

1. INTRODUCTION

A. General Description of Surrounding Area

The City and County of San Francisco is located at the center of the San Francisco Bay Area, the largest metropolitan area in Northern California, as shown in Figure 1.

San Francisco Bay is a major recreational boating area for boaters from all over Northern California. The waterfront of San Francisco Bay is dotted with recreational marinas. The marina berth facilities market in San Francisco and the Bay Area as a whole is very stable. Gradually increasing demand for berths in conjunction with the limited availability and high cost of waterfront land has led established marinas to operate at full capacity and newer facilities to experience a gradual, but steady, lease-up to full occupancy. Because of the nearly full utilization of marina berths within the San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo County areas, many facilities maintain waiting lists. Berths at the San Francisco Municipal Marina are in high demand, with over 300 persons on the waiting list for slips at the facility.

The estimated length of the boating recreation season is 300 days.

B. General Description of Proposed Project Site

San Francisco Marina is located on the Northern Waterfront of the City of San Francisco, as shown in Figure 2. The site is approximately one and one-half miles east of the Golden Gate Bridge and west of and adjacent to Fort Mason. The marina is located on property under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission. The marina adjoins lands of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

The project is located in an area known as the Marina District. The area is bounded on the east by Fort Mason, on the west by Lyon Street and the Presidio, on the south by Marina Boulevard and on the north by the waters of San Francisco Bay.

The San Francisco Marina is composed of two harbors, known as the East Harbor and the West Harbor. The East Harbor, also known as Gashouse Cove, is next to the western boundary of Fort Mason. The East Harbor consists of 343 boat slips, the City Yachts boat sales, and park land which includes a restroom, and two parking lots.

The West Harbor includes the West Harbor marina area, the Saint Francis and Golden Gate Yacht Clubs, the Harbormaster's Building, the park area known as Marina Green which includes restrooms and a concession stand, and four parking lots. There are 343 boats slips in the West Harbor area, of which 269 are in the inner harbor basin, with the balance in the outer harbor basin.

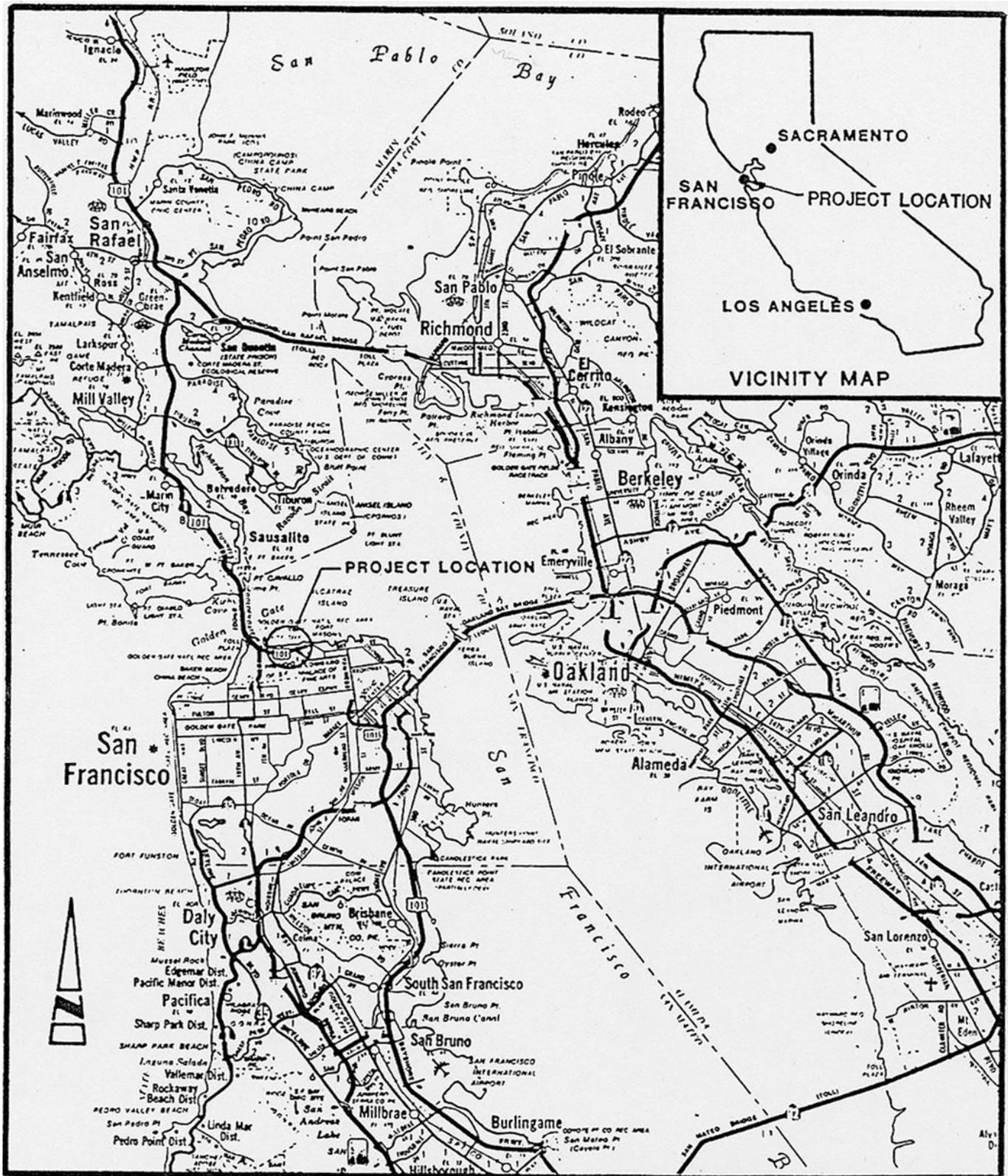


FIGURE 1: VICINITY MAP

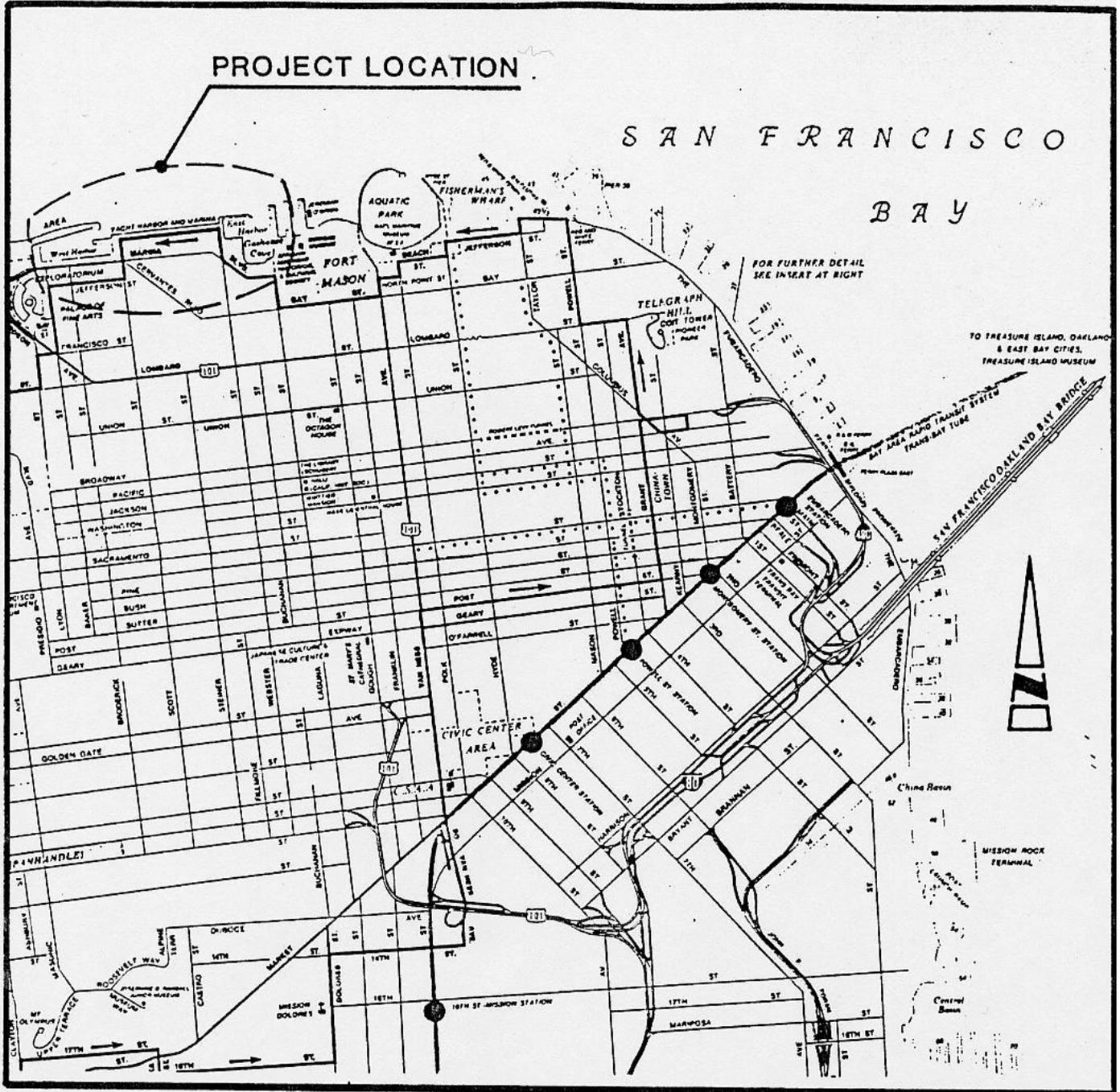


FIGURE 2: LOCATION MAP

The Marina Green, a major city park, is situated between the East Harbor, West Harbor and Marina Boulevard.

Partial protection against wave attack is provided for the West Harbor outer basin by the existing breakwater. The inner harbor basin, however, is well protected. Access to San Francisco Bay is provided by an entrance channel with water depths varying between 10 feet and 20 feet at Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Accumulation of sand in the entrance has necessitated more frequent maintenance dredging in recent years. The East Harbor is partially protected against wave action by a sheetpile breakwater. Access to San Francisco Bay is via an entrance channel with water depths of between 10-15 feet at MLLW.

Road access to the site is from Marina Boulevard. Marina Boulevard is a main thoroughfare connecting directly to the Golden Gate Bridge approach. The signal on Marina Boulevard at Buchanan Street regulates traffic movement into and out of the East Harbor parking areas, while the signals at Scott Street and Lyon Street regulate traffic movement into and out of the West Harbor parking areas.