

# Zero Emission Fleet Study Update

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# Study Goals

“Develop a plan to transition ferry operations on San Francisco Bay to zero-emission vessels”

**How much power do we need?**

**Where will it come from?**

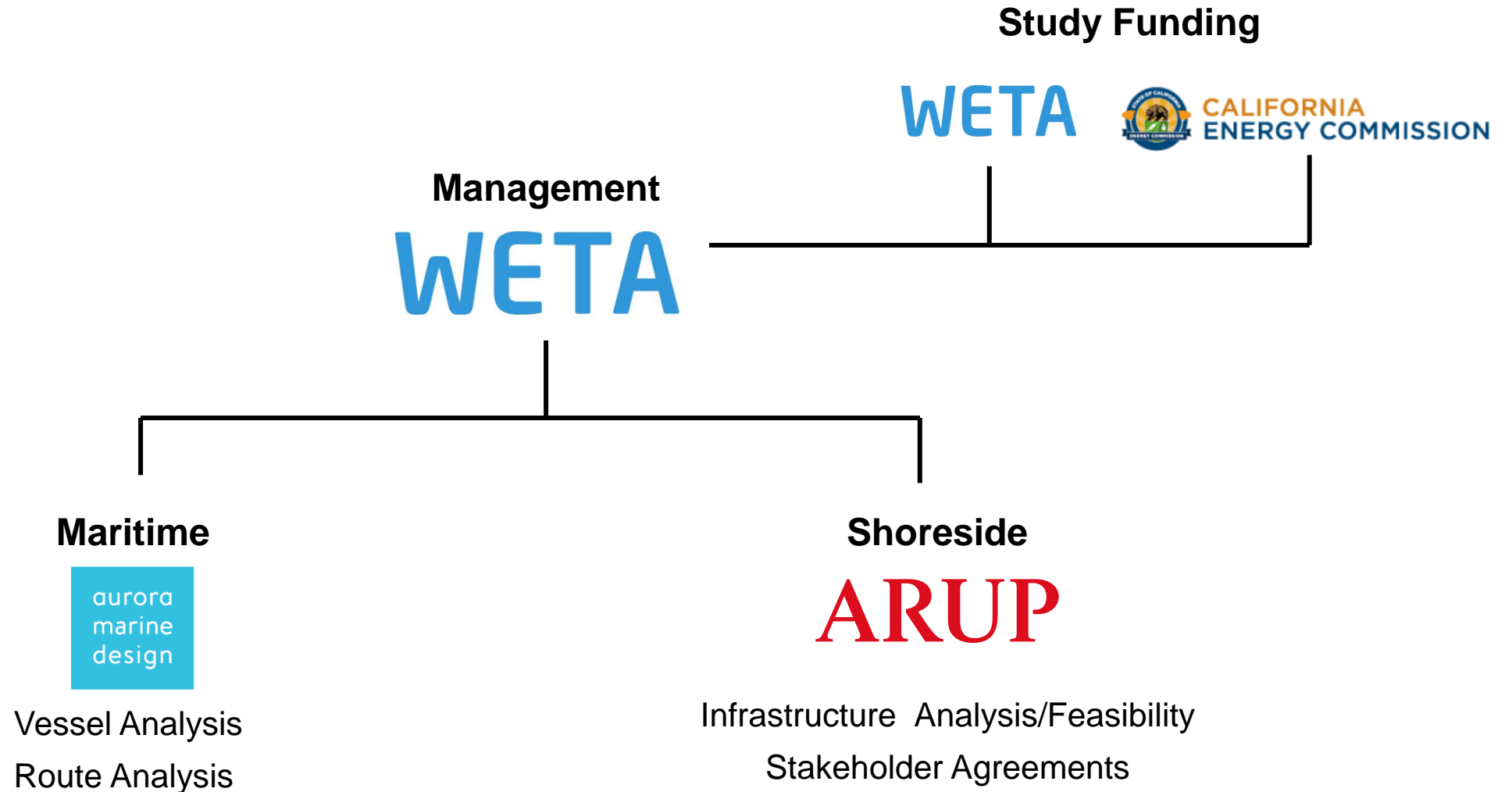
**When do we need it?**

**How much will it cost?**

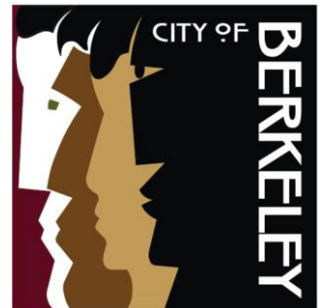
**How do we pay for it?**

Emphasis on the use of electric propulsion systems and resolving the technical and regulatory barriers for the shore side infrastructure

# Study Responsibilities



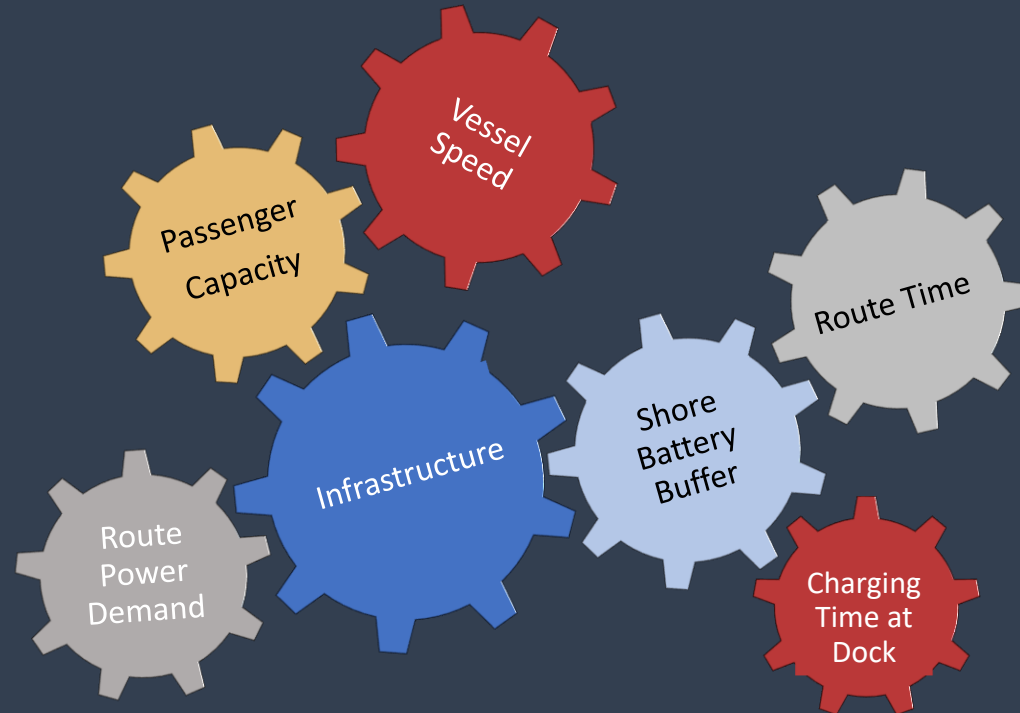
# Stakeholders Engaged



# Workflow

## Stage 1 Baselining

Collect and process data on operations, vessels and terminals to define their constraints and opportunities



## Stage 2 Optioneering

Develop solutions and assess their attributes and drawbacks to select optimal direction

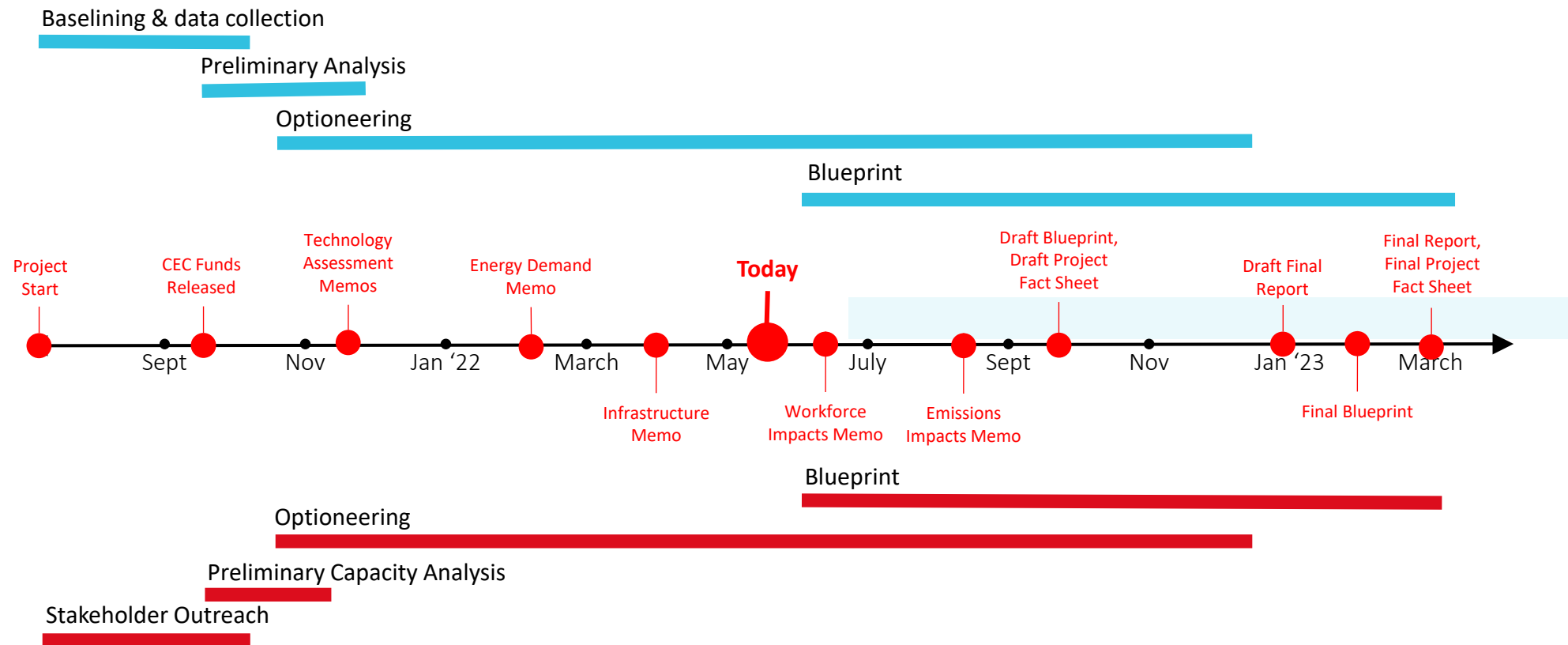
## Stage 3 Blueprint & Strategy

Lay out an actionable path to progress to procurement, design and delivery of electrified ferry service

# Study Schedule

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## Vessel Side

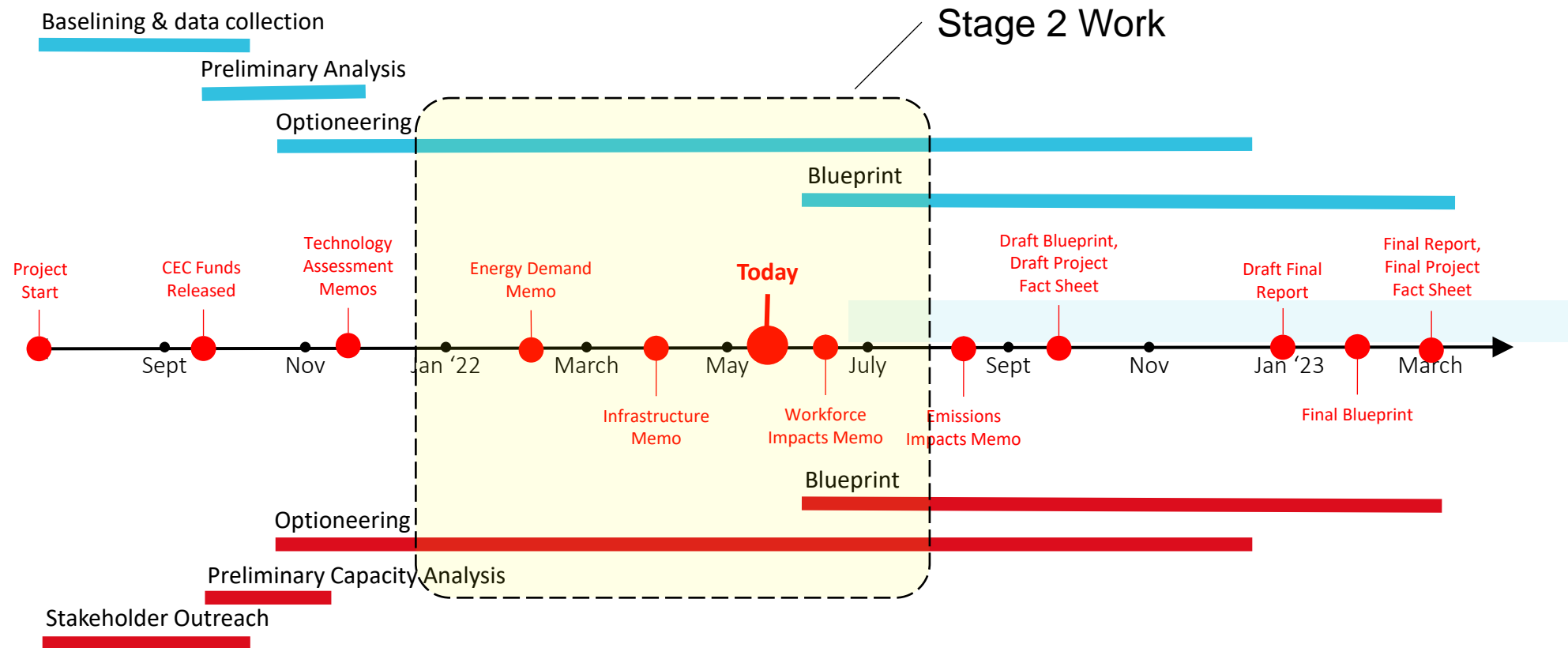


# Aurora – Vessel Analysis

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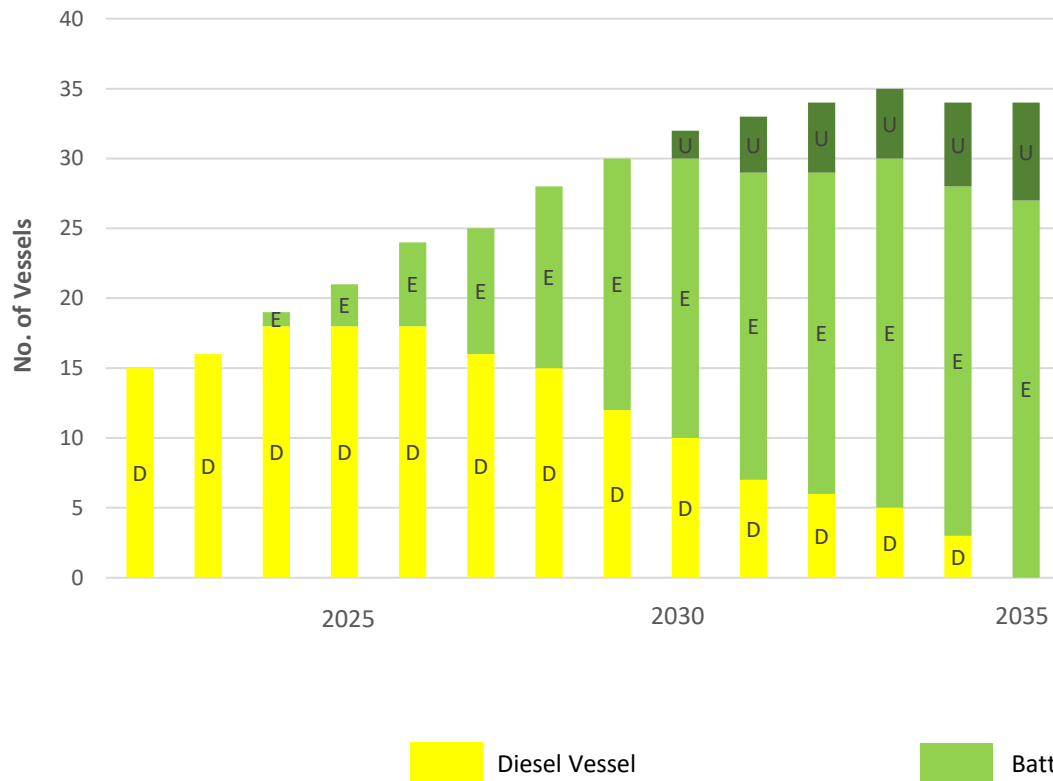
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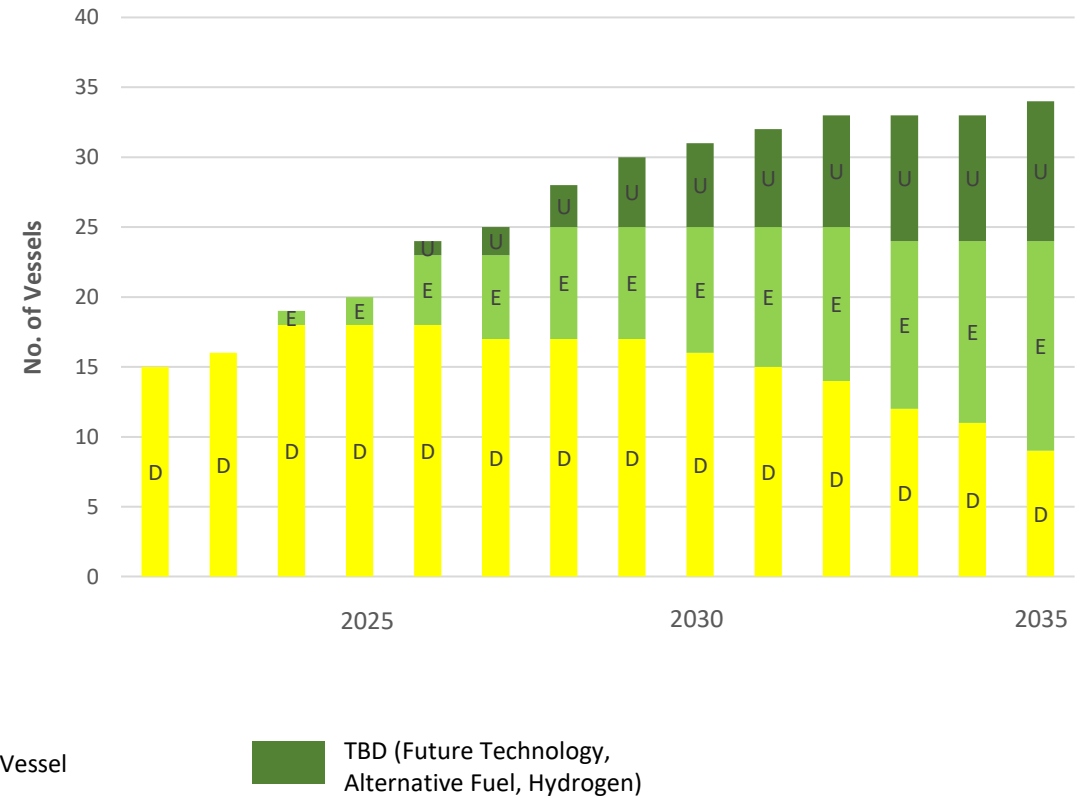


# Fleet Electrification Schedule

## Optimal Implementation

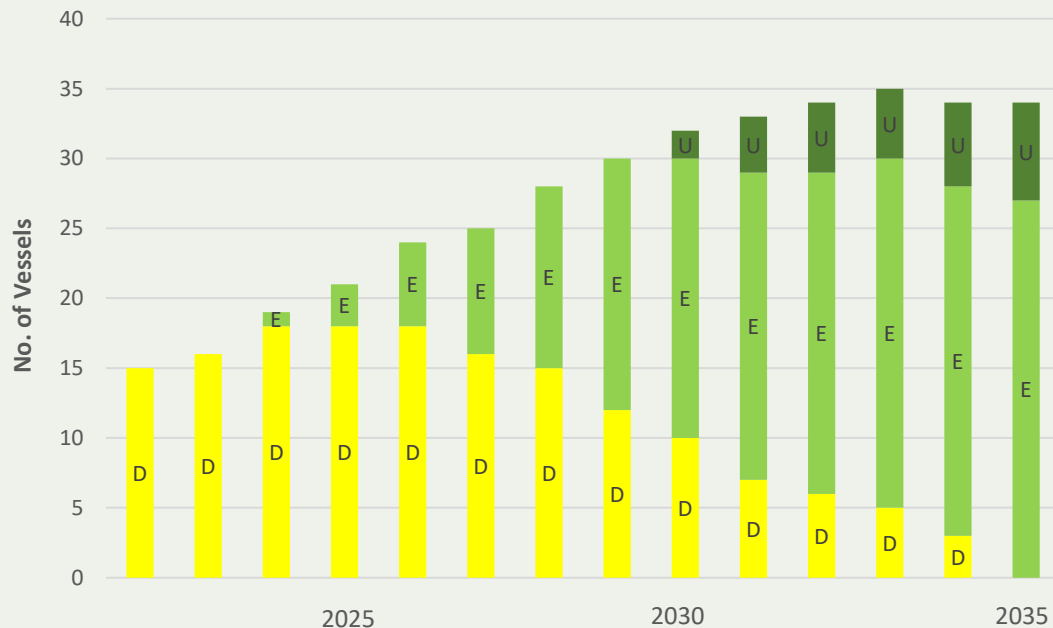


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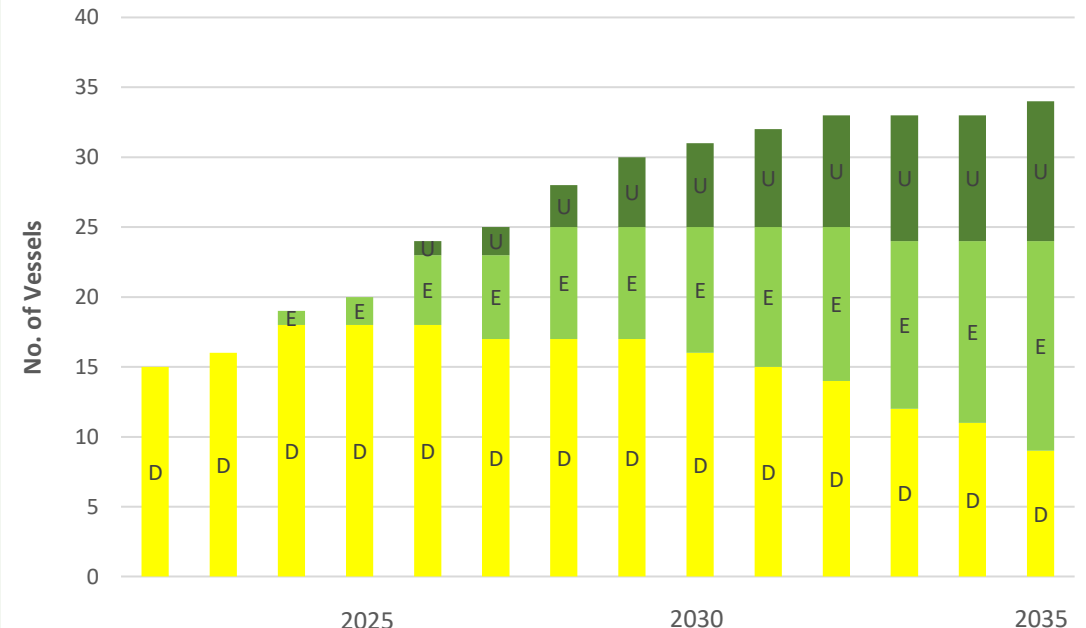


# Fleet Electrification Schedule

## Optimal Implementation



## Conservative Implementation



Diesel Vessel

Battery Electric Vessel

TBD (Future Technology,  
Alternative Fuel, Hydrogen)

**OPTIMAL TIMELINE IS THE BASIS FOR OUR ANALYSIS**

# Stage 2 - Key Factors

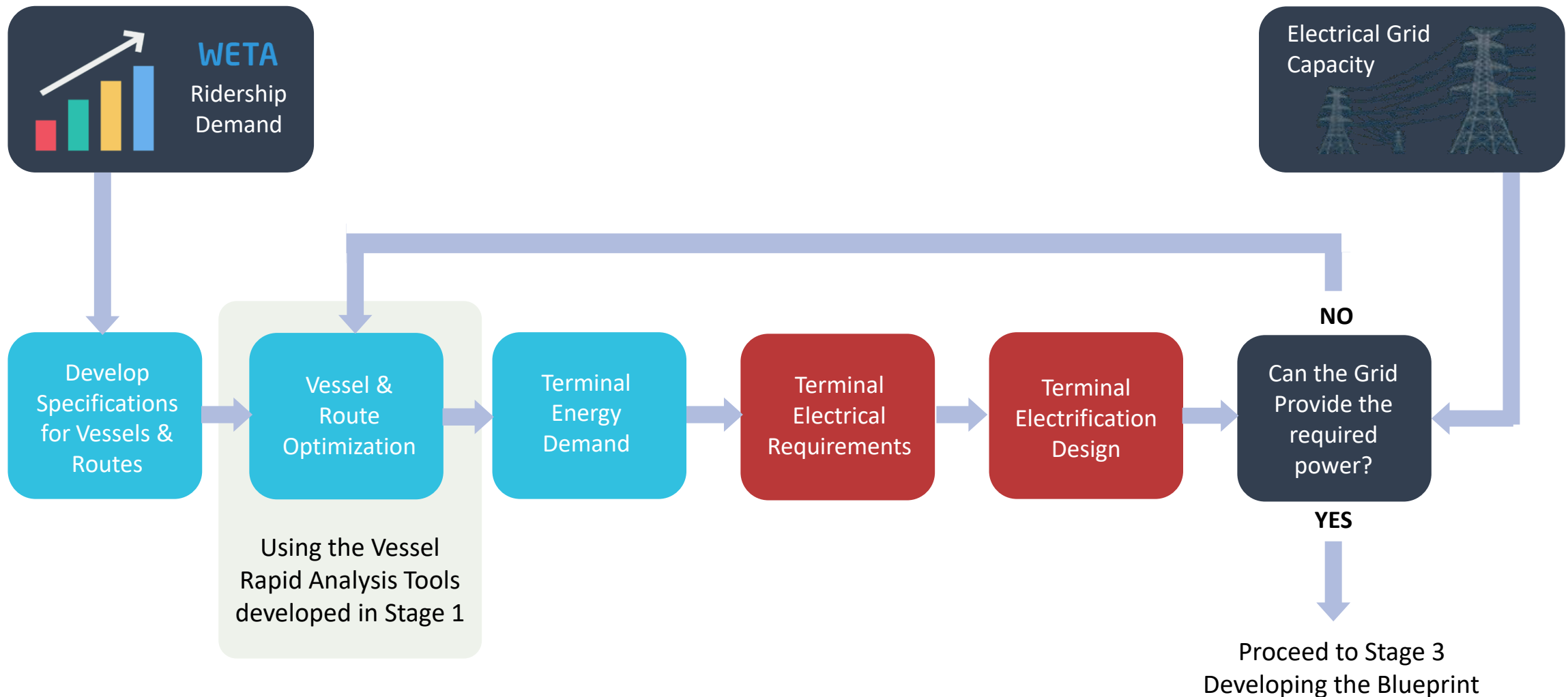
## Constraints (established in Stage 1)

- Ridership demand is based on existing data and growth projections
- Attempt to mimic current service profiles to the extent possible
- **Peak hourly (i.e. commute times) ridership demand drives the vessel sizing and power requirements**
- SFFB is the common hub for most routes and will require the most attention

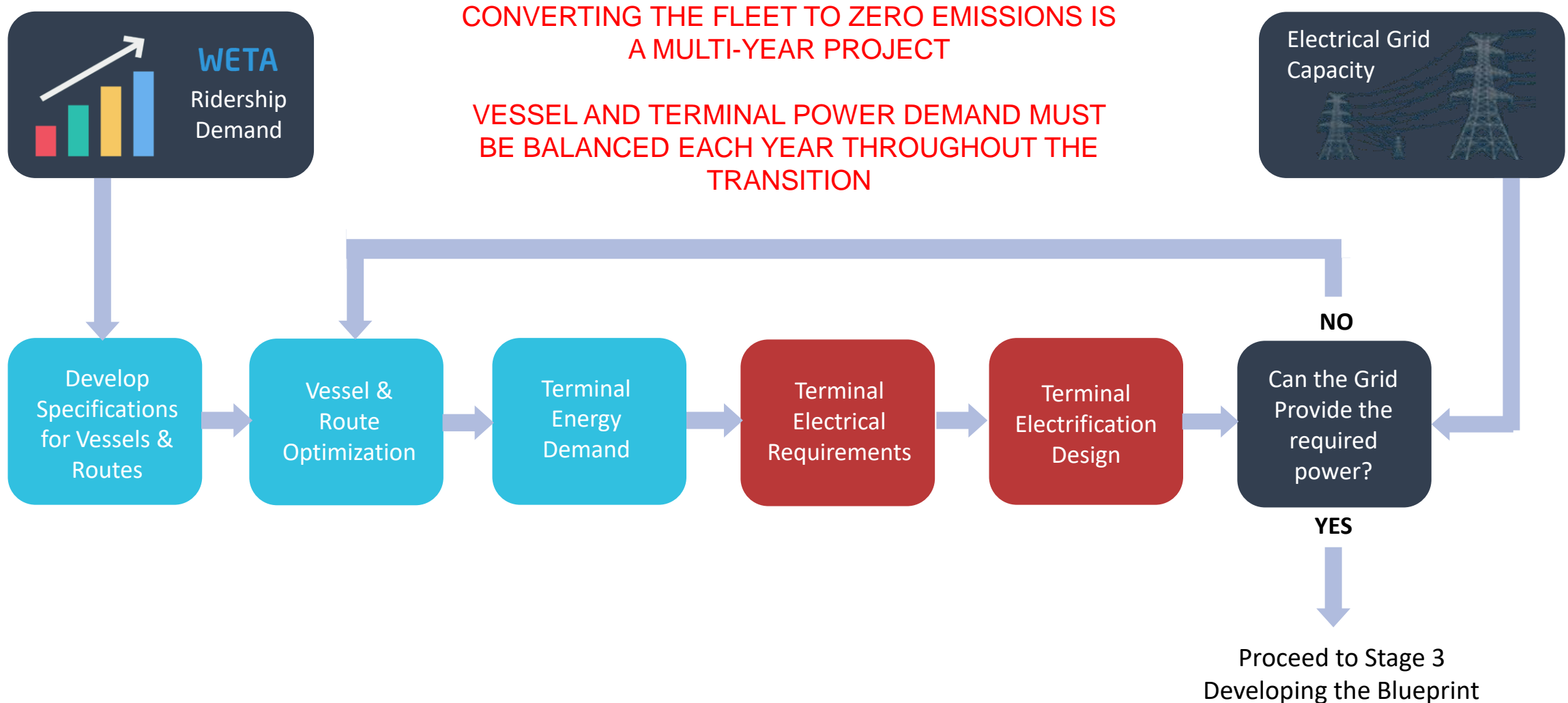
## Charging Assumptions

- Two Charge Levels - Small Vessel (~1-1.5 MW) and Large Vessel (~4-5 MW)
- Charging occurs at all locations possible during onloading/offloading

# Stage 2 -Optioneering Workflow



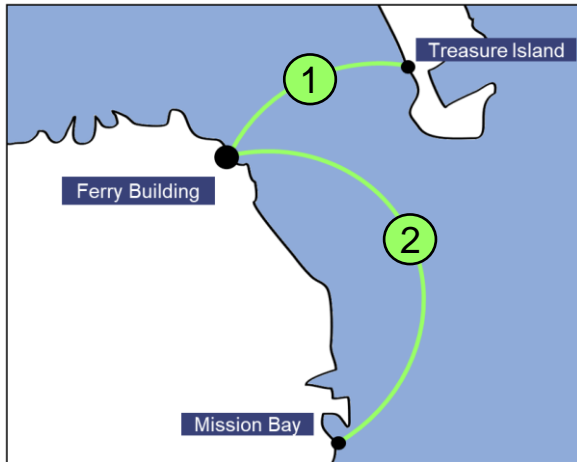
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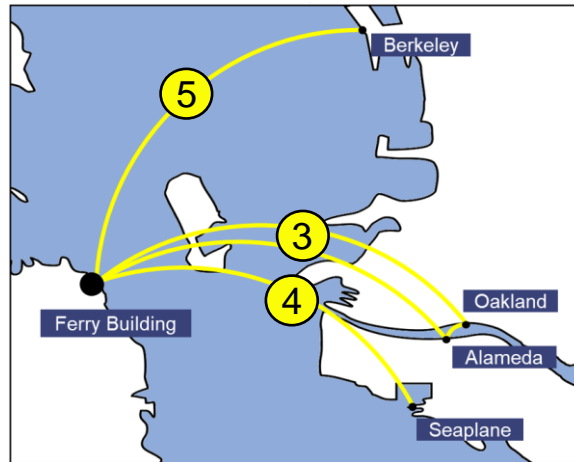
# Vessel Feasibility

## Phase 1 - Inner Central Bay



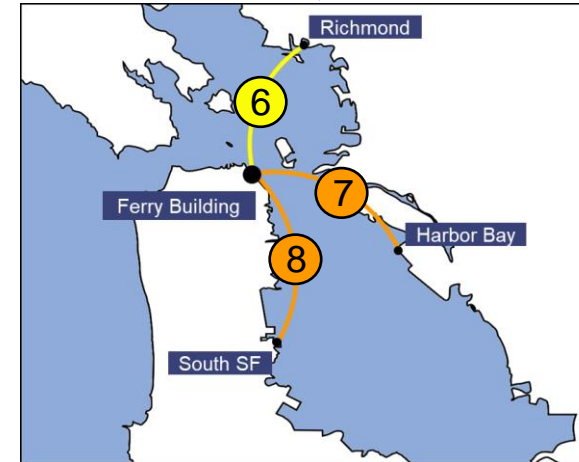
- 1 Treasure Island
- 2 Mission Bay

## Phase 2 – Central Bay



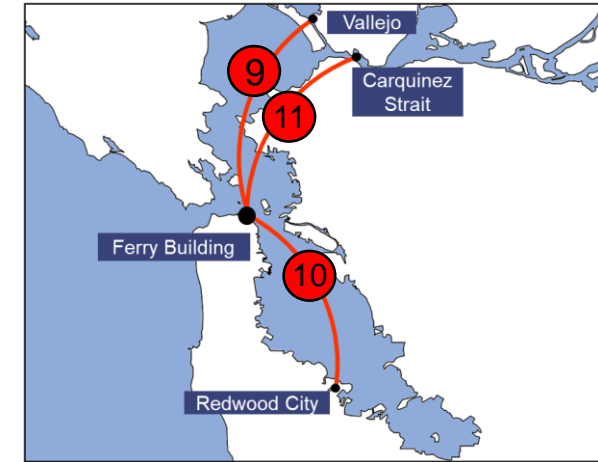
- 3 Oakland/Alameda
- 4 Seaplane
- 5 Berkeley

## Phase 3 – Long Run Central Bay



- 6 Richmond
- 7 Harbor Bay
- 8 South SF

## Phase 4 – Long Runs



- 9 Vallejo
- 10 Redwood City
- 11 Carquinez

- Feasible with Current Vessel Technology
- Feasible with Current Vessel Technology - Operational Changes Required
- Feasible with Current Vessel Technology - Significant Operational Changes Required
- Not Currently Feasible – TBD Future Technology Required

# Energy Demand Projections

SF General Hospital **374 MWh/day**



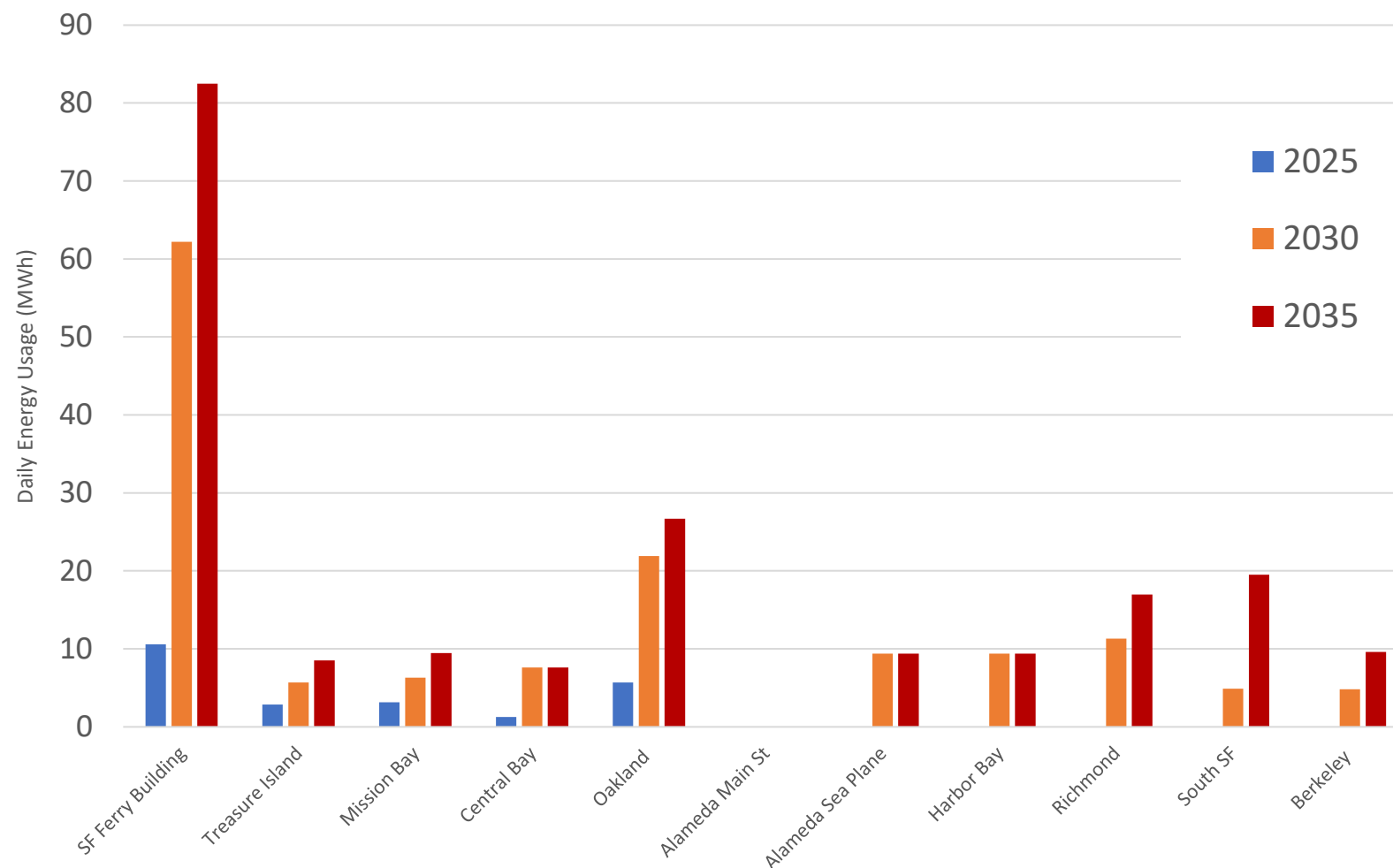
SF Central Library **22 MWh/day**



Typical House **0.03 MWh/day**



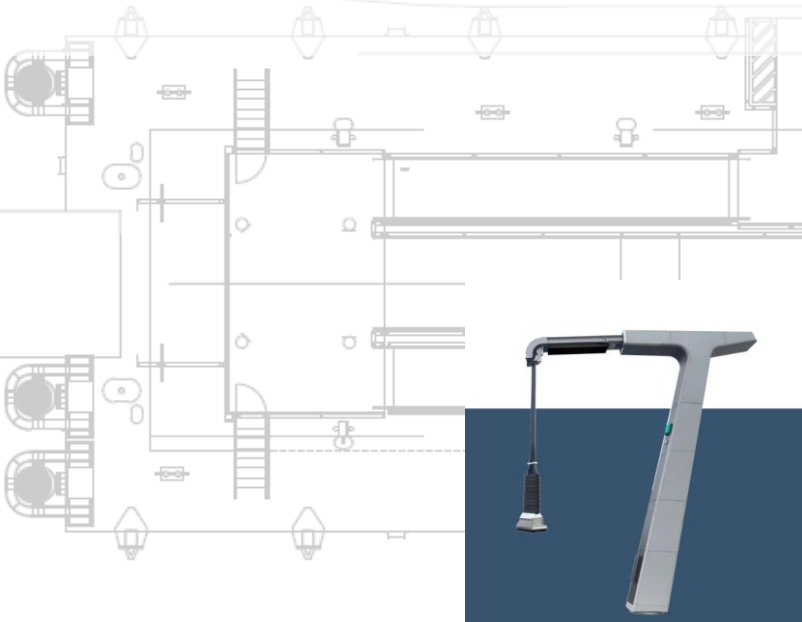
Daily Energy Usage- Optimal Implementation



# Current Analysis Work

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- **Charging**
- **Mooring and Docking**
- **Float Modifications**
- **Vessel Configurations**

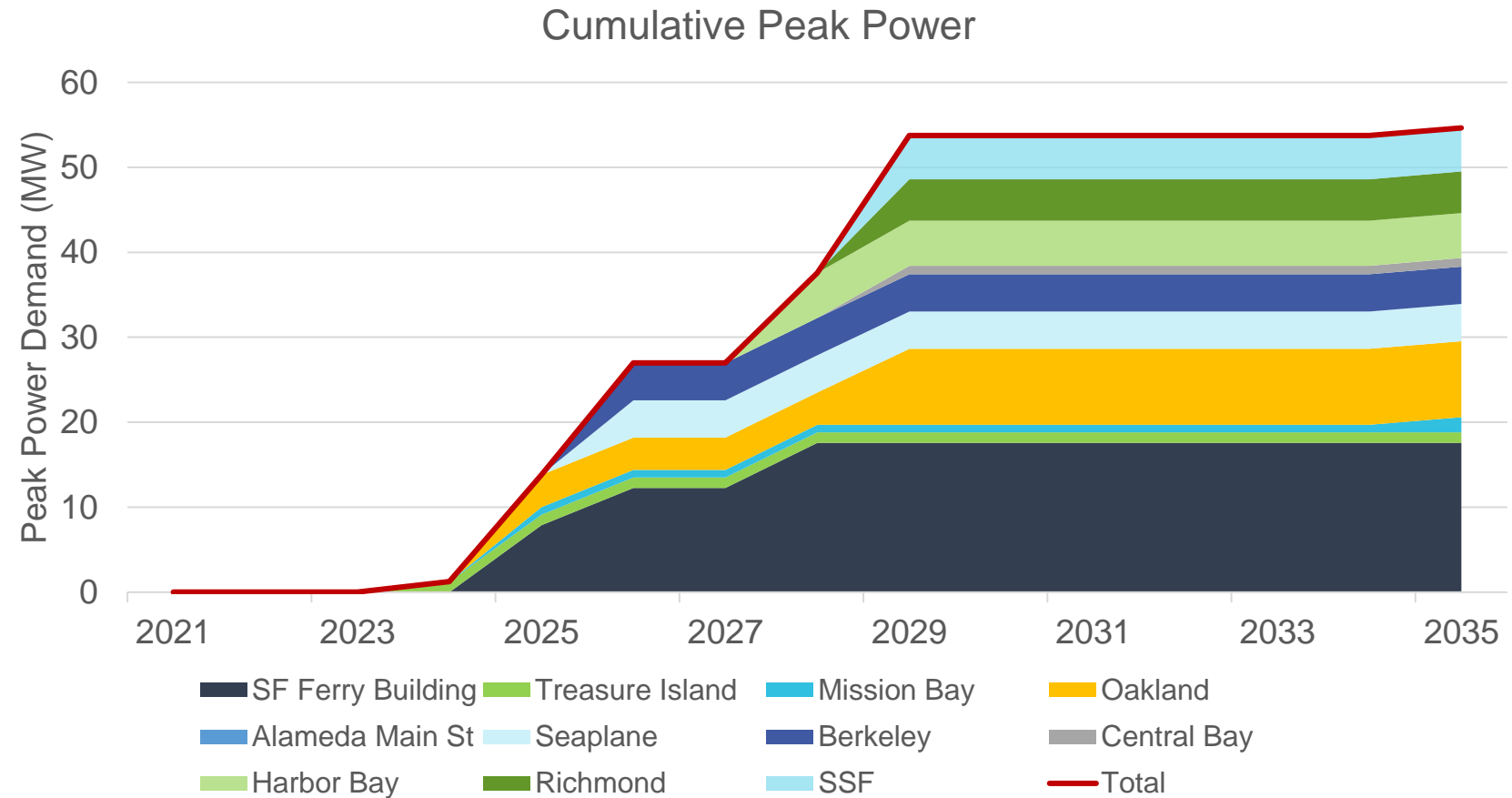


# Arup – Shoreside Analysis

# Shoreside Analysis

## Part 1: Baseline phase

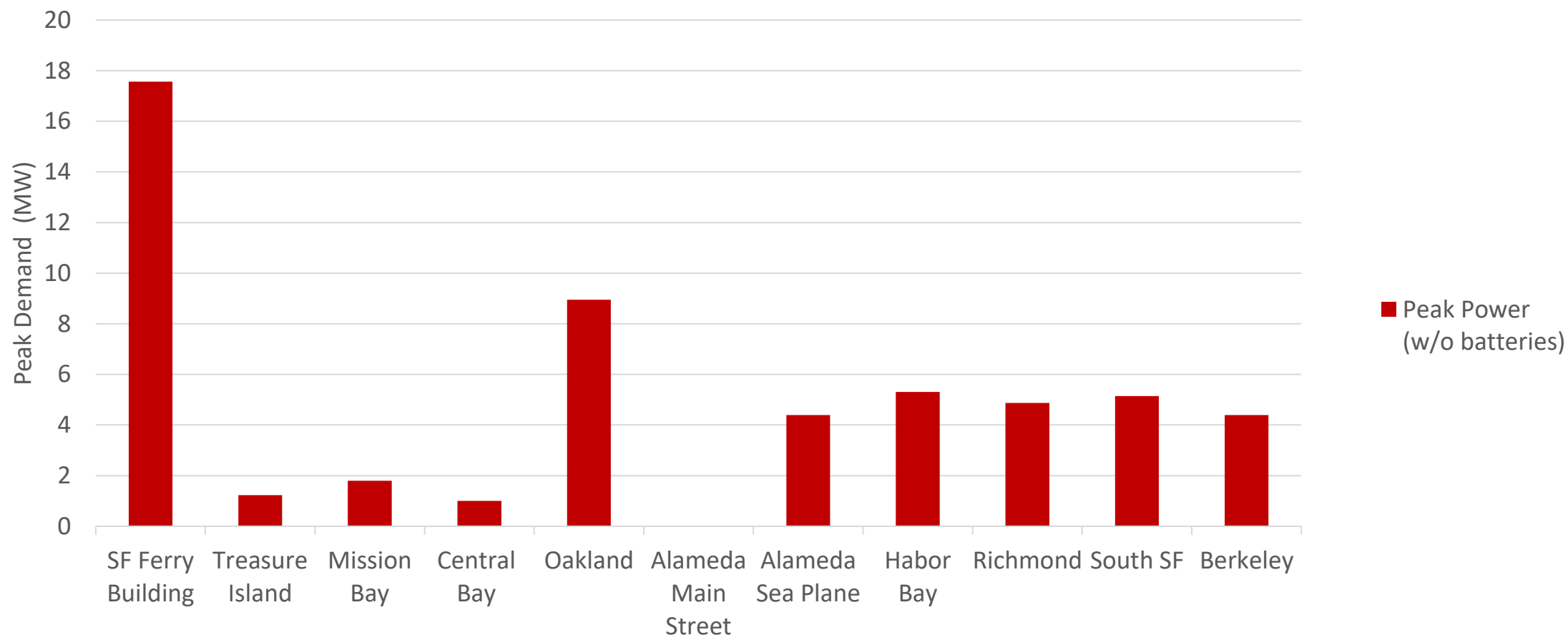
- Analyzed the local grid context using publicly available data
- Identified potential constraints





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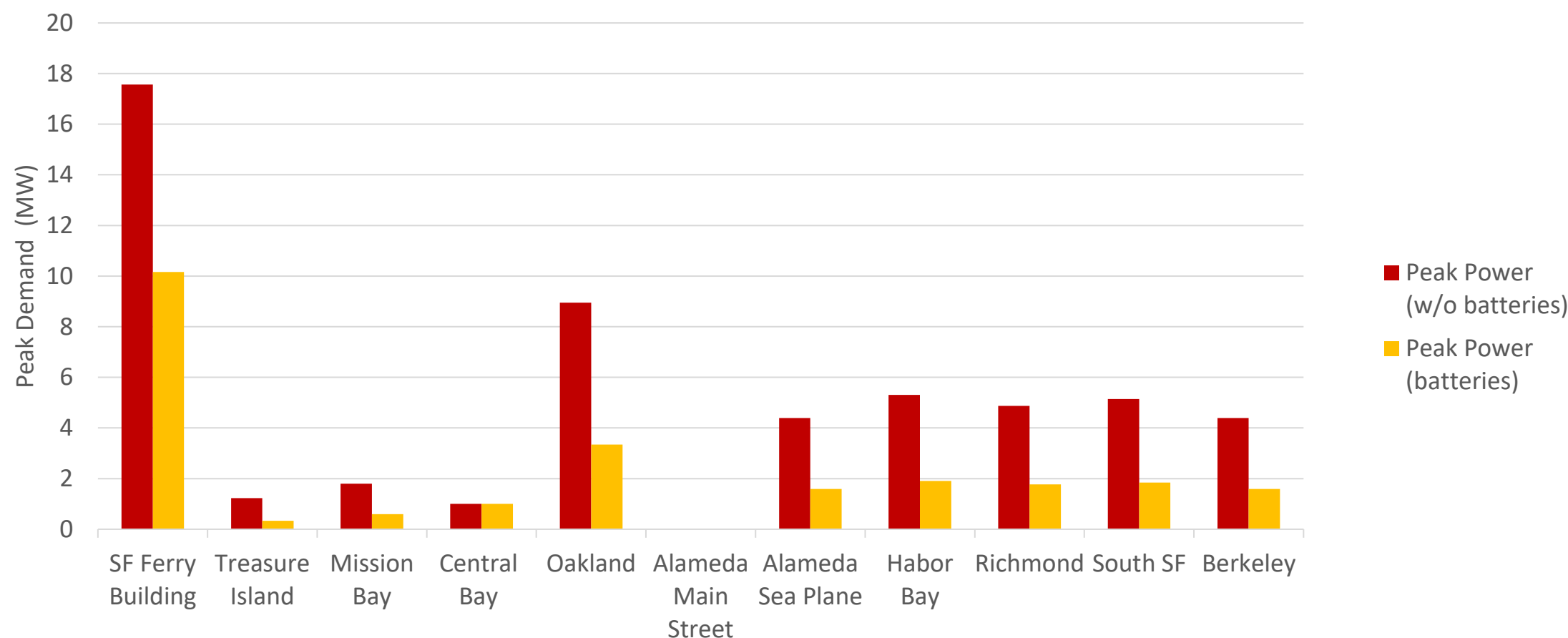
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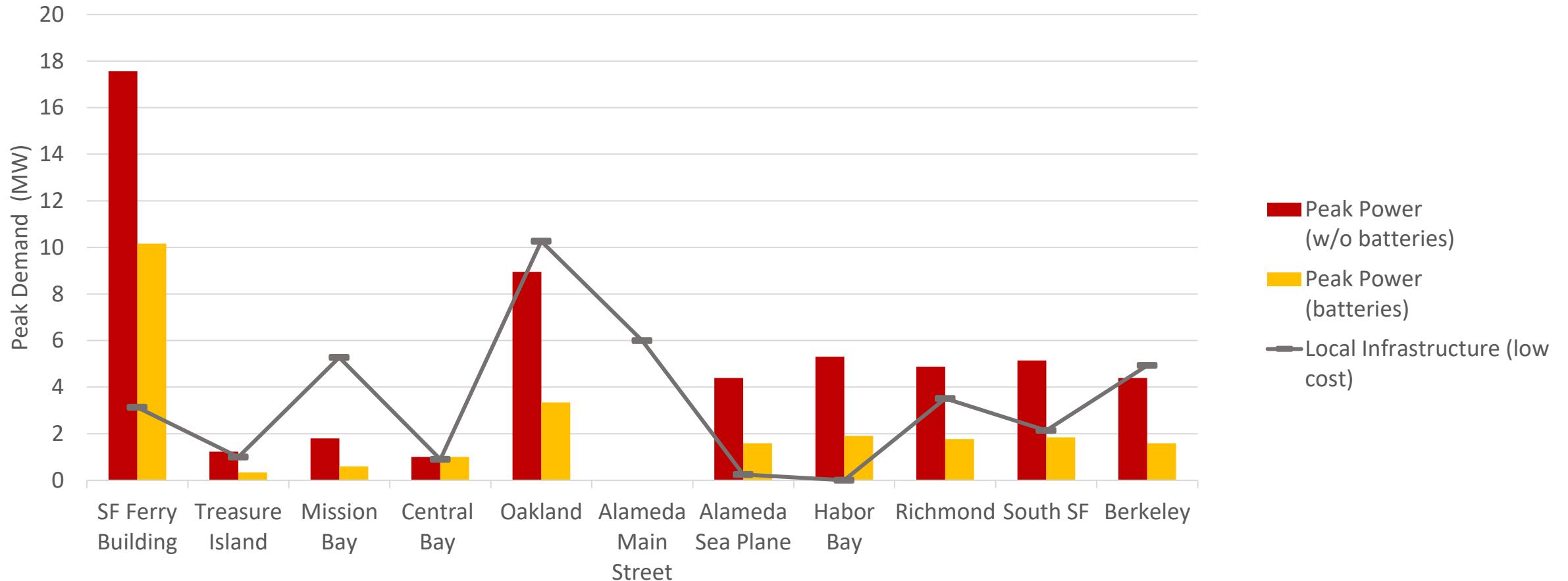
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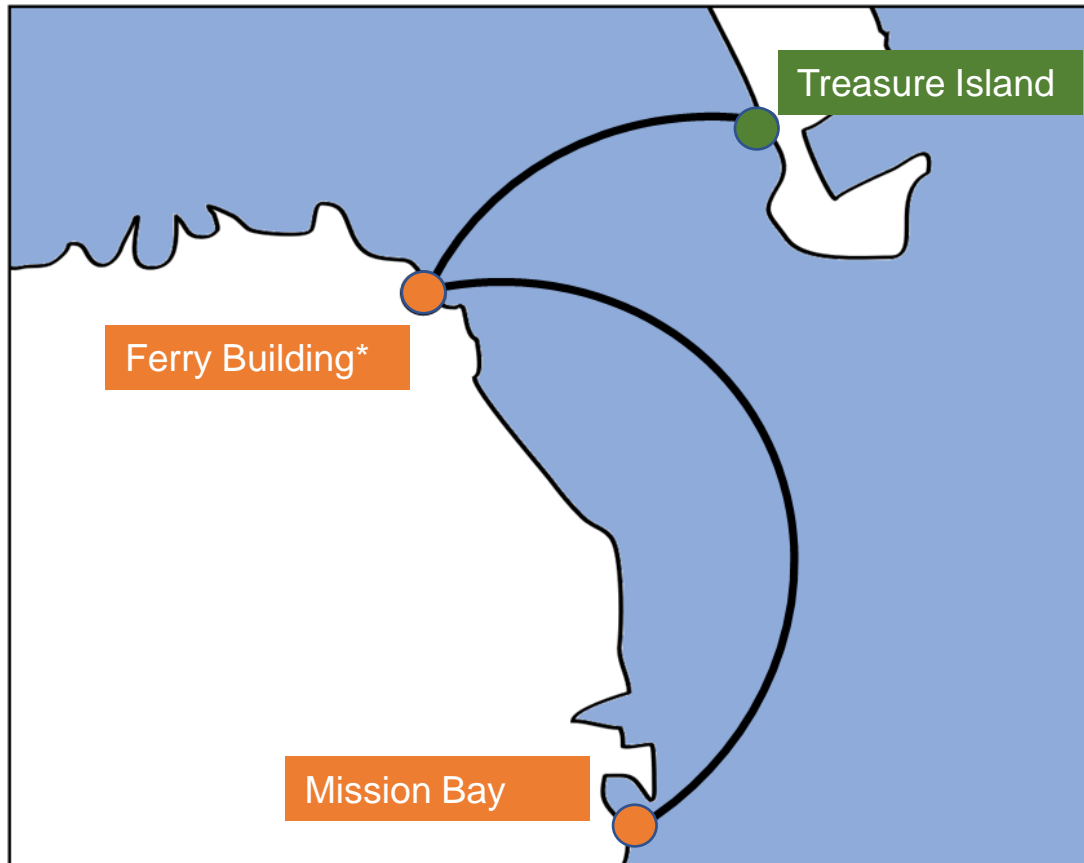
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Planned Grid Upgrades

Planned or existing grid capacity that is sufficient for electric ferries



Requires Upgrades

Local feeders found to have sufficient grid capacity on PG&E ICA mapping tool

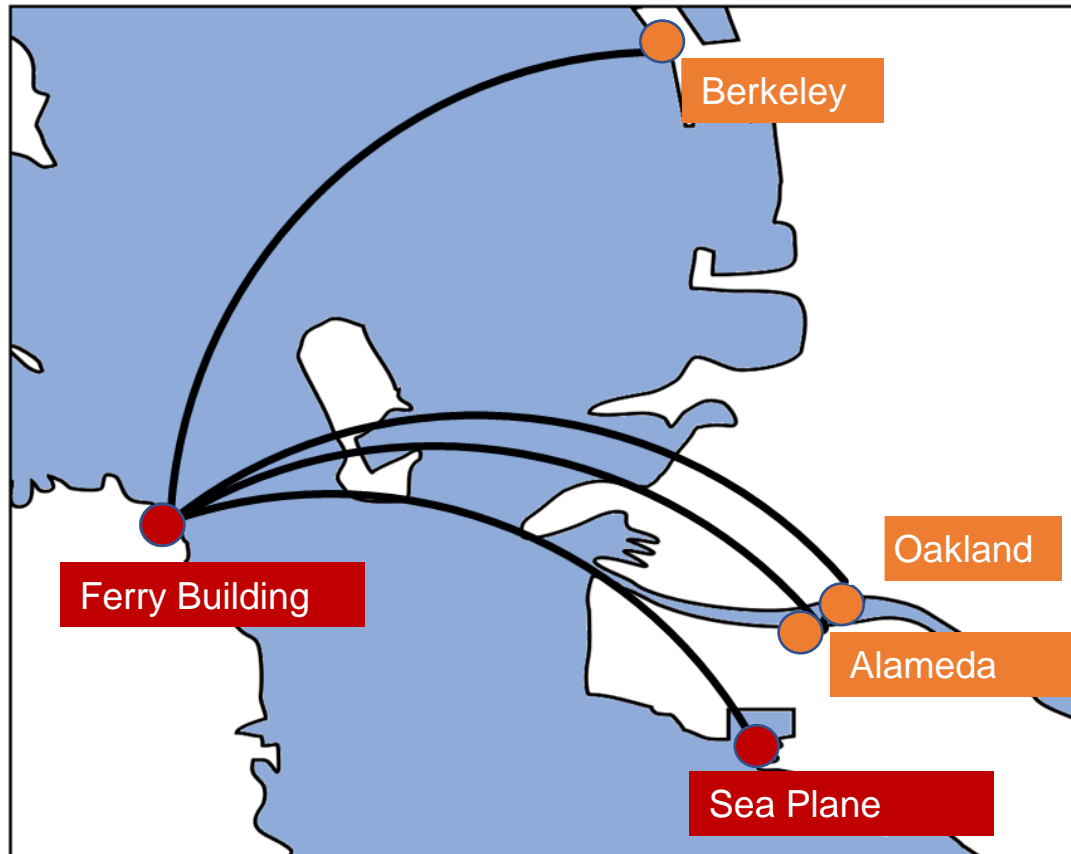


Requires Significant Upgrades

New feeders or substation upgrade required with major cost and timeline implications

\*Ferry building – minimal upgrades suffice in this first phase while only the highlighted routes are electrified

# Phase 2 Shoreside Feasibility



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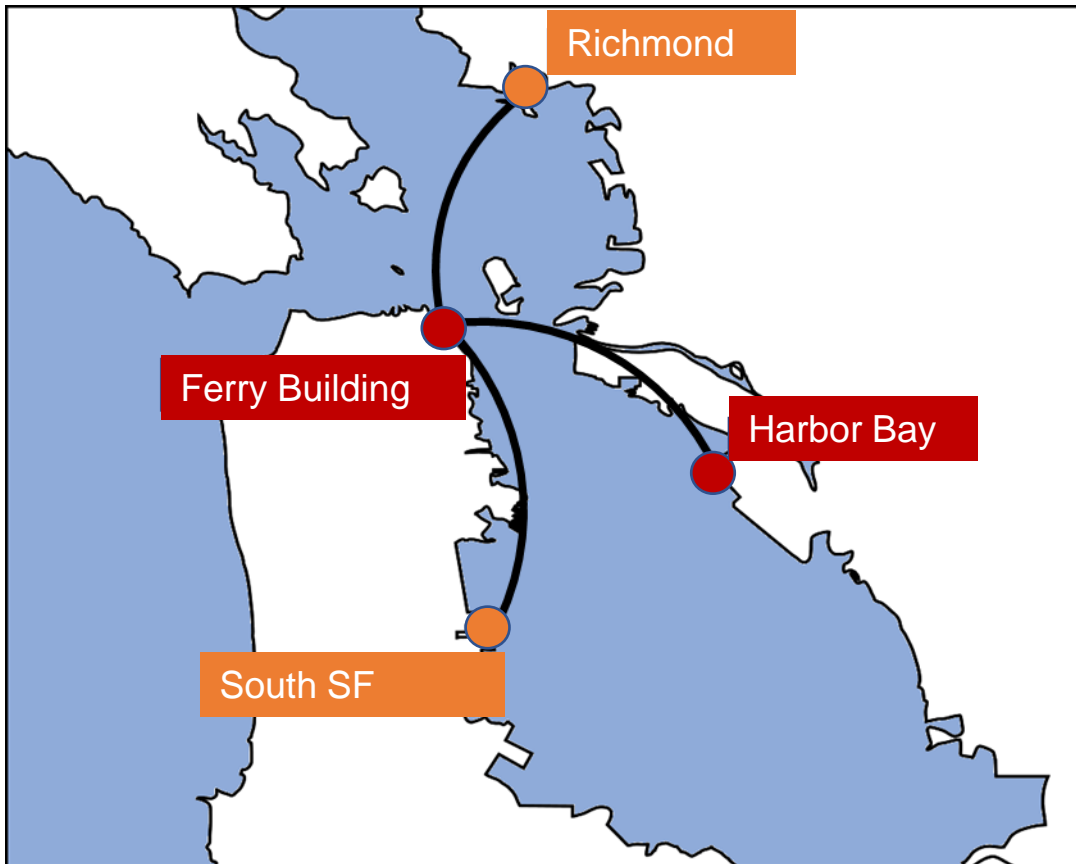


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# Part 2: Optioneering Phase

## Grid Upgrades

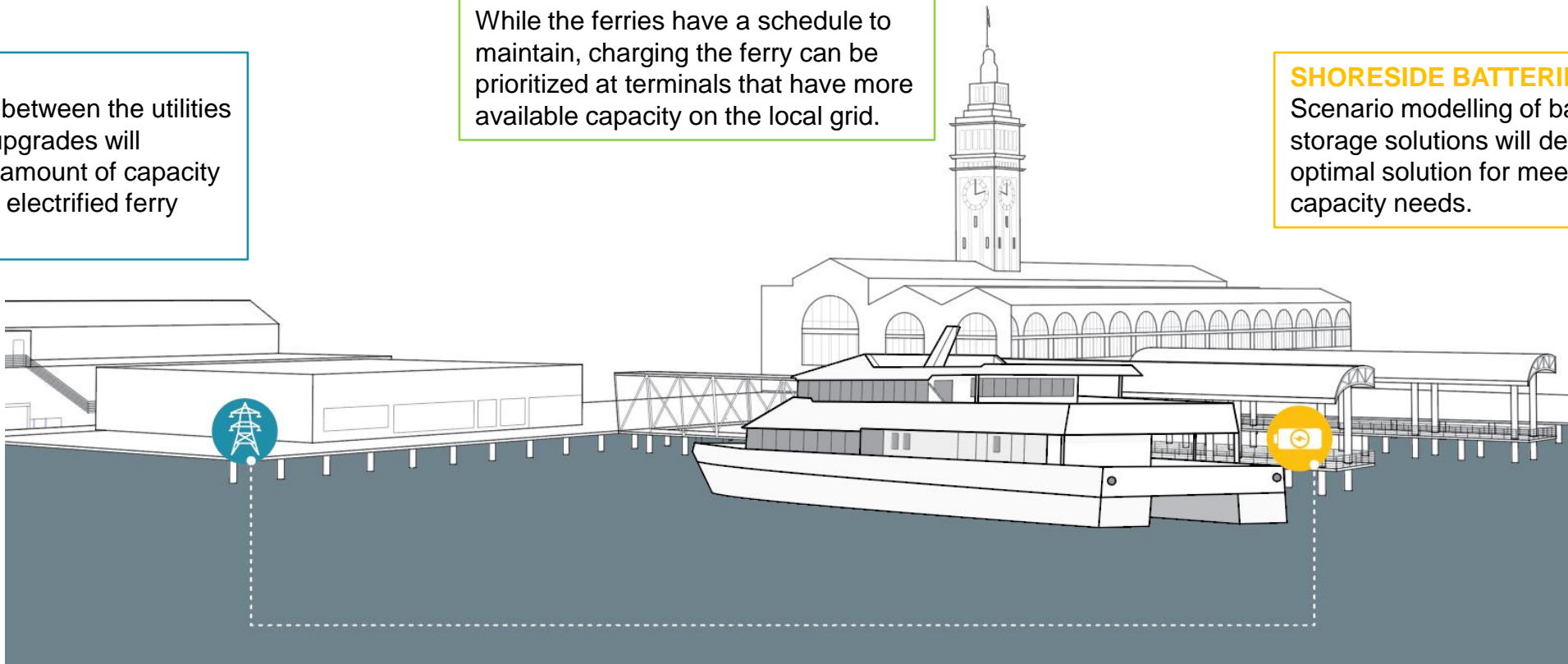
With close coordination between the utilities and stakeholders, grid upgrades will provide the appropriate amount of capacity to meet the needs of an electrified ferry fleet.

## LOAD MANAGEMENT

While the ferries have a schedule to maintain, charging the ferry can be prioritized at terminals that have more available capacity on the local grid.

## SHORESIDE BATTERIES

Scenario modelling of battery energy storage solutions will determine the optimal solution for meeting the grid capacity needs.



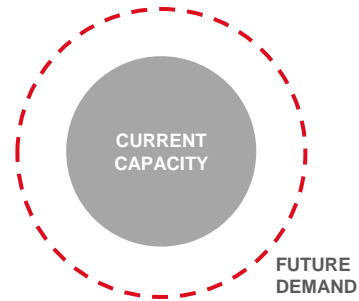
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## Current blocker:

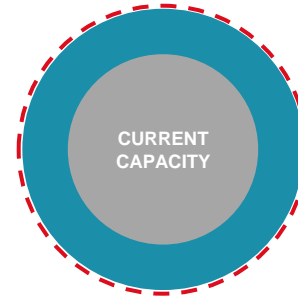
Grid Capacity uncertainty and optimized, balanced solution

## Team Solution (Options):

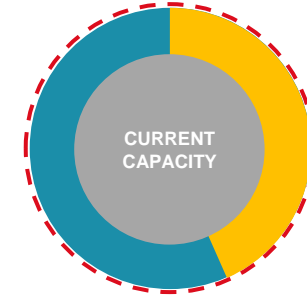
1. Upgrade grid to meet capacity needs
2. Interconnect battery energy storage
3. Provide load management



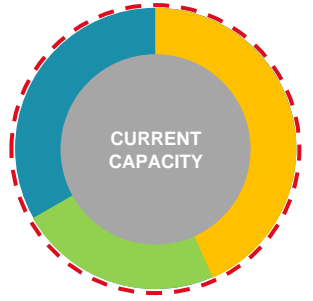
DEMAND COMPARISON:  
CURRENT CAPACITY v.  
FUTURE ELECTRICAL  
DEMAND



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GRID  
UPGRADES

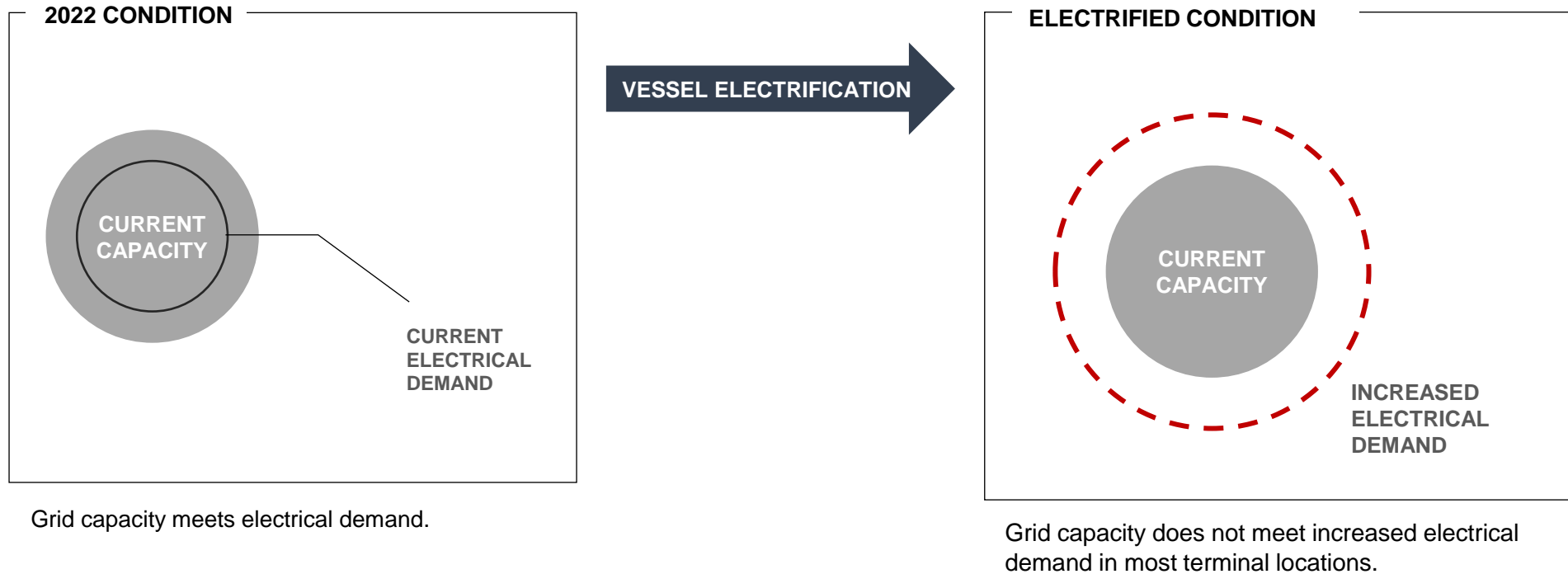


SCENARIO 2:  
GRID +  
BATTERIES



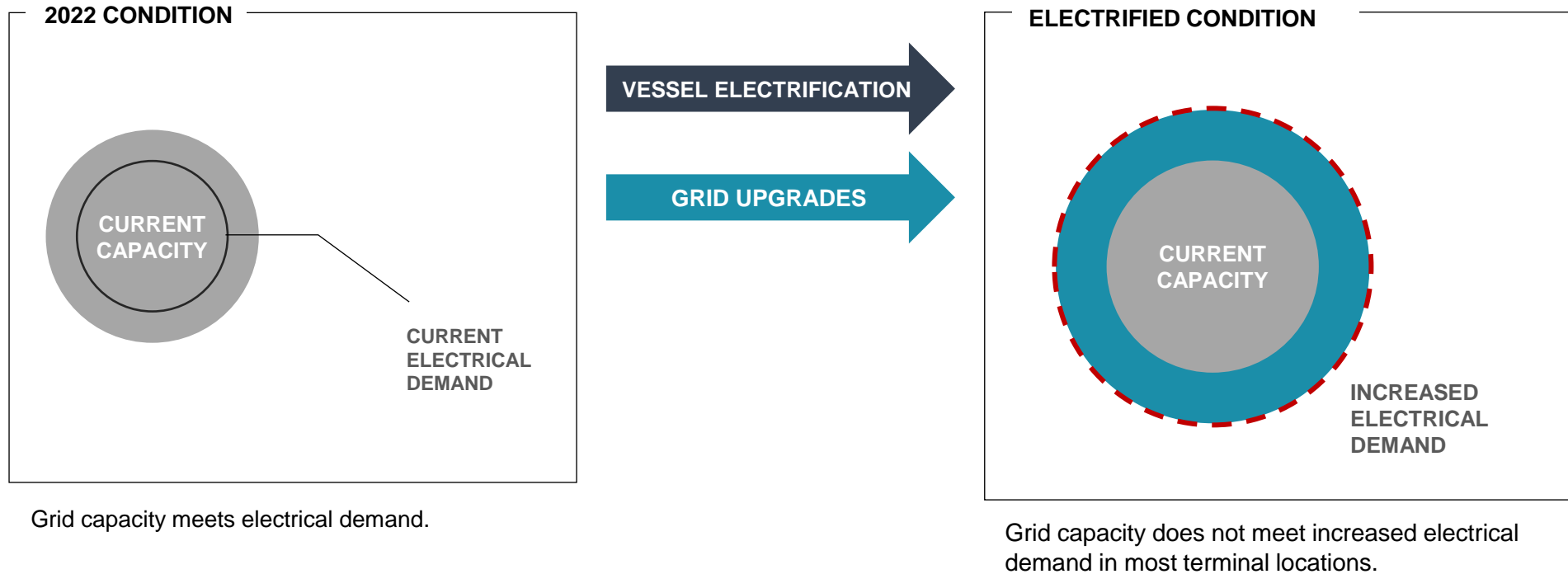
SCENARIO 3:  
GRID +  
BATTERIES +  
LOAD MGMT

# Optioneering in Action



**Optioneering phase:** Arup is developing and evaluating solutions to meet increased electrical demand.

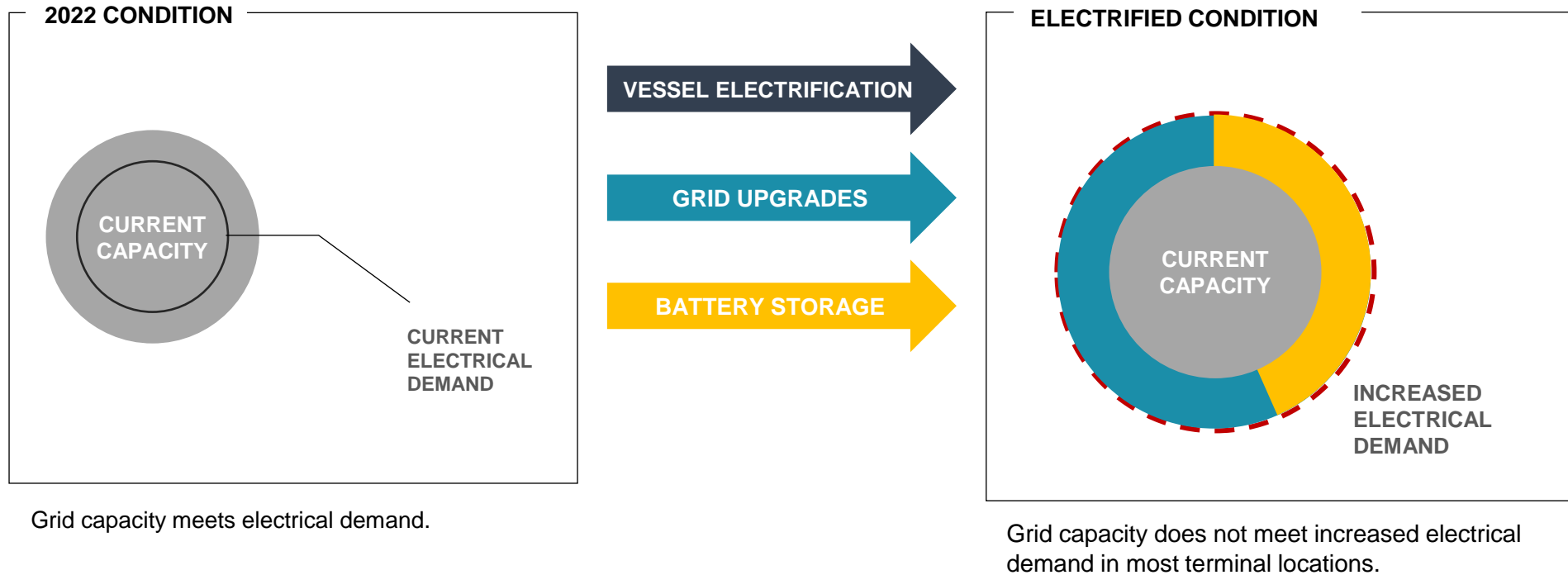
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**Scenario 1:** Meet increased demand entirely through grid upgrades in collaboration with utilities.

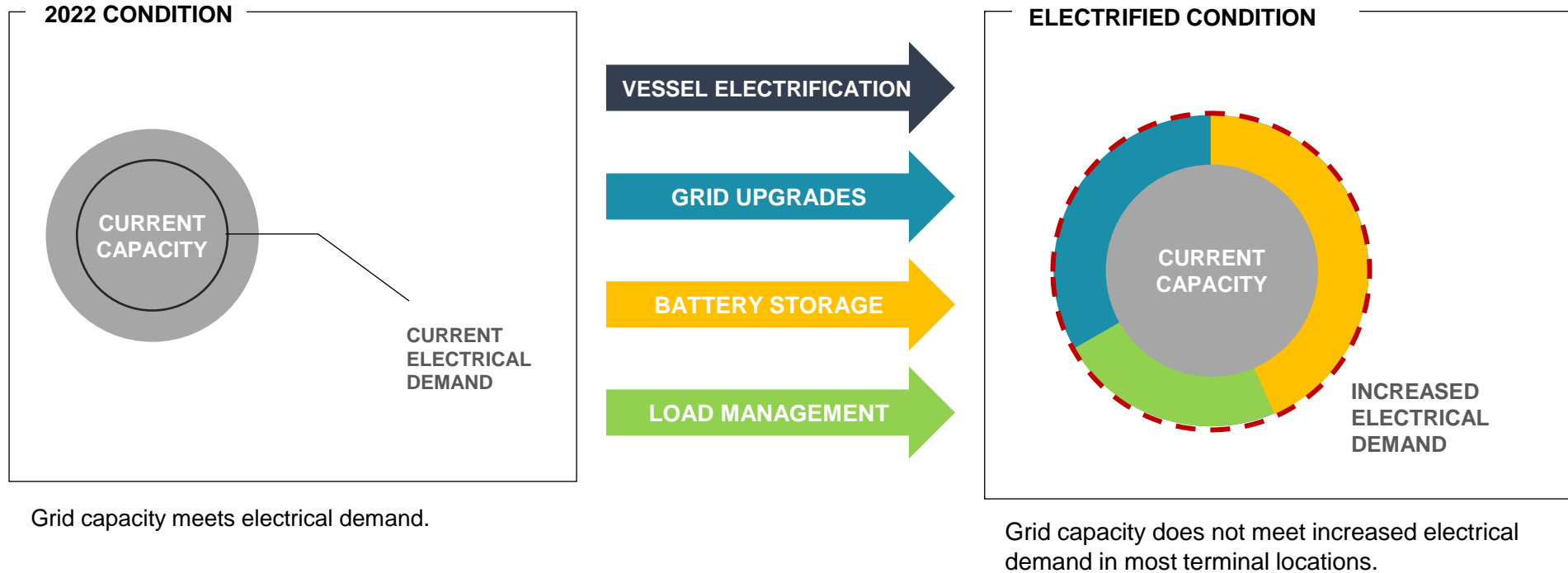


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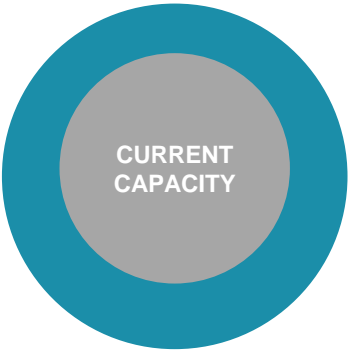
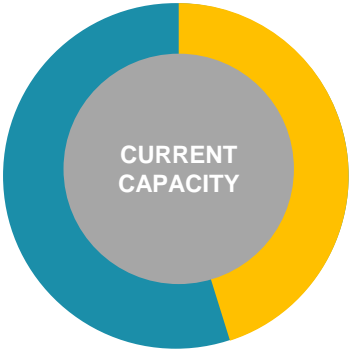
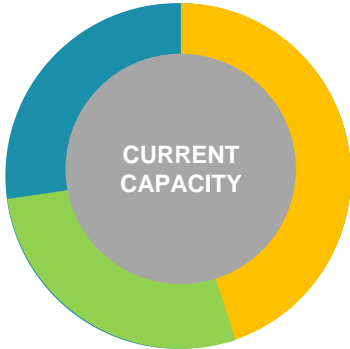
**Scenario 2:** Meet increased demand through grid upgrades and battery storage.

# Optioneering in Action



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# Optioneering in Action

		SCENARIOS		
METRICS		<div>SCENARIO 1: GRID UPGRADES</div> <div></div>	<div>SCENARIO 2: GRID + BATTERIES</div> <div></div>	<div>SCENARIO 3: GRID + BATTERIES + LOAD MGMT</div> <div></div>
	Cost	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$
	Timeline	Pending ongoing discussions with utilities		

# WETA – Progress Update

# WETA Implementation Progress

- 2020 WETA was awarded a grant through TIRCP (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program) to build (1) 99-149 passenger all electric vessel and infrastructure
- 2022 WETA applied for an additional grant through TIRCP to build (1) 99-149 passenger all electric vessel and related infrastructure
- 2022 WETA applied for FTA funds to build (1) 99-149 passenger all electric vessel
- If awarded, this would provide WETA with (3) 99-149 passenger vessels to serve phase 1 of implementation.
- There is also discussion of finding funding for a possible 4<sup>th</sup> vessel

# WETA Implementation Progress

- Engaged with SFPUC and the Port of San Francisco to analyze grid upgrades to serve the Downtown San Francisco Terminal and other charging opportunities along the waterfront
  - Includes examination of potential near term (temporary) upgrades while more complex solutions develop
- Engaged with San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) for implementation of zero emission Treasure Island Ferry Service
  - Defining roles and responsibilities
  - Service planning and fare analysis
  - Coordination with SFPUC for electrification of Treasure Island Terminal
- Coordinating with Alameda Municipal Power to develop preliminary plans and cost estimates to electrify Alameda ferry facilities
  - Includes pre-engineering studies
  - Including Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Expansion - preliminary work in FY23 capital budget

Questions