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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING OF JULY 24, 2009**



The Honorable Board of Directors  
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

**SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS**

Below are the dates, times and sponsoring agencies of special events and expressive activities for which permits have been sought. The following application was received since last reported to the Board in the July 10, 2009, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
July 26, 2009	San Francisco Marathon	Bridge Roadway	SE	10,000

The types of permits: EX – Expressive Activity; SE – Special Event

**BRIDGE TRAFFIC FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009**

Bridge traffic for the month of June increased 0.8% to 3,307,846 vehicles as compared to the previous year's total of 3,280,182 vehicles during the month of June. Average daily traffic reflects an increase from 109,339 in June 2008, to 110,262 in June 2009. The highest traffic day recorded was Thursday, June 18, when 117,832 vehicles crossed the Bridge (Attachment 1).

**VEHICLE TRAFFIC INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009**

Of the 3,307,846 vehicles that crossed the Golden Gate Bridge in June, there were 5 traffic incidents detailed as follows:

<b>GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE AND TOLL PLAZA</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
TOTAL	0	0	0	0
<b>APPROACHES – (Waldo Grade, Alexander Ave., Doyle Drive &amp; Park Presidio Blvd.)</b>				
Vehicle Traffic Incident	Occurrences	Vehicles	Injuries	Fatalities
HB – Hit Barrier	1	1	0	0
RE – Rear Ender	2	4	2	0
SS – Side-Swipe	1	2	0	0
O – Other	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	5	8	3	0

**FERRY STATISTICS – JUNE 2009**

During the month of June, Larkspur ferry service carried 122,595 passengers. Morning commute runs carried 31,661 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 49,717 passengers. A total of 995 crossings were scheduled and 993 completed; 2 crossings were cancelled on June 8<sup>th</sup> due to a mechanical failure of the *M.V. Napa*. Of the 993 crossings completed, 16 were AT&T Park crossings for a special event on June 6th. Averages were:

Daily	4,087
Weekdays	4,780
Sat., Sun., Hol.	2,179
AM Commute	1,439
PM Commute	2,260
AT&T Park from Larkspur Weekday	381
Larkspur from AT&T Park Weekday	488
AT&T Park from Larkspur Sat. Sun. Hol.	566
Larkspur from AT&T Park Sat.Sun.Hol.	611

Sausalito ferry service carried 54,301 passengers during the month of June. Morning commute runs carried 4,836 passengers, and evening commute runs carried 18,115. A total of 511 crossings were scheduled and completed. Averages were:

Daily	1,810
Weekdays	1,691
Sat., Sun., Hol.	2,137
AM Commute	220
PM Commute	823

Tables detailing June Larkspur and Sausalito Ferry patronage are attached (Attachments 2-3).

**GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT BUS SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT – MAY AND JUNE 2009**

Attached is the *Golden Gate Transit Bus System Performance Report* for the months of May and June 2009. The reports provide a breakdown of monthly patronage by county bus services (Attachments 4-5).

### **RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL S. MAR, BRIDGE PAINTER, BRIDGE DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Bridge Painter Michael Mar on June 5, 2009, after twenty-eight years and seven months of dedicated service with the District.

Mr. Mar joined the District as a Part-Time Laneworker in October 1980. He served as an Acting Bridge Service Operator in 1984. He was promoted to Paint Laborer in September 1985 and to Bridge Painter Apprentice in July 1988. He received his journey level status in July 1990. During his tenure as Acting Bridge Service Operator, Mr. Mar received several letters of commendation from appreciative patrons. Prior to District service, Michael was employed as a driver for Standard Auto Parts, as a stock clerk at Consumer Distributing, and as a gas attendant for Roy Schmek Super Shell, all located in San Francisco. Michael also worked at his father's shoe repair business.

Retirement plans include, bowling, camping, fishing, traveling (especially on Cruise ships) and computers. Mr. Mar is also enjoying being a stay-at-home dad for his 4 year old daughter.

### **RETIREMENT OF MARY JO POTTER, BUS OPERATOR, BUS DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce the retirement of Bus Operator Mary Jo Potter on July 1, 2009, after twenty-seven years and five months of dedicated service with the District.

Ms. Potter joined the District as part-time Bus Operator on April 23, 1981, and became a full-time Bus Operator on September 1, 1981. During her career with the District, she has received several letters of gratitude from District patrons.

Prior to District service, Ms. Potter was employed as grounds maintenance for several Marin County organizations. While her original plan was to make ground maintenance her life career and be a part of the Districts' Ground Maintenance Department, she found that driving "got under her skin and in her heart". She enjoys working with the public and especially the feeling of being useful to the passengers and a part of the community.

### **PRESENTATION OF THIRTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO ENID MARCUS, VESSEL MASTER, FERRY DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Vessel Master Enid Marcus celebrated thirty years of service with the District on July 14, 2009.

Ms. Marcus joined the District as a deckhand in 1976, and was one of the first women to be hired in that capacity. In 2000, Ms. Marcus earned her Inland Operator's license from the U.S. Coast Guard and moved on to study for her vessel master's license by attending The Crawford Nautical School, and also taking classes at the California Maritime Academy. Ms. Marcus was promoted to her current position as a Vessel Master on October 31, 1985, making history as the first woman to hold this position at the District.

**PRESENTATION OF THIRTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO ENID MARCUS, VESSEL MASTER, FERRY DIVISION (continued)**

During her career with the District, Ms. Marcus has received letters of commendation from Jim Swindler, Deputy General Manager of the Ferry Division, for her “outstanding display of professionalism” specifically for the rescue of a fellow mariner on February 15, 2007, who had fallen from his vessel. Ms. Marcus was also selected Employee of the Month for October 1993. More recently, Ms. Marcus received training to become a certified CPR and Automated External Defibrillator instructor and has been training the Ferry Deckhands to become certified as well.

Ms. Marcus was born and raised in New York. Prior to District service, Ms. Marcus was employed with CalTrans as a boat operator and with a private charter service on the Sacramento River.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO CHRISTOPHER S. CAPUTO, BRIDGE SERVICE OPERATOR, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Bridge Service Operator Christopher Caputo celebrated twenty-five years of service with the District on July 18, 2009.

Mr. Caputo joined the District as a part-time Laneworker on July 18, 1984, and was promoted to his current position as Bridge Service Operator on August 3, 1989. Mr. Caputo has received numerous letters from Bridge patrons complimenting him for his kind and courteous service while attending to stranded motorists on the Bridge. In 1996, when a major multiple vehicle accident occurred, resulting in a fatality, Mr. Caputo was an initial responder; Bridge Captain Michael Locati commended him in a letter, stating Mr. Caputo displayed “a very professional and calm manner under stressful and adverse conditions.” Mr. Caputo has also participated in the District’s United Way Campaign as a donor representative.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Mr. Caputo currently resides in Petaluma with his wife Aida, who is also employed with the District.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO KEVIN L. RADDATZ, ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT, BRIDGE DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Electrical Superintendent Kevin Raddatz will celebrate twenty-five years of service with the District on July 26, 2009.

Mr. Raddatz joined the District as a Communications Technician on July 26, 1984, promoted to Senior Communications/Electronic Technician on January 1, 1995, and promoted to his current position on February 11, 2008.

Prior to District service, Mr. Raddatz was employed as a Communications Technician for Empire Communications, Inc. in Santa Rosa.

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO LORI FROMM,  
MANAGER OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DISTRICT DIVISION**

We are pleased to announce that Manager of Organizational Development Lori Fromm celebrated twenty years of service with the District on July 10, 2009.

Ms. Fromm joined the District's Human Resources Department on July 10, 1989. During her District career she has been responsible for many Human Resource programs and projects. Ms. Fromm especially enjoys her current role supporting the professional development of District employees.

Ms. Fromm graduated from Dominican University of California, Magna cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. She is also certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources through the Society for Human Resources Management. Ms. Fromm has represented the District as a board member on the Workforce Investment Board of Marin County for several years.

Prior to District service, Ms. Fromm was part of the management team for the Neiman Marcus store on Union Square serving as the Assistant Human Resources Manager and Human Resources Manager. Ms. Fromm is proud to be part of the original team that opened the Neiman Marcus stores in San Francisco and Palo Alto. Ms. Fromm also worked many years in the temporary help industry as a Resident Branch Manager for Kelly Services overseeing offices in San Rafael, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, and Redwood City.

In her free time, Ms. Fromm enjoys spending time with her husband Andy, son Jordan, and Springer Spaniel Echo. The family spends many weekends sailing on the San Francisco Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith  
General Manager

Attachments

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## Summary of Traffic and Toll Revenue

June 2009

REVENUE VEHICLES	MONTH OF:			2009 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE			12 MONTHS ENDING:			TOTAL SINCE 1937 INCEPTION
	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008	%	08/09	07/08	%	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008	%	
2-Axle Vehicles	1,588,190	1,570,977	1.1%	18,340,370	18,924,072	-3.0%	18,340,370	18,924,072	-3.0%	866,424,447
Auto Trailers (1)			-			-			-	2,028,806
Buses (1)			-			-			-	3,936,538
Multi-Axle Vehicles	10,686	13,794	-22.5%	121,189	128,388	-5.6%	121,189	128,388	-5.6%	21,603,753
Disabled Patron Vehicles	1,619	1,550	4.4%	19,430	19,600	-0.8%	19,430	19,600	-0.8%	398,197
Revenue Vehicles Subtotal	1,600,495	1,586,321	0.8%	18,480,989	19,072,060	-3.1%	18,480,989	19,072,060	-3.1%	894,391,741
<b>NON-REVENUE VEHICLES</b>										
Federal (2)	505	580	-12.9%	6,463	7,162	-9.7%	6,463	7,162	-9.7%	12,237,574
CHP/GGBHTD (3)	7,940	8,997	-11.7%	107,652	109,484	-1.6%	107,652	109,484	-1.6%	3,945,435
Golden Gate Transit Buses (3)	3,638	3,039	19.7%	32,097	40,781	-21.2%	32,097	40,781	-21.2%	3,427,039
Free Vehicles (4)			-			-			-	190,161
Commute Period Carpool (4)	41,345	41,154	0.4%	439,205	428,311	2.5%	439,205	428,311	2.5%	14,513,511
Non-Rev. Vehicles Subtotal	53,428	53,770	-0.6%	585,417	585,738	-0.0%	585,417	585,738	-0.0%	34,313,720
<b>NORTHBOUND VEHICLES</b>										
2-Axle Vehicles	1,643,237	1,626,297	1.0%	18,945,217	19,529,410	-2.9%	18,945,217	19,529,410	-2.9%	907,101,706
Multi-Axle Vehicles	10,686	13,794	-22.5%	121,189	128,388	-5.6%	121,189	128,388	-5.6%	21,603,752
Northbound Vehicles Subtotal	1,653,923	1,640,091	0.8%	19,066,406	19,657,798	-3.0%	19,066,406	19,657,798	-3.0%	928,705,458
TOTAL VEHICLES (5)	3,307,846	3,280,182	0.8%	38,132,812	39,315,596	-3.0%	38,132,812	39,315,596	-3.0%	1,857,410,919
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,927,805	\$7,230,393	23.4%	\$97,121,446	\$85,416,488	13.7%	\$97,121,446	\$85,416,488	13.7%	\$1,395,440,234
AVG DAILY REVENUE	\$297,594	\$241,013	23.4%	\$266,086	\$233,378	14.0%	\$266,086	\$233,378	14.0%	\$52,994
AVG TOLL / REV. VEHICLE	\$5.5782	\$4.5580	22.3%	\$5.2552	\$4.4786	17.3%	\$5.2552	\$4.4786	17.3%	\$1.5602
AVG DAILY VEHICLES	110,262	109,339	0.8%	104,473	107,420	-2.7%	104,473	107,420	-2.7%	70,538

**This Month's Traffic Record**

High: Thursday, June 18, 2009 117,832  
 Low: Sunday, June 7, 2009 98,122

**All Time Traffic Record**

High: Friday, October 27, 1989 162,414  
 Low: Thursday, December 9, 1937 3,678

**This Month's Weather**

Number of Days with no rain 30  
 Number of Days with rain 0

(1) Autos with Trailers, 3-Axle Buses, and Trucks are now categorized as Multi-Axle Vehicles; 2-Axle Buses and Trucks are now under 2-Axle Vehicles, as of January 1, 2000.

(2) Army, Navy, and Air Force vehicles and personnel required to use the Golden Gate Bridge are entitled to toll-free passage under Federal law.

(3) Statistics for CHP and District vehicles were not compiled prior to July 7, 1970; Compilation of Golden Gate Transit Buses began January 1, 1992.

(4) Free passage for carpools commenced April 12, 1976. Free vehicles occurred in October of 1989, due to heavy traffic after the Loma-Prieta earthquake.

(5) Prior to July 1, 2009, this figure is DOUBLE the Monthly Total of ALL SOUTHBOUND vehicles.

## LARKSPUR FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09	
							CUMUL 2008/09 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	145,214	145,214	147,970	147,970	2 %	2 %	143,500	3 %
AUGUST	150,814	296,028	139,060	287,030	(8) %	(3) %	292,500	(2) %
SEPTEMBER	121,117	417,145	122,290	409,320	1 %	(2) %	411,000	(0) %
OCTOBER	121,612	538,757	121,944	531,264	0 %	(1) %	531,400	(0) %
NOVEMBER	110,902	649,659	96,989	628,253	(13) %	(3) %	641,100	(2) %
DECEMBER	104,285	753,944	109,684	737,937	5 %	(2) %	744,300	(1) %
JANUARY	95,269	849,213	96,843	834,780	2 %	(2) %	852,200	(2) %
FEBRUARY	90,838	940,051	84,348	919,128	(7) %	(2) %	950,600	(3) %
MARCH	108,504	1,048,555	102,951	1,022,079	(5) %	(3) %	1,067,100	(4) %
APRIL	118,826	1,167,381	114,288	1,136,367	(4) %	(3) %	1,196,600	(5) %
MAY	118,266	1,285,647	111,438	1,247,805	(6) %	(3) %	1,334,200	(6) %
JUNE	128,941	1,414,588	122,595	1,370,400	(5) %	(3) %	1,475,000	(7) %

## LARKSPUR FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	
JULY	89,341	89,341	91,885	91,885	3 %	3 %	
AUGUST	97,671	187,012	86,822	178,707	(11) %	(4) %	
SEPTEMBER	76,963	263,975	85,418	264,125	11 %	0 %	
OCTOBER	90,847	354,822	90,337	354,462	(1) %	(0) %	
NOVEMBER	79,934	434,756	68,915	423,377	(14) %	(3) %	
DECEMBER	70,157	504,913	77,469	500,846	10 %	(1) %	
JANUARY	76,817	581,730	72,399	573,245	(6) %	(1) %	
FEBRUARY	70,913	652,643	65,525	638,770	(8) %	(2) %	
MARCH	81,451	734,094	78,738	717,508	(3) %	(2) %	
APRIL	81,837	815,931	79,078	796,586	(3) %	(2) %	
MAY	77,650	893,581	70,232	866,818	(10) %	(3) %	
JUNE	83,104	976,685	81,378	948,196	(2) %	(3) %	

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## SAUSALITO FERRY TOTAL PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS		
	2007/08 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 MONTHLY PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09	
							CUMUL 2008/09 WEIGHT ESTIMATE	ACTUAL TO WEIGHT ESTIMATE +/-
JULY	62,054	62,054	73,923	73,923	19 %	19 %	62,700	18 %
AUGUST	69,554	131,608	84,293	158,216	21 %	20 %	132,900	19 %
SEPTEMBER	57,955	189,563	55,289	213,505	(5) %	13 %	191,500	11 %
OCTOBER	48,655	238,218	49,719	263,224	2 %	10 %	240,600	9 %
NOVEMBER	39,786	278,004	35,887	299,111	(10) %	8 %	280,800	7 %
DECEMBER	30,340	308,344	31,172	330,283	3 %	7 %	311,400	6 %
JANUARY	23,004	331,348	31,007	361,290	35 %	9 %	340,600	6 %
FEBRUARY	30,268	361,616	25,345	386,635	(16) %	7 %	371,700	4 %
MARCH	50,645	412,261	42,082	428,717	(17) %	4 %	417,400	3 %
APRIL	45,252	457,513	48,240	476,957	7 %	4 %	465,800	2 %
MAY	50,178	507,691	47,377	524,334	(6) %	3 %	515,800	2 %
JUNE	57,564	565,255	54,301	578,635	(6) %	2 %	568,000	2 %

## SAUSALITO FERRY COMMUTE PATRONAGE

ACTUAL						MONTHLY COMPARISONS	
	2007/08 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2007/08 TOTAL	2008/09 COMMUTE PAX	CUMUL 2008/09 TOTAL	2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	CUMUL 2008/09 TO 2007/08 +/-	
JULY	24,570	24,570	32,366	32,366	32 %	32 %	
AUGUST	29,662	54,232	33,031	65,397	11 %	21 %	
SEPTEMBER	17,928	72,160	22,964	88,361	28 %	22 %	
OCTOBER	19,685	91,845	23,343	111,704	19 %	22 %	
NOVEMBER	16,656	108,501	14,589	126,293	(12) %	16 %	
DECEMBER	13,543	122,044	15,792	142,085	17 %	16 %	
JANUARY	12,619	134,663	13,671	155,756	8 %	16 %	
FEBRUARY	14,628	149,291	12,578	168,334	(14) %	13 %	
MARCH	22,993	172,284	21,040	189,374	(8) %	10 %	
APRIL	20,328	192,612	21,105	210,479	4 %	9 %	
MAY	20,737	213,349	18,345	228,824	(12) %	7 %	
JUNE	24,158	237,507	22,951	251,775	(5) %	6 %	

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