

PUBLIC SCOPING FOR THE PROPOSED RICHMOND FERRY TERMINAL AND SERVICE

The San Francisco Bay Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have proposed the establishment of a new ferry route between the Cities of San Francisco and Richmond. The proposed project includes implementation of a new ferry route and installation of a new ferry terminal in the City of Richmond. WETA and FTA are soliciting comments on the scope of the proposed project in order to identify potential conflicts and concerns early in the environmental review process.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The proposed project would include construction of a new ferry terminal on the Ford Peninsula in the City of Richmond and the establishment of a ferry route between San Francisco and Richmond. Passengers would embark/disembark at the proposed Richmond terminal and the San Francisco Ferry Building. The travel time between San Francisco and Richmond would be approximately 35 minutes.

The proposed terminal site is approximately 1.5 miles south of the Richmond downtown core. A figure illustrating the proposed location and early conceptual plan is presented below. Additional concept plans are available on the WETA website (<http://watertransit.org/CurrentProjects/Richmond.aspx>). The proposed Richmond ferry terminal would be at the southern point of Ford Peninsula, adjacent to the Ford Building along an existing wharf. In general, the proposed new terminal would replace an existing ferry facility consisting of a gangway, float, ramping system and piles. The proposed terminal would include a gangway that would lead from the plaza adjacent to the existing wharf to a new passenger float. The new passenger float would be approximately 10 percent larger than the existing float and would accommodate one ferry vessel at a time for passenger loading and unloading. The new gangway and ramping system would be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Ferry passenger parking would be at an existing parking lot to the west of the Ford Building. Alternatives for expansion of parking facilities are also under study. Other project features include an access gate with informational signage and a waiting area at the Craneway Pavilion within the Ford Building. The project would include minor reconfiguration of the existing parking lot and trail improvements in the project vicinity. The project could also include improvements to existing facilities in Sheridan Point Park. Construction activities would generally include demolition of the existing facility, replacement of existing piles, construction of the gangway, and placement of the float. Minor grading and excavation could be necessary for parking lot reconfiguration and trail and access improvements.

POTENTIAL FUTURE PARKING

FERRY PARKING

FERRY TERMINAL



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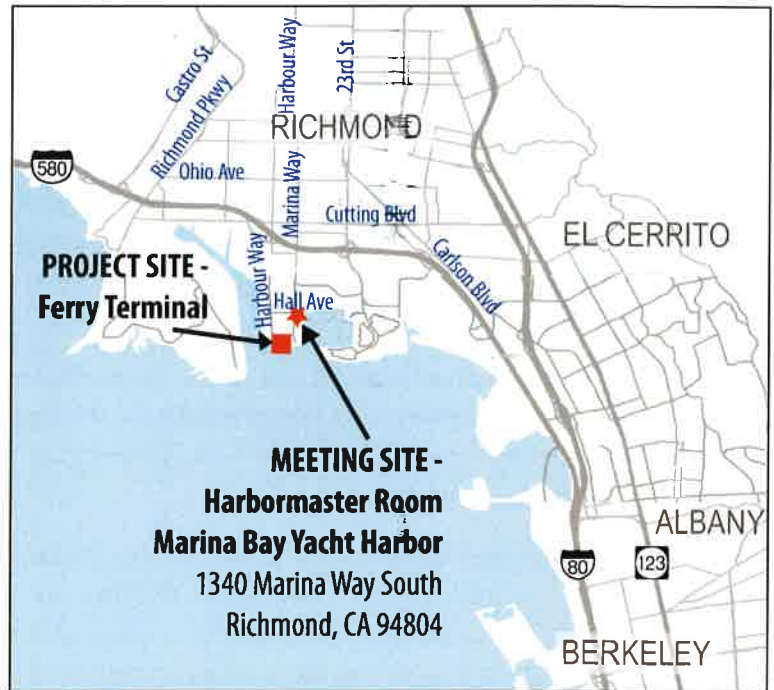
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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS. Two scoping meetings to accept public comments on the scope of the environmental review for the proposed project will be held on June 21, 2012. The first meeting will be from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The second meeting will be from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The meetings will be held in the Harbormaster Room at the Marina Bay Yacht Harbor, 1340 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804 (see location map to right).

The draft purpose and need, project description, and conceptual plans will be presented at these meetings. The buildings and facilities used for the scoping meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in a scoping meeting should contact Mr. Chad Mason, WETA, at 415.291.3377. Scoping materials will be available at the meetings and on the WETA website at: <http://watertransit.org/CurrentProjects/Richmond.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Written comments in response to this Scoping Notice and the proposed project should be sent to: Mr. John Sindzinski, Manager, Planning & Development, San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111, email: sindzinski@watertransit.org. Please submit all comments by July 13, 2012. For additional questions regarding the project, please contact Mr. Chad Mason at the above contact number.



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