On Monday, March 16, Golden Gate Transit will unveil its new, advanced fareboxes on all buses. The new GFI Odyssey fareboxes still accept cash and coins, but also provide a new, easier way to pay your fare – a magnetic stripe “Value Card.”

The new fareboxes do not accept the current paper commute tickets. Instead, the farebox reads a Value Card’s magnetic stripe and deducts the appropriate fare from it. Value Cards provide the same convenient, discounted fare as ticket books and are available in $25, $50 and $75 denominations. Value Cards are also available in the amounts of $18 and $36 for travel solely within Marin County, including Routes 221, 233 and 259 and the West Marin Stagecoach.

A great feature of the Value Card is that it is valid for six months from the date of first use. The farebox prints the date of first use on the back of the Value Card so you can track how long it’s valid.

Like ticket books, Value Cards are non-refundable, non-transferable, not exchangeable and they cannot be used for group travel.

**How to Use Cash**
When boarding, tell the bus operator your destination (so the appropriate fare can be charged) and if you need a transfer. If you are eligible to receive the youth, senior, disabled or Medicare discount, show the bus operator appropriate ID. Insert cash and coins into the farebox. Bills over $20 will not be accepted.

If you do not have exact change, a Change Card, valid for future bus rides, will be issued. The value of the card will be printed on the back. The farebox will print out a transfer, if applicable. Transfers will not be issued after fare has been paid.

**Unused Discount Tickets**
If you still have discount tickets with an expiration date of June 30, 2009, they should be handed to the bus operator, not inserted into the new fareboxes. Paying with TransLink will not change with the new fareboxes.

If you use both the bus and the ferry, TransLink is the way to receive the discounted fare on each system as well as transfer privileges. Transfers and Value Cards will NOT be accepted as payment of ferry fare.

**Ways to Purchase Value Cards**
- **ONLINE:** www.goldengate.org
- **IN PERSON:** Find a Value Card agent near you by visiting www.goldengate.org.
- **TELEPHONE:** Call 415/257-4531.
Golden Gate Ferry has purchased two high-speed catamarans from the Washington State Ferry system for $2 million each. The first vessel is planned for arrival within the next few months and will be put in service while the M.V. Del Norte is having its engines replaced with new, more efficient ones.

Once the M.V. Del Norte returns to service (approximately three to four months), the two catamarans will undergo a complete rehabilitation. One is anticipated to be ready for service in early 2010 and the other in late 2010.

The 10-year old vessels were used by the Washington State ferry system until 2003, when voters passed a measure to cut funding and the state could no longer afford to operate the ferries. The two vessels are eight feet longer than Golden Gate Ferry’s M.V. Del Norte and are of similar design. They were built shortly after the Del Norte and were operated for approximately three years and have been inactive since September 2003.

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of petty crimes occurring in some areas served by Golden Gate Transit. As a reminder to all of our customers, the District’s See Something? Say Something! campaign encourages the active participation of our customers and employees in working together to maintain a safe environment in and around our buses, ferries and the Bridge. Please follow these safety tips when waiting for the bus, especially in areas with less foot traffic. Your safety is important to us!

**To Increase Your Safety:**
- Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you, especially if you are alone or it is dark.
- If possible, travel with other people. Be aware if you are being followed.
- Stay or walk in well-lighted areas as much as possible.
- Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleys where someone could hide.
- Do not respond to conversation from strangers on the street. Continue walking.
- If you carry a purse or laptop computer, hold it securely between your arm and your body.

**If You are Robbed:**
- Do not resist. Avoid sudden moves. Pay attention to the physical description and clothing of the criminal to increase the chances of apprehension.
- Move to a safe area or open business. Call 911 immediately.
- If calling from a cell phone, dial:
  - 415/479-2311 in Marin County
  - 415/553-8090 in San Francisco
  - 707/565-2121 in Sonoma County

To help address overcrowding on certain commute bus trips, the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District adopted a “more than 35 passengers” standard for assigning high-capacity buses (i.e., 45-foot MCI coaches) to commute bus trips.

Commute trips with an ongoing average of more than 35 passengers are now given priority assignment of a high-capacity bus. Trips with smaller averages may receive an MCI bus when available. You may occasionally see a large bus with fewer than 36 passengers on it. These buses are part of a larger “run” (a series of routes served by a single bus), and one or more routes in that run has a customer load which meets or exceeds the 36-passenger threshold.
THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE

during the Larkspur Ferry Terminal construction project!

Construction at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal is nearing completion. Several new additions or amenities have been made to the terminal:

- Addition of 200 new parking stalls
- Enhancement of pedestrian safety by installing solar-powered in-roadway cross walk lighting, pavement striping, speed bumps, and accessible curb ramps
- Addition of new benches
- Improvement of the trail along Corte Madera Creek
- Construction of a concrete bike bridge
- Repaving of existing bike path
- Addition of 30 bike racks

Thanks for your patience as we made these improvements to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and surrounding area.

GOLDEN GATE FERRY TICKET BOOKS

ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009

Golden Gate Ferry ticket books with an expiration date of December 31, 2008, will be accepted through March 31, 2009. After this time, TransLink will be the only way to receive the frequent ferry rider discount. Discount tickets will not be accepted at the ferry as payment of fare.

For more information, visit www.goldengate.org or call toll free 511/TDD 711. For information on TransLink, visit www.translink.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009

Take the Larkspur Ferry to the Concert!

Tickets on sale at www.tickets.com (service fee applies) and Larkspur and San Francisco Ferry Terminals.

For more information, visit www.goldengate.org or call 511 (say “Golden Gate Transit”), TDD 711.

Kenny Chesney

Sun City Carnival Tour

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Score a First-Class Trip on Golden Gate Ferry to AT&T Park

The Larkspur Ferry provides service to Giants Home Games. Enjoy a one-hour scenic trip across the Bay, arriving within steps of the stadium, ready to cheer the Giants on!

Tickets on sale at Larkspur and San Francisco Ferry Terminals and online at www.tickets.com

ROUTE 66
Muir Woods Express Returns in May 2009

Direct bus service to Muir Woods from Sausalito Ferry Terminal and Manzanita (Pohono Street) Park-and-Ride.

Service operates weekends and holidays through September.

ROUND-TRIP FARE

$3.00 Adult
$1.00 Senior/Youth/Disabled

For more information, visit www.goldengate.org or call 511 (TDD 711).
BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

Effective Sunday, March 8, 2009

CANCELED ROUTES
Route 9
Route canceled due to low ridership. See Route 19 for alternate service along Tiburon Blvd. NOTE: Blue & Gold Tiburon Ferry tickets not accepted for free travel on Route 19; customers must pay local bus fare.

Route 60
Route canceled. Resources reallocated to allow for additional service on routes experiencing increased demand. See Routes 4 and 27 for alternate service.

Routes 10, 23, 24, 29, 35, 70 and 71
Schedules adjusted up to 5 minutes to improve connections and running times.

Route 4
Northbound 5:30 pm Financial District trip added.
Minor schedule revisions (less than 5 minutes).

Route 8
Northbound 5:37 pm Financial District trip canceled due to low ridership. For passengers traveling from Financial District to Seminary, Spencer Ave. or Tiburon Wye bus stops, a northbound Route 18 trip departs the Financial District at 5:27 pm.

Route 19
Southbound 5:03 pm, 6:21 pm and 7:24 pm trips moved to 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 6:45 pm to meet Tiburon Ferry arrival times. Transfers from Tiburon Ferry not accepted on Route 19; customers must pay local bus fare.

Route 24
Southbound 7:45 am Manor trip added.
Northbound 5:22 pm Financial District trip added.

Route 27
Southbound 4:35 am and 6:35 am trips added (formerly Route 60 trips).
Southbound 5:30 am trip added. Southbound trips adjusted to improve consistency of Financial District service at the San Rafael Transit Center. See Route 44 for additional trips from the Transit Center to the Financial District. Northbound 4:04 pm trip moved to 3:44 pm. See Route 44 for alternate service at 4:08 pm. Northbound 5:27 pm trip canceled due to low ridership.

Route 40
Westbound 7:11 am and 8:11 am trips moved to depart 12 minutes later at 7:23 am and 8:23 am.

Route 44
Southbound 5:36 am trip moved to 5:29 am. Other minor southbound schedule revisions. Northbound schedule revisions to improve consistency with Routes 26/27.

Route 51
Schedules revised to improve connections with Route 70.

Route 54
Southbound 7:47 am Novato (Redwood & Rush Creek) trip added. Schedules revised to better accommodate passenger loads.

Route 71
Northbound 10:27 am and 11:27 am trips added.

Route 74
Northbound 3:39 pm Financial District trip added.

Route 75
Southbound 5:02 am and northbound 5:21 pm trips canceled due to low ridership.

For new schedules, pick up the Spring 2009 Transit Guide on your bus or ferry, visit www.goldengate.org or call toll-free 511 or 711 (TDD)

Golden Gate Transit schedules are adjusted quarterly to ensure system efficiency.

Bay to Breakers 2009 Via Golden Gate Ferry

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

RIDE THE LARKSPUR FERRY TO THE RACE!

EXTRA EARLY MORNING SERVICE ADDED

For more information, call toll-free 511 (TDD 711), or visit www.goldengate.org

BUS ROUTE 80 CHANGES POSTPONED

In December, the District’s Board of Directors approved a staff recommendation to modify GGT Routes 10 and 80 to improve service to Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco and reduce bus travel time by taking full advantage of continuous HOV lanes on US 101 in Marin County, effective March 9, 2009.

The effective date was based on HOV lane construction being completed before March 9. Subsequently, Caltrans announced that only the southbound HOV lane would be opened by March while northbound HOV lanes would not open until April or May. Since the bus service changes require both northbound and southbound HOV lanes to be completed, staff has postponed implementation to June 14, 2009.

Use TransLink to receive the frequent ferry rider discount!

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT
San Francisco Financial District Service to/from San Rafael Transit Center

San Rafael Transit Center
Weekday Peak Service Times at San Rafael Transit Center

SOUTHBOUND

4:35 am Route 27
5:30 am Route 27
5:59 am Route 44
6:16 am Route 27
6:35 am Route 27
6:52 am Route 26
7:05 am Route 44
7:15 am Route 27
7:25 am Route 44
7:35 am Route 26
7:48 am Route 27
8:01 am Route 27
8:20 am Route 44
8:36 am Route 27
9:01 am Route 27

NORTHBOUND

3:44 pm Route 27
4:08 pm Route 44
4:37 pm Route 26
5:09 pm Route 44
5:23 pm Route 44
5:37 pm Route 26
5:50 pm Route 27
6:10 pm Route 44

Times are approximate and subject to traffic delays.

Additional service between San Francisco and San Rafael is available all day on Routes 70 & 80.