



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: March 6, 2017
TO: Manoj Madhavan & Lana Russell-Hurd, Transportation Staff
FROM: Julie Moore
RE: Transportation Study Determination Request
Case No. 2017-000188ENV, Alcatraz Embarkation Pier 31-1/2
Neighborhood: San Francisco Port, Embarcadero
Zoning: M-1 (Light Industrial)

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Attached is information regarding the above project for which a determination of whether a transportation study is/ or may be required. Please note that the TIS Team reviews these determinations every Thursday between 10:30 - 11:30 AM in Room 403. You are welcome to attend if you have any specific questions about your submitted project.

Helpful Links:

SF Transportation Information Map (TIM) - www.sftransportationmap.org
Caltrans Interactive Highway Map - <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tsip/gis/datalibrary/>

PPA/ENV Case Planner Section:

To facilitate this determination, **please mark the appropriate boxes below** and also create a project sub-folder to save the requested information at the following location - I:\MEA\Transportation\Administration\Transportation Study Determinations\2016. When creating the subfolder please use the naming convention "Project Case Number_ Project Name". **Your input is only required for the first three pages:**

- PPA or ENV Application. Please include this information in the sub-folder you create.
- Project plans & project description. Please include the project plans in the sub-folder you create. Please include the project description in the section below. (Page 3)
- Would the project include land uses such as Recreational facilities, Concert Venues, Schools or large land use projects such as Pier 70, Seawall Lots etc.? (Trip Generation Table is not required for a TIS Request)
- Would the project potentially add ≤ 50 dwelling units, $\leq 5,000$ square feet of non-residential uses and ≤ 20 parking spaces? (Trip Generation Table is not required for a TIS Request) NO
- Would the project potentially add > 50 and < 300 dwelling units, $> 5,000$ square feet and $< 100,000$ square feet of non-residential uses and or > 20 and < 50 parking spaces? (Trip

Generation Table¹ is required for a TIS Request. Please include this information in the sub-folder you create.)

- Would the project potentially add ≥ 300 dwelling units, $\geq 100,000$ square feet of non-residential uses and or ≥ 50 parking spaces? (Trip Generation Table is required for a TIS Request. Please include this information in the sub-folder you create.) NO
- Would the project make alterations to Muni/Other Regional Transit Agencies/DPW ROW such as moving/adding/removing bus stops, proposing new colored curbs, removing existing colored curbs, proposing uses on City ROW such as reducing sidewalk widths, removing or adding travel lanes including turn pockets, removing parking lanes, adding new streets, adding or removing traffic signals etc.?
- Would the project fall within or adjacent to the Caltrans right-of-way or is adjacent to a regional transit stop. (Please review the Interactive Highway Map (link above) and the “Transit Tab” in TIM to look up this information. Please note that all highway ramps leading to these facilities are also within Caltrans purview.) NO
- Would the project front a high-injury corridor where pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicular injuries or fatalities occurred? (Please go to the “Safety Tab” in TIM to look up this information.) NO.
- For PPA/ENV Cases, check if the project is over the amount of parking permitted:
 - by right or
 - with a CU as per the Planning Code.
- Would the project meet the VMT Map based screening criteria by checking the “Vehicles plus Parking Tab” on TIM to ensure that it is located in an area that exhibits Regional Average VMT minus 15% based on the proposed use? YES
- Would the project be subject to the proposed Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program? (See PPA language guidance: 10 or more dwelling units, 10 or more beds, or 25,000 or more square feet of non-residential uses. 100 percent affordable housing developments and parking garages/lots are exempt). NO

¹ If your project is proposing a unique land use for which trip generation rates are not included in the *SF Guidelines* please consult with transportation staff, or note specific transportation issues related to project. I:\MEA\Transportation\Transportation Study Determinations\Trip Generation Tables.

Project Description & Transportation-Related Notes:

The project proposes improvements to the existing, temporary Alcatraz ferry embarkation site at Pier 31-1/2 to establish a long-term embarkation site with enhanced visitor services and to provide access for ferry service to other GGNRA parklands. The project includes renovations to the bulkhead buildings and sheds on Piers 31 and 33; new ticketing and queuing facilities, eating areas, and covered program areas in the open space between the two piers; removal of the existing single dock (two boats capacity) and installation of two parallel floating docks (three boats capacity); upgrades to the existing pier substructure and utilities; improvements to Fort Baker pier (Sausalito). The project would introduce two ferry trips per day on weekends to Fort Baker and interpretive cruises.

The project site is adjacent to the Embarcadero, which has a green bicycle lane. The project site has a long curb cut and a portion of the existing site is used for parking for NPS vehicles, which would be removed under the project. Proposed parking for NPS vehicles and handicapped visitors would be located in the Pier 31 shed. Passenger dropoff would be similar to existing.

See attached Project Description dated March 3, 2017

Note: Development projects sometimes propose modifications to project descriptions. If there is a substantial change in the project description after a TIS Determination has been made, please consult with transportation staff during transportation office hours (Wade's Office, Room 416, Thursday from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM) Substantial changes will require a resubmitted TIS Determination.

TIS Determination Team Section:

Based on the initial assessment, the proposed project may require a transportation study for the following reasons:

CHECK THE CRITERIA THAT APPLY:

- The project would potentially add at least 300 dwelling units, 100,000 square feet of non-residential uses and or greater than 50 parking spaces /is over the amount of parking allowed in the code.
- The project has elements which have potential to adversely impact transit operations or the carrying capacity of nearby transit services.
- The project has elements which have potential to adversely affect pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicle safety or the adequacy of nearby pedestrian or bicycle facilities and/or deficient internal site circulation.
- The project would not fully satisfy truck loading demand on-site, when the anticipated number of deliveries and service calls may exceed ten daily.
- The project would not fully satisfy passenger loading.
- The project has the potential to impact the operations/access of emergency vehicles.

Please indicate the determination of whether a transportation study is required below.
Thank you for your assistance.

PPA Case:

- TIS/ Memo is not likely required*
 TIS is likely required
 Circulation Memo is likely required
 School Circulation Memo is likely required
 SFMTA review is required
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ENV Case:

- TIS/ Memo is not required*
 TIS is required
 Circulation Memo is required
 School Circulation Memo is required
 SFMTA review is required
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PPA/ENV Case Planner - Please review all our comments in the next two pages.

Determined by: Mang Madharau Date: 3/9/17

Comments to Sponsor:

- Please submit the TIS Fee \$24,677 payable to the San Francisco Planning Department ("Transportation Review or Study" fee), and address the payment to Virnaliza Byrd.
- Please submit the SFMTA Fee \$4,746 payable to the SFMTA ("MTA review of Transportation Impact Study" fee). The contact person at SFMTA who will be responsible to receive these fees will be:

Ms. Eloida Leonardo,
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- The Department fees for review will be based on staff Time & Materials (T & M).
- The project is located on a high-injury corridor or is located (within the same block) near intersections with pedestrian or bike injuries or fatalities. Please review the safety tab on the SF Transportation Information Map (www.sftransportationmap.org). Please consider safety improvements as part of the streetscape plan.
- Include street names clearly on the plans
- Include dimensions of existing and proposed sidewalk on plans
- Include dimensions of existing and proposed curb cuts on plans
- Show existing/proposed curb cuts and curb cuts to be removed
- Reduce curb cut size or remove curb cut(s)
- Provide Streetscape Plan
- Project should meet Better Streets Plan requirements.
- Recommend reducing or eliminating parking
- Clarify parking access and number of existing and proposed spaces on plans
- Provide parking stacker specifications
- Recommended relocating bike parking/ improving accessibility to bike parking
- Recommend increasing amount of bike parking
- Indicate where loading will occur (Move-Ins/Outs, freight loading, passenger loading etc.)
- Submit School Drop-Off/ Pick-Up Form
- Requires coordination with the agencies/projects provided in the list below:

SFMTA - Bike Network along Embarcadero Improvements.

Additional Comments to Sponsor:

Comments to Staff:

- ENV Case/ EP Transportation Planner should conduct a site visit to identify any pedestrian/ cyclist/transit/ vehicles safety issues
- EP Transportation Planner should conduct a site visit to identify any pedestrian/ cyclist/transit/ vehicles safety issues
- ENV/PPA Case or EP Transportation Planner should bring this project to SDAT
- EP Transportation Planner should note that the scope for the circulation memo/TIS should be limited to intersections within one block of the project site.
- EP Transportation Planner should note that the scope for the circulation memo/TIS should include intersections within a two to five block radius of the project site, depending on the size of the blocks and the size of the project.
- ENV Case Planner/ EP Transportation Planner should coordinate with the Current Planner/ TDM Coordinator regarding TDM measures and the project description.
- EP Transportation Planner should include the following intersections within the scope of the project due to operational/safety concerns:

Coordinate with Citywide/Current Planning on:

Coordinate with Caltrans on:

Coordinate with SFMTA on:

Bike Improvements - Embarcadero.

Coordinate with Other Transit Agencies on:

Additional Comments to Staff:

- To be determined scope of work for Port Baker.