



## Press Release

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### Rep. Speier announces \$3 million award for South San Francisco ferry station

SAN MATEO - Congresswoman Jackie Speier (San Francisco/San Mateo County) announced today that the US Department of Transportation has made the decision to grant \$3,000,000.00 toward the construction of the Oyster Point Ferry Terminal in South San Francisco.

Groundbreaking for the project will be on October 19 and service to Oakland's Jack London Square Terminal is slated to begin in 2010. **"The new ferry service from Oyster Point will help alleviate Bay Area freeway congestion and provide both short-term construction jobs and full-time employment for ferry and terminal crews,"** Congresswoman Speier said. **"In addition, it will be a vital emergency resource in the event that area bridges are damaged in an earthquake or other regional disaster."**

Congresswoman Speier worked with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Oakland Congresswoman Barbara Lee to push for the grant, following up on previous efforts by Speier's predecessor, Tom Lantos, who secured nearly \$10 million in federal funding for construction of vessels and the terminal. That funding was obtained with the expectation that the State of California would contribute funding as well, but California's budget shortfall has placed state money in limbo.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi added, **"With this much-needed funding, this initiative to develop new ferry service will immediately put people to work building the Oyster Point facility and also provide good-paying jobs for the long term. When the new service is up and running – and we hope it will soon include a stop at the Ferry Building in San Francisco – it will alleviate traffic congestion and reduce air pollution in the Bay Area."**

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