

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO FERRY NEWS

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READY, SET, GO!

Groundbreaking Ceremony October 19

Soon South San Francisco residents, workers and visitors will be able to board sleek boats at the new South San Francisco ferry terminal. On October 19th Congresswoman Jackie Speier, along with South San Francisco Mayor Karyl Matsumoto and WETA Board Chair Charlene Haught Johnson turned over the first spade of dirt commencing the start of construction of the \$26 million terminal following years of planning and public input.

“WETA is delighted to deliver on the promise of expanded ferry service with our first new terminal,” said WETA Board of Directors Chair Haught Johnson. “With a daytime population of over 100,000, South San Francisco is a dynamic, growing destination well-suited for ferry service.”

“This project is moving forward today as the result of the combined efforts of a multitude of local, regional, state and federal governmental agencies and representatives, labor organizations and local businesses in the South San Francisco area,” stressed Nina Rannells, WETA’s Executive Director. The project has enjoyed a long history of support, first from Congressman Tom Lantos and more recently from Congresswoman Speier. Congresswoman Speier, along with Speaker Pelosi and Congresswoman Barbara Lee, helped secure the final \$3 million in federal funds to build the new terminal.

Others who have been instrumental in moving the project forward include the San Mateo County Transit Advocates, co-chaired by South San Francisco Councilmember Pedro Gonzalez and Redwood City’s Vice Mayor, Diane Howard. This group tirelessly advocated for a new San Mateo County ferry service over the past several years, and has been instrumental in advocating for critical Regional Measure 2 bridge toll, San Mateo County Measure A sales tax and State Proposition 1B funds for this service.

Kudos go to South San Francisco Mayor Matsumoto, South San Francisco Council members, City Manager Barry Nagel and other South San Francisco staff, San Mateo County Transportation Authority board members and staff, the San Mateo County Harbor District, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, CalEMA, the California State Department of Boating and Waterways, the Federal Transit Administration, as well as representatives from the San Mateo County Building Trades, MMP, IBU, and local employers such as Genentech for working together to bring ferry service to South San Francisco.

“Most of all I want to thank the many citizens--teachers, cyclists, engineers and everyone who persevered to make this day a reality,” Haught Johnson said. “The South San Francisco ferry terminal groundbreaking demonstrates what can be achieved when the community and public work together collaboratively.”

What South San Francisco Ferry Service Means to San Mateo County

- Convenient, stress free, environmentally friendly transit option for commuters from the East Bay
- Emergency access to the peninsula and SFO if highway travel is disrupted
- 170 construction related jobs & 20+ new full time maritime operations and supervisory jobs
- Convenient feeder bus connections
- Connection to planned Bay Trail, allowing cycling and walking connections

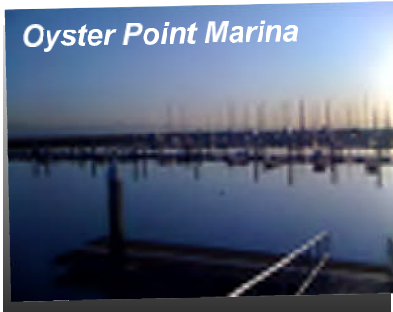
The Next Two Months: *What happens during Dredging and Demolition?*

John Sindzinski, WETA's Planning and Development Manager, will oversee the South San Francisco ferry terminal construction effort. Sindzinski will manage the work of all terminal construction contractors along with the construction management firm Ghiradelli Associates, Inc.

The South San Francisco ferry terminal will be a showcase, comments Mr. Sindzinski. "The terminal has been designed to maximize operational efficiencies while providing important passenger amenities that support easy terminal access and passenger comfort, including protection from South San Francisco's famous breezes."



First up is the demolition and dredging work, which will include:



Oyster Point Marina

- Removal and disposal of 73 concrete piles from the Oyster Point East Basin;
- Demolition and removal of existing structures and utilities;
- Installation of new pre-stressed concrete guide piles for docks 11, 12 & 13;
- Dredging, including haul-out and disposal of all dredged materials from Oyster Point to the Alcatraz disposal site; and
- Reconstruction of piers and ties.

The construction will minimally impact existing users of Oyster Point. "Great care has been taken to make to protect all those who visit Oyster Point, including the Great Blue Herons," stated Sindzinski.

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Demolition & Dredging:

Demolish Piers 9 & 10, shorten piers 11, 12, 13 and dredge the channel and terminal float area

2010
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Viewing Terrace & Pier:

Construction of a concrete ferry pier (17 ft X 185 ft) cantilevered over the water at the Oyster Point Marina

Gangway & Float:

Design/build construction of a steel gangway (90 ft X 10 ft) and concrete float (38 ft X 120 ft)

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South San Francisco to Oakland FERRY SERVICE BEGINS

Public Notice and project bid specifications will be posted when available on WETA's Opportunities page at <http://www.watertransit.org/contractopp.aspx>

WETA is a regional agency mandated to develop and operate a regional ferry system that connects communities, increases regional mobility, and provides an emergency response capability. WETA's priorities are to consolidate Vallejo and Alameda ferry services under WETA and to add new ferry routes consistent with the provisions of a Transition Plan and to coordinate all waterborne emergency response activities consistent with an Emergency Water Transportation System Management Plan. For additional information, please contact WETA Community Relations Manager Leamon Abrams at (415) 364-3191 or abrams@watertransit.org