

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
WETA Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project

Notice is Hereby Given That the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) has determined that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project (project), described below will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), WETA is preparing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as it provides the appropriate level of environmental review and disclosures and describes the appropriate level of commitments needed to ensure impacts are less than significant should the proposed project be approved and implemented. WETA based this determination on an Initial Study that analyzed the proposed Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project and concluded the project as proposed would not result in any potentially significant environmental impacts.

To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: Water Emergency Transportation Authority
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Project Location: The project is located in northern California, in the City of Vallejo, County of Solano. The proposed project site consists of the existing ferry terminal located at 289 Mare Island Way, on the east shore of Mare Island Strait.

Project Description: The proposed project would reconfigure the existing Vallejo Ferry Terminal and replace the existing components, including landings, a new extended gangway to extend beyond the current basin, passenger float, ramping system, and piles, in a reformatted configuration. The new passenger float would run parallel with the flow of Mare Island Strait and accommodate two vessels at a time for passenger loading and unloading. WETA considered three layouts for the relocation of the existing ferry terminal, each requiring the same sized-float and intensity of use after construction. The layouts are as follows:

Preferred Configuration: This layout extends the existing ferry terminal outside of the basin and further offshore and adds extra length to the passenger access gangway leading to the terminal. The access point would remain in its current location.

Configuration Option 1: This layout also relocates the existing ferry terminal outside of the basin, with an access point at the southwest corner of the basin.

Configuration Option 2: This layout also relocates the existing ferry terminal outside of the basin with an access point at the northwest corner of the basin.

Findings: The Initial Study (IS) prepared by WETA was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. The Initial Study finds that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, implementation of feasible mitigation measures would either avoid or reduce all impacts to a less-than-significant level. On the basis of the Initial Study, WETA has concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Public Comment: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for the required 30-day review period for the Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project at <https://weta.sanfranciscobayferry.com/current-projects/vallejo-ferry-terminal-reconfiguration-project> or at the Water Emergency Transportation authority office, located at:

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The public review period begins on **May 23, 2024**, to **June 24, 2024**.

During the review period, written comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Vallejo Ferry Terminal Reconfiguration Project may be submitted to:

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