

June 26, 2025



**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, June 26, 2025, 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. **[00:34 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (5): Chair Hill; Vice Chair Mastin; Directors Rodoni and Thier; President Cochran.

Committee Members Absent (4): Directors Hernández, Moulton-Peters, Parrish and Rabbitt.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Devlin, Garbarino, Giudice, Pahre and Snyder.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (10): Directors Devlin, Garbarino, Giudice, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (7): Directors Engardio, Hardeman, Hernández, Moulton-Peters, Parrish and Sauter; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

[Note: On this date, there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Jennifer Mennucci; District Engineer John Eberle; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; 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.

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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.

Director Mastin requested staff look into a "listen in" option for public participation for the District's Advisory Committees and to receive the documentation for these meetings in a timely manner. Mr. Mulligan and Ms. Ko-Wong responded.

(4) Authorize the Setting of a Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Golden Gate Transit Bus Routes as Identified in the Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service (MASCOTS) Plan [03:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing presented the staff report. Mr. Mulligan added to his comments.

[22:16 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Hill thanked staff for the presentation and positively commented on combining advertisement.

Director Thier requested ridership numbers for routes, any public comments on this topic, and alternatives looked at by the consultants for the Route 101 service. She also inquired about the operators who would be replacing the Route 101 service and operating shuttle service. Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Downing responded.

Director Mastin inquired if this effort is part of the greater Metropolitan Transportation Commission integration effort and requested clarification of the truncated route in the staff report and effects to commute service. He also inquired about pre-pandemic ridership numbers from Sonoma County and Marin County and whether there might be any potential ridership changes if Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) charged for seniors and youth. Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Downing responded.

Director Guidice pointed out that Golden Gate Ferry was not included during the MASCOTS study. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Snyder inquired if the amount of bus hours would change, what baseline numbers the District is using, and if there was a possibility of route expansion. Mr. Mulligan responded.

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Director Thier also stated she would like the alternatives for the Route 101 service to be presented to the public for comment. She also expressed concerned about the potential reduction in service in Sonoma and Marin counties, as well as the challenges such changes could pose for riders with lesser abilities to transfer. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Mastin inquired about the potential effects with the proposed changes on the District's need for bus operators and commented that under the proposed changes, Mendocino transit riders would have to transfer three times to get to San Francisco. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Chair Hill shared his hope that all buses will have bike racks for the last mile of travel.

[38:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individual spoke under public comment:

- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1575 (in person)

Director Rodoni requested that staff share any negative impacts from the recommendations. Mr. Mulligan responded.

(a) Action by Committee

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors MASTIN/GIUDICE** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors (Board) authorize the setting of a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, California, to receive public comment on a proposal to modify Golden Gate Transit (GGT) bus routes, as recommended in the Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service (MASCOTS) Plan, with the understanding that due to the significance of the proposed changes, all proposed service changes described below will be included in the public outreach prior to the public hearing, even if they do not meet the threshold of the Board's policy that requires a public hearing be held for service changes that affect 25% or more of the revenue service mileage of a route or result in the discontinuation of a route.

Action by the Board at its meeting of June 27, 2025 – Resolution

AYES (10): Directors Devlin, Garbarino, Giudice, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (7): Directors Engardio, Hardeman, Hernández, Moulton-Peters, Parrish and Sauter; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

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(5) **Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance** [47:46 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

Director Thier inquired about how to increase ridership. Mr. Mulligan responded.

Director Mastin inquired about the difference in Ferry Division's farebox recovery from May 2025 as compared to 2023. Mr. Mulligan responded.

(6) **Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit** [53:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

(7) **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

(8) **Adjournment** [53:57 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors PAHRE/THIER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Elbert Hill, Chair
Transportation Committee

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