

## Memorandum

**Date:** September 13, 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](mailto:duan@watertransit.org). WTA newsletters are available for download at: <http://www.watertransit.org/newsletters>

**2. The next WTA Board of Directors meeting IS scheduled Thursday, September 13, 2007, at the Law Offices of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP, 50 California Street, 34th Floor in San Francisco.**

**3. On July 2, 2007, the WTA, together with its boat building team of Nichols Brothers Boat Builders and Kvichak Marine Industries, Inc. held a Keel laying Ceremony to commemorate the start of construction in Seattle, Washington. The first two 149 passenger vessels are scheduled to be placed into service in December 2008 to launch the South San Francisco-Oakland ferry route. The ferry will run between Oakland's Jack London Square and the Oyster Point Marina.**

**4. Berkeley/Albany. The draft EIR/S is scheduled to be released for public review in October 2007. The public hearing will be scheduled in early 2008.**

5. There is no TAC meeting scheduled in the near future. Karen Shelver, WTA, 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.