

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-044**

**AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE EXECUTION OF AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAUSALITO TO PASS-THROUGH  
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF IMPROVING SAUSALITO FERRY TERMINAL AND ADJACENT ACCESS**

May 10, 2013

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) operates Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) service; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District, with federal and state grant funds and District matching funds, built the Sausalito Ferry Terminal (SFT) in the early 1970s to begin the GGF service, and the SFT currently serves the GGF and one private ferry operator; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, the District entered into a 50-year Lease with the City of Sausalito (Sausalito) regarding SFT-related waterside improvements, such as access ramps, a gangway and a float, with said Lease expiring in 2045; and,

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 2005, the District saw a steady increase in tourists who rented bicycles in San Francisco, rode over the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito, and returned to San Francisco using the GGF service from the SFT to the San Francisco Ferry Terminal (SFFT), with the result being that a large increase in recreational travelers made it difficult for the GGF to maintain its schedules, which required the District to increase ferry service from SFT to SFFT for the past two seasons; and,

**WHEREAS**, to help accommodate the increase in recreational travelers, the Ferry Transit Division (FTD) now assigns staff specifically for passenger and bike traffic during the spring, summer and fall seasons, and the FTD collaborated with Sausalito and area bicycle rental companies to create additional space and bike racks for the large number of passengers with bicycles returning to San Francisco; and,

**WHEREAS**, with these facts in mind, in 2011 the District collaborated with Sausalito to successfully apply for a grant from the 2012 Ferry Boat Discretionary Program for Sausalito Ferry Terminal-Passenger Access Improvements (Grant); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grant shall generally fund enhancements to the SFT shore-side passenger areas and complement improvements planned by the District for the SFT water-

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side access ramp gangway and float, as well as the adjacent access improvements being planned by Sausalito; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grant shall specifically increase and improve the area available to ticket, stage and process ferry passengers and bicycles, as well as provide additional ticket vending machines, improve signage and improve pedestrian/bicycle access routes from Sausalito city streets and pedestrian sidewalks to the SFT; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grant-funded improvements shall create an enhanced passenger ticketing and staging area to allow more efficient processing of passengers and bicycles, thereby resulting in a safer and improved access and ferry passenger experience; and,

**WHEREAS**, these plans require a reconfiguration, redesign and reconstruction of the existing waiting and staging area, rather than any land acquisitions; and,

**WHEREAS**, because this work will take place primarily on Sausalito property and require coordination with adjacent improvements planned by Sausalito, the Board finds it appropriate to pass through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds to Sausalito and have Sausalito prepare the environmental clearance, attain all necessary permits, prepare the necessary specifications and drawings, advertise and award the construction contract, and manage the project to be funded by the Grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, key provisions of the Pass-Through Agreement (Agreement) require that, among other things, the District is satisfied with the final design, improvements are compatible with District improvement projects at the SFT, all improvements constructed are available for District use at no cost for its public transportation activities as well as for the life of the improvements, the District is not responsible for cost overruns, and Sausalito complies with all applicable FTA grant terms and conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides that the District will contribute a maximum of \$400,000.00 in local match funds and Sausalito is responsible for the balance of local match funds up to \$100,000.00, all of which will complement \$2,000,000.00 in the FTA grant funds secured by the District and provided to Sausalito for SFT improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grant-funded improvements, in conjunction with the District-implemented terminal improvements project on the water-side as well as Sausalito-planned adjacent improvements, will provide for all the elements necessary to accommodate the increased and future growth of passengers and bicycles at the SFT area and the surrounding downtown area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Finance-Auditing Committee at its meeting of May 9, 2013, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) hereby authorizes the General Manager to

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execute a Pass-Through Agreement (Agreement) between the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District and the City of Sausalito (Sausalito), to pass-through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00; and, be it further

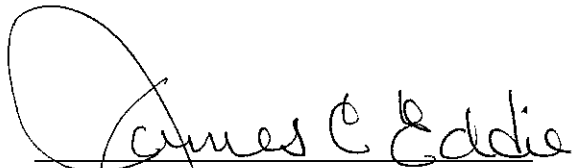
**RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the General Manager to provide up to \$400,000.00 in matching funds required by the terms of the FTA grant, with the understanding that Sausalito will provide the remaining \$100,000.00 required local matching funds, for a total project amount of \$2,500,000.00.


**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Belforte, Cochran, Fredericks, Pahre, Rabbitt, Reilly, Sears, Snyder, Sobel, Theriault, Wiener and Yee; Second Vice President Stroeh; First Vice President Grosboll; President Eddie

**NOES (0):** None

**ABSENT (3):** Directors Breed, Campos and Moylan

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

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