

# Memorandum

**To: Chairman and Commissioners**

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**Ref: Project Application Approval Amendment for the City of Vallejo's North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II**

**Issue:**

Should the Commission approve the City of Vallejo's amended Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program application for \$1,347,331? Approval of the amended application would delete the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and the landside bus improvement elements from the original scope, thereby reducing the original project cost from \$2,687,923 to \$1,347,331. The City has indicated that the remaining \$1,340,592 in Proposition 116 funds will be redirected to other high-priority water-borne ferry projects through a series of separate actions.

**Recommendation:**

Commission staff has reviewed the amended Proposition 116 application, as well as subsequent clarifications that appear to meet all basic requirements specified in the Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program, as well as the Commission's policies and guidelines. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of the City of Vallejo's amended application to delete the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and the landside bus improvement elements as part of the North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II.

**Background:**

Proposition 116 in PUC Section 99646 authorizes \$10,000,000 to be allocated to the City of Vallejo for expenditure on water-borne ferry vessels and terminal improvements.

In 1991, the Commission adopted the Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program Guidelines, Resolution #G-91-5. In August 1992, the Commission approved Resolution #G-92-17 (replacing Resolution #G-91-5), which added clarification to the Guidelines regarding the Competitive Water-Borne Ferry Program.

At the December 1996 Commission meeting, the City of Vallejo received approval for \$2,687,923 in Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program funding for the North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II for improvement of docking, terminal and parking facilities for the Vallejo ferry service.

In November 2000, the City of Vallejo submitted an amended Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program application requesting that the previously approved North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II, which included the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and landside bus improvements be amended to delete the ticket vending machine and landside bus improvement elements

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from the project. The City has indicated that it will be requesting a series of subsequent actions that will redirect the funds from the deleted elements to other high-priority water-borne ferry projects.

The City of Vallejo and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) have indicated that the purchase and installation of the ticket vending machines (TVM) must be postponed until such time as the TVM demonstration project being conducted by MTC is complete, approximately in 2002. The City has also indicated that the landside bus improvements should be postponed based on the results of the conceptual designs for the ferry and bus integration facilities that were included in the Intermodal Mare Island Access Study. The bus component is being designed to complement the Intermodal facility for improved integration and is included in the next level of design. The City anticipates that construction of the landside bus improvement element could begin in 2005. The City has acknowledged that funds to complete the purchase and installation of the ticket vending machines and the landside bus improvements must be funded through non-Proposition 116 sources.

In summary, Commission approval of the attached resolution would delete the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and the construction of landside bus improvements from the North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II, thereby reducing the original amount of Proposition 116 funds from \$2,687,923 to \$1,347,331. Approval of the attached resolution will also make \$1,340,592 in Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99646) funds available to the City of Vallejo for other high-priority projects that the City will be identifying in the future.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Project Application Approval Amendment  
City of Vallejo  
Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program  
North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II

Resolution #PA-01-  
Amending Resolution #PA-96-38

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, in August 1992 the Commission adopted revised policy and application guidelines (#G-91-17, policy provision #22) that require a grant applicant to certify that if the project cost exceeds the amount proposed by the grant applicant, then the grant applicant shall cover the cost increase with local, federal or private funds; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, the financial plans include a back-up funding plan, should the project exceed the cost approved by the Commission the increased cost shall be covered by funds other than Proposition 116; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, in August 1996, the Commission approved a Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program application from the City of Vallejo for the North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II for \$2,687,923 for various capital improvements to its landside facilities for the Vallejo to San Francisco ferry service; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, the North Bay Ferry Demonstration Project - Phase II included the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and landside bus facility improvements; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, in November 2000, the City of Vallejo submitted an amended application requesting that the original project approved by the Commission be amended to reduce the amount of Proposition 116 funds from \$2,687,923 to \$1,347,331 and to delete the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and the landside bus facility improvement elements; and

- 1.11 WHEREAS, the November 2000, Proposition 116 amended application from the City of Vallejo, as well as supplemental information has been reviewed by Commission staff, and appears to meet all basic requirements as specified in the Proposition 116 Water-Borne Ferry Program and the Commission's policies and guidelines; and
- 2.1 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby grants approval of the amended application from the City of Vallejo reducing the original amount of Proposition 116 funds from \$2,687,923 to \$1,347,331 and deleting the purchase and installation of ticket vending machines and the landside bus facility improvement elements; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Financial Guidelines for Local Agency Reimbursement" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.