

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: Interested Persons and Agencies

SUBJECT: San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority
Alameda Main Street Ferry Terminal Refurbishment Project
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

This notice is to inform interested persons and agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) is circulating an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for public comment.

Project Title	Alameda Main Street Ferry Terminal Refurbishment Project
Location	The project is located at 2990 Main Street in the City of Alameda (City), California. The Alameda Main Street (AMS) Ferry Terminal project site is within the Oakland Inner Harbor, with a portion of the structure extending onto the landside of the City. The project site is accessible by vehicle via Main Street and by ferry within the harbor.
Description	The project would include replacement of the existing ferry terminal bridge walkway and foundation, replacement of the gangway, float, guide piles, and upgrades to utilities at the project site. All project features would be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Specifically, the existing bridge/walkway and bridge foundation would be demolished and replaced with a new aluminum truss bridge. Onshore and landside support would be installed and would consist of a 48-inch (in) monopile and two 24-in pipe piles with cap beams, respectively. The existing 60-foot gangway would be removed and replaced with an 80-foot covered aluminum gangway. The existing terminal float would be removed and replaced-in-kind with a new steel float. Ramps that had been previously installed on the float would be removed, protected in place, and reused once the new float is installed. Float ramps would be shifted to the west to provide additional room for a longer gangway. The four (4) existing 30-foot guide piles would be removed and replaced with four (4) new 36-in guide piles. To achieve a more safe, efficient berthing capacity and enable ingress and egress in a timely manner, float demolition/replacement activities would also involve installation of two (2) new 36-in steel pipe piles and two (2) 72-in donut fender piles. Utility upgrades would involve replacement of existing razor equipment, installation of electrical service for replacement lighting, ramp controls, and outlets and a new potable water line. The new potable water line will connect to an existing line at the Ferry Terminal restroom facility. The new line will be used for intermittent terminal cleaning activities as needed. No other utility improvements are planned. No changes in operational demand are anticipated.

Surrounding Land Uses and Setting	The project site is located within an urban area of the City. Surrounding uses include the Oakland Inner Harbor to the north; industrial uses to the east (including a full-service ship repair company immediately adjacent to the site); the San Francisco Bay Trail and the Main Street Dog Park to the west; and the AMS Ferry Terminal parking lot, and residential uses to the south.
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CEQA Document	An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration identifies potentially significant impacts associated with the project including air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance. Mitigation Measures identified in the document and included as part of the project will mitigate potential impacts to a less-than-significant level.
Document Availability	The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding holidays. Additionally, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is also available for review at online at: https://weta.sanfranciscobayferry.com/current-projects/main-street-alameda-refurbishment
Public Hearing	WETA Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for 1:00 PM on February 3, 2023
Public Review Period	WETA will be accepting comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration during a 30-day public review period from November 30, 2022, through December 30, 2022 . Comments will be accepted no later than 5:00 pm on December 30, 2022. Please send your comments to San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111. Comments may also be emailed to: Mason@watertransit.org

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