

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-015**

**AUTHORIZE THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**RELATIVE TO A PROPOSED**  
**FY 2012-2016 FIVE-YEAR FARE PROGRAM**

February 25, 2011

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District), at its Special Meeting of October 30, 2009, approved the *Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability (Plan)* that incorporates thirty-three initiatives, to reduce costs or generate new revenues; and,

**WHEREAS**, among the thirty-three initiatives are Initiatives No. 12, "Fare Increase on Regional Buses for Local Trips," and No. 25, "Renew Transit Fare Increase Plan: Annual 5% Fare Increases for Bus and Ferry Transit Fares," that will help address the District's projected \$89 million five-year deficit; and,

**WHEREAS**, an annual five percent fare increase is proposed on Golden Gate Transit (GGT) regional intercounty bus services, on local rides within Marin County on GGT regional bus routes, on Larkspur Ferry "single ride" fares, and on complementary Americans with Disabilities (ADA) paratransit service, over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2011; and,

**WHEREAS**, an increase of \$1.00, effective July 1, 2011, is proposed on the Sausalito Ferry, for "single ride" adult fares, with a five percent increase each subsequent year beginning July 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase, effective July 1, 2011, is proposed for "special event" ferry fares, effective July 1, 2011, to equal the proposed single ride adult ferry fares; and,

**WHEREAS**, public involvement activities to inform bus and ferry riders of the proposed five-year fare program are planned to be conducted during March 2011; and,

**WHEREAS**, a series of open houses to explain the various elements of the fare increase program to customers are proposed to be held in Santa Rosa, Petaluma, San Rafael, and San Francisco; and,

**WHEREAS**, comments and feedback will be collected at these outreach sessions, and through general correspondence, by means of letters, phone calls, email and online comment forms; and,

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**WHEREAS**, public hearings, proposed to be held on April 6 and 7, 2011, will provide a formal opportunity for additional input from the public on the proposed changes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Finance-Auditing Committee, at its meeting of February 24, 2011, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (Board) hereby approves actions relative to the public review process associated with a proposal to consider establishment of a FY 2012-2016 Five-Year Fare Program to increase bus, paratransit, special event ferry and single ride (formerly referred to as “cash”) ferry fares, beginning July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, until July 1, 2016, in line with Initiative No. 12, “Fare Increase on Regional Buses for Local Trips”; and, Initiative No. 25, “Renew Transit Fare Increase Plan: Annual 5% Fare Increases for Bus and Ferry Transit Fares,” of the FY 09/10 *Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability*, as follows:

- a. Authorizes the setting of a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at Jackson Café, Whistlestop, 930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael, CA;
- b. Authorizes the setting of a public hearing on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA; and,
- c. Authorizes staff to present for public review at the Open Houses listed below, and at the Public Hearings listed above in Item Nos. a. and b, a proposal to consider establishment of a FY 2012-2016 Five-Year Fare Program, as described above:

Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
San Francisco Ferry Terminal  
One Ferry Plaza  
San Francisco, CA

Thursday, March 10, 2011, 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
San Francisco Ferry Terminal  
One Ferry Plaza  
San Francisco, CA

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Beverly C. Wilson Hall – Petaluma Fairgrounds  
175 Fairgrounds Drive  
Petaluma, CA

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Santa Rosa City Council Chambers  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA

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Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Jackson Café, Whistlestop  
930 Tamalpais Avenue  
San Rafael, CA

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Directors' Annex, First Floor, Administration Building  
Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza  
San Francisco, CA

and, be it further

**RESOLVED** that a recommendation with the final set of changes will be presented to the Finance-Auditing Committee on Thursday, April 21, 2011, for its recommendation, and to the Board of Directors on Friday, April 22, 2011, for approval.

**ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES (14):** Directors Boro, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Grosboll, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Snyder, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Newhouse Segal; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly  
**NOES (1):** Director Sanders  
**ABSENT (3):** Directors Brown, Campos and McGlashan

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

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