METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

San Francisco Bay Area Waterborne Ferry Program

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California Transportation Commission

History

- 1999 – Government Code Section 66540.1 enabled formation of the Water Transit Authority (WTA).
- 2000 – Governor Gray Davis directs Caltrans to provide ferry funds in place of MTC's 5% Bridge Toll Program because bridges were federalized.
- 2008 - SB 976 dissolved the WTA, replaced it with the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

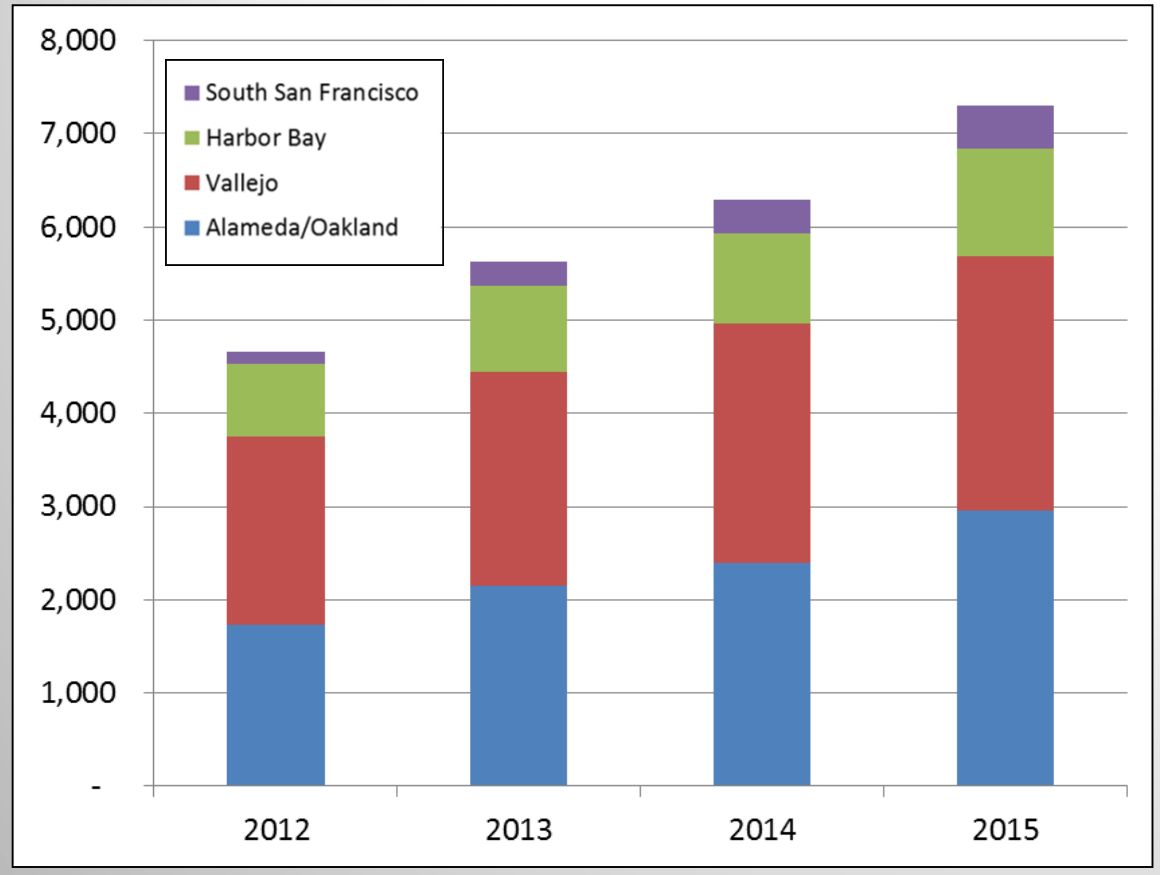
- 2008 - SB 1093 adopted by the state legislature to clarify the transition of existing Alameda and Vallejo services to WETA.
- CTC annually approves allocations to the Waterborne Ferry Program; MTC then allocates the funds.

Current WETA System

- 2.1M Annual Passenger Boardings
- 12 vessels
- 8,776 Average Daily System-wide Boardings
- 4 Regionally-funded Service Routes:

Alameda/Oakland to SF Ferry Building **(established 1989)**	Weekday/Weekend All-day
Alameda Harbor Bay to SF Ferry Building **(established 1992)**	Weekday Peak Only
Vallejo to SF Ferry Building **(established 1986)**	Weekday/Weekend All-day
South San Francisco (Oyster Point) to Alameda/Oakland **(established June 2012)**	Weekday Peak Only

Current WETA System – Ridership Growth



	Last Year	3-Year
Alameda/Oakland	23%	71%
Vallejo	7%	35%
Harbor Bay	20%	49%
South San Francisco	28%	232%
WETA System	16%	56%

WETA Costs and Funding

- $33 M Annual Operating Budget
- 61% System wide Farebox Recovery
- 5% State Funds: approx. $3M/year
- Regional Measure 2: approx. $18M/year
- Average fare: $6.50
- Subsidy per passenger: $5.89 (excludes farebox)

Waterborne Ferry Program Funding

- CTC allocates approximately $3 million per year
- MTC Commission approves policies, annually approves allocations
- WETA generally uses funds for ongoing operations and for certain capital projects

Planned Ferry Service Expansions

WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Funded

- Richmond
- Treasure Island

Partially Funded

- Seaplane Lagoon
- Berkeley
- Redwood City

Unfunded

- Mission Bay

Ferry Service Improvements

Recent Actions

- Improved to 30-minute peak frequency on Alameda-Oakland
- Additional PM peak departure to Vallejo
- Interlined crews & vessels: Harbor Bay/South SF, Vallejo/Oakland
- Replacement vessels with increased capacity under construction

Future Vision

- 15-20 minute frequencies on heavily travelled services
- Expansion to competitive markets
- More integrated network, sharing resources
- Triple peak capacity by 2025

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