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MTA, Caltrans, City of Avalon Complete Mole Ferry Terminal Project

- Expansion of docks facilitate faster turnaround and travel times for cross channel carriers

The City of Avalon, in partnership with MTA and CALTRANS, has announced the completion of the Mole Ferry Terminal Expansion Project, which provides the expansion of two floating docks to unload passengers arriving from the ports of San Pedro, Long Beach, Newport Beach, Dana Point and in the near future, Marina Del Rey.

The two 50' x 20' floating docks allow travelers and commuters to and from Catalina Island faster turnaround and travel times, allowing them to more quickly embark and disembark from several cross channel carriers.

MTA, through CALTRANS, provided \$259,000 to the City of Avalon for the project. The City of Avalon provided the additional \$96,000 for the \$355,000 project.

"This project is a textbook example of how, working together, we can achieve timely delivery of projects vital to the City of Avalon," said Roger Martin, project manager for MTA. MTA provided master planning and project management assistance.

In the peak season this year, vessels from Catalina Express, Catalina Passenger Service, Catalina Classic Cruises, Catalina Explorer and Seaplane Fast Ferries are expected to use Avalon's facility up to 40 times a day, carrying between 149 to 600 passengers per trip. Among all the carriers, 900,000 passengers including 150,000 commuters are transported to Avalon every year.

"The completion of this project is important to the City of Avalon," said Rob Clark, city manager for the City of Avalon. "This project increases docking facility efficiency for the passenger carriers servicing Avalon, which is good for business," he said.

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