:
 - 1. Eliminates one midday roundtrip departing from Larkspur at 11:40 a.m. and from San Francisco at 12:25 p.m.;
 - 2. Eliminates one evening roundtrip departing from Larkspur at 7:20 p.m. and from San Francisco at 8:10 p.m.; and,
 - 3. Eliminates one evening crossing departing from San Francisco at 5:20 p.m.; and,
- b. Directs the Secretary of the District to file a Notice of Exemption in the offices of the County Clerks in the City and County of San Francisco and the County of Marin.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November 2010, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

- AYES (12):** Directors Brown, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Kerns, McGlashan, Newhouse Segal, Pahre and Sanders; Second Vice President Eddie; First Vice President Reilly; President Boro
- NOES (2):** Directors Campos and Snyder
- ABSENT (5):** Directors Dufty, Grosboll, Moylan, Sobel and Stroeh



Albert J. Boro
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
Janet S. Tarantino
Secretary of the District