

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION GRANTING JUDICIAL STREAMLINING FOR
THE BERKELEY WATER TRANSPORTATION PIER FERRY PROJECT
IN THE CITY OF BERKELEY, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq., make the following determinations:

The Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project (Project) includes construction, operation, and maintenance of a new dual-purpose pier that supports public recreation, a revitalized waterfront, and zero-emission public ferry service between Berkeley and San Francisco. The project is a proposed partnership between the City of Berkeley (the City) and the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), also known as San Francisco Bay Ferry. At full buildout, the project will operate a new zero-emission electric passenger ferry service connecting the Berkeley ferry terminal to the San Francisco and Larkspur ferry terminals and is estimated to remove approximately 19,159 daily vehicle miles traveled from the roadway network. A copy of the Project's application, which contains information supporting this certification, is attached as Exhibit 1. All materials associated with this application are available online at: <https://lci.ca.gov/ceqa/judicial-streamlining/#under-consideration>

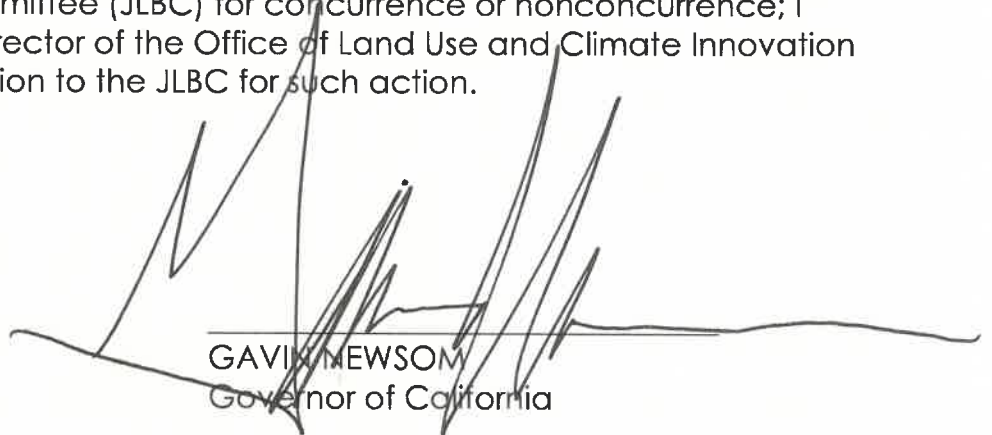
As set forth below, the Project has demonstrated that it meets all requirements to be eligible for certification for streamlining.

1. Project Applicant: The City of Berkeley
2. Project Description: The City proposes the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new dual-purpose pier and ancillary uses that support new zero-emission electric passenger ferry service connecting the Berkeley ferry terminal to San Francisco.
3. CEQA Lead Agency: City of Berkeley
4. The Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (g)(1) which defines a "Transportation-related project" (Exhibit 1, Sections 2.1-2.2, pg. 14-22).
5. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.81, Subdivision (g)(2). The applicant has agreed the Project will comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code. (Exhibit 1, Section 2.3, pg. 22-23, and Attachment B).
6. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision (a)(3). This Project would not exceed limitations on the number of transportation-related projects that may be certified by the Governor.
7. The Project Applicant has provided information establishing that the Project will minimize impacts to disadvantaged communities in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21189.82, Subdivision(c). Specifically, the census tract encompassing the Project does not meet the

definition of a disadvantaged community. Nonetheless, the Project incorporates enforceable mitigation measures and design features that would minimize significant impacts to the extent feasible, and this would be formalized through a binding and enforceable agreement with the Lead Agency (Exhibit. 1, Section 2.5, pg. 23-24, and Attachments C and E).

8. This Project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code Section 21189.83, Subdivision (b). The Applicant has demonstrated that the Project would not result in any net increase in greenhouse gas emissions. (Exhibit 1, Section 2.6, pg. 24, and Attachment D).
9. The Project Applicant has agreed to prepare the record of proceedings for the Project concurrent with review and consideration of the Project pursuant to the requirements in Public Resources Code Section 21189.86, (Exhibit 1, Sections 2.7, pg. 25-26).
10. The application materials submitted by the Applicant were made available to the public on the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's website on July 2, 2026, and 1 public comment letter on the Project application was received. This comment was thoroughly reviewed and considered before making this determination.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project is an eligible project under Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq. Pursuant to statute, this certification must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for concurrence or nonconcurrence; I therefore instruct the Director of the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation to transmit this certification to the JLBC for such action.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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