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**IN BRIEF**

**Vallejo**

**Fuel in Mare groundwater  
marked for better cleanup**

The Navy is planning to remove diesel fuel in groundwater at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. A study of three methods for cleanup and a recommendation is available for public review at the John F. Kennedy Library, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo.

Investigations at the contaminated site have found significant diesel fuel contamination of soil and groundwater. Immediately adjacent to the strait, free-flowing liquid fuel is 5- to 8-feet below the ground level over a 6,000-square-foot area. It could enter the strait, according to the notice.

The shipyard has been periodically pumping this liquid from three monitoring wells. Now the shipyard is considering a more thorough recovery system. The Navy, with oversight by the California and U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies, is recommending a deep, gravel-filled extraction trench.

To make written public comments, contact David Afana, Public Affairs Officer, Code 1160, Stop 045,

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**Oakland**

**Translink tickets meet end  
of line for BART transfers**

BART Express buses will stop accepting Translink tickets Dec. 16, following a BART board committee recommendation.

County Connection officials have decided to terminate Translink, with a final vote due from that agency's board in mid-November. The BART board is expected to agree Nov. 16 and end the demonstration program.

BART fare gates will continue accepting Translink, so anyone with the fare cards can use them until values are gone. Bus ticket-validation machines, however, will stop taking Translink on Dec. 16.

The fare cards were supposed to provide easy, one-ticket travel on BART trains, BART Express buses and County Connection coaches. Mechanical and computer problems created numerous problems for the tickets, which store value on a magnetic strip similar to a standard

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