



## **San Francisco Port Commission Approves Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project at Piers 31-33**

*Project anticipates \$34 million of investment in Public Waterfront*

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**San Francisco, CA - Monday, June 25, 2018**– Today in a special meeting, the San Francisco Port Commission unanimously approved the new Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project located at Piers 31-33 on The Embarcadero at Bay Street. The Port and the National Park Service (NPS) have spent the past few years negotiating the terms and conditions that will govern the improvements and long-term operations of the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project and retain Alcatraz ferry operations at Pier 31½.

“Our waterfront attracts more than 24 million people annually and is vital to the economy of our City,” said Mayor Mark Farrell. “Investing in the Alcatraz landing will help improve the safety and security of our residents and visitors, while ensuring the economic wellbeing of San Francisco.”

The Project is anticipated to result in \$34 million of investment in the Piers 31-33. The ferry concessioner is anticipated to contribute \$30 million and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is expected to contribute \$4 million.

“I’m thrilled that the Alcatraz Project is moving forward with private and public investment that will benefit the residents and Port of San Francisco,” said Port Commission President Kimberly Brandon. “Not only will the Project make our waterfront more valuable, it will retain and improve an important City and Port visitor-destination that will provide revenue for services that residents across the City rely on.”

The Alcatraz Project will activate the Pier 31 bulkhead with a plaza, café and improved public restrooms and transform the Pier 33 bulkhead into a visitor-contact station. The improvements will enhance the visitor experience on the wharf and the waterfront. Improvements to the site will be made through a lease with a new tenant, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (the Conservancy) and through a lease with a new ferry concessioner, to be selected by the NPS through its competitive-bid process.

“Major capital improvements are needed to ensure that our waterfront is safe and vibrant,” said Elaine Forbes, Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco. “We are proud of our successful partnership with the National Park Service and the Conservancy and to the many stakeholders who engaged in the approval process.”

The project agreement with NPS and the Conservancy lease are expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in July 2018. The Alcatraz Embarkation Project improvements are projected to be complete by 2024.

The Port of San Francisco manages the waterfront as the gateway to a world-class city, and advances environmentally and financially sustainable maritime, recreational and economic opportunities to serve the City, Bay Area, and California.

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