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VALLEJO TO CHRISTEN NEWEST MEMBER OF FERRYBOAT FLEET

VALLEJO – Local officials and dignitaries will be on hand at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2004 to dedicate the MV Solano, the newest addition to the City of Vallejo's fleet of high-speed ferryboats.

The boat will be docked at the Vallejo Ferry Terminal, 495 Mare Island Way, in Vallejo.

The event begins at 2 p.m. with a program of speakers starting at 2:15 p.m. At 2:30 the boat will be officially christened, and the maiden voyage of the MV Solano will take place at 2:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the hourlong cruise, which will return to the Ferry Terminal at 3:45 p.m.

The MV Solano was built at a cost of approximately \$11 million thanks to local, state and federal grants. The boat will be the third high-speed ferry in the fleet, joining the MV Mare Island and the MV Intintoli, and the fourth boat overall in the fleet, along with the MV Vallejo. Vallejo's ferryboats make 11 roundtrips to San Francisco and back every day during the summer. Schedules and more information can be found at www.baylinkferry.com.