On Saturday, September 2, 2017, Golden Gate Transit (GGT) began operating Route 31, the Wave shuttle, between the San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) and Larkspur Ferry Terminal – connecting Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) trains with Golden Gate Ferry. This free shuttle service runs daily, connecting seven trips in each direction on weekdays and three trips in each direction on weekends.

Traffic around the SRTC and the SMART station is very busy. Always use the designated crosswalks when walking between the two locations.

Fares and Transfers
The Wave is FREE for Larkspur Ferry customers. The fare for passengers who do not ride the Ferry is $1.80 (adult Clipper), $2.00 (adult cash), and $1.00 (youth, senior, disabled).

GGT accepts SMART transfers for a $1.50 fare credit for adults ($0.75 for youth/senior/disabled). SMART accepts GGT transfers for a $1.50 fare credit for adults ($1.25 for youths, $0.75 for senior/disabled). Fare credits are only issued when using a Clipper card that has been properly tagged on and off during travel. No fare credits are issued when using SMART eTickets.

Alternate Bus Service to San Francisco
SMART riders wishing to continue to San Francisco from the SRTC are encouraged to check the schedules for GGT Routes 27 (weekdays only), 30, 70, and 101 for alternate service. Visit goldengate.org for schedules.

Alternate Bus Service to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal
Service between the SRTC and the Larkspur Ferry Terminal is also provided by Marin Transit Routes 29 and 228. Fare credits for transfers on these routes are the same as those between SMART and GGT.

Trip Planning
For trip-planning assistance, visit goldengate.org or call 511 (say “Golden Gate Transit,” then “operator” to bypass recorded messages) /TDD 711. The Golden Gate Customer Service Center is open weekdays, 7 am to 6 pm.

Note: This table only shows times for Larkspur Ferry trips and SMART trips served by Route 31. Please refer to the SMART schedule (sonomamarintrain.org) and the Larkspur Ferry schedule (goldengate.org) for a complete list of trips.

This summer, humpback whales have returned to San Francisco Bay, providing Golden Gate Bridge visitors excellent opportunities to view and photograph nature’s Goliaths breaching and spouting beneath the span. The whales are swimming under the Bridge as they follow their food source—anchovies and other small fish—into the bay. They can consume up to 3,000 pounds of food per day and an abundance of anchovies has lured them back to the bay on their annual northern migration.

Photo credit: Naturalist Ryan Jones and San Francisco Whale Tours
IN MEMORIAM: DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT DIETRICH STROEH

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) Board of Directors (Board) President Dietrich Stroeh passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on May 31, 2017. President Stroeh was appointed to the District's Board in February 1997. He was 80 years old, and was a resident of Novato for the past 76 years. He served on numerous committees, including the Finance Committee, which he chaired. Under his leadership, the District created the financial planning process that provides the resources necessary to maintain the operations and build reserves for large capital projects, such as the Suicide Deterrent System. President Stroeh’s experience as general manager of the Marin Municipal Water District shaped his executive perspective, which was invaluable to the District Board.

Marin County Supervisor and fellow District Board member Judy Arnold said, “I was deeply saddened to learn… we lost our longtime Novato resident and civic treasure Diet Stroeh. His accomplishments and contributions to Marin County and Novato are stellar. Diet was an irreplaceable community leader and friend and I will miss him dearly.”

President Stroeh also served on the Bank of Marin Board with fellow District Board member Brian Sobel. “Diet Stroeh was a towering figure in North Bay politics,” said Sobel. “His legacy is one of public service. It was his ingenuity that built a pipeline across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to deliver water to a thirsty Marin during a period of drought in the 1970’s. Diet epitomized the idea of giving back selflessly. His kind of determination to do good, with excellent public discourse and debate, is an example to all of us.”

The District’s General Manager Denis Mulligan shared, “We’re all going to tremendously miss Diet. I’m personally going to miss him. He was a statesman, which is unusual for an engineer. He was an amazing human being, with a great sense of humor, very accomplished, and an incredible ability to get things done.”

The Board’s First Vice President, Sabrina Hernández, is acting President of the Board.

PACKARD PROVIDES A LINK TO GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HISTORY

On May 27, 1937, “Pedestrian Day,” the Golden Gate Bridge opened and a new Packard, now owned by the District, was one of the first cars to cross the span, as part of the sunrise motorcade that preceded the pedestrian parade. At the time of its historic crossing, the Packard was owned by John DuMont, who bought the car from the Kitchen Boyd Motor Company in Bakersfield in 1937. In the 1980’s, the District purchased the vehicle from DuMont’s daughter, Helen Putnam. Putnam was a four-term mayor of Petaluma and served on the District’s Board of Directors from 1979 to 1984.

The Packard has been featured at several Bridge-related events, and was recently on display as part of Hillsborough’s Concours d’Elegance car show in July.

In 1987, the Packard reenacted its historic drive across the span preceding “Bridgewalk ’87,” the District’s pedestrian parade to commemorate the Bridge’s 50th anniversary.

For the Bridge’s 75th anniversary in 2012, the car was on display at Crissy Field, along with other vintage automobiles.

In 2013, when the Golden Gate Bridge converted from human toll takers to all-electronic tolling, the Packard was the last car to pay a cash toll on the Bridge. Jim Eddie, District Board President at the time, was behind the wheel and Board Member Brian Sobel was in the passenger seat.

Although the Packard is 80 years old, it is in pristine condition after a major restoration by the District’s San Rafael body shop crew. It is stored in a warehouse and District staff ensures it’s continually maintained.

NEW SECURITY CAMERAS ENHANCE GGT SAFETY

This summer, the District completed installing and updating the security camera system onboard our 177-vehicle fleet. The new system will enhance the safety of our customers and employees, help determine liability in accidents, and assist law enforcement. The bulk of the project was state-grant funded by Proposition 1B, with federal grant money funding the rest.
CAUTION: SUBJECT TO FLOODING!

During unusually high tides (King tides), Manzanita Park & Ride is prone to flooding. Higher than normal tides are predicted for mid-September, and early October, November, and December.

Check tide tables (at tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov) before parking in the Manzanita lot.
Golden Gate Transit schedules are adjusted quarterly to improve system efficiency.

Routes 2, 18, 54, 56, 58, 101 Schedules adjusted up to six minutes to improve connections and running times.

Route 40 Westbound weekday trips at 8:09 am, 3:18 pm, 7:23 pm, and 10:55 pm discontinued due to low ridership. Eastbound weekday and weekend trip at 6:00 am discontinued due to low ridership.

Route 54 Southbound schedules adjusted up to 15 minutes earlier. Schedule adjustments.

Route 56 Last two southbound trips adjusted up to six minutes earlier. Schedule adjustments.

Route 72 Southbound schedules adjusted up to 16 minutes later. Northbound arrival times revised for most trips.

Route 72X Southbound schedules adjusted up to 20 minutes later. Northbound arrival times revised for most trips.

Route 74 Southbound schedules adjusted up to 10 minutes later. Northbound arrival times revised for most trips.

Route 76 Southbound schedules adjusted up to 12 minutes later. Northbound arrival times revised for all trips.

Route 92 Northbound trip departing San Francisco (Perry & 3rd) at 8:01 am added.

Larkspur & Sausalito Ferry will begin operating fall schedules effective Monday, September 25. Tiburon ferry schedules remain unchanged.

Marin Transit schedules can be found at marintransit.org or in the Marin Transit Rider’s Guide.

For new GGT bus schedules, pick up the Golden Gate Fall 2017 Transit Guide on your bus or ferry, visit goldengate.org, or call toll-free 511/TDD 711.