


About WETA

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) is a regional public transit agency tasked with operating and expanding ferry service on the San Francisco Bay, and is responsible for coordinating the water transit response to regional emergencies.


Present

Today, WETA operates daily passenger ferry service to the cities of Alameda, Oakland, San Francisco, Vallejo, and South San Francisco, carrying more than 3.1 million passengers annually under the San Francisco Bay Ferry brand. Over the last five years, SF Bay Ferry ridership has grown 85 percent.


By the Numbers




More than 3.1 million riders use SF Bay Ferry every year.



Ferries transport up to 640 bikes across the Bay each day.



Ferry ridership has increased 85% since 2012.



Seven ferries added to fleet between 2017 and 2020.

Traveling by ferry has become increasingly more popular in the Bay Area, as the economy continues to improve and the population grows. To expand capacity and meet the increased demand for ferry service, WETA is making investments in fleet expansion and infrastructure. In 2017, WETA added two new high-speed 445-passenger ferries – the M.V. Hydrus and the M.V. Cetus. An additional five ferries will be added within the next two years. The North Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility was recently opened in Vallejo and will consolidate WETA's North Bay fleet operations, provide additional fuel reserves, and function as an alternative Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Ron Cowan Central Bay Operations and

Maintenance Facility will consolidate Central and South Bay fleet operations, include a fueling facility with emergency fuel storage capacity, and provide an alternative EOC location, thereby significantly expanding WETA's emergency response and recovery capabilities.





Future

WETA is planning for a system that seamlessly connects cities in the greater Bay Area with San Francisco, using fast, environmentally responsible vessels, with wait times of 15 minutes or less during peak commute hours. WETA's 2035 vision would expand service throughout the Bay Area, operating 12 services at 16 terminals with a fleet of 44 vessels.

In the near term, WETA will launch a Richmond/San Francisco route (2019) and new service to Treasure Island. Other terminal sites such as Seaplane Lagoon in Alameda, Berkeley, Mission Bay, Redwood City, the South Bay, and the Carquinez Strait are on the not-too-distant horizon.

A Plan for Expanded Bay Area Ferry Service



Early 1930s	Mid 1930s	1999	2007	Today
<p>Fleet of 50 ferries shuttled approximately 50-60 million passengers across the Bay each year.</p> 	<p>Construction of bridges kills ferry service.</p> 	<p>California State Legislature establishes Water Transit Authority (WTA) to restore ferry service on the Bay.</p> 	<p>Bay Area Council sponsors legislation that establishes Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) to build a robust regional ferry service and provide emergency response capability.</p> 	<p>Demand for ferries soars amidst regional gridlock.</p> 