Waterfront Specific Plan for the City of Berkeley Public Tidelands Area

Open House

Documentation of Public Feedback

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Comments were not solicited on boards 1-3 at the welcome station.

On September 23, 2023, the City of Berkeley hosted an open house at Shorebird Nature Center, overlapping the Shoreline Clean Up. The goal was to engage the community, share the Draft WSP with them, and solicit feedback via green dots to indicate elements they supported, and sticky notes to capture their comments. 34 boards were displayed and broken into sections, including: Welcome/SCC, Introduction, Opportunity, Recreation, Land Use & Development, Design Guidelines, Supporting Infrastructure, Renderings, Exit. Staff were on site at each section to introduce key topics, answer questions, engage 1:1 with stakeholders, and invite feedback via stickies and dots. The photos that follow capture the response. Separate documents capture the clean boards presented, and verbal feedback/staff notes from the event.



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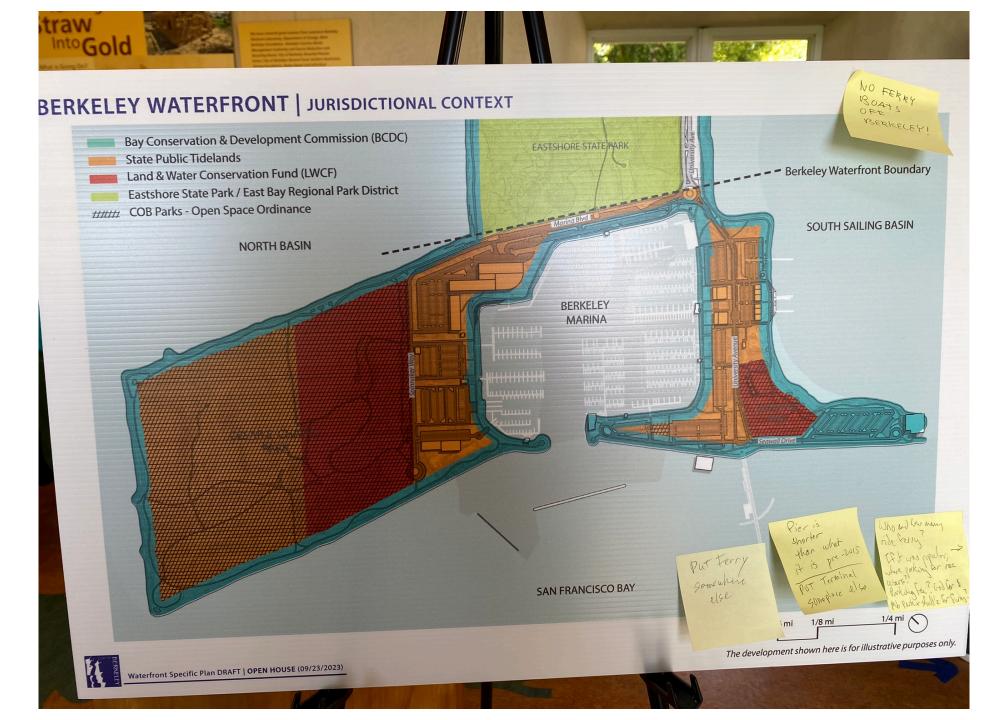


The Waterfront Specific Plan is a community-driven vision for the future of Berkeley's Waterfront. Over the past three years, the City has convened workshops and focus groups, led site tours, and engaged diverse stakeholders and civic leaders to create a plan to guide the Waterfront for the next 25 to 50 years.

Come on in!

- 1. Take a look at the Draft Waterfront Specific Plan.
- 2. Ask questions. Staff is here to help orient you and engage in conversation.
- 3. Tell us what you think. Use dot stickers and post-it notes to share your thoughts.
- 4. Stay in touch! Email <u>bmasp@berkeleyca.gov</u> and follow the website. -







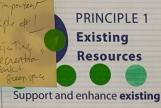
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Community Workshops Focus Groups

Community Questionnaires **Project Website** 3 Council Updates & 2 Council Work Sessions

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recreation, parks, green space, development, and programming currently enjoyed by Berkeley lents and visitors. 10 (na

> Equitable Access

Promote opportunities for all **Berkeley residents and visitors** to access and experience the Waterfront, including its remarkable natural environment, diverse waterfront recreation, and community resources.



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Reinforce the identity and character of the unique landscape of the Berkeley Waterfront for the recreational, environmental, social and economic values it provides to the surrounding community.

> **PRINCIPLE 5** Enduring Waterfront

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PRINCIPLE 3 Sensitive Development

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What principles are most

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Encourage re-development opportunities that are complementary with the land uses appropriate at the Waterfront, respect the uniqueness of the site and maintain shoreline access and views.

Adaptable

Implementation

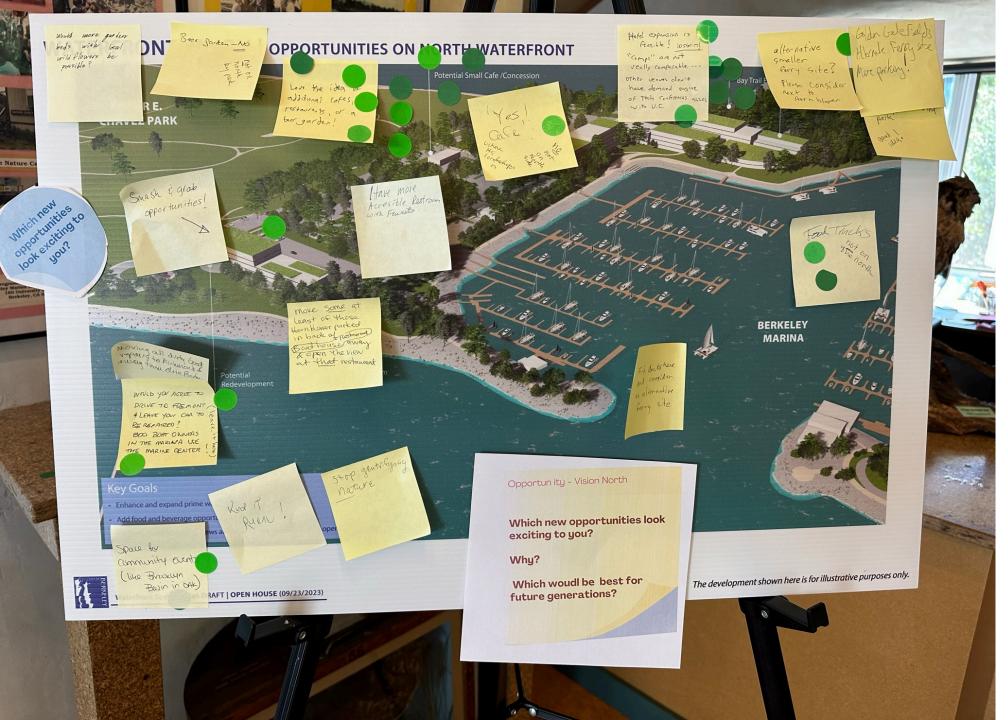
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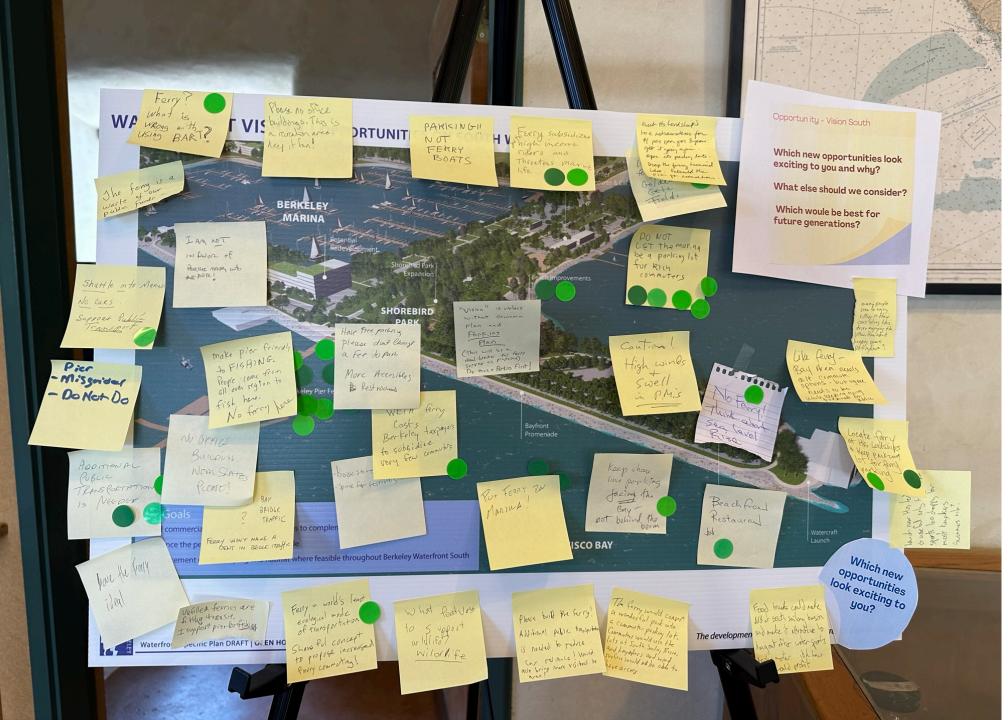
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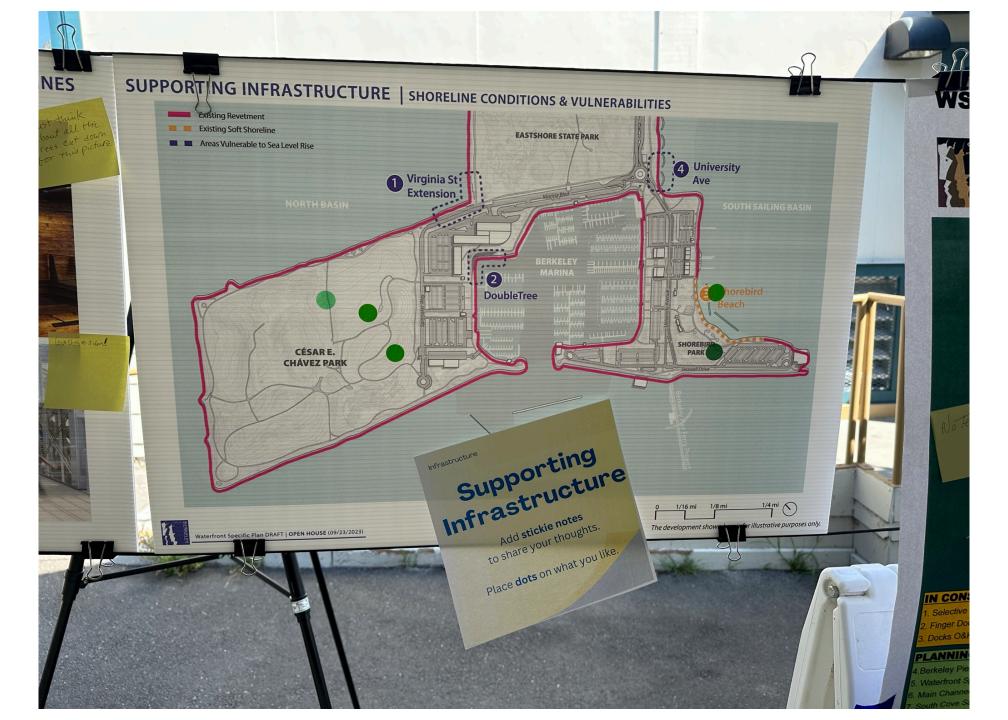


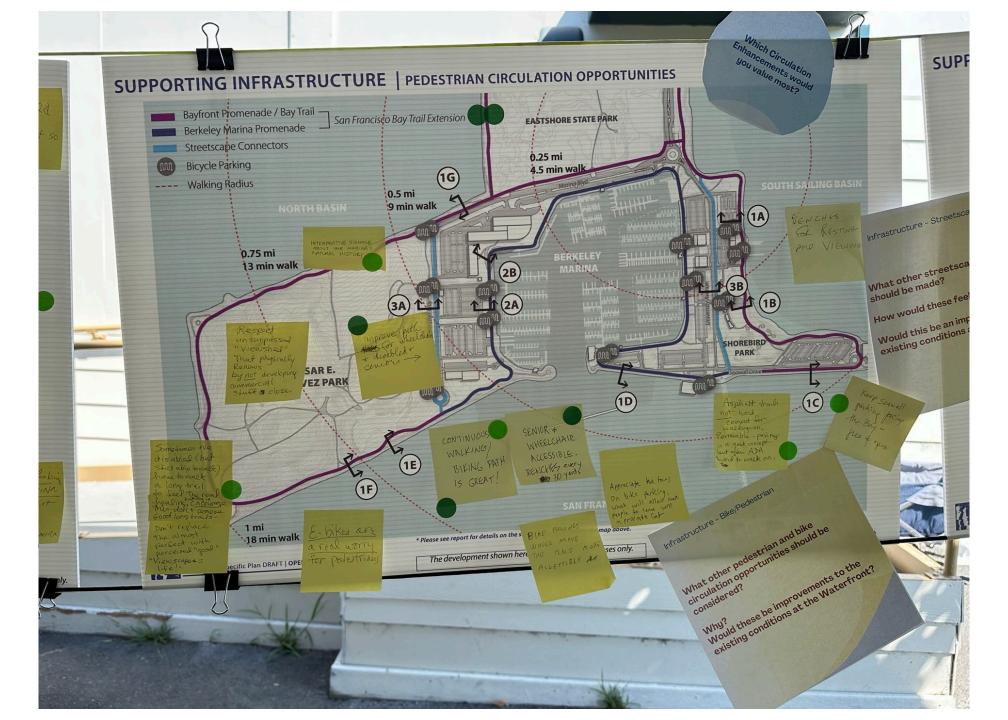


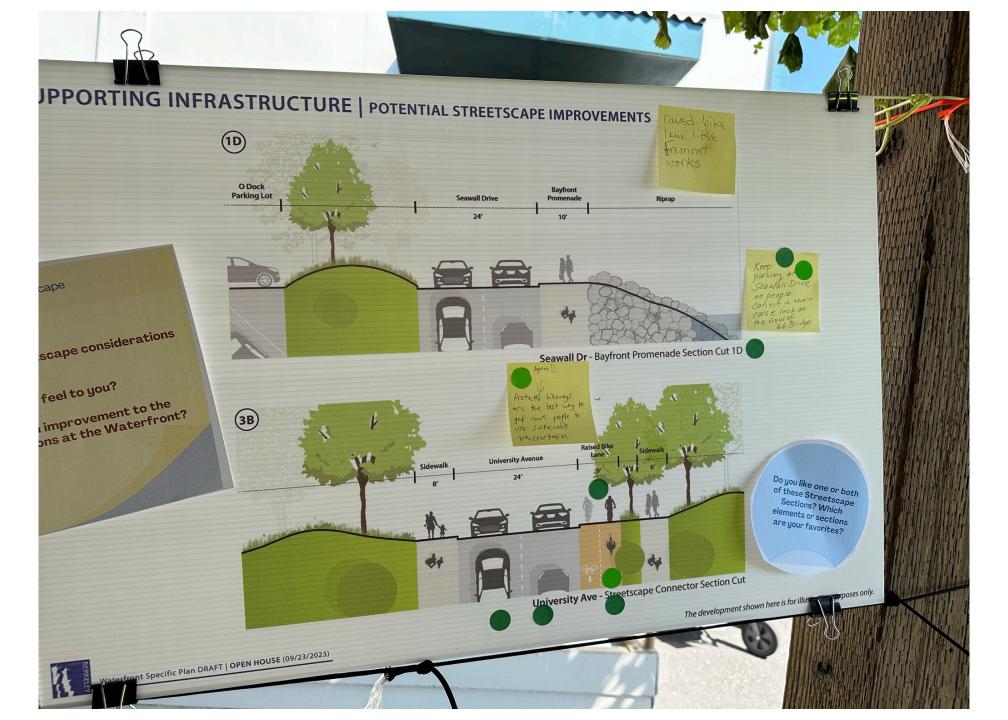


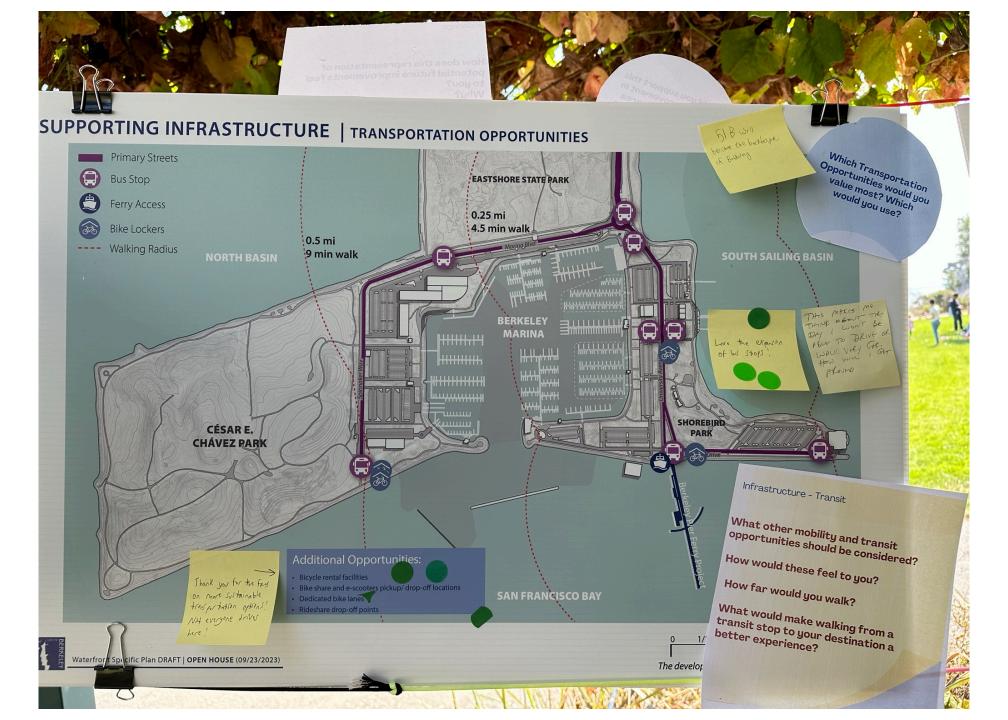


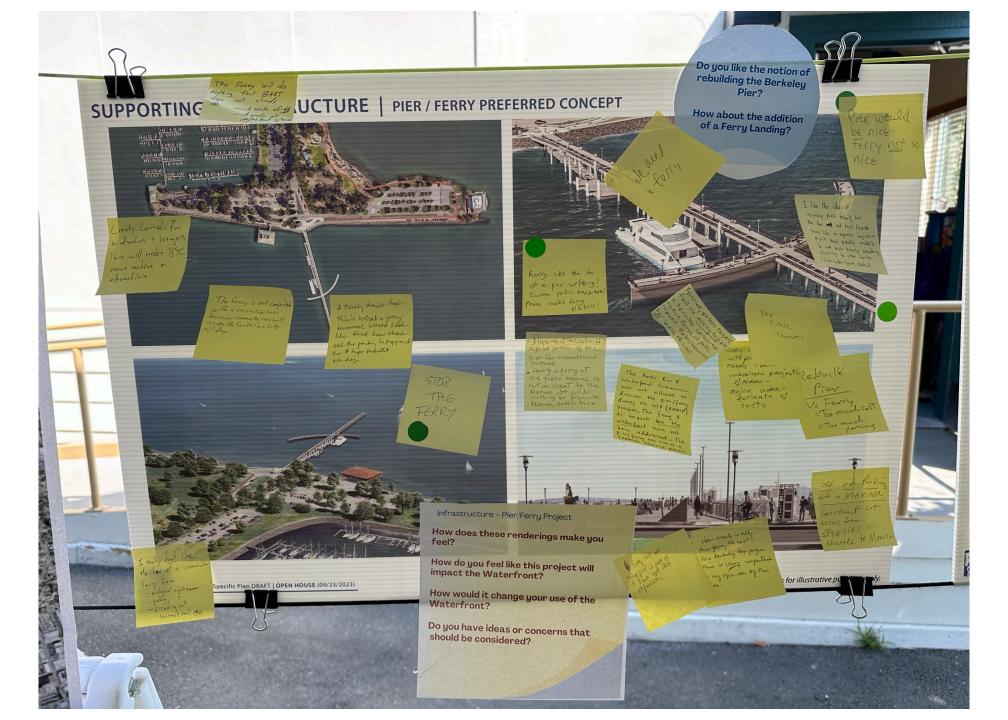


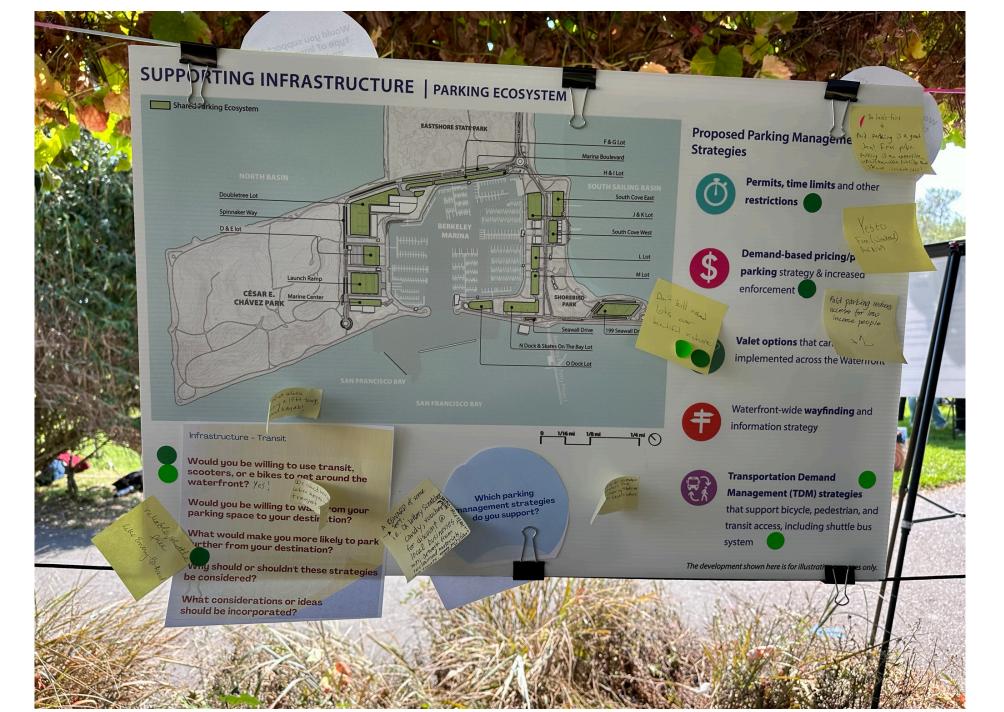


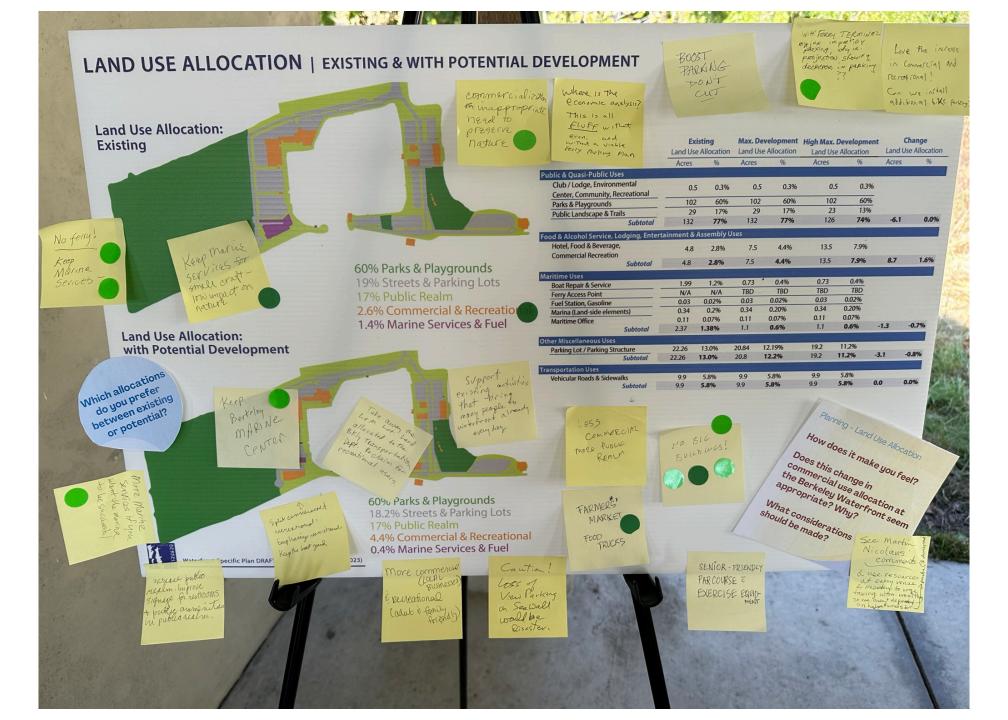


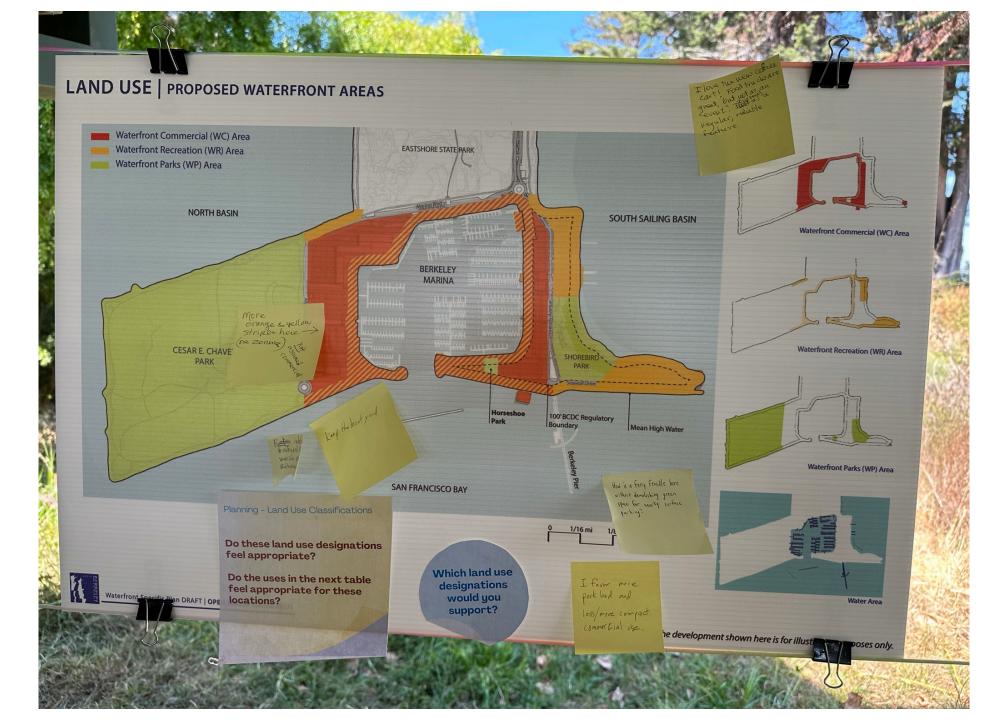












LAND USE | ALLOWABLE LAND USES & EASE OF PERMITTING





ZC = A Zoning Certificate (ZC)

- A Zoning Certificate confirms that a particular land use or structure is allowed under the Zoning Code.
- Decision: This is processed at staff level and is a ministerial/by right action.
- Process: Less than 1 month

Appeals: Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)

AUP = Administrative Use Permit.

- Potentially sensitive projects require an Administrative Use Permit to ensure dealers dealers compliance with the intent of the WSP.
- Decision: This is a staff level discretionary review, that is approved by the Officer as proposed or with conditions.
- Process: 2-8 months
- Appeals: ZAB

UP (PH) = Use Permit

- Use Permits ensure that potentially sensitive projects are designed, located, and operated in ways that are compatible with the Berkeley Waterfront and ensure compliance with the intent of the WSP.
- Decision: This is processed by the Zoning Adjustments Board via a public and is discretionary.

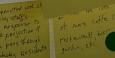
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- Length of Process: 6-15 months
- Appeals: City Council

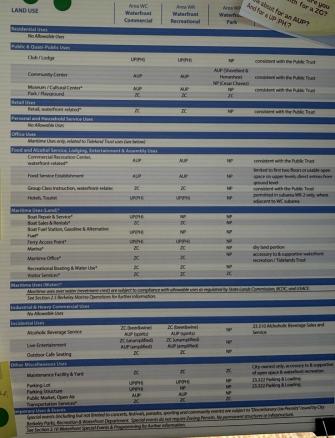
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DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS | WATERFRONT SUBAREAS

What heights feel appropriate in the commercial areas? Subarea WC-1 Subarea WC-2 Subarea WC-3 Doubletree Subarea WC-4 Are different heights more Marina & Bay North Subarea WC-5 Marina South Subarea WR-1 Subarea WR-2 Bay South Over Water Subarea WP-1 appropriate in some areas South Cove Shoreline Shorebird Park than others? What setbacks feel appropriate Why? **Finished Floor Elevation** CA State Sea Level Guidelines **Building Height, Maximum** 65' CA State Sea Level Guidelines 45' Setback from Revetment Crest, Minimum 65' 35' 25' 30' [1] [2] **Building Separation, Minimum** 30' [1] [2] 20' 100' [1] [2] **Building Subarea Coverage, Maximum** 20' 45% no requirement 25% Pedestrian Entrance Frequency, Minimum 15% 10% 50' min. 2% 30' min. 50' min. Ground Floor Uses, Minimum 30' min. 40% Active Use 60% Active Use 80% Active Use 20' min. 30' min. no new development 60% Active Use Ground Floor Transparency, Minimum 80% Active Use 60% water-facing facades [4] 80% Active Use 40% land-facing facades [4] 60% [4] Usable Open Space, Minimum no requirement 5 sq. ft per 100 gross sq. ft [5] Off-Street Parking, Lodging Uses 0.9 per room no requirement 0.5 per room 0.5 per room 0.5 per room Maximum (no Minimum) Non-Lodging Uses N/A N/A no requirement no requirement

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Can you explain why a particular mobility Or parking lot strategy or guideline is Which of these strategies would have the Most positive impact on the waterfront? What else should be considered?



Incorporate the following design strategies to renovate existing surface parking lots, with a priority on environmental sustainability and resilience:

Parking Lots as Public Space | Due to the unique characteristics of the Berkeley Waterfront, parking lots should be designed as an extension of the public realm with an appropriate amount of landscape to create a comfortable experience.

Waterfront Circulation | Circulation at the Berkeley Waterfront should facilitate micromobility and pedestrian connectivity between destinations at the Berkeley Waterfront further reducing reliance on cars.

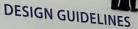
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations | Parking lots should consider ncorporating more electric vehicle charging stations on both the north and south side of the Berkeley Waterfromin addition to the electric vehicle charging stations that already exist.

Cool Materials & Solar Shading | New or renovated parking lots should include elements such as large canopy trees and solar power shade structures where possible.

On-Site Stormwater Management | New or renovated parking lots should strive to manage stormwater on site using a combination of rain gardens, permeable pavements, and underground cisterns as appropriate. Captured stormwater may be reused for building systems or landscape irrigation, reducing potable water use and contributing to enhanced resiliency during

periods of extreme drought.

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Which mobility strategy do you most value? Which Parking Lot rennovation guidelines do you most value?

Which design guidelines for buildings do you value?

DESIGN GUIDELINES

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New and renovated buildings should be designed for sensitive integration within the Berkeley Waterfront landscape. Incorporate the following design strategies to effectively integrate buildings into the existing Berkeley Waterfront

Contextual Waterfront Design | Buildings at the Berk should be designed to integrate with the landscape, w appropriate mass and bulk.

Waterfront Buildings

Waterfront Sensitivity | All new landscape and buildiparticular sensitivity within 100' from mean high water outdoor flow and an inviting design that integrates the user experience with the waterfront setting.

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Public Entrances | Building entrances should be located where the most visible and welcoming from adjacent public areas and public areas ar

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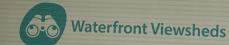


Planning - Building Guidelines

How will these guidelines impact your waterfront? Why are these guidelines important to you?

Are there other building design guidelines that should be considered?

How would you feel about waterfront buildings if they incorporated these design strategies? Why?



The Berkeley Waterfront's remarkable setting within ecologically rich environment of the San Francisco Bay is essential to enduring value. Prevent negative impacts of redevelopment to the following priority viewsheds, and seek opportunities to positively impact or improve viewsheds:

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Planning - Viewsheds

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Why are these guidelines important to you?

Are there other view-related Are there only view responses that should be

Considered? How would you feel about the waterfront these considerations

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Viewsheds to Water | Development should be designed with attention to how it impacts views from the Berkeley Waterfront or adjacent urban areas out to the San Francisco Bay. Massing should be strategically designed so that buildings block views to water as little as possible, and material palettes should help buildings to visually recede within the waterfront landscape as

Viewsheds to Land | Views from watercrafts on the Bay back towards Berkeley are also a priority, requiring similar massing and material considerations so that land based natural resources such as the EastshoreState Park, Cesar Chavez Park and Shorebird Park and the Berkeley skyline are prioritized.

Viewsheds from Redevelopment | High-quality long-term development will include leveraging the spectacular natural setting of the Berkeley Waterfront. Views to the water should be prioritized from both indoor and outdoor spaces, as well as attention to how development may enhance views from other buildings or structures at the Berkeley Waterfront.

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value?

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How will these guidelines impact your waterfront?

Which of these guidelines important to you and why?

Are there other considerations that should be included?

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How would you feel these design strategies were incorporated?

Waterfront Public Realm

Incorporate the following design strategies to support a cohesive Berkeley Waterfront landscape, reinforcing placemaking and equitable public access:

Shared Public Open Space | Integration with adjacent public realm may include open space with open lawns, shaded seating, or small plazas that engage community use, and emphasize the integration of development and landscape. Safe lighting should also be incorporated between all buildings and adjacent public trails and streets. Fencing is not allowed, with exceptions for screening utilities and waste storage areas.

Pedestrian Circulation | New developments should incorporate clear and welcoming connections to Berkeley Waterfront trails and pathways. Fences at the edge of development are not allowed, except where they are associated with storage of recreational equipment.

Waterfront Plant Communities | Recommended native and adapted species are included as a resource - targeted to the specific objectives of the Berkeley Waterfront's diverse landscape typologies. All new plantings should be reviewed and approved for consistency with the Berkeley Waterfront's identified plant communities, maintenance requirements, and resilience to evolving climate conditions.

Outdoor & Rooftop Usable Open Space | Programmed outdoor spaces are recommended as part of any new development or renovation (i.e. outdoor dining or seating). In addition, rooftop patios with programmed space and intensive or extensive green roofs are recommended as a way to further engage the spectacular views at the Berkeley Waterfront.

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Waterfront Sustainability & Resiliency

Redevelopment at the Berkeley Waterfront is an opportunity to establish site assets that are enduring and adaptable to change.

Incorporate the following design strategies in new or renovated structures, in coordination with Berkeley's Green Building Requirements:

Sea Level Rise | All proposed re-development projects for recreational or commercial opportunities shall comply with CA State Sea Level permitting guidelines.

Ecological Sensitivity | Protecting and enhancing the ecological vitality of the Berkeley Waterfront is critical to placemaking character and enduring value of the Berkeley Waterfront as a shared natural resource for all residents and visitors.

Regional & Renewable Materials | New and renovated structures should prioritize inclusion of regional and rapidly renewable materials, including recycled steel, wood, stone, and concrete. In addition to mitigating ecosystem degradation and climate change impacts, regional materials encourage opportunities for façade construction that borrows from and blends with the local environment.

Low Carbon Design | New and renovated buildings should include decarbonization strategies, including electrification, energy efficiency renewable energy generation, storage, and demand in the storage of the storage o

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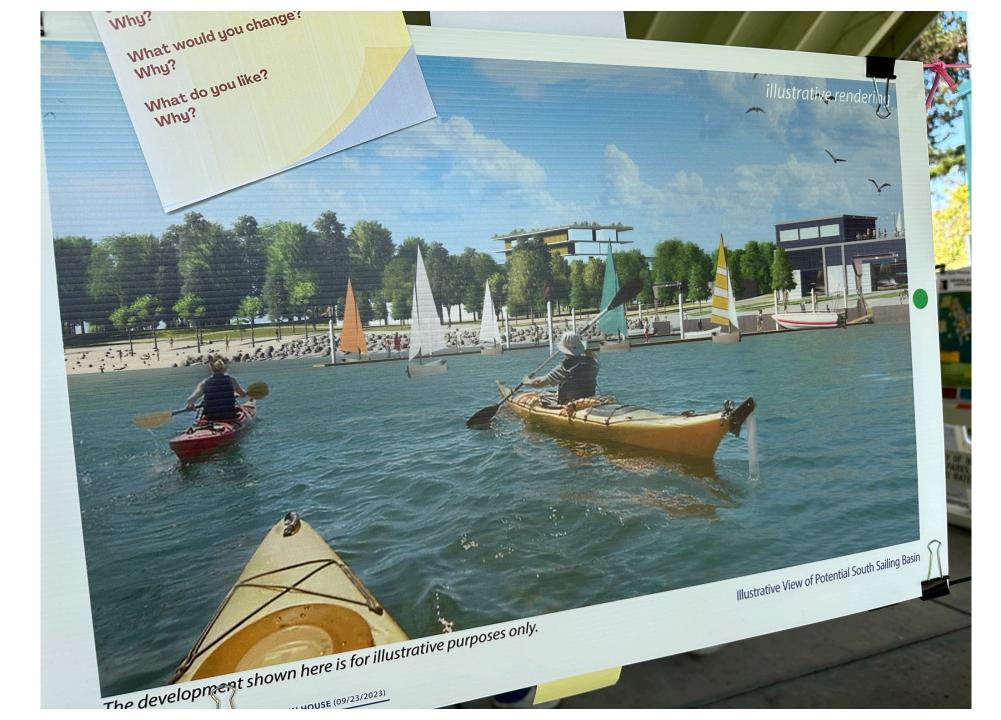
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Which of these guidelines are important to you and why? Are there other considerations that should be incorporated? What materials do you feel would be most appropriate for buildings at the waterfront?

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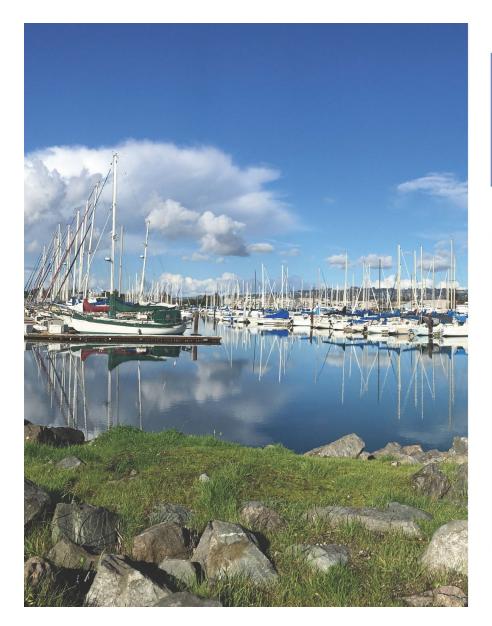
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Illustrative View of Potential Spinnaker Way Redevelopment











Thank you for participating!

Next Steps:

- 1. Revisions to the WSP based on your input.
- 2. Nov 2nd WSP Update at City Council Meeting
- 3. Still to come: parking & access study; infrastructure prioritization; and implementation strategies.
- 4. Stay in touch!

Email <u>bmasp@berkeleyca.gov</u>

and follow the website

