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MEDIA ADVISORY

WETA Breaks Ground on North Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Mare Island, May 15, 2014

WHO: Water Emergency Transportation Authority
WHAT: New \$28.5 million facility for WETA's Vallejo ferry operations
WHERE: Mare Island, Vallejo, CA
WHEN: Groundbreaking May 15, 2014, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
WHY: To improve efficiency and reduce operating costs

OVERVIEW

The Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) will host a groundbreaking ceremony for its new North Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility on Mare Island in the City of Vallejo on May 15, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The new \$28.5 million facility will be the northern anchor of WETA's regional ferry operations that now span the bay from Solano County in the north to San Mateo County in the south. Construction is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2015.

Joining the groundbreaking ceremony will be U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, District 5; Supervisor Jim Spering, Solano County Board of Supervisors, District 3; Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis; and Tom Sheaff, VP, Lennar Mare Island LLC. WETA Executive Director Nina Rannells and WETA Board Chair and former Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli will host the ceremony.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- This facility will handle all routine servicing and maintenance work for WETA's North Bay ferry, thereby improving efficiency and reducing operational costs.
- Additional berthing will provide for passenger boarding on regularly scheduled service between Mare Island, the Vallejo Ferry Terminal and Downtown San Francisco.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility will include three distinct elements:

- **Expanded Fuel Storage:** The new 48,000 gallon diesel fuel storage capacity will provide expanded fueling capacity in the event of a regional emergency.
- **Waterside Infrastructure:** The facility will accommodate up to four moored vessels and will expedite vessel fueling and maintenance activities.
- **Landside Facilities:** Mare Island's historic Building 165 will be rehabilitated to support ferry maintenance and repair activity. The building's ground floor will have 7,750 square

feet for a workshop and storage while the upper floor will provide office space and crew lockers and lunch rooms.

QUOTES

“The new North Bay Maintenance facility will enable WETA to maintain the high quality ferry service Solano County residents have come to expect but with increased efficiency and reduced cost,” said Nina Rannells, WETA Executive Director. “The Mare Island facility will also accommodate passenger boarding and feature increased diesel fuel storage thereby providing expanded fueling capacity in the event of a regional emergency.”

“This new ferry facility will create jobs, improve public access to the waterfront, and provide Mare Island with a new transportation alternative,” said Jason Keadjian, spokesperson for Lennar Mare Island (LMI). “This is the latest of many examples of the community’s vision for Mare Island taking shape.”

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About WETA

WETA operates public transit ferry service under the brand name “San Francisco Bay Ferry” SF Bay Ferry serve the cities of San Francisco, Vallejo, South San Francisco, Alameda, and Oakland with seasonal service to AT&T Park and Angel Island.