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NFL to visit possible 49er's sites
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Scouting report: National Football League executives will be in town today for a meeting with Newsom and other city officials about their plans for a new 49ers stadium at the old Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, as well as a tour of the site.

The meeting comes amid signs that the 49ers' preferred plan in Santa Clara has hit a serious obstacle.

Ohio-based Cedar Fair -- the owner of the Great America theme park that controls the Santa Clara parking lot where the team wants to build a stadium -- told the San Jose Mercury News that it opposes the project.

49ers spokeswoman Lisa Lang said Sunday that the team hasn't spoken to Cedar Fair since the two sides met March 15. The company also has not responded to a pair of faxes the team sent to update the company and solicit feedback, she said.

At issue: the 8,100 parking spaces Great America needs for its customers under its agreement with the city. Many of those spaces would have to be eliminated or moved to make way for the stadium.

"Their concerns are very valid," Lang said. "We hope this is a bump in the road, not a major roadblock."

But before you read too much into the NFL crew's visit to San Francisco, we should note that the league execs will also visit Santa Clara on Tuesday.

"We are focused on Santa Clara and that is where our primary effort is now," 49ers consultant Peter Hillan said. "San Francisco continues to try to provide an alternative site, so it makes sense for representatives of the NFL to see both sites."

As for San Francisco being the first stop?

"I wouldn't read anything into that," Hillan said. "It's the scheduling -- first does not mean first."