

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-100

**ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE SAUSALITO FERRY TERMINAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

December 14, 2012

WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) evaluated the existing facilities at the Sausalito, Larkspur and San Francisco Ferry Terminals and determined that the aging gangways and boarding platforms are at the end of their useful life and they are functionally deficient; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, by Resolution No. 2009-077 at its meeting of September 25, 2009, awarded Professional Services Agreement 2010-FT-3, *Conceptual Designs, Environmental Studies and Engineering Services for Modifications and Improvements to the Larkspur, San Francisco and Sausalito Terminal Facilities*, to Moffatt & Nichol in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,999,720.73; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the lead agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance and the District is the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance; and,

WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District prepared an Initial Study of the possible environmental effects of proposed improvements of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Initial Study concluded that the Project's effects can be mitigated to the extent that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore recommended that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be prepared by the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District published a notice of the availability of the Initial Study and invited comments thereon until October 19, 2012, and also received public comment on the Project at the meeting of the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole held on December 13, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, written comments were received from four public agencies, one organization and three individuals during the comment period; and,

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WHEREAS, these comments were reviewed by staff and counsel, who concluded that none of the points raised in the comments required a change in the conclusion of the Initial Study; and,

WHEREAS, the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole, at its meeting of December 13, 2012, has so recommended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District hereby:


- a. Finds and declares that, based upon its independent judgment following review of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and consideration of the record of the Project as a whole, there is no evidence before the District that the proposed Project, as modified, will have a significant effect upon the environment;
- b. Finds that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration;
- c. Adopts the mitigation monitoring and reporting plan included within the Initial Study;
- d. Approves proceeding with the final design of the Project once authorization is received from the Federal Transit Administration;
- e. Directs the General Manager to file a Notice of Determination promptly with the County Clerk of Marin County and the State CEQA Clearinghouse; and,
- f. Approves the maintenance of the record of this action by the Secretary of the District at the District Secretary's Office, Administration Building, Toll Plaza, San Francisco.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December 2012, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (17): Directors Arnold, Chu, Cochran, Elsbernd, Fredericks, Mar, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Renée, Sears, Snyder, Sobel and Stroeh; Second Vice President Grosboll; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly


NOES (0): None

ABSENT (2): Directors Campos and Theriault



Janet Reilly
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Janet S. Tarantino
Secretary of the District