



Larkspur Ferry Service and Parking Expansion Study Fact Sheet

Study Overview and Background

The Larkspur Ferry and Parking Expansion Study is a 24-month study to review ways to increase ferry ridership, reduce traffic congestion on Highway 101 in Marin and Sonoma Counties and the Larkspur Landing area, improve connectivity for people walking and biking, and develop adequate parking.

When the Study planning was first initiated in 2019, ferry ridership had hit maximum capacity on many trips and congestion on Highway 101 was worsening. At the start of the pandemic, congestion mostly vanished, but vehicle traffic has already starting to increase again.

The future beyond this pandemic is uncertain, but the Bay Area's economy has proven resilient in the past. Without interventions, experts expect a rebounding economy to bring the return of congestion and its negative impacts.

The pandemic is spurring communities to think about the kind of future they want. By beginning the study now, we will help the region plan and prepare for the recovery and a post-pandemic future.

Purpose

The study will provide analysis to better understand 21st century ferry needs, including:

- i. The potential for further increases in demand as travel on the 101 corridor continues to grow and the Bay Area ferry network expands ;
- ii. Expanding Larkspur ferry terminal parking and landside access;
- iii. Traffic circulation in Larkspur Landing and along Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Timeline

The study will take place in three phases. Phase One is scheduled to take place in 2021 and includes development of alternatives and screening. Phase Two is anticipated for 2021 and 2022 and covers four key stages in the planning process:

- Environmental Evaluation
- A draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document
- Public Review
- Preliminary Design Study

Phase 3 is anticipated for late 2022 and early 2023 and includes development of the Final CEQA document and regulatory permitting.

