

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-090**

**APPROVE A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE PHYSICAL SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM PROJECT**

October 10, 2008

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), by Resolution No. 2005-015 at its meeting of March 11, 2005, approved proceeding with environmental studies and preliminary design work for development of a physical suicide deterrent system on the Golden Gate Bridge and established a set of assumptions and conditions to govern project development; and,

**WHEREAS**, subsequently, the Board of Directors, by Resolution Nos. 2006-020 and 2006-027 at its meetings of March 10 and March 24, 2006, respectively, approved the scope of work and the issuance of the Request for Proposals, subject to the District receiving 100% funding by outside sources for the development of a physical suicide deterrent system on the Golden Gate Bridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 2006, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) passed a resolution contributing \$1,850,000 towards this project, with the City and County of San Francisco contributing \$100,000, the County of Marin contributing \$25,000, and the public and private citizen groups contributing \$28,700, and accordingly, the District issued a Request for Proposals to consulting engineering, planning and architectural firms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors, by Resolution No. 2006-077 at its meeting of September 22, 2006, executed a Professional Services Agreement with DMJM Harris, Inc., relative to Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2006-B-17, *Environmental Studies and Preliminary Design for a Suicide Deterrent System on the Golden Gate Bridge*, to prepare preliminary design, wind tunnel testing and environmental documents, and public outreach; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2007, the District issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) formally commencing the environmental process, and subsequently issued the Draft EIR/EA for public comment on July 8, 2008; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Draft EIR/EA described the five Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System Alternatives, of which the Build Alternative are estimated to cost between \$40 and \$50 million, as follows: (1) Alternative 1A – Adds 8-foot-tall vertical system to existing 4-foot-tall outside handrail, total height 12 feet; (2) Alternative 1B – Adds 8-foot-tall horizontal system to existing 4-foot-tall outside handrail, total height 12 feet; (3) Alternative 2A – Replaces 4-foot-tall outside handrail with 12-foot-tall vertical system, total height 12 feet; (4) Alternative 2B – Replaces 4-foot-tall outside handrail with 10-foot-tall horizontal system with winglet on top, total height 10 feet; (5) Alternative 3 – Adds horizontal net system 20 feet below the sidewalk, extending 20 feet out from the Golden Gate Bridge horizontally; and, (6) No-Build Alternative – Continue non-physical suicide deterrent programs; and,

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**WHEREAS**, extensive public outreach and media coverage of the project, as well as a *Citizens' Guide to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment*, disseminated an overview of the project and key environmental considerations, and public meetings regarding the Draft EIR/EA were held in Marin County on July 22, 2008, and in San Francisco on July 23, 2008; and,

**WHEREAS**, by the close of the formal public comment period on August 25, 2008, the District received 4,147 answers to an online survey on the project web site, [www.ggbsuicidebarrier.org](http://www.ggbsuicidebarrier.org), and 3,458 individuals, organizations and agencies provided 5,870 discrete comments; and,

**WHEREAS**, staff studied the maintenance and operations impacts of a physical suicide deterrent system on the Golden Gate Bridge, estimated the annual staff costs of each of the Build Alternatives, based on current salary and benefit rates for the specific District job classifications that would be impacted, and also determined that among the build alternatives, Alternative 3's net system offers the least risk of injury to District employees; and,


**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors, as a Special Order of Business at its meeting of October 10, 2008, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby approves Alternative 3, the Net Build Alternative, as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System Project, which Alternative provides for a horizontal net system 20 feet below the sidewalk, extending 20 feet out from the Golden Gate Bridge horizontally.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES (15):** Directors Brown, Cochran, Dufty, Grosboll, McGlashan, McGoldrick, Newhouse, Segal, Pahre, Reilly, Sanders, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Ammiano; First Vice President Boro; President Moylan  
**NOES (1):** Director Eddie  
**ABSENT (3):** Directors Hernández, Kerns and Sandoval

**ATTEST:**

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

  
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**John J. Moylan**  
**President of the Board of Directors**