

### PROP 1B FUNDING FOR WATER EMERGENCY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WETA received a \$25 million project award for fiscal year 2007/2008 from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. This award will provide funding for projects to increase our region's ability to maintain a prolonged ferry emergency response and provide maximum flexibility during a disaster. Of these funds \$15 million will provide funding for planning, design and construction of new ferry terminals for SSF, Berkeley, Hercules, Redwood City and Antioch/Martinez ferry projects. An additional \$10 million is provided to enhance our region's permanent and deployable ferry maintenance and fueling projects.



PROP 1B FUNDING TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF FERRIES TO RESPOND IN THE AFTERMATH OF A DISASTER.

# FULL SPEED *ahead*

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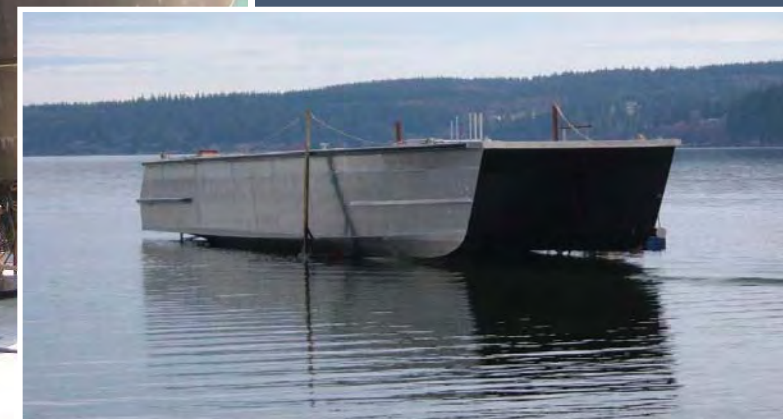
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## WETA VESSELS MOVE CLOSER TO LAUNCH!

WETA's first two 149 passenger vessels, *Gemini* and *Pisces*, are nearing completion at the boatyard in Washington State. *Gemini* is scheduled to be delivered in December 2008 followed by *Pisces* in March 2009. Both will initially be used as spare vessels on existing ferry operations.



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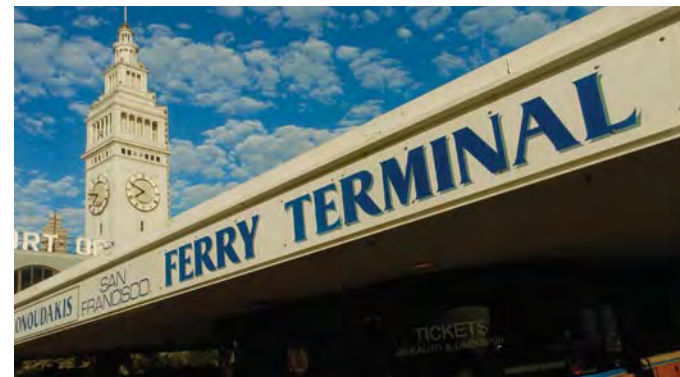
This is an exciting time to be involved with water transit in the Bay Area and I'm glad to be aboard! As the newest Transit Agency in the region with an expanded mission of consolidating ferry operations and providing emergency coordination services for the bay region under SB 976, WETA faces many challenges and opportunities, such as:

- ✓ Setting priorities within our funding and legislative constraints.
- ✓ Creating consolidated, seamless and energized ferry operations with Vallejo Baylink and Alameda/Oakland ferry operations.
- ✓ Maintaining the momentum already established by the WTA and providing EMERGENCY Response Coordination Services.

The "E" in WETA has a lot to do with my interest in joining this organization. Our mandate is to respond in an emergency so we all feel a sense of urgency in "getting on with it" and continuing to find solutions to these and other important challenges. Our expanded mission means that we need to increase the ability of San Francisco Bay Area public transit/ferries to respond in the event of an emergency that disrupts ground transportation and, at the same time, increase the ability to use public transit/ferries in non-emergency day to day circumstances. I will be working with WETA's Board of Directors and our funding agencies, ferry operators, and other stakeholders to move forward

with developing our Emergency Response and Transition Plans required as part of SB 976. I'll keep you posted on our progress.

*Jonathan Stanley was formerly the Chief Executive Officer of the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation and Museum, which the Foundation operates, and was responsible for all financial and operational aspects of the Museum. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and holds a graduate degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He has over 25 years of experience in project management engineering operations and quality management and has resided in the bay area for 20 years. Jon served as a nuclear-trained naval officer aboard a nuclear submarine in the United States Navy.*



## WETA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE STEPS INTO ACTION

Among the first official actions of the new WETA Board at its first meeting on March 31, 2008 was to agree to reconstitute a Community Advisory Committee (CAC), chaired by Diane Howard, Vice Mayor, City of Redwood City. The original enabling legislation creating the WTA mandated that a CAC be created to "assist and advise the WTA Board of Directors in carrying out its function." It included about 20 members who were primarily elected officials from around the bay who met regular over the last 7 years.

Charlene Johnson, WETA Board chair, urged the reconstitution of the CAC commenting that although SB 976, the enabling legislation creating WETA, did not mandate the creation of a CAC, the legislation did allow WETA to "create advisory committees from other interested public and private groups". She added that the CAC had been really helpful in WTA's priority setting process and in lobbying where necessary to advance water transit in the region. The CAC held its first meeting on June 18th with elected officials

**"WETA could not be successful without a group like the CAC to help make expanded water transit a reality in the Bay Area!"**

Board Chair Chalene Johnson thanked the CAC for its continued support



and staff representing Berkeley, South San Francisco, Hercules, Redwood City, San Rafael, Sausalito, Larkspur, Hercules, Sunnyvale and San Mateo County. The CAC renewed its commitment to continue to build a partnership with WETA to help fulfil the expanded mission of using ferries to improve our region's emergency response capabilities.

## PROGRESS ON SB 1093

WETA continues coordination with the City of Vallejo, the City of Alameda and MTC on the language in SB 1093. It provides clean-up language to SB 976, a law enacted last year that created WETA, by clarifying the transition of public transportation ferries and related services and facilities to WETA. SB 1093 passed out of both the Senate and the Assembly and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

### SB 1093 HIGHLIGHTS

- > Extends the date for completing the Transition Plan (PLAN) mandated by SB 976 from January 2009 to July 1, 2009
- > Ties consolidation of the Cities of Alameda and Vallejo (CITIES) ferry services to adoption of the PLAN
- > Requires the PLAN to identify any assets to be transferred to WETA and proposed compensation to be made to the CITIES
- > Authorizes the use of up to \$600,000 in RM2 funds for WETA, Vallejo and Alameda participation in the development of the PLAN in FY 2008/09
- > Allows RM2 funds to be used to support the CITIES ferry operations following MTC approval, adoption of the PLAN, and formal agreement by the CITIES to transition the services and related facilities.



## UPDATE



**South San Francisco:** Negotiations continued with the San Mateo County Harbor Commission and the California Department of Boating and Waterways to get an approved Lease Agreement for the use of the Oyster Point Marina for the SSF Ferry Terminal. Discussions also continued with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority regarding securing Measure A sales tax funding for the SSF ferry service. Due to delays in securing the Lease Agreement and sales tax funds, the beginning of construction of the SSF Ferry terminal is delayed until 2009.

**Berkeley/Albany:** Efforts continued to get FTA final comments on the Draft Environmental Document. A public hearing on the Draft Document is likely in late Fall, 2008.

**Hercules:** WETA staff continued meetings with EIR Consultants and the City of Hercules to discuss project terminal changes underway and to discuss next steps on the Environmental Document

**Environmental Documents:** Staff finalized EIR consultant contracts for the Redwood City (Circle Point), Richmond (PBS&J), Martinez (URS) and Antioch (ESA Consultants) ferry terminal projects and work on these Environmental Documents got underway in August, 2008.



## LUNCH for the office bunch

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Friday, September 5

**Mojo Madness**

HI-ENERGY BLUES WITH A BIT OF BOOGIE!

Friday, September 19

**Jules Broussard**

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\$7.45 ROUND TRIP FARE

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