Special inspections are happening on the Golden Gate Bridge (Bridge), with contracted crews dangling from ropes to take an “arm’s length” look at the structure. In October, the inspectors completed work on the North Approach Viaduct, Fort Point Arch, and the South Approach Viaduct. In November, the inspections covered the Suspension Bridge and other areas. The Bridge performs these types of inspections every two years to comply with the national standards for inspection and evaluation of highway bridges.

Golden Gate Transit’s (GGT) Holiday Bus has returned for another season, bringing joy and cheer to various GGT routes through January. This year, the District is remembering the families and communities affected by the recent North Bay Wildfires and encouraging donations to the North Bay Fire Relief Fund. Redwood Credit Union (RCU), in partnership with the RCU Community Fund, Inc., The Press Democrat, and Senator Mike McGuire created the fund to assist fire victims and aid relief efforts. One hundred percent of tax-deductible donations will go directly to support those affected by the fires.

You can visit the holiday bus in Santa Rosa’s Railroad Square on Saturday December 9 from 10:30 am to noon. Learn more about the event and how to donate to the North Bay Fire Relief fund at www.goldengate.org/howtogive.

Sabrina Hernández has been confirmed as the new President of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) Board of Directors (Board) after the unexpected passing of J. Dietrich Stroeh earlier this year. She is joined by First Vice President Barbara L. Pahre and Second Vice President Michael Theriault.

President Hernández was appointed to the Board in 2015 and had served previously from 2004 to 2009. She represents the City and County of San Francisco. As President of the Board, she is an ex-officio member of all standing and advisory committees.

“Sabrina was thrust into the role after Diet passed away and she's stepped into the position with enthusiasm,” said Denis Mulligan, District General Manager. “She's a decisive and thoughtful leader. Sabrina's big thing is her passion for people; her dedication to engaging with employees, bus riders, ferry riders, and the general public shapes everything she does.”

President Hernández started her career as an electrician apprentice in the 1980s and continued as a journeyman electrician. She is the business representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 6 and the compliance officer of the San Francisco Electrical Construction Industry.
SMART CONNECTIONS TO/FROM SAN FRANCISCO

If you’re traveling between SMART and San Francisco, pick up the handy SMART Transit Connections pamphlet that identifies transit options between the San Rafael Transit Center and San Francisco. The pamphlet is available at the Customer Service Center on Platform D at the San Rafael Transit Center, or by calling 511 (say “Golden Gate Transit,” then “operator”).

NORTH BAY WILDFIRES

As North Bay communities begin the slow process of recovering from October’s devastating wildfires, Golden Gate Transit staff reflects on how the fires affected our service and employees.

GGT’s northernmost bus yard and dispatch center is located in Santa Rosa, at the intersection of Piner Road and Industrial Way, just blocks away from the Coffey Park neighborhood, which was destroyed by the Tubbs fire.

Watch a video on our Golden Gate Transit Facebook page or on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/goldengatedistrict) to learn how the fires affected our bus operations, how we were able to help with the evacuation of facilities in the fire’s path, and how GGT quickly restored bus service to the community.

WIND TUNNEL TESTING

The District is preparing to retrofit the suspension span of the Golden Gate Bridge, which will make it more stable in an earthquake. Contractors will need to build platforms to access the Bridge deck to do their work, but those additional structures could make the Bridge aerodynamically unstable in the wind.

To ensure structural safety, the District’s Engineering Department has commissioned wind tunnel tests using a model of the Golden Gate Bridge deck. The tests measure the effect of high winds on different types of construction platforms and will provide guidelines for how the seismic retrofit contractor can access the Bridge. The studies began in October in Toronto, Canada, at RWDI, a premier wind testing research facility. District engineers were on-site to monitor the testing.

NOTICES

SAUSALITO FERRY LANDING CLOSED FOR INSPECTIONS

In early December, the Sausalito Ferry Landing will be closed while contractors perform a comprehensive inspection of the steel float and gangway. The inspection includes diving around and under the float to assess the condition of the steel, as well as examining inside the cells of the float.

During the closure, no ferries will be allowed to use the landing. For more information regarding the closure, visit goldengate.org.

NO PARKING IN THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE LARKSPUR FERRY OVERFLOW LOT

The upper level of the Larkspur Ferry overflow parking lot (300 Larkspur Landing Circle) is no longer available, due to upcoming SMART construction. The District-owned lower lot remains available for ferry passenger parking.

Parking fees apply on weekdays, excluding certain holidays. Please remember to use crosswalks when walking between the terminal and overflow lot.

Check the Holiday Service Calendar for special ferry schedules in late December.
**HOLIDAY SERVICE CALENDAR**

**HOLIDAY**
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**
  - Monday, December 25, 2017
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
  - Monday, January 1, 2018
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
  - Monday, January 15, 2018
- **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
  - Monday, February 19, 2018

**FERRY**
- **NO SERVICE**
  - Larkspur Ferry - Reduced Service
  - Sausalito Ferry - Reduced Service
  - Tiburon Ferry - See goldengate.org

**BUS**
- **Holiday**
- **Regular**

**FERRY SCHEDULES**
**Effective Dec. 18, 2017 – Mar. 25, 2018**
- Effective Monday, December 18, two Larkspur Ferry morning trips will be adjusted to depart five minutes later.
- The new schedule is below. The Sausalito and Tiburon Ferry schedules will remain unchanged.

**LARKSPUR**
- **Weekdays (excluding Holidays)**
  - Depart Larkspur: Arrive SF: Depart SF: Arrive Larkspur
  - 4:40 am Route 24 bus to Financial District
  - 5:20 am Route 97 bus to Financial District
  - * 6:35: 7:05: 7:10: 7:40
  - ** 7:00: 7:30: 7:35: 8:05
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**TIBURON**
- **Weekdays only (excluding Holidays)**
  - Depart Tiburon: Arrive SF: Depart SF: Arrive Tiburon
  - 6:45: 7:15: — —
  - 7:15: 7:45: — —
  - 7:45: 8:15: — —
  - 8:15: 8:45: — —

**Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays**
- Depart Larkspur: Arrive SF: Depart SF: Arrive Larkspur
  - 9:30: 10:30: —
  - * 11:40: 12:30: 12:40: * 1:30
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  - 4:45: 5:35: 6:30: 7:15
  - 6:40: 7:10: 7:20: * 7:50
  - 7:25: 8:00: 8:10: 8:40
  - 8:50: 9:25: 9:35: 10:05

**GOLDEN GATE LARKSPUR FERRY REDUCED SERVICE SCHEDULE**
**Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29**

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Route 25 will NOT operate December 26–December 29. Route 31 will operate the same type of service as SMART (holiday or regular) during this week. Visit goldengate.org for Sausalito and Tiburon ferry service during this week.

**GOLDEN GATE LARKSPUR FERRY EXPANDED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
**(Monday, January 15, 2018)**

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* The 5:35 and 6:45 trips do not return to Sausalito.

**SAUSALITO**
- **Weekdays (excluding Holidays)**
  - Depart Sausalito: Arrive SF: Depart SF: Arrive Sausalito
  - 7:10: 7:35: 7:40: 8:10
  - 8:20: 8:45: 10:00: 10:30
  - 10:55: 11:25: 11:35: 12:05
  - 1:55: 2:25: 2:35: 3:05
  - 3:20: 3:50: 4:00: 4:30
  - 4:45: 5:15: 5:30: 6:00
  - 6:10: 6:35: 6:45: 7:10

**Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays**
- Depart Sausalito: Arrive SF: Depart SF: Arrive Sausalito
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  - 11:20: 11:50: 12:00: 12:30
  - 2:10: 2:40: 2:50: 3:20
  - 3:50: 4:20: 4:40: 5:10
  - 5:05: 5:35: 5:45: 6:15
  - 7:30: 8:00: 8:05: 8:35

**TIBURON**
- **Weekdays only (excluding Holidays)**
  - Depart Tiburon: Arrive SF: Depart SF: Arrive Tiburon
  - 5:30: 6:00: 6:05: 6:35
  - 6:45: 7:15: 7:20: 7:50
  - 7:55: 8:25: 8:35: 9:05
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  - 5:05: 5:35: 5:45: 6:15
  - 7:30: 8:00: 8:05: 8:35

* Additional ferry service between Tiburon and Pier 41 provided by Blue & Gold Fleet (blueandgoldfleets.com); Light = A.M. Bold = P.M.

Be Safe! Don't jaywalk near the San Rafael Transit Center.
Golden Gate Transit schedules are adjusted quarterly to improve system efficiency.

Routes 4, 24, 24X, 30, 31, 40X, 54, 72, 76 Schedules adjusted up to six minutes to improve connections and running times.

Route 4 Northbound 7:00 pm trip cancelled due to low ridership. Schedule adjustments.


Route 40 Westbound weekday 6:39 am trip to begin earlier at 6:30 am. Westbound weekday 7:10 am to begin earlier at 7:00 am. Schedule adjustments.

Route 72X Southbound 5:30 am trip to begin earlier at 5:20 am.

Route 76 Southbound 5:00 am trip to begin earlier at 4:55 am.

Route 101 Southbound weekday trip departing SRTC at 4:45 am cancelled. Northbound weekday 12:46 am trip cancelled. Northbound Saturday 12:54 am trip cancelled.

Larkspur Ferry Beginning Monday, December 18, the weekday 8:45 am and 9:15 am trips will be adjusted to depart Larkspur 5 minutes later (at 8:50 am and 9:20 am).

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 Winter 2017-18 Golden Gate Transit Guide on your bus or ferry, visit goldengate.org, or call toll-free 511/TDD 711.

Enjoy the Holidays in San Francisco!

We'll take care of getting you there!

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Electric Bus Charging Stations

As part of our ongoing partnership with Marin Transit, GGT has been preparing for delivery of two state-of-the-art battery electric buses (BEBs) manufactured by BYD Motors in Lancaster, California, by the end of 2017. The BEBs, fully financed by Marin Transit for operation on local routes, will be maintained and charged at the San Rafael bus yard where two electric vehicle charging stations were recently installed.

Caution! Subject to Flooding!

During unusually high tides (King tides), Manzanita Park & Ride is prone to flooding. Higher than normal tides are predicted for late December, early January, late January, and late February.

Check tide tables (at tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov) before parking in the Manzanita lot.

Luggage Policy

For passenger safety, all onboard items must be stored:

- Completely under the seat,
- Completely in the overhead rack, or
- Completely on the passenger’s lap.

Mobility devices such as canes, crutches, walkers, and collapsible strollers are exceptions; however, no item can block an aisle or exit.