

Memorandum

Date: May 10, 2007

To: Harbor Safety Committee, San Francisco Bay Region

From: Len Cardoza

Subject: Water Transit Authority Technical Advisory Committee Report

Updates (in bold text).

1. The address for WTA is: Pier 9, Suite 111, The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94111. POC: Lauren Duran at 415-291-3377 or by e-mail at duan@watertransit.org.

2. The next SF Bay Area Water Transit Authority Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2007 and will be held at the Port Commission Room, 2nd Floor of the San Francisco Ferry Building in San Francisco. Please RSVP if possible.

3. There is no TAC meeting scheduled in the near future. Karen Shelver, WTA, reports that “there hasn't really been anything necessitating a full meeting”. She will inform us if WTA is going to plan one anytime soon.

Background.

The WTA is a regional agency authorized by the State of California to operate a comprehensive San Francisco Bay Area public water transit system. The WTA's goal is “To develop a reliable, convenient, flexible and cost-effective expanded Bay Area water transit system that will get drivers out of their cars and onto environmentally responsible state-of-the-art ferries”.

The enabling legislation for the WTA, Chapter 1011 of the Statutes of 1999, requires the formation of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The roles of the TAC include the following:

- The TAC will serve as a conduit to interested agencies, identifying key contacts within those agencies and facilitating discussions on specific technical items.
- Provide review and comment to WTA staff and its consultants on the myriad of technical reports and studies that will be prepared in the development of the Implementation and Operations Plan.
- Review the findings and the recommendations for consistency to promote inter-agency cooperation and integration with ongoing planning efforts.