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CALTRANS HOSTS OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BAY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Oakland – Caltrans today held a media tour and open house for its new energy and water-efficient LEED Gold certified Maintenance Complex that will service the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and consolidate all the bridge’s maintenance facilities under one roof.

“California has a long tradition of taking initiative to solve problems,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “This building incorporates the very latest in green technology and water conservation practices, and carries on our legacy of leadership in innovation, problem-solving, and environmental awareness.”

Located just next to the Bay Bridge Trail, the new \$55 million building combines Caltrans Maintenance groups from 5 different locations to provide more efficient response time to incidents on the Bay Bridge and to manage the long-term upkeep of the bridge. The new building was needed to address the fire, seismic, and regulatory code deficiencies of the deteriorating buildings in the former Bridge Maintenance Complex, many of which were damaged during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

“The new building complements the new bridge,” said Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi. “Both use state-of-the-art design and construction techniques. And both represent Caltrans’ move into a new era of efficiency, productivity and environmental stewardship.”

The building was designed to achieve a Gold LEED rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. Among the many energy conservation features, the building’s solar roof-top panels provide renewable energy to power the 56,000-square foot building and both the restrooms’ commodes and landscaping use recycled water.





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As part of this project, Caltrans installed drought-tolerant landscaping along the Bay Bridge Trail that leads to the Bay Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Path. Starting in Emeryville, the Bay Bridge Trail is a 3.4-mile bike-pedestrian path that passes in front of the new maintenance complex and currently ends on the Bay Bridge's East Span. The trail is landscaped with drought tolerant plants that are maintained with a minimal amount of recycled water by using smart irrigation controllers which have a web-based interface that allows for real time adjustments and monitoring. The drought tolerant landscaping also requires minimal on-going maintenance and provides brilliant variety along the trail.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission contributed \$37 million in toll funds for the construction of the Maintenance Complex, with the \$18 million balance coming from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.



Suggested Caption: The new LEED Gold certified Bay Bridge Maintenance Complex will allow Caltrans to provide logistical support for the Bay Bridge (Photo Courtesy of Caltrans)

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