

October 24, 2024



**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., with Chair Hill presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:37 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (7): Chair Hill; Vice Chair Mastin; Directors Moulton-Peters, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Thier; President Cochran.

Committee Members Absent (2): Directors Hernández and Safaí.

Other Directors Present (6): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Pahre, Snyder and Thériault.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (13): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Mastin, Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (9): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Hernández, Safaí and Stefani.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer John Eberle; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Director of Planning Ron Downing; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [01:20 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

(a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility; (b) Bus Passengers Advisory Committee; (c) Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee; and (d) Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

The staff report was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(4) Presentation by Corey, Canapary & Galanis on "Highlights from the 2023 Survey of Users and Non-Users of Bridge, Bus and Ferry" [02:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing introduced the staff report, and Corey, Canapary & Galanis Executive Vice President Jon Canapary. The report was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

[Directors Snyder and Thier arrived]

[16:36, 17:52 and 34:03 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Moulton-Peters inquired about the Sausalito ferry and recreational riders. Mr. Canapary responded.

Director Thier inquired about the ferry schedules and a Tiburon ferry rider survey. Mr. Canapary and Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Rabbitt commented and inquired about differences between prior and current surveys. Mr. Canapary and Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Mastin pointed out the number of people who do not own a vehicle and the number of people who take the ferry or bus because it is less expensive than other options in the survey. He inquired if these two groups are mutually exclusive. Mr. Canapary responded.

[Director Pahre arrived.]

Director Grosboll commented and inquired about new users and ferry fares. Mr. Canapary and Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Garbarino inquired about people's willingness to consider transit, the comprehensive nature of the survey, the number of drivers and the District's goals. Mr. Canapary and Mr. Mulligan responded.

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Director Snyder inquired about Bridge traffic. Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Wire responded.

Director Theriault commented and inquired about the scope of the survey and offered ideas for future surveys.

Director Moulton-Peters inquired about demographic data, high satisfaction of certain riders and unique responses. Mr. Canapary responded.

Director Snyder inquired about the selection of non-rider survey respondents. Mr. Canapary responded.

Director Mastin inquired about the sample size of the survey and SMART riders who transfer to the bus or ferry. Mr. Canapary and Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Thier inquired about the non-rider survey respondents, barriers for bus and ferry riders and the full report. Mr. Canapary responded.

Director Pahre inquired about the number of calls required to get responses. Mr. Canapary responded.

Director Hill commented about social interactions on the ferry. He inquired about the effect of changes in San Francisco including autonomous vehicles and auto insurance rates. Mr. Canapary responded.

(5) Status Update on the Marin and Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service (MASCOTS) Effort [54:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. Mr. Mulligan added to the staff report and expressed appreciation to District staff and other agencies that were involved in the process.

[01:07:30 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Thier inquired about the timing of receiving possible changes and commented about public outreach. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Grosboll inquired and commented about service between central San Rafael and Marin City. Mr. Downing and Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Moulton-Peters commented about the legislature's view of transit in the bay area and a goal to make service more coordinated. She spoke about the MASCOTS effort as being an early effort, which is ahead of others. She requested additional study of the service to Marin City and the Canal. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Rabbitt commented about the District and MASCOTS being ahead of the curve, and the history of transit service and funding in the area. He spoke about the opportunities that arise as a result of change and the challenges with reaching consensus

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(6) **Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance** [01:16:24 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(7) **Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit** [01:17:30 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(8) **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

(9) **Adjournment** [01:18:09 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors MASTIN/GARBARINO** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Elbert Hill, Chair
Transportation Committee

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