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MEDIA ADVISORY

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES
ALLOCATION OF \$20 MILLION FOR WETA EXPANSION OF
DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO FERRY TERMINAL**

WHO: San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

WHAT: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission yesterday approved allocation of \$20 million for WETA expansion of the Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal.

To view a summary of the project design, download the [Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal Expansion Design Summary](#).

WHEN: Construction is anticipated to begin in 2017 and be completed in late 2019.

WHY: WETA has developed The Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal Expansion Project to expand and improve facilities at the Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal. This project includes construction of up to three new ferry gates and vessel berthing facilities that will support new ferry services from San Francisco to Richmond and Treasure Island, as well other potential locations currently under study. The project will also improve landside conditions at the Ferry Terminal by providing new amenities such as weather-protected canopies, the construction of a new plaza area south of the Ferry Building, the extension of pedestrian promenade areas, and other public access improvements. The new gates and amenities will significantly improve waiting and queuing conditions for existing riders and expand the space available for WETA to stage emergency water transit services in the event of a regional transportation disruption or disaster.

QUOTE: "This project is critical to our overall expansion efforts and to fulfilling our commitment to providing the San Francisco Bay Area with a robust ferry system," said Nina Rannells, WETA executive director. "We're grateful to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for its generous funding in support of the Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal Expansion project."

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About WETA

WETA was established by the state legislature to operate an integrated regional ferry service, expand ferry service on the Bay, and coordinate the water transit response to a regional emergency. Under the San Francisco Bay Ferry brand, WETA operates daily passenger ferry service to the cities of Alameda, Oakland, San Francisco, Vallejo, and South San Francisco.