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WETA BOARD APPROVES BLUE & GOLD FLEET CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FERRY SERVICES

San Francisco, CA (May 6, 2016)—At its regular monthly board meeting, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Board of Directors approved an extension of its agreement with Blue & Gold Fleet for the operation and maintenance of WETA’s San Francisco Bay Ferry. The agreement was extended for an additional five years through December 31, 2021.

Under the agreement, Blue & Gold Fleet is responsible for the daily operation and management of WETA’s ferry transit system, including vessel operations and maintenance, ferry terminal operations, and fare collection. The Blue & Gold Fleet agreement is valued at \$20.4 million in 2017.

“When we first started our partnership with Blue & Gold in 2011, WETA had three ferry services carrying 1.4 million riders a year,” said Nina Rannells, executive director of WETA. “Today, San Francisco Bay Ferry has grown to four routes carrying more than 2.3 million riders annually. That success was made possible thanks to Blue & Gold’s highly qualified and responsive team, and their commitment to excellent customer service.”

“We are grateful to WETA for acknowledging Blue & Gold Fleet’s commitment to the partnership,” said Carolyn Horgan, president of Blue & Gold Fleet. “This five-year extension is a testament to our employees’ tireless efforts in servicing this contract.” Horgan added, “We are proud of what the collaboration between Blue & Gold and WETA has achieved over the past five years, and we look forward to continuing to improve the great ferry service that WETA has developed.”

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. To learn more visit www.sanfranciscobayferry.com.

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