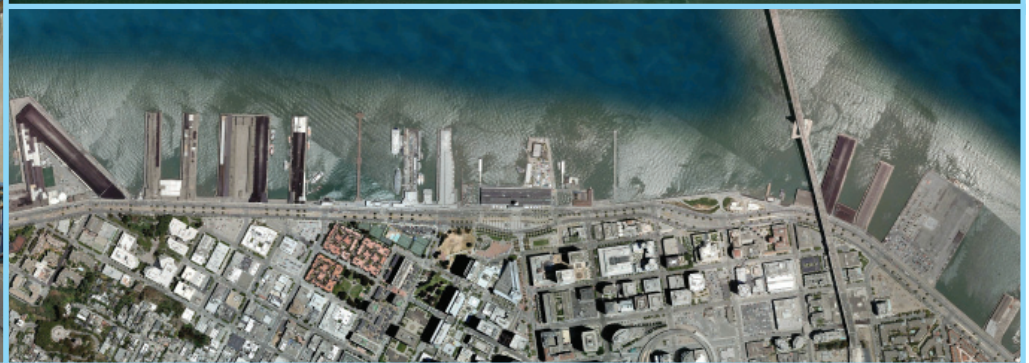
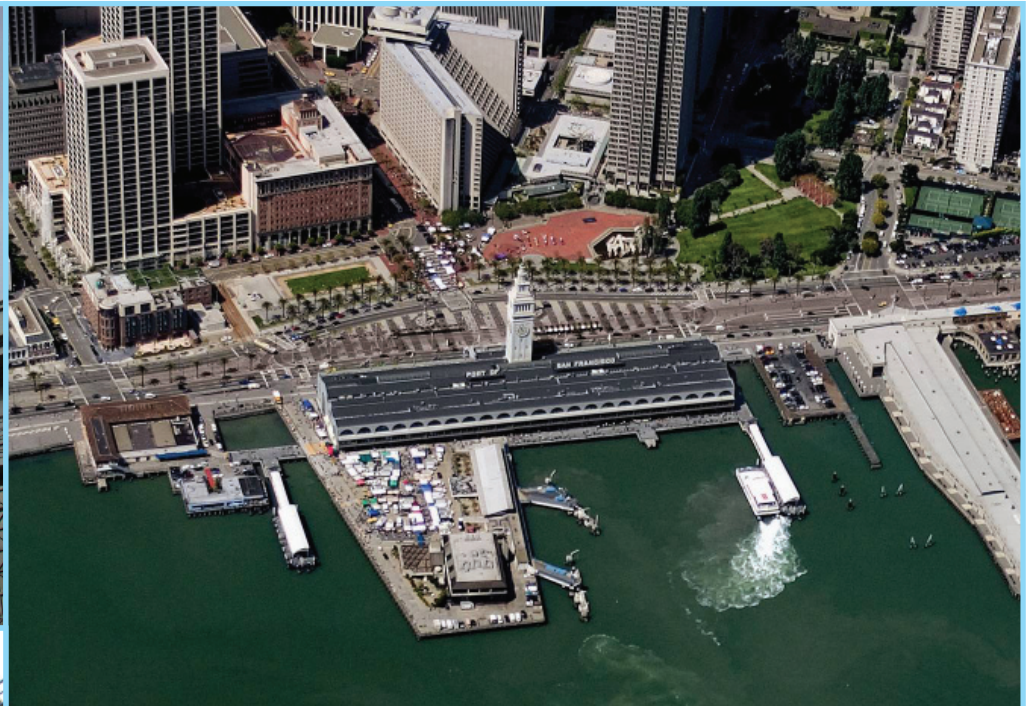


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The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) is considering improvements to the existing Ferry Terminal in downtown San Francisco. There are two alternatives: the No Action Alternative and the Action Alternative. The No Action Alternative maintains the existing Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal gate configuration and circulation areas, including the function, uses, and design of public spaces within the project area. Increases in passenger and water transit vessel arrivals that could be accommodated with the existing facilities at the Ferry Terminal would occur as a part of the No Action Alternative. The Action Alternative, or proposed project, includes expansion and improvement of the Ferry Terminal at the Ferry Building to accommodate construction of three new gates and overwater berthing facilities, in addition to supportive landside improvements, such as additional passenger waiting and queuing area, and circulation improvements. The proposed construction is scheduled to commence as early as 2014 and be completed by 2020. The project is proposed to support existing and planned future water transit services operated by WETA, as well as WETA's emergency response operations.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) evaluates the potential impacts of implementing the No Action Alternative and Action Alternative on transportation and circulation; land use and land use planning; parklands and recreation; Section 4(f) resources; air quality and global climate change; noise and vibration; cultural and paleontological resources; biological resources; aesthetics and visual resources; hydrology and water quality, hazards and hazardous materials; geology, soils, and seismicity; energy consumption; utilities and public services; socioeconomics; environmental justice; and regional growth.

The Draft EIS/EIR was published on May 31, 2013, and was available for public review for a 60-day period. Comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR are addressed in Appendix F of this Final EIS/EIR. In addition, after considering the comments provided on the Draft EIS/EIR, pursuant to Public Law 112-141, 126 Statute 405, Section 1319(b), the Federal Transit Administration decided to issue a combined Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD is included as Appendix H.

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