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Dear Chair Mulheren, Supervisors & Staff,

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District General Manager Denis Mulligan and I are pleased to present our most recent Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the cover letter of which provides a summary of the District's finances, services, achievements, and economic prospects. We have also provided a general PowerPoint that additionally informs you of how we are surviving the COVID pandemic.

Since 1928 Mendocino County has played an integral part in the administration of the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. As the District expanded to include bus and ferry routes Mendocino County was there in support. Our first director was A.R. O'Brien, editor of the Ukiah Republican Press, and while his bio has faded into the mists of time the names of later directors Carl Daubeneck, Colleen Henderson and Jim Eddie live on as do their contributions to the history of the Golden Gate Bridge District. It was Jim's recognition of the daily emotional and physical cost to bridge district staff and Coast Guard personnel that made him a dogged supporter of the unique suicide barrier which is currently under construction. Every month the Board and Staff are reminded by families of suicide victims that their hearts are still broken, but that we listened and took enormous steps to prevent future tragedies such as theirs.

For my part I am honored to be your current appointee to the Golden Gate Bridge District Board. I do not take this responsibility lightly. I have been appointed to serve on various Bridge District committees and was recently asked to serve as the vice chair of the Transportation Committee. Among other work this committee oversees the Bridge traffic, bus and ferry transit systems.

While many may consider Mendocino County's relationship to the Golden Gate Bridge, Buses and Ferries as nothing more than tacit input for a pathway to a Giants slug fest, a world class shopping trip or an international airport I believe we provide a crucial rural perspective to an integral part of our national highway system and public transit.

I was lucky enough to learn the joys and pitfalls of public transit by serving on the Mendocino Transit Authority board for most of 25 years. I also served on the California Transit Association Executive Committee for 15+ years, earning their Distinguished Service Award in 2019. My commitment to public transit, and now bridges and ferries, has rendered many vacations as wonderful puzzles of schedules, fares and maps. Did you know that one can travel from Fort Bragg to San Jose (CA) by public transit in one day? Check it out!

Again, I am honored to be the Mendocino County representative on the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Board. I hope you find this presentation informative and will contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.



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