

An introduction is needed, major points that I think might help are:

- transportation has been a critical issue since the park has been established
- that access to and with in the park must be safe and enjoyable in order to ensure quality visitor experience
- planning and implementation of transportation strategies must continue in order to address congestion, protection of the park's natural and cultural resources.
- more auto traffic will contribute to more congestion, more impacts on adjacent communities, and more frustration for people traveling to the park

Transportation Mission:

The GGNRA will pursue sustainable, multi-modal access to all park sites. By improving trails, roads and transit connections, a network of equitable multi-modal transportation options will allow for enjoyable access to park sites.

Transportation System Goals:

Transit systems connecting to the parks, and where appropriate, within the parks should be fully accessible, easy to use and integrated with the overall transportation network for the Bay Area.

Transportation facilities should be sited and designed to support a full range of modes (bicycling, transit, walking, etc.), to maximize safety for all users, and to collocate with other visitor support facilities.

Reduce user conflicts, through design, communication and policy, as appropriate to ensure safe access for all users.

Reduce vehicle congestion through a full range of congestion management tools, such as parking management, alternative transportation options, and other best practices as they develop.

Continuing Existing Transportation Efforts

Expanding Ferry Access

As envisioned in the 1980 general management plan, the staff at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area continues to pursue expanded ferry access as an alternative means of travel between Fort Baker, Fort Mason and the Presidio.

Consistent with regional, multi-agency planning efforts, the National Park Service is evaluating new ferry access for Alcatraz Island to augment the primary direct access from San Francisco.

The National Park Service will continue to collaborate with Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), and the San Francisco Port Authority to explore a wide range of future ferry connections. These broad planning efforts seek to improve visitor experience and links between park sites and the regional ferry network. Water taxi access will also be considered as a

component of the full network of water-bourn access where fixed route and schedule ferry service many not be warranted.

Trip Planning/Wayfinding On-line

The park will continue to pursue improved mapping capabilities to enable visitor trip planning, integrated interpretive information and route planning, and other interactive tools. These website improvements will facilitate a broader understanding of park resources and the full array of transportation modes available to access them.

Congestion Management

Congestion Management or Transportation Demand Management is a collection of management tools focused on shifting personal travel patterns to off-peak periods, more efficient modes (transit, ridesharing, etc.) and alternative modes (cycling, walking, etc.) to off-set vehicle congestion, particularly during peak periods. Tools can include improving and promoting transit options, shifting employee work hours and congestion fees (tolls, paid parking, etc.). The park will continue to explore a full range of these tools to off-set congestion at park sites.