

OUR HISTORY

In the early 1930s, a fleet of 50 ferries shuttled 50-60 million passengers across the Bay each year. With the construction of the Bay Bridge that same decade, ferry service saw a steep decline in interest and ridership, with just four public ferry boats serving the entire Bay Area in the late 1980s. That all changed in 1989 when the Loma Prieta earthquake struck, damaging the Bay Bridge and resulting in its closure for more than a month. During that time, traveling by ferry was the only way to cross the Bay.

The Loma Prieta earthquake is credited with renewing interest in water transit, and with gridlock on local freeways and bridges increasing in recent years, many Bay Area residents are looking for an alternative to crowded bridges, train cars and buses. For more than 20 years, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) has been working to expand Bay Area public ferry service, while also preparing to respond to a major disaster that affects transbay transportation. Learn more about our history and what we've accomplished in the timeline below.

TIMELINE



1986 1989 1999 2003 2004 2007 2008 2009 2011 2012 2013 2014

 

1986

Vallejo Ferry Service Is Born, Thanks to an Animal Park

Marine World Africa USA – now known as Six Flags Discovery Kingdom – moved from its site in Redwood City to Vallejo. To help visitors from San Francisco and the Peninsula get to the park, Marine World established ferry service between the Ferry Building and Vallejo. The City of Vallejo eventually took over this service, branding it as Vallejo BayLink.



Set sail with ease. Our ferry service connects you to key destinations, offering a reliable and scenic alternative to your daily commute or weekend adventure. Start your journey with SF Bay Ferry today and experience the Bay like never before.

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