

## WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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### TRANSPORTATION EXPERT NICHOLAS JOSEFOWITZ APPOINTED TO WETA BOARD

**San Francisco, CA (February 2, 2018)**—Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon has appointed Nicholas Josefowitz to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) Board of Directors, effective January 23, 2018. Josefowitz brings deep experience in transportation to this role, as reflected in his service on the BART Board of Directors, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, and the Executive Board of SPUR. After graduating from Harvard University in 2005, Josefowitz founded and ran a successful solar energy development company. He assumes the seat vacated by the December 2017 retirement of Timothy Donovan, and will serve a six-year term.

“Nick’s vast experience and knowledge of the Bay Area’s transportation infrastructure will serve us well as we move forward with implementing our 20-year strategic plan,” said Nina Rannels, WETA Executive Director. “In the near term (2018), WETA will add two new passenger only vessels to its SF Bay Ferry fleet; launch service from Richmond; and open the Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility, all part of a longer-term strategic plan to bring 44 vessels and 12 services into play by 2035. It’s an exciting time for WETA and we are delighted that Nick is onboard to lend his expertise,” she said.

“I am passionate about improving our quality of life here in the Bay Area, and making it easier to get around San Francisco and our entire region,” Josefowitz said. “I look forward to combining my entrepreneurial mindset and transportation experience to help deliver more, fast, reliable and frequent ferry service across our Bay.”

The WETA Board is comprised of five members serving six-year terms. Three members are appointed by the Governor, one member is appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one member is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

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#### **About WETA**

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) is a regional public transit agency tasked with operating and expanding ferry service on the San Francisco Bay and with coordinating the water transit response to regional emergencies. Under the San Francisco Bay Ferry brand, WETA carries more than 2.7 million passengers annually utilizing a

fleet of 13 high-speed passenger-only ferry vessels. San Francisco Bay Ferry currently serves the cities of Alameda, Oakland, San Francisco, South San Francisco and Vallejo.

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