



## MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2026

**TO:** MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION  
Hon. Gail Gilman, President  
Hon. Stephen Engblom, Vice President  
Hon. Willie Adams  
Hon. Steven Lee  
Hon. Ken McNeely

**FROM:** Michael Martin  
Acting Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** Request authorization to accept and expend a grant from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$4,973,000, including \$4,500,000 for the Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project and \$473,000 for Ferry Gate B improvements.

**DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Attached Resolution No. 26-13

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Port of San Francisco is requesting approval to accept and expend grant funding from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) in the amount of \$4,973,000, including \$4,500,000 for the Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project and \$473,000 for Ferry Gate B improvements.

Over the past decade, Port staff have collaborated with San Francisco Bay Ferry (SF Bay Ferry) to plan, design, and advance major ferry infrastructure investments that improve regional mobility, enhance climate resilience, and support San Francisco's waterfront neighborhoods. These efforts include the development of a new ferry landing in Mission Bay.

The Mission Bay Ferry Landing will be located at the terminus of 16th Street near Terry Francois Boulevard on Port property and will provide critical regional ferry service to and from Mission Bay, Dogpatch, Potrero Hill, and the Central Waterfront. The project is supported by a combination of local, regional, state, and federal funding sources, including

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Regional Measure 3 (RM3), the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Ports Program, the City General Fund, the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII), CalSTA's Transit and Intercity Rail Program (TIRCP), Port capital funds, the Regents of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and funding from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA).

Additionally, the Port works closely with Golden Gate Ferry to coordinate improvements to Ferry Gate B at the Downtown Ferry Terminal. The Ferry Gate B project will support improvements to an existing, high-use ferry gate at the Downtown Ferry Terminal. Ferry Gate B serves multiple Golden Gate Ferry routes and is a critical component of the regional ferry system. Improvements funded through SFCTA will enhance safety, reliability, passenger circulation, and operational efficiency at the terminal.

SFCTA has incorporated funds totaling \$4,973,000 to support these two projects in its Proposition L 5-Year Prioritization Program (5YPP). This report describes the proposed projects and recommends approval of the attached resolution authorizing Port staff to accept and expend the SFCTA funds, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

The proposed item supports the Port's Strategic Plan through the following goals:

Economic Growth – Secure external funding to complete strategic projects and strengthen the Port's financial performance.

Sustainability – Expand ferry service to reduce emissions and congestion, improving air quality in waterfront communities.

Evolve – Modernize ferry infrastructure to meet ridership demand, support zero-emission operations, and enhance resilience.

## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2022, San Francisco voters approved Proposition L, a local transportation sales tax administered by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA). Proposition L established a new, dedicated funding source to support transit capacity, reliability, state-of-good-repair investments, and climate-supportive transportation projects across San Francisco. The measure was designed to complement, rather than replace, existing transportation funding programs by providing flexible resources to address evolving transportation needs, including recovery from pandemic-related ridership impacts, modernization of transit infrastructure, and improved regional connectivity. Proposition L was approved by San Francisco voters at the November 8, 2022, general election.

SFCTA administers Proposition L transportation sales tax revenues in accordance with the voter-approved expenditure plan and applicable program guidelines. The SFCTA grants supporting the Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project and Ferry Gate B improvements

are funded through Proposition L transportation sales tax revenues and support eligible capital transit investments that advance transit reliability, capacity, safety, and regional connectivity. Both projects align with the voter-approved priorities of Proposition L and support San Francisco's long-term mobility, climate, and economic recovery goals.

### Mission Bay Ferry Landing

In 2016, the Port and SF Bay Ferry began pursuing development of the Mission Bay Ferry Landing to create a southern hub for ferry service into San Francisco that addresses current and future regional transportation demand generated by the Mission Bay neighborhood and the Central Waterfront.

The Mission Bay Ferry Landing will be capable of berthing two ferry vessels simultaneously and is designed to accommodate up to 6,000 passengers per day. The facility will provide essential transportation resilience in the event of an earthquake, BART or Bay Bridge failure, or other unplanned service disruptions. The landing is designed to accommodate projected sea-level rise and support the operation of the first zero-emission passenger ferry network in the United States.

The project will serve a rapidly growing area that includes approximately 11,000 housing units, 7 million square feet of office and commercial space, more than 1 million square feet of retail space, major regional destinations such as the UCSF Mission Bay campus and Chase Center, and over 70 acres of public open space.

The project has completed environmental review under a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration and has obtained all required regulatory permits. Phase 1 construction was completed in 2020 and included dredging and site preparation. Phase 2 will complete construction of the ferry landing and associated upland improvements.

### Ferry Gate B Improvements

Ferry Gate B is a key boarding location at the Downtown Ferry Terminal and supports several high-ridership ferry routes operated by Golden Gate Ferry. The Ferry Gate B project includes targeted capital improvements to enhance passenger circulation, safety, accessibility, and operational reliability at one of the busiest ferry facilities in San Francisco.

The project includes replacement and retrofit of the existing ferry float adjacent to the San Francisco Ferry Building, including installation of corrosion-resistant ballast tank hatches, new hydraulic lift assemblies, and upgraded electrical control systems. These improvements will rehabilitate the floating passenger loading deck and ensure continued safe, reliable, and accessible ferry service for passengers.

## GRANT REQUIREMENTS

The SFCTA grant funds must be used in accordance with SFCTA's applicable funding agreements, program guidelines, and reporting requirements. These requirements generally include:

- Use of funds for eligible capital costs associated with the approved projects
- Compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations
- Submission of periodic progress reports and reimbursement requests
- Maintenance of appropriate financial records and documentation

Port staff will administer the grants in coordination with SFCTA and ensure compliance with all grant conditions.

## PROJECT SCOPE AND SCHEDULE

### Mission Bay Ferry Landing

The construction of Mission Bay Ferry Landing has been separated into multiple phases:

- **Phase 1** – Completed in 2020. The scope was initial site preparation and dredging of the Project area.
- **Phase 2a** – Completed in 2025. This scope includes cleanup of marine debris in the Project area, dredging of the previously installed sand cap area, and installation of a marine mattress to serve as an erosion protection layer.
- **Phase 2b** – A construction contract for this phase is scheduled to be awarded in Q2 2026. This scope includes the construction of the ferry landing pier and piles, ferry landing electrification infrastructure, and upland improvements to Ferry Landing Plaza and Agua Vista Park.

### Ferry Gate B

Design and construction activities are anticipated to occur following grant execution and coordination with terminal operations to minimize service disruptions.

## PROJECT BUDGETS

### Mission Bay Ferry Landing

The Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project totals \$77.1 million and includes local, regional, and federal sources, as outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project Sources

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Amount (Millions)</b>
SF Bay Ferry (RM3 and Other Grants)	\$ 28.0
EPA Clean Ports Grant	\$ 18.4
General Fund, OCII, SFPUC	\$ 11.8
Port Capital	\$ 8.4
SFCTA - SF Sales Tax	\$ 4.5
UCSF Grant	\$ 4.0
2012 General Obligation Bond	\$ 2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77.1</b>

These funds support project management costs and all phases of project delivery, as detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project Uses

<b>Funding Uses</b>	<b>Amount (Millions)</b>
Project Management	\$ 2.7
Planning & Design	\$ 6.4
Phase 1 – Construction	\$10.2
Phase 2 – Construction	\$49.3
Contingency	\$ 8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77.1</b>

Ferry Gate B

SFCTA grant funding in the amount of \$473,000 will support capital improvements at Ferry Gate B.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Port staff recommends that the Port Commission approve the attached resolution authorizing staff to accept and expend \$4,973,000 in grant funding from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, and authorize the Executive Director to execute and implement all agreements and documents necessary to administer the grants.

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**PORT COMMISSION  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-13**

- WHEREAS, Charter Section B3.581 empowers the Port Commission with the authority and duty to use, conduct, operate, maintain, manage, regulate, and control the lands within Port jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, The Port and the San Francisco Bay Ferry are advancing major ferry infrastructure investments to support regional mobility, climate goals, and waterfront access; and
- WHEREAS, The Mission Bay Ferry Landing will create a new southern hub for ferry service that improves access to major employment, housing, and entertainment destinations and enhances transportation resilience; and
- WHEREAS, Ferry Gate B at the Downtown Ferry Terminal is a critical component of the regional ferry system and requires capital improvements to support safe, efficient, and reliable ferry operations; and
- WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority has awarded the Port grant funding totaling \$4,973,000 through its local transportation sales tax programs, consisting of \$4,500,000 for the Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project and \$473,000 for Ferry Gate B improvements; and
- WHEREAS, These funds will leverage substantial additional local, regional, state, and federal investments to deliver critical ferry infrastructure projects; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Port Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director to accept and expend \$4,973,000 in grant funding from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, consistent with the applicable grant agreements, for the Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project and Ferry Gate B improvements; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Port Commission authorizes the Executive Director to seek Board of Supervisors approval to accept and expend the funds.

***I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Port Commission at its meeting of March 10, 2026.***

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Secretary