GOLDEN GATE’S GOING GREEN UPDATE

In early 2008, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) unveiled its green initiatives program and its commitment to reducing energy consumption and harmful greenhouse gas emissions by incorporating environmentally-preferable solutions into its business practices.

As part of the campaign, at this year’s Marin County Fair, participants helped create a “Going Green” bus (pictured at right) by creating and signing green footprints, each making a commitment to reduce their personal carbon footprint. Our youngest artists drew pictures and had their parents sign their names. Other contributors made statements like, “I’ll ride the bus more!” or “I’ll take shorter showers and walk instead of driving.” The “Going Green” bus will be used in regular service until early next year, reminding all in the community of our commitment to conservation.

To learn more about the District’s green initiatives, visit www.goldengate.org/green.
Meet New Board Director Brian Sobel

On Friday, August 22, 2008, Brian M. Sobel joined the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) as the member-at-large appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Sobel replaces retired Director Maureen Middlebrook. He previously served as a member of the District Board from 1993-1995.

Sobel is the principal consultant for Sobel Communications of Petaluma, California. Before opening his consulting firm, Sobel spent several years working for a major corporation as a writer, training consultant and video producer.

In the public sector, Sobel has been active as a past candidate for the California State Assembly and is a former planning commissioner and Vice Mayor of Petaluma.

He is also past chairman of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and several other governmental and non-governmental agencies. He is currently serving as president of the Sonoma-Marin Fair Board as an appointee of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Sobel is the author of two books. His latest book, The Fighting Pattons, is the story of the famous general and his only son, who also became a general and fought with distinction in Korea and Vietnam.

Sobel has received a variety of awards in connection with his writing, training and video work.

We Want Your Input!
The District is conducting a system-wide survey from September 17 through October 15. During this time, surveyors will be onboard randomly selected Golden Gate Transit buses distributing questionnaires to customers. They will be onboard Golden Gate Ferry from September 24 to October 15.

The purpose of the survey is to gather information on travel behavior, demographics and opinions of Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry services. Please take a few moments to complete the survey so we can better meet your travel needs.

To report an incident or complaint, please call 511 (say “Golden Gate Transit”) and provide the following information:

- Route Number
- Time of Incident
- Bus Number
- Incident Details

TransLink® is here! Find out more at www.goldengate.org/translink.
Ride Golden Gate Transit to 49ers Home Games. See schedule at www.goldengate.org.

Committee members meet regularly to provide input on transit and other services. This feedback is passed on to District staff and the Board of Directors. All meetings are open to the public.

All three Advisory Committees are now recruiting new members.

**Bus Passengers Advisory Committee (BPAC)**
BPAC generally meets on the third Wednesday of every other month, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at the Golden Gate Transit Offices, 1011 Andersen Drive, San Rafael.

**Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee (FPAC)**
FPAC meets on the first Wednesday of the month, ten months a year, from noon to 1:15 pm at the Port of San Francisco.

**Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA)**
ACA generally meets on the third Thursday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Golden Gate Transit Offices, 1011 Andersen Drive, San Rafael.

For more information, please email pac@goldengate.org or call 511 (711 TDD). Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

NOTICE TO
Golden Gate Bus & Ferry Customers

Effective Sunday, September 14, 2008
Golden Gate Customer Service and Trip Planning Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7am – 7pm
Saturdays and Holidays 8am – 6pm
Sundays CLOSED
New Years, Presidents' and Christmas Days CLOSED

Phone: 511 (toll free) 711 (TDD).
Say “Golden Gate Transit” then “Operator” to bypass recorded messages.
www.goldengate.org
Bus Service Adjustments

Effective Sunday, September 14, 2008

Routes 2, 4, 24, 26/27, 38, 42, 44, 56, 58, 72/72x, 73, 74, 80, 93, 97: Schedules adjusted up to 10 minutes to improve connections and running times.

Route 4: Southbound 8:30 am trip added, schedule revisions for other morning trips. Northbound 2:28 pm trip added.

Route 24: First southbound trip serves Larkspur Ferry Terminal at 4:51 am (effective July 14). Northbound trips have minor running time revisions.

Route 54: Northbound schedule adjusted up to 20 minutes.

Route 56: Northbound schedule adjusted up to 18 minutes.

Routes 70/71: Southbound weekday 12:55 pm and 3:51 pm Route 70 trips changed to Route 71 trips (only travel as far south as Marin City).

Route 74: Northbound schedule adjusted up to 18 minutes.

Route 97: Now departs Larkspur Ferry Terminal 8 minutes earlier (at 5:22 am).

For new schedules, pick up the Fall 2008 Transit Guide on your bus or ferry, visit www.goldengate.org or call toll-free 511 or 711 & (TDD).