

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-002**

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

April 27, 2012

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. The District's Master Ordinance 2010 prescribes GGT fare tariffs that vary based on a customer's origin transit zone in relation to the destination transit zone. Specifically, Section II, subsections B through E, of Master Ordinance 2010 sets transit zones, cash fare tariffs, discount fares and transfers, and regional paratransit tariffs.

3. To execute the *Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/2010 Financial Plan for Achieving Long-Term Financial Stability (Financial Plan)*, adopted by the Board on October 30, 2009, the Board adopted Ordinance 2011-01, which incorporates the *FY 2012/2016 Five-Year Transit Fare Program (Program)*, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

4. Pursuant to Ordinance 2011-01, the fare for GGT Marin local trips on regional routes was set to increase on July 1, 2012 from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for an adult single-ride cash fare and from \$2.00 to \$2.03 for adults using the Clipper® Card. Youth, senior, Medicare and disabled discount fares for GGT Marin local trips on regional routes, paid for using the Clipper® Card or cash, remains at \$1.00 under the *Program*.

5. Marin County Transit District (MCTD) is responsible for setting local fares for travel within Marin County. No changes in local fares have been approved to date by MCTD.

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6. Following discussions with the County of Marin and MCTD, District staff recommends a suspension of the fare increases for Marin local travel on the District's regional routes. District staff believes that this postponement will facilitate the District's pending contract negotiations with MCTD. Furthermore, by maintaining this consistency in the Marin local fares, GGT customers will experience minimal inconvenience when using public transit operated either by the District or MCTD within the County of Marin.

7. District staff estimates that suspension of the fare increase for Marin local travel on regional routes will result in a decrease in projected farebox revenues in the amount of \$75,000.00 for FY 2013.

8. The Finance-Auditing Committee, at its meeting of April 27, 2012, after considering the benefits and costs of a limited fare suspension, all public comments and the staff report, recommends that the District adopt the staff proposal, effective July 1, 2012.

9. 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 finds that the recommended suspension is consistent with the District's mission and policy objectives, and the public interest.

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

Section 1. The fare increase for Marin local travel contemplated under the *Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2016 Five-Year Transit Fare Program (Program)*, which would amend in part Section III, "Golden Gate Transit - Bus and Ferry Systems," subsection C, "Bus and Ferry Transit Cash Fare Tariff Schedule," of Master Ordinance 2010, is temporarily suspended until further notice, effective July 1, 2012.

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Section 2. This temporary suspension shall have 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.

Section 3. This temporary suspension shall not have the effect of postponing planned fare increases, effective July 1, 2012, for GGT inter-county trips on regional routes as well as GGT local trips on regional routes passing through the County of Sonoma and local trips on regional routes passing through the City and County of San Francisco, as such planned fare increases were stipulated in the *Program* pursuant to the *Financial Plan*. Furthermore, this temporary suspension shall not affect discount fares for youth, senior, Medicare and disabled customers.

Section 4. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 1, 2012.

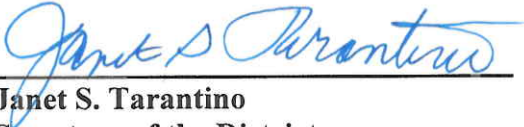
Section 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

**ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, by the following vote of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board of Directors:

**AYES (19):** Directors Arnold, Campos, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Fredericks, Mar, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Renée, Sears, Snyder, Sobel, Stroeh and Theriault; Second Vice President Grosboll; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly  
**NOES (0):** None  
**ABSENT (0):** None

  
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**Janet Reilly**  
**President of the Board of Directors**

**ATTEST:**

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