

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act

TO: County Clerk-Recorder's Office

FROM:

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PROJECT TITLE:

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District ("District") Fiscal Years 2023/2024 to 2027/2028 Five-Year Fare Program.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Contra Costa, Sonoma, Marin and San Francisco counties.

POSTED 4/12/23 TO 5/12/23

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Effective July 1, 2023, the Five-Year Fare Program will establish an annual increase of \$0.25 for the adult cash fare on Golden Gate Transit regional bus trips between the North Bay and San Francisco, and for trips within San Francisco, with a 20% discount on adult Clipper fares, a 50% discount on Clipper fares for youth, senior, Medicare and for persons with disabilities, and a 50% discount for low-income riders who pay via the means-based Clipper START program. ADA paratransit fares will be set at twice the adult cash fares. Local fares in Marin County will continue to align with Marin Transit's fare policy. The Sonoma County adult local cash fare will

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decrease to \$3.00, and the adult Clipper fare will decrease to \$2.40. Fares for trips within the East Bay and travel between the East Bay and San Francisco will match the BART Early Bird Express program fares. Golden Gate Ferry Clipper adult fares and Group fares will increase by \$0.25 each year, with a 50% discount off adult single ride ticket prices for youth, senior, Medicare and persons with disabilities. Ferry single ride tickets will remain unchanged except for a one-time \$0.50 increase for Larkspur Ferry trips in the first year of the program. The 50% Clipper START ferry discount will be based on the adult Clipper fare.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

EXEMPT STATUS:

- __ Activity not a project as defined in 14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15378.
- X Statutory Exemption (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(8); 14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§15260 et seq.).
- _ Categorical Exemption (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21084; 14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§15300 et seq.).
- No Possibility of a Significant Effect on the Environment therefore activity not subject to CEQA (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15061(b)(3)).

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This Project involves an increase in bus, ferry and ADA paratransit fares, which is necessary for the purpose of: (a) meeting operating expenses; (b) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials; (c) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and, (d) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas; and, therefore, is exempt under Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code. A comprehensive record of public hearing testimony, staff reports and Committee and Board review of the Project has been developed to document this project.

LOCAL AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

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Dated: April 11, 2023

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