

**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-002**

**AN ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND THE PLANNED MARIN LOCAL FARE INCREASE  
ON GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT REGIONAL BUS ROUTES**

April 12, 2013

THIS ORDINANCE is adopted with reference to the following facts and circumstances, which are found and declared by the Board of Directors:

1. The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) operates Golden Gate Transit (GGT), which offers intra-county (local), inter-county, paratransit and special bus services to customers in the City and County of San Francisco as well as the Counties of Marin, Sonoma and Contra Costa.

2. On April 27, 2012, the Board ordained in Ordinance No. 2012-002 that the fare increases for Marin local travel on District regional bus routes, adopted by Ordinance 2011-01 and contemplated under the *Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2016 Five-Year Transit Fare Program (Program)* pursuant to Initiatives 12 and 25 of the *FY 2009/2010 Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability (Financial Plan)* were temporarily suspended until further notice.

3. Ordinance No. 2012-002 had the effect of postponing planned fare increases for Golden Gate Transit (GGT) intra-county (local) trips on regional routes passing through the County of Marin, which would have, effective July 1, 2012, increased the fare to \$2.25 for an adult single-ride fare and \$2.03 for adults using the Clipper® Card, as such planned fare increases were stipulated in the *Program* pursuant to the *Financial Plan*.

4. The Board so ordained the foregoing with the understanding that, at a later date, the Board would decide whether to reauthorize this temporary suspension upon the conclusion of certain contract negotiations between the District and Marin County Transit District (MCTD) relative to the ongoing provision of GGT Marin local services under contract with MCTD.

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5. On November 19, 2012, the Board authorized District staff's execution of a new local transit service *Intergovernmental Agreement (Agreement)* between the District and MCTD. As with prior local transit service agreements, the *Agreement* recognizes that the District and MCTD operate two separate yet mutually coordinated and integrated local public transit systems, although the general public views this integrated network of District regional service and MCTD local service as one system.

6. District staff understands, through discussions with their MCTD counterparts, that MCTD continues to maintain fares at \$2.00 for an adult single-ride cash fare and \$1.80 for adults using the Clipper® Card. District staff further understands that MCTD is not considering any fare increases at this time.

7. Upon consideration of the foregoing, with a primary interest in ensuring optimal rider convenience as well as underscoring that customers view the transit network in the County of Marin as one coordinated and integrated system, District staff recommends that the temporary suspension of fare increases in Ordinance No. 2012-02 be reauthorized through July 1, 2014.

8. District staff estimates that suspension of the fare increase for Marin local travel on District regional routes established pursuant to Ordinance No. 2012-002, will result in a decrease in projected farebox revenues in the amount of \$75,000.00 to \$85,000.00 for FY 2013/2014.

9. The Finance-Auditing Committee, at its meeting of April 11, 2013, after considering the benefits and costs of a limited fare suspension, all public comments and the staff report, recommended that the District adopt the staff proposal, effective July 1, 2013 until July 1, 2014.

10. The Board carefully considered the staff proposal, examined the Finance-Auditing Committee's findings and recommendation, reviewed all public comments and considered the recommendations of the General Manager. The Board found that the recommended suspension is consistent with the District's mission and policy objectives, and the public interest.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The temporary suspension of certain fare increases, ordained by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District on April 27, 2012 in Ordinance No. 2012-02, for Marin local travel on District regional bus routes, is hereby continued for the period July 1, 2013 until July 1, 2014.

Section 2. The Board takes the foregoing action with the understanding that the Board will decide, at a later date, whether to reauthorize this temporary suspension in furtherance of the goals and priorities set forth by the *Program* and pursuant to the *Financial Plan*.

Section 5. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 1, 2013.

Section 6. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.


**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, by the following vote of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board of Directors:

**AYES (13):** Directors Arnold, Cochran, Fredericks, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Snyder, Sobel, Theriault and Yee; Second Vice President Stroeh; First Vice President Grosboll; President Eddie

**NOES (0):** None

**ABSENT (6):** Directors Belforte, Breed, Campos, Reilly, Sears and Wiener

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Janet S. Tarantino**  
**Secretary of the District**

  
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**James C. Eddie**  
**President, Board of Directors**

Attachment: Ordinance No. 2012-002