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Dear Mr. Gougherty,

On June 19, 2013, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a public hearing and took public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Downtown Ferry Terminal Expansion Project (SCH #2011032066).

After discussion, the HPC arrived at the comments below:

- Incorporate the earlier comments by the Architectural Review Committee of the Historic Preservation Commission from their review of the proposed project's compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. They were in regards to the new ferry terminal berthing facilities, the new photovoltaic canopies, and the Embarcadero Plaza. See attached memo, dated April 25, 2013;
- Present final design of the proposed canopies and the plaza to the Historic Preservation Commission; and
- Revise figures in the DEIS/DEIR document to ensure consistent and accurate information regarding any and all proposed changes (i.e., Pages 29 and 93).

The HPC appreciates the opportunity to participate in review of this environmental document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Hasz", written over a horizontal line.

Karl Hasz, President
Historic Preservation Commission

ATTACHMENT

April 25, 2013 ARC Memo



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MEMO

DATE: April 25, 2013

TO: Mike Gougherty, San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency
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FROM: Rich Sucré, Historic Preservation Technical Specialist,
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REVIEWED BY: Architectural Review Committee of the
Historic Preservation Commission

RE: Meeting Notes -
Review and Comment at the April 17, 2013 ARC-HPC Hearing
for the Downtown Ferry Terminal Expansion
Case No. 2013.0100F

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At the request of the Planning Department and Port of San Francisco, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) was asked to review and comment on the Downtown Ferry Terminal Expansion Project.

Currently, the proposed project is undergoing environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

ARC RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

New Ferry Terminal Berthing Facilities-Gate A, Gate F and Gate G:

Overall, the ARC concurs with the staff determination that the new ferry terminal berthing facilities would be generally compatible with the adjacent historic resources and their character-defining features. The location and design of these new berthing facilities, including their floats, gangways, and access ramps, are located away from nearby historic resources, and are consistent with previously-determined compatible designs.

New Photovoltaic Canopies:

The ARC concurs with the staff recommendations regarding the design of the new canopies and elimination of the canopy extending in front of the north façade of the Ferry Building. Overall, the ARC agrees with the staff determination that the design of all new canopies should be refined to better relate to the adjacent historic resources and the surrounding historic district. Specifically, the ARC questioned the function and efficiency of the new photovoltaic panels on the canopies given their location and orientation. Further, the ARC found that the new canopy design would not appear to sufficiently shield passengers from wind and rain, due to the current design's height and upslope. In addition, the ARC commented on the number of canopies and their impact upon the view of the Ferry Building and the San Francisco Bay. The ARC questioned the

number of varying design expressions introduced into the area, which would be caused by the new photovoltaic canopies in combination with the existing East Bayside Promenade, entry portals to the new berthing facilities, and other existing site elements. The ARC also requested additional information on the queue time for the various ferry terminals and the justification for permanent canopies. The ARC questioned whether the destinations with longer queues could be moved to one of the other berthing facilities with longer canopy elements. Ultimately, the ARC found that the current design is not compatible with the surrounding historic resources.

Embarcadero Plaza:

Generally, the ARC concurs with the staff determination that the infill of the lagoon between the Agriculture Building and Ferry Building would be generally compatible and would not impact adjacent historic resources and their character-defining features. The ARC questioned the elevation of the Embarcadero Plaza and requested more detail on the flooding of the surrounding area and Agriculture Building. The ARC would also like additional information on the plaza design, materials and finishes before issuing a final opinion on this aspect of the proposed project.

Future Review:

The ARC appreciates the opportunity to review the initial concepts for the Downtown Ferry Terminal Expansion, and welcomes future review of the proposed project.