



SPRING 2020

**FULL SPEED AHEAD**

## HOW WE'RE PLANNING TO BRING FERRY SERVICE BACK

Most San Francisco Bay Ferry service is currently suspended due to the COVID-19 crisis. We are operating limited service for essential workers on our Vallejo and Alameda/Oakland routes on weekdays. The Harbor Bay, Richmond and South San Francisco routes have been suspended, as have all weekend service and extension service to Pier 41 and Mare Island.



Service was cut to support regional public health orders for residents to shelter in place to reduce spread of coronavirus in the Bay Area, as well as to meet the significantly lowered demand.

We are planning for when that demand comes back.

WETA, the public agency that provides San Francisco Bay Ferry service, is currently developing service plans

for the recovery phase once shelter in place orders are lifted and the Bay Area gets moving again. We look forward to sharing these plans with our riders as they are developed.

We know how important it will be to ensure continued safety for passengers in the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. This could mean reducing maximum capacity on our ferries to ensure social distancing. Staff is developing plans for managing this once ridership increases later in the spring and summer.

We will also continue to follow public health recommendations regarding masks and other efforts to prevent spread of coronavirus. Because of its controlled capacity requirements, outdoor decks and overall cleanliness, we know commuters will agree that

San Francisco Bay Ferry will be the best way to cross the Bay once shelter in place ends.

We'll be announcing schedule changes using email, BayAlerts and our social media channels. We also want to hear from you. Send your thoughts on how San Francisco Bay Ferry can make you feel safe and comfortable in the recovery phases via email to [comeback@sanfranciscobayferry.com](mailto:comeback@sanfranciscobayferry.com).

## FIRST BATTERY-ELECTRIC FERRY COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO

WETA has been awarded a \$9 million grant from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to build a battery-electric, zero-emission passenger ferry to serve the Mission Bay neighborhood of San Francisco.

The grant, awarded through CalSTA's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, will fund the design and construction of both the battery-electric zero-emission ferry as well as the shoreside charging infrastructure required to operate the vessel. This ferry will be WETA's first all-electric vessel. The agency plans to have the vessel built and in service by 2022.



In concept, the Mission Bay ferry service would be an extension for all existing routes that bring commuters into Downtown San Francisco. The Mission Bay route would close a 2-mile gap for those who live or work in the burgeoning neighborhood on the eastern shore of San Francisco.

WETA is working with the Port of San Francisco to build the Mission Bay Ferry Landing.

## STAYING SAFE ON THE FERRY



Avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever.



Wear a mask or face covering on board the ferry.



Maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another.

## FERRY TALES

Jeunesse has been riding San Francisco Bay Ferry for more than nine years! She commutes from Vallejo to San Francisco and enjoys the views, speed, reliability, and safety that the ferry provides. Jeunesse has met lifelong friends riding the ferry—she even met the officiant of her wedding!



### Why is the ferry the best way to cross the bay?

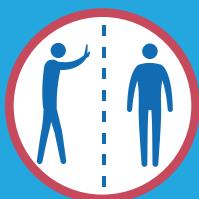
*The ferry is almost always on time and seats are guaranteed. It's a civilized way to travel with restrooms, WiFi, nice seats, snack bar, and beautiful views.*

### Describe San Francisco Bay Ferry in one word.

*Smooth.*



Sneeze and cough into a cloth or tissue or into one's elbow.



Do not shake hands or engage in unnecessary physical conduct.