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**Golden State Warriors Use City Freight Rail System
In Development of New San Francisco Arena**
*City Rail System Employs Local San Francisco Residents from the Bayview
Neighborhood and Beyond*

San Francisco, CA – Port of San Francisco tenant, the San Francisco Bay Railroad (SFBR), located on Pier 96 and India Basin has begun the transportation of excess soil for the new Golden State Warriors Chase Center in the City’s Mission Bay neighborhood.

The first shipment of construction material is leaving the City today via train. The freight rail yard, part of the Port of San Francisco’s Southern Waterfront Industrial Complex, is less than two miles from the new arena site. That the Warrior’s is able to rely on freight rail to remove construction debris highlights the benefits that the freight rail system brings to San Francisco, including hiring local residents and reducing traffic congestion as well as air emissions.

“Protecting our environment, promoting skilled industrial jobs, and maintaining freight rail reflects the Port’s mission,” said Elaine Forbes, Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco. “The Golden State Warriors’ decision to choose freight rail in the development of the new sports arena means more work for our local Bayview residents and a lower emissions alternative that protects our environment.”

Using San Francisco’s own freight rail system to efficiently ship the additional soil will eliminate up to 7,500 trucks from City streets and Bay Area bridges and roadways during the next several months of the project. Moving the soil by rail is 90 percent more fuel efficient than trucking and it reduces air emissions by up to 90 percent.

“Using rail for construction materials will keep 16,000 trucks off City streets and the Bay Bridge this year,” said San Francisco Bay Railroad President David Gavrich. “We are proud to be a Port tenant and to work with the Golden State Warriors during this important milestone for the arena, just two miles from our facility.”

San Francisco Bay Railroad provides an important service to the many large construction projects in the City. The rail operator recently completed a \$1.3 million project to expand the rail yard track in order to accommodate future growth, including large scale projects like the Golden State Warriors arena.

In support of freight rail, the Port of San Francisco renewed the San Francisco Bay Railroad lease for an additional 5 years. Additionally, the Port obtained a \$1.5 million grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to replace a 1944 locomotive with a state-of-the-art "green" locomotive, which helps to reduce air emissions.

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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