GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-002

APPROVE FULL TRANSITION TO TRANSLINK® AS THE SOLE METHOD OF RECEIVING GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT INTER-COUNTY FREQUENT RIDER DISCOUNTS ON REGIONAL BUS SERVICE

January 8, 2010

WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) continues to experience strong reliability and confidence in the TransLink® system as a means of obtaining frequent rider discounts for inter-county passengers on regional Golden Gate Transit bus routes; and,

WHEREAS, revenue-ready status of TransLink® for Golden Gate Transit (GGT) and Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) was reached in November 2006, and this market share has grown steadily; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2008, Frequent Ferry Discount Tickets were eliminated on GGF, and now seventy-five per cent of all ferry commuters use TransLink®; and,

WHEREAS, new GFI fareboxes were installed on GGT buses, and since the new fareboxes were not able to accept paper tickets, in March 2009, magnetic-stripe fare "Value Cards" were introduced for GGT bus service, and experience showed that these "Value Cards" were not being accepted by passengers as readily as was TransLink®; and,

WHEREAS, under the contract between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the TransLink® Consortium, it was agreed that all participating agencies would be required to transition all prepaid fare media to TransLink® within two years of achieving revenue-ready status, and the District has set July 1, 2010, to effect that change; and,

WHEREAS, effective August 1, 2010, the sale of "Value Cards" in the denominations of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$75.00 will end, and a comprehensive Transition Plan has been developed by staff to communicate, educate and make available TransLink® cards to transitioning customers; and,

WHEREAS, the move to full use of TransLink® for regional bus service fares furthers one of the Board-approved goals in the Strategic Financial Plan, with the ultimate goal to rely heavily on electronic fare collection in order to achieve operational efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated annual savings, resulting from discontinuance of the "Value Cards," is approximately \$10,000.00; and,

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WHEREAS, the Finance-Auditing Committee, at its meeting of January 7, 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 the elimination of magnetic-stripe fare "Value Cards" in the denominations of \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$75.00, effective August 1, 2010; and, approves full transition to TransLink® as the sole method of receiving inter-county frequent rider discounts on regional Golden Gate Transit Bus service.

ADOPTED this 8th day of January 2010, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (18):

Directors Brown, Campos, Chu, Cochran, Dufty, Elsbernd, Grosboll, Kerns, McGlashan, Moylan, Newhouse Segal, Pahre, Sanders, Snyder, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Eddie; First Vice President Reilly; President

Boro

NOES (0):

None

ABSENT (1): Director Grosboll

Albert J. Boro

President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Janet S. Tarantino

Secretary of the District