

GOLDEN GATE GAZETTE



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TAKE ROUTE 2 TO YOUR FAVORITE SF WEEKEND DESTINATIONS!



On March 10, Route 2 will begin operating weekend service between Marin City and San Francisco. Route 2 will serve Marin City, Sausalito, and the Financial District. Trips will operate hourly from approximately 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Route 2 drops off/picks up within walking distance of the Palace of Fine Arts, Ghirardelli Square, Fisherman's

Wharf, the Exploratorium, Embarcadero Center, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Whether you're entertaining out-of-town guests or just craving a day in the City, Route 2 will get you to all your favorite spots without the hassle of driving and parking.

Visit goldengate.org for schedules and maps.

MOCKUP OF THE SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM CREATED FOR TESTING



Engineers, contractors, and advocates stand beneath a mockup of the steel suicide deterrent net.

On a cold and rainy day in late January, advocates for the Golden Gate Bridge suicide net; Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District (District) engineers; and contractors gathered in a construction yard in Richmond to view a mockup of the steel suicide deterrent. It was an emotional day for those who had lost loved ones to suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge, as they were able to see and touch the system that will be responsible for preventing such deaths in the future. The 300-foot long section of steel net has been constructed near the ground, so the contractors can test the best methods for construction and tensioning the net. The project is expected to be completed in 2021.

M.V. MILLENNIUM ARRIVES IN THE BAY AREA!



The M.V. Millennium (center) was strapped to the top of a barge for transportation through the Panama Canal.

Ferry customers will soon be able to enjoy another vessel when the M.V. *Millennium* joins the Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) fleet. The *Millennium* left Florida on January 26, then traveled through the Panama Canal, and made its way up the coast of Central America to northern California. The *Millennium* is a high-speed catamaran owned by Rhode Island Fast Ferry. It has a capacity of nearly 400 passengers. GGF is leasing the vessel for a year, to help maintain consistent and reliable service while GGF's other vessels rotate out of service for maintenance. The *Millennium* is expected to enter into service this spring.

Toll Increase Overview

The District is considering a new multi-year toll program and held a series of public meetings in January and February 2019 to get public input on the proposed toll rate options. The District Board of Directors (Board) will likely make a decision on a preferred option this spring and any adopted toll program would go into effect on July 1, 2019.

The Board approved the proposed toll rate options at its December 2018 meeting as part of the District's regular five-year financial planning process. This new multi-year proposal follows the conclusion of a previous five-year toll program in July 2018.



Options under consideration would raise between \$75 and \$100 million over the next five years. The District projects it will need to raise \$75 million over the next five years to match the rising cost of goods and services. This assumes the District maintains current operations and levels of service across the Golden Gate Bridge, Golden Gate Transit, and Golden Gate Ferry systems. Any revenue raised beyond the \$75 million would be used to improve transit services, especially on the popular Larkspur to San Francisco ferry service.

For more information and to view the materials from the public meetings, visit goldengate.org.

PUBLIC MEETING ON STATUS OF THE SRTC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The District is in the early phases of a multi-year process to develop a new transit center for San Rafael. As SMART is extended further south to Larkspur, the tracks will bisect the site where the San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) is currently located. This will impact how buses and people access and travel through the site as well as the amount of space available for buses and riders. As a result, the transit center must be replaced in another location in downtown San Rafael.

Currently, technical analysis of several areas, including environmental impacts on traffic, air quality, waterways, and cultural resources, is underway. The next public meeting for this project will be held this spring, to go over the findings at the halfway point of the environmental analysis.

For more information and to sign up for project news and updates, visit the District's website at goldengate.org/SRTC/. Once the spring public meeting date and location are determined, they will be listed on the website.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

In a new video, the District's general manager, Denis Mulligan, discusses the state of the District for 2019. He provides an overview of each of the District's divisions, highlighting the upcoming major projects for Bridge, Bus, and Ferry. The Bridge Division will focus on painting the south approach viaduct, seismic retrofitting, and installing the suicide deterrent system and new toll equipment. In addition to discussing the Bridge projects, Denis gives an overview of how Bridge tolls are used. The Ferry Division will look at expanding service and refurbishing the fleet. The Bus Division will begin replacing part of the fleet with hybrid buses. View the video at tinyurl.com/DistrictState.

WiFi ONBOARD

“I beat the traffic when I ride the bus”

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DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT THE SAN RAFAEL TRANSIT CENTER, BOARDING LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE.

Please pay attention to detour signs and use designated crosswalks

Visit goldengate.org for details.



New Coat of Paint for the Golden Gate Bridge's Viaduct

There's a fresh coat of International Orange paint on the south approach viaduct at the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge! For the last few months, our Bridge painters have been hard at work on the underside of the roadway where it touches down with San Francisco. Later this year, our painters will finish the south approach and begin re-painting the truss span, which includes the Fort Point Arch.

Be sure to look up while biking or walking beneath the Bridge on the Battery East and Coastal trails—you'll catch our crews hard at work and you'll get to enjoy the new paint job!



A freshly painted portion of the Golden Gate Bridge's south approach viaduct.

NEW LARKSPUR FERRY SCHEDULE

Effective Monday, March 26, a seasonal weekday round trip will be added. The new trips depart Larkspur at 11:40 am and San Francisco at 12:25 pm. The new schedule is below. The Sausalito Ferry and Tiburon Ferry schedules remain unchanged.

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)

Depart Larkspur Arrive SF Depart SF Arrive Larkspur

5:20 am Route 24X bus to Financial District

5:45	6:15	6:20	6:50
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40
*7:00	7:30	7:35	8:05
*7:30	8:00	—	—
+*7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05
*8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45
+*8:50	9:20	—	—
+*9:20	9:55	10:10	10:45
*10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30
11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30
11:40	12:15	12:25	1:00
12:40	1:15	1:25	+ 2:00
+ 2:15	2:50	3:00	*3:30
2:50	3:25	3:30	+* 4:00
—	—	4:00	+*4:30
3:40	4:15	4:30	+*5:00
4:10	4:45	5:00	*5:30
—	—	5:30	*6:00
5:10	5:45	6:00	+*6:30
5:40	6:15	6:30	*7:00
6:40	7:10	7:20	*7:50
7:25	8:00	8:10	8:40
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05

Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

9:30	10:30	—	—
+ 11:40	12:30	12:40	+ 1:30
+ 1:40	2:30	3:45	+ 4:35
+ 4:45	5:35	6:25	7:15
—	—	7:25	+ 8:10

* Trips served by Route 25 shuttle

+ Trips served by Route 31 shuttle

TAKE THE GIANTS FERRY TO HOME GAMES

The trip is a Grand Slam, delivering you within steps of the ballpark!

GO GIANTS!



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

@ goldengate.org/giantsferry
or call 877.4SFGTIX (877/473-4849)

RIDE LARKSPUR FERRY TO BAY TO BREAKERS

EXTRA MORNING TRIPS ON SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

For ticket and schedule information, visit goldengate.org or call toll-free 511 (TDD 711)



BIKE to WORK DAY

MAY 9, 2019

For more information, visit 511.org

CAUTION! SUBJECT TO FLOODING!

During unusually high tides (King tides), Manzanita Park & Ride is prone to flooding.

Higher than normal tides are predicted for mid-March, mid-May, and early and mid-June.

Check tide tables ([at tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov](http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov)) before parking in the Manzanita lot.

Watch our new 'Rethink Your Commute' ad at goldengate.org.

BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

Effective Sunday, March 10, 2019

Golden Gate Transit schedules are adjusted quarterly to improve system efficiency.

Routes 2, 4, 4C, 8, 18, 24, 24X, 27, 30, 38, 40, 54C, 58, 72X, 92 Schedules adjusted up to six minutes to improve connections and running times.

Route 2 In the Financial District, Route 2 no longer serves the stop on Sansome at California. It now stops in front of the Federal Reserve Bank building (400 Sansome). Bus stop added at Fremont, just south of Mission. Weekend/holiday service added starting/ending in Marin City. Weekend/holiday service does not serve the stop on Pine at Battery. Schedule adjustments.

Route 4 Southbound trips added at 6:40 am and 7:40 am. Northbound trip added departing the Financial District at 5:05 pm. Schedule adjustments.

Route 18 Northbound trip added departing the Financial District at 4:50 pm. Schedule adjustments.

Route 24X Southbound trip added departing Manor at 6:55 am. Schedule adjustments.

Route 41 Route eliminated due to low ridership. Alternate service to San Francisco from Lucas Valley Bus Pad available on Routes 44, 54, 54C, and 58.

Route 44 In the Financial District, Route 44 no longer serves the stop on Sansome at Sacramento. It now stops on Sansome, just north of California. Bus stop on Fremont at Mission has been relocated to just north of Mission.

Route 72X Southbound 6:33 am trip cancelled. Schedule adjustments.

Route 101 Southbound trip at 5:45 am from San Rafael Transit Center added on January 7.

Golden Gate Ferry Effective March 26, a seasonal round trip has been added to the Larkspur Ferry schedule. No changes to the Sausalito and Tiburon schedules.

Marin Transit schedules can be found at marintransit.org or in the *Marin Transit Rider's Guide*.

For new GGT bus schedules, pick up the *Golden Gate Spring 2019 Transit Guide* on your bus or ferry, visit goldengate.org, or call toll-free 511/TDD 711. ♿



ONLINE ROUTE MAPS SHOW ALL BUS STOPS

When planning a trip on Golden Gate Transit, refer to our online route maps to determine bus stop locations. Our bus schedules don't list all the stops we serve, only the major stops (timepoints) along the route. By using the online maps, you can find the stops nearest to your origin and your destination. On the map, a heavier black line around the bus stop circle indicates a timepoint bus stop. Use the timepoint nearest your bus stop to estimate what time the bus will arrive at your stop.



To view the online maps, go to Bus Schedules at goldengate.org. Choose your route and then click the "Map" tab at the top of your schedule. Clicking on a bus stop will provide a pop-up field with additional information, such as the bus stop ID number and other providers serving the stop.

CHANGES TO ROUTE 2 AND ROUTE 44 FINANCIAL DISTRICT BUS STOPS

Effective March 10, some Financial District bus stops for northbound Routes 2 and 44 will relocate.

Route 2 will no longer serve the stop on Sansome at California. Instead, it will pick up in front of the Federal Reserve Bank building (400 Sansome). A Route 2 bus stop will be added at Fremont, just south of Mission.

Route 44 will no longer serve the stop on Sansome at Sacramento (in front of the Federal Reserve Bank Building). Instead, it will pick up on Sansome, just north of California. The Route 44 bus stop on Fremont at Mission will relocate to just north of Mission.

See the highlighted changes in the map below.

