

THE EXPLORATORIUM

HISTORIC REHABILITATION PROJECT AT PIERS 15/17

TYPE OF PROJECT	Public/Private Partnership Development Project Northeast Waterfront, Piers 15/17 (Embarcadero at Green Street), San Francisco
PORT PROJECT STAFF	Byron Rhett, Director, Planning & Development Division Jennifer Sobol, Project Manager (415-274-0548) Phil Williamson, Project Manager (415-274-0453)
TENANT & DEVELOPER	The Exploratorium , the museum of science, art and human perception
DEVELOPMENT TEAM	Owner/Public Partner: Port of San Francisco Development Manager: Wilson Meany Sullivan James Suh (415-905-5364) Project Architect: EHDD Architecture Historic Preservation Architect: Page & Turnbull, Inc. Landscape Architect: GLS CEQA Consultant: PBS&J / EIP Associates Legal Advisors: Coblenz, Patch Duffy & Bass, LLP Farella, Braun + Martel, LLP Structural Engineers: Rutherford & Chekene General Contractor: Nibbi Bros. Associates, Inc. Construction Management: KPM Consulting LLC



Newly Exposed Bay between Piers 15 and 17 and Connecting Bridges - Facing Cityscape
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DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE Construction Start: November 2010
Project Completion: Summer 2013

COST \$205 million

PROJECT DESCRIPTION Relocation of the Exploratorium museum from the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco to Piers 15 and 17 on the Embarcadero at Green Street. Development and rehabilitation of the Pier 15 bulkhead building and shed, construction of a new building (the “Observatory Building”) to replace the existing non-historic connector building between the piers, and removal of the paved asphalt parking area in the valley to create an open water courtyard and outdoor exhibit area. Pier 15 will house the museum’s exhibits, a retail store and gift shop, two cafés, exhibit fabrication area, classrooms, theatre, the Tactile Dome and administrative offices. The project will provide public access around the piers and on the 2nd floor of the Observatory Building. It will open up views to the water, and visitors will be able to sit and walk along the Bay. The new Observatory Building will have a café on the 1st floor and exhibits on the 2nd floor, which also can be rented out for special events. A boat dock will be constructed on the south apron to provide water taxi service, and ships will continue to berth on the east apron. Baydelta Maritime, the tug & tow operator at Pier 15, will be relocated to Pier 17. The Exploratorium hopes to expand the museum into Pier 17 in later years. Visit the museum’s website for more information at: www.exploratorium.edu/piers



New Exploratorium at Pier 15 - View from the Embarcadero
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**REQUIRED
REGULATORY
APPROVALS**

The Project was required to obtain approvals from the State Lands Commission, BCDC, the State Office of Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, the Port of San Francisco and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified by the San Francisco Planning Department. The project also required amendments to the BCDC *Special Area Plan*, the *Port of San Francisco Waterfront Land Use Plan* and the *Design & Access Element*. The project complies with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and with the Port's Substructure Repair Guidelines. Permits have been issued by the Port's building department and by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Army Corps of Engineers and NOAA.

STATUS

- All Regulatory Approvals have been obtained
- The Project is under construction



Proposed Museum inside Pier 15