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WETA CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN VALLEJO

New facility increases WETA's efficiency and emergency response capability

Vallejo CA, October 27, 2016: The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) yesterday held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new North Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility (NBF).

Located within the area of the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard, the NBF will serve as the northern anchor of WETA's San Francisco Bay Ferry region-wide operations. Highlights of the new facility include:

- Operations Control Center and an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Routine maintenance and repair service facilities and capabilities
- Three full-service waterside berths to accommodate maintenance and passenger activities for up to six vessels
- Maintenance, repair and equipment shops
- Administration and operations offices
- 48,000-gallon fuel farm
- Passenger boarding facility for future service between Mare Island, Vallejo and San Francisco
- Construction cost: \$31 million

In the event of an emergency that disrupts regional transportation systems, WETA would function as both an operator of emergency ferry services and as coordinator of the region's water transit response.

"The NBF is one facet of WETA's overall investment in infrastructure and maintenance," said Nina Rannells, executive director of WETA. "The North Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility, and the Ron Cowan Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility in Alameda, which will open in 2018, will increase WETA's efficiency by consolidating operations and providing dedicated maintenance sites for the Central and North Bay routes, ensuring that ferry service remains a reliable, safe and convenient choice for all who choose SF Bay Ferry to cross the Bay."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by more than 120 guests, including Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis and Congressman Mike Thompson.

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.