



TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, January 15th, 2026, 6:15 pm

Mission: The Berkeley City Council established this Transportation and Infrastructure Commission to advise the City Council on matters related to transportation and public works infrastructure policies, facilities, and services in the City. In addition, the commission functions as the City of Berkeley's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

**North Berkeley Senior Center
Aspen Room
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709**

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS – 6:15 pm

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Public comment on items not on the agenda
4. Approval of minutes from the November 20th, 2025 meeting
5. Approval and Order of Agenda
6. Update on administration and staff
7. Announcements

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS – 6:45 pm

* Written material included in packet

** Written material to be delivered at meeting

The public may speak at the beginning of any item.

1. Informational Presentation on the Pier-Ferry Project* – 6:45 pm

Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department staff

Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department staff will provide an overview of the Berkeley Pier-Ferry Project. The Berkeley Pier closed in 2015 due to structural deterioration. This project proposes to replace the closed Berkeley Pier with a newly constructed dual-purpose pier and breakwater to provide both recreation access and zero-emission electric ferry service between Berkeley and San Francisco. The Project includes landside improvements such as a plaza and restroom, cycle-track on University Avenue, Bay Trail improvements and parking lot reconfiguration. The Project is currently in the design and environmental review phase; the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project is

expected to be published in February 2026, and the Project is expected to be shovel ready in 2027.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – 7:15 pm

Information items can be moved to Discussion or Action by majority vote of the TIC

1. Temporary Ad Hoc Committee verbal reports, assignments, creation or dissolution
2. Transportation & Infrastructure Commission [Work Plan](#)
3. Transportation & Infrastructure Commission Mission Statement (enclosed)
4. Council Summary Actions 2024*
5. Link to City Council and Committee [Agendas](#) and Minutes

D. COMMUNICATIONS – 7:45 pm

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 8 pm

F. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 pm

Agenda Posted: January 8th, 2026

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission is scheduled for February 19, 2026.

A complete agenda packet is available for public review at the Transportation Division and Engineering divisions' front desks.

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REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, November 20th, 2025, 6:15 pm**

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A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to order

6:17 pm: Secretary Helmbrecht called the meeting to order.

6:17 pm: Nine members of the public present.

2. Roll call

6:18 pm:

Commissioners Present: Marina Budmir (alternate for Julia Moss), Barry Fike, Naveen Gattu, Arsh Singh Hothi, Liza Lutzker, Holly Scheider (arrived at 6:23 pm), Kim Walton

Granted Leave: Adrian Leung, Julia Moss

Absent: Ren Zaro

Staff Present: Wahid Amiri, Mark Helmbrecht, Ron Nevels, Noah Budnick, Eric Anderson, Elaina Hargraves and Alameda County Transportation Commission staff Matt Bomberg and Emma Berkhart

3. Meeting chair nomination and election

6:18 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Walton / Gattu) for Commissioner Liza Lutzker to chair the meeting.

6:18 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Scheider, Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

6:18 pm: Motion passed 6-0-0-2-1-0

4. Public comment on items not on the agenda

6:19 pm: Six public comments.

6:22 pm: Eleven members of the public present.

6:31 pm: Twelve members of the public present.

5. Approval of minutes from the October 16th, 2025 meeting

6:34 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu / Walton) to approve the minutes from the October 16th, 2025 commission meeting.

6:34 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

6:35 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

6. Approval and Order of Agenda

7. Update on administration and staff

6:36 pm: Deputy Director, Wahid Amiri, provided an update on administration including monitoring and working closely with both East Bay MUD and PG&E; sending out Engineering Inspectors to conduct site visits to ensure work site conditions are safe, and ongoing communications including quarterly meetings with East Bay MUD and PG&E.

Deputy Director Wahid Amiri, and Transportation Manager Mark Helmbrecht addressed the traffic circle review process.

Transportation Manager Mark Helmbrecht provided staffing updates: Jennifer Sajor will return as the Micromobility and Electric Mobility Coordinator full-time beginning in December 2025; the Supervising Traffic Engineer position is still vacant.

Manager of Engineering, Ron Nevels, provided an update on staffing: Interviewing is underway for two Supervisor Civil Engineer vacancies in the Sewers and Streets, Storm and Sidewalk groups; a new Associate Civil Engineer will be starting in December; a new Junior Public Works Engineer in the Sewer group will be starting in December; there are three Engineering Inspector vacancies – one in the Sewer group, two in the Utilities group; there two intern

vacancies, with one new intern starting in January 2026; the Chief of Party position is still vacant.

6:56 pm: Seven members of the public present.

Transportation Manager Mark Helmbrecht provided a progress update on the California and Ada St. project; the layout of the street will be done this week, waiting for materials to be delivered; the contractor is expected to be back in Berkeley in early-December to implement it.

8. Announcements

7:10 pm: Commission Lutzker alerted us on Saturday, John Edward Muller, cyclist, was killed on Telegraph Avenue. She noted how in the Southside, most people get around by foot, bike, or public transit and Telegraph Avenue has four lanes for traffic. The Commission paused to observe a moment of silence.

7:14 pm: Five members of the public present.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation on the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) San Pablo Avenue Corridor Projects update

7:14 pm: Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) staff gave a presentation on the San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Program, a project in partnership with the City of Berkeley, other local jurisdictions, AC Transit and Caltrans. ACTC staff provided an update on the three projects included in the program: Parallel Bike Improvements Project, San Pablo Avenue Safety Enhancements Project and San Pablo Avenue Bus and Bike Lanes Project. The Parallel Bike project consists of bicycle boulevard improvements parallel and connecting to San Pablo Avenue. The Safety Enhancements project consists of pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements and bus bulbs and stop upgrades. The Bus and Bike Lanes Project consist of adding bus lanes and bike lanes on San Pablo Avenue from Oakland to Heinz Avenue in Berkeley. ACTC staff presented an update on work that's been done at the staff level since they last presented these projects to the commission on July 20, 2023, and next steps for each. ACTC staff requested that the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission appoint a representative to attend a workshop to discuss these projects in more detail and to represent Berkeley in discussions of cross-jurisdiction issues.

7:35 pm: Commissioners asked clarifying questions: when will the projects begin the construction phase; do the proposed lights and beacons include the RRFBs; regarding the upcoming construction in spring 2026 on the parallel bike improvements, how will the projects be built; how are mountable traffic circles chosen; is ACTC adhering the City of Berkeley's standards; are ways to make traffic circles more visible being explored; how are ongoing concerns about new traffic circle designs being addressed; will the South Berkeley portion begin after 2030 because the bus and bike lanes project will not begin construction until 2030; why was the design treated differently on different road segments; is 9th Street from Heinz to Pardee going to be paved in conjunction with ACTC?

7:48 pm: Three public comments.

7:59 pm: Commissioners made comments and asked additional clarifying questions: what portion of the project will be completed by Spring 2026; can the projects designs be shared sooner; how will the transition from the Oakland to Berkeley sections be built; Commissioners expressed the necessity for bike lanes on San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley and asked if its a possibility in the future; why did the City make the decision to not include bike lanes on San Pablo Avenue; is there a dedicated bus lane in Berkeley; does Caltrans have any bearing on the exclusion of bus lanes north of Ashby; the idea of parallel bike lanes is appealing - what will that design look like; will there be a bike connection north of Ashby? Commissioners expressed disappointment over there being an absence of bike detection; indicated push buttons are inconvenient and inquired into how the infrastructure hand-off works.

8:19 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Lutzker/Walton) for Commissioner Gattu to represent the Transportation Infrastructure Commission at the workshop.

8:19 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:20 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

8:21 pm: Commissioner Walton asked an additional clarifying question: where is the funding coming from and is it in hand?

8:22 pm: One member of the public present.

2. 2026 Transportation and Infrastructure Commission meeting schedule

8:22 pm: Commissioners discussed the 2026 meeting schedule.

8:29 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu/ Hothi) to hold the Transportation Infrastructure Commission meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:15pm, except for December and June.

8:29 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:30 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

3. Commission Chair and Vice Chair nominations

8:30 pm: Commissioner Lutzker reported that Commissioners Zaro and Leung agreed to be nominated as Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

8:30 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Lutzker/ Hothi) for Commissioner Ren Zaro to serve as Commission Chair for 2026.

8:31 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:31 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

8:31 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Hothi/ Gattu) for Commissioner Adrian Leung to serve as Vice Chair for 2026.

8:31 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:32 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

4. Commission discussion of 2026 work plan

8:33 pm: Commissioners reviewed the 2026 work plan and discussed it with staff.

8:45 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Hothi/ Walton) to extend the meeting to 9:00 pm.

8:46 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Walton

Noes: Scheider

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:46 pm: Motion passed 6-1-0-1-1-0

8:49 pm: Zero members of the public present.

5. 2026 Temporary Ad Hoc Committee assignments, creation or dissolution

8:49 pm: Commissioners discussed assignments for Temporary Ad Hoc Committees for 2026.

8:59 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Walton/Hothi) to extend the meeting to 9:05 pm.

8:59 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

8:59 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

9:00 pm: Commissioners gave verbal reports from Temporary Ad Hoc Committees.

Bike Plan subcommittee:

Commissioner Lutzker noted the Bike Plan subcommittee met with staff.

Disaster and Fire Safety Commission:

Commissioner Lutzker expressed concerns about the evacuation time study being used as the basis of design for bike projects.

Measure FF subcommittee:

Commissioner Hothi noted a work plan has been created; the committee will be meeting four times in 2026; no funding is available yet; planning is preliminary; staffing will be implemented early summer; RFQs are out for consultants.

Five-Year Paving Plan subcommittee:

Commissioner Hothi informed the commission on how the stormwater permit rules will slow down projects and add additional costs.

9:05 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Hothi/Gattu) to extend the meeting to 9:10 pm.

9:05 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider,

Noes: Walton

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

9:05 pm: Motion passed 6-1-0-1-1-0

D. COMMUNICATIONS

9:07 pm: No communications.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9:07 pm: Bike plan.

F. ADJOURNMENT

9:08 pm Action: It was Moved / Seconded (Gattu/Hothi) to adjourn the meeting.

9:08 pm: Vote:

Ayes: Budmir, Fike, Gattu, Hothi, Lutzker, Scheider, Walton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Zaro

Excused: Leung

Recused: None

9:08 pm: Motion passed 7-0-0-1-1-0

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Thursday, November 20th, 2025

Administrative Procedures from the City of Berkeley Commissioners' & Board Members' Manual, 2025 Edition, pages 62-63 regarding minutes:

Although the Brown Act does not require minutes, except for closed sessions, the Commissioners' Manual does require minutes of commission meetings. When required, minutes are limited to action minutes only. The draft minutes must be converted to PDF and posted on the City's website within seven days after the meeting. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the commission.

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the commission's proceedings and transactions. The secretary shall provide action minutes similar to those provided to the Council by the City Clerk. Action minutes list the date, time, and place of the meetings; the staff in attendance; the commissioners present and absent; and a clear and concise description of final actions taken. Approved motions are indicated by "moved, seconded, and carried" and include a breakdown of the vote. The vote breakdown includes the commissioners voting yes, no, abstain, absent, recused, and reason for recusal. Reasons for making a motion, debate, content of public comments, and audience reaction are not to be included.

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To: Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, City of Berkeley
From: Delaware/ California/ McGee Neighborhood Group
Re: Recent Paving Work by EBMUD
Date: Thurs, Nov 20, 2025

Good Evening Commissioners and Staff in the Transportation and Public Works Departments,

We are here tonight representing the Delaware / California / McGee Neighborhood Group, which is just North of Ohlone Park and East of Sacramento Street. As you may know, East Bay MUD recently performed a large pipeline replacement project under the roads in our neighborhood. We have grave concerns about the safety and poor surface conditions of the road following this project that EBMUD has yet to complete.

While we are grateful to EBMUD for replacing our water pipelines, they have left the road surface in terrible shape. They trenched both laterally and longitudinally down most of the streets through our neighborhood, finishing around the end of August, and then very temporarily filled in the deep trenches. Months have passed and they have yet to come back and finish the repaving job. Residents have been communicating with the City of Berkeley and EBMUD, and it is still unclear to us when they will resurface the roads. As EBMUD customers and taxpayers in this city, we are frustrated. This is completely unacceptable.

On Delaware Street, where we live, the temporary repair job is so bad that cars routinely drive on the wrong side of the street so they don't have to go over the constant bumps and trenches. On California Street, it is impossible to ride a bike safely, as the longitudinal trench lies in the bike lane and is too rough to ride on. Pedestrians are also having a hard time crossing the streets. Our multiple wheelchair using residents cannot roll over the lip of the trenches, and some residents who use walkers cannot cross the intersection without an aide.

This is a main thoroughfare for children riding to and from King, Longfellow and Berkeley High schools, as well as BART commuters, and if you come out any morning of the week you will see cyclists navigating the trenches on these roads. Conditions on Grant and other streets are as bad if not worse. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident on these streets!

We have learned that while some of our streets are included in the 5 year paving plan for the city, many are not. This means that it could be years before the streets finally get freshly paved and restored to pre-project condition after being torn up by EBMUD.

We urge this Commission to ask Staff to:

1. Look into the timeline for EBMUD's spot re-paving of the trenches,
2. Prioritize all streets affected by the EBMUD Pipeline Project in the 5 year paving plan, and
3. Guarantee that EBMUD completes the job with quality asphalt paving, and a surface that is safe for all users.

We invite you to visit the affected area, so you can see the extent of the safety risk to our community. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing your solutions in action soon.

Mat Glaser, Kristin Leimkuhler and Larry Orman
Del Cal McGee Neighborhood Group

Mat Glaser
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Attachment: Photos and Map of Area

NB BART

SACRAMENTO

AREA IMPACTED BY EBMUD PROJECT
(may not be exact)

Cedar

Lincoln

Virginia

Francisco

California

Delaware

OHLONE PARK

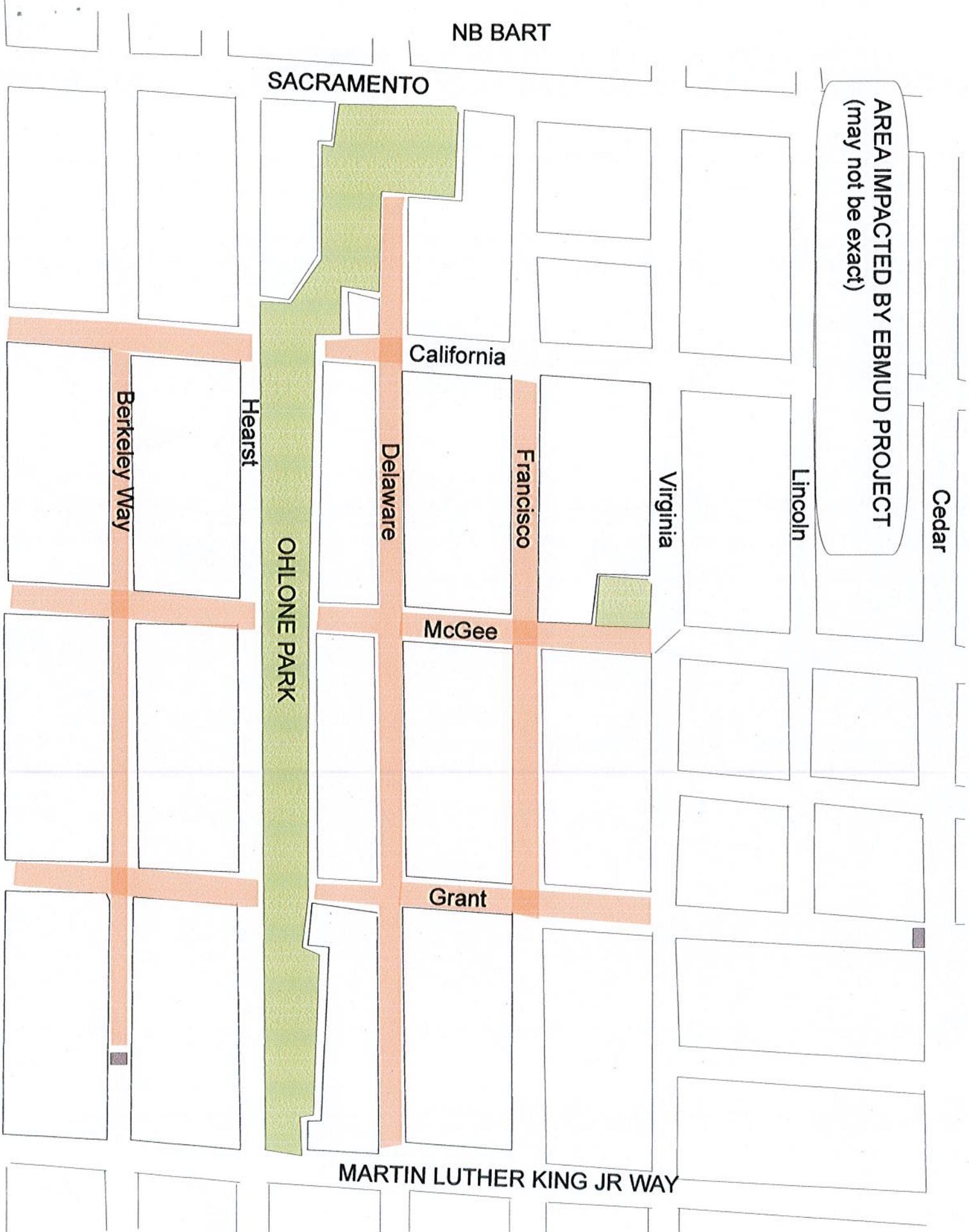
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Berkeley Way

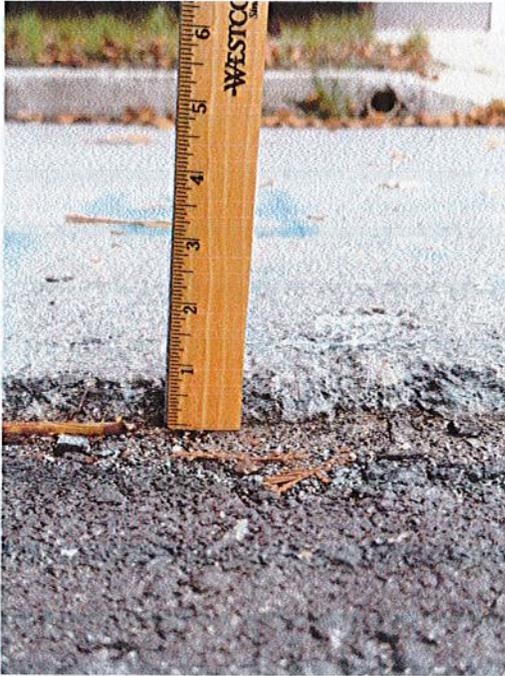
McGee

Grant

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY



EBMUD PAVING
PHOTOS SHOWING DEPTH OF TRENCHES IN SOME LOCATIONS



FOLGER ST.

← worker was nearly hit by car here

FIX-IT AUTO

TCHO

CROSSWALKS NEEDED!

HERE ← PEOPLE WALK AND CROSS HERE 24/7

HASKELL ST

PARKING LOT

UCSF / GYM

CROSSWALK NEEDED

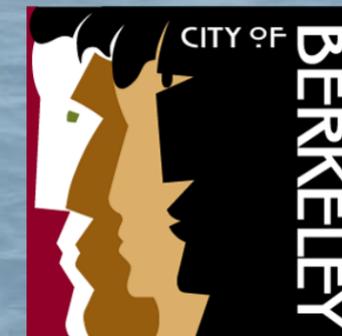
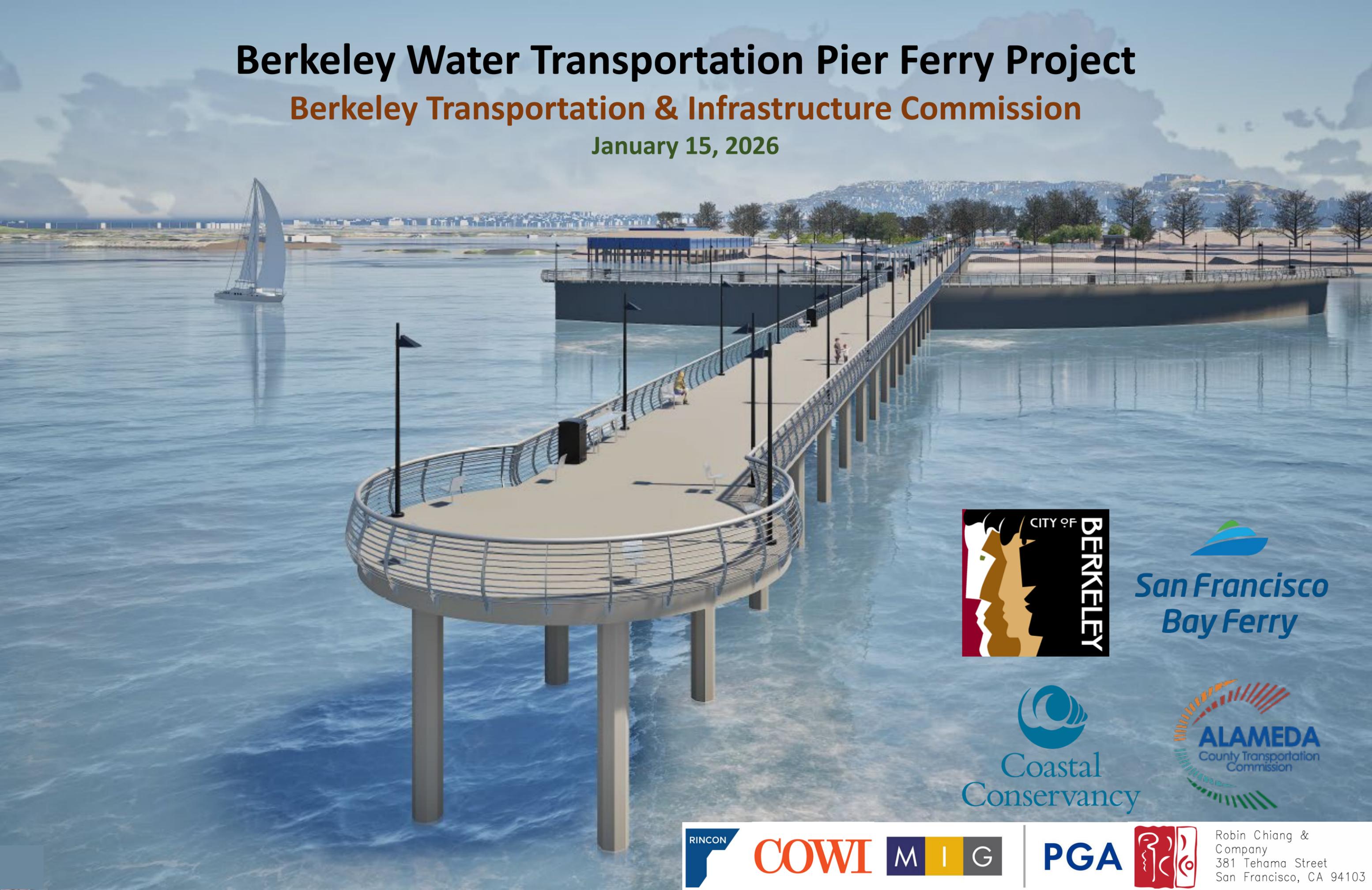
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SAN PABLO AVE

Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project

Berkeley Transportation & Infrastructure Commission

January 15, 2026



Robin Chiang &
Company
381 Tehama Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Presentation Overview

1. Background & Current Status
2. Public Outreach
3. Project Overview
4. Electric Ferry Service
5. University Avenue Improvements
6. Plaza
7. Pier
8. Sea Level Rise
9. Bay Trail
10. Seawall Parking Lot
11. Parking & Transportation Demand Management
12. Schedule & Construction Cost



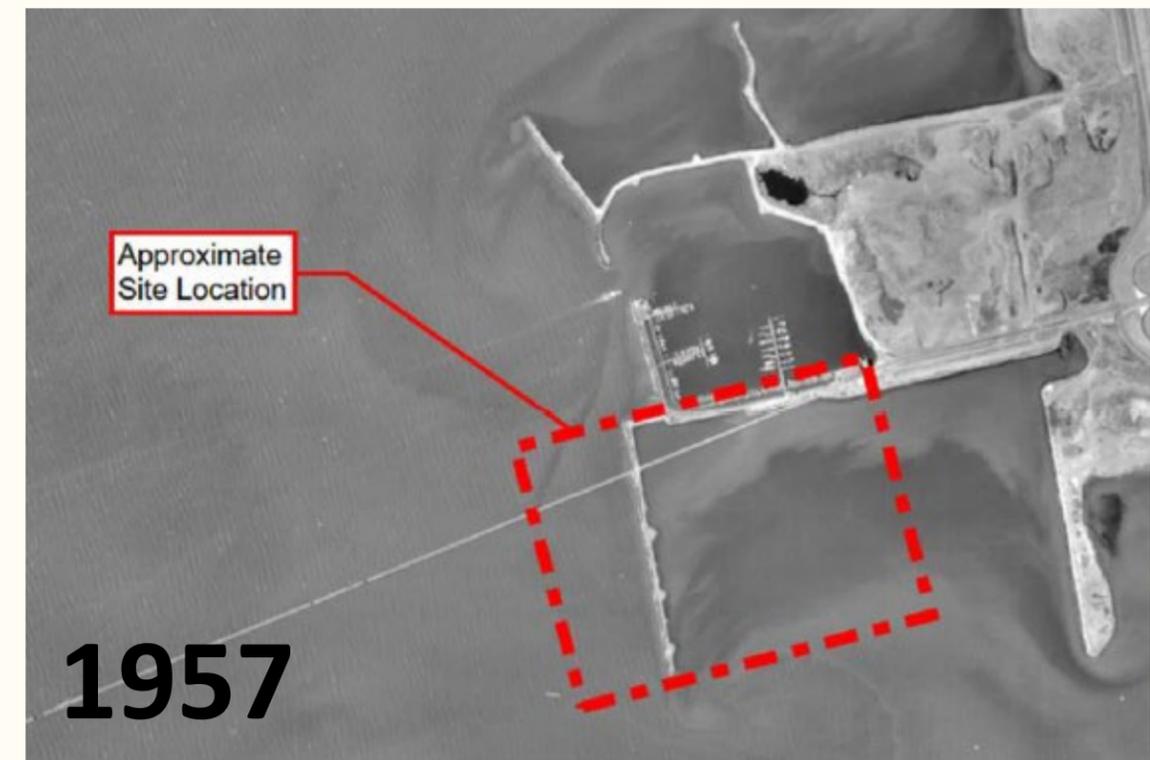
Project Background & Current Status

- 1926 – Pier opened for Ferry Service
- 1937 – Bay Bridge opened, ferries stopped
- 1961 – Pier renovated (first 3,000 ft)
- 2015 - Pier closed due to structural deterioration
- 2017 – Engineering Study: Repair Cost \$26M - \$72M*
- 2019 – WETA & City begin Feasibility Study for new Pier with recreation access & electric ferry service
- 2021 - Preferred Concept presented to City Council and WETA Board
- 2023 - \$11M received for Design & Environmental Phases from ACTC (\$5.1M), California State Coastal Conservancy (\$2.9M) and WETA (\$3M)
- 2024 - Design & Environmental work initiated
- 2028 – Ferry service anticipated to begin

* Escalated to 2025 dollars; does not include ongoing repair costs.



Welcome to Berkeley circa 1930



Public Outreach: 2021 - 2025

Feasibility Phase

- Three Focus Groups (January 2021)
- 3 Community Workshops (January, August, October 2021)
- 2 City Council Work Sessions (February, December 2021)
- Public Survey / Questionnaire (March 2021)

Design Phase

Small Group / Targeted Surveys

- Water Access Improvement Focus Group (April 2025, December 2025)
- Swimmer Focus Group (June 2025)
- Seven Parking Intercept Surveys (April, July, August 2024)

Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission

- March 2024
- March 2025
- May 2025
- November 2025

Public Outreach Continued: 2025

Agencies

- San Francisco Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)
- West Berkeley Shuttle Board
- AC Transit

Public Meetings

- Berkeley Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission (March & May)
- Youth Commission
- BCDC Design Review Board Briefing (May) and Review (November)
- Notice of Preparation of EIR (May)

Community Groups

- Berkeley Black Ecumenical Ministers Alliance
- Berkeley Breakfast Club
- Berkeley Business District Network
- Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
- Berkeley Design Advocates
- Berkeley Democratic Club
- Berkeley Neighborhood Council
- East Bay Conservation Committee
- Gilman Coordinating Committee
- Telegraph for People
- UC Berkeley Urban Studies Student Association
- Washington Elementary School (Black History Month Celebration)
- Walk/Bike Berkeley
- Bike East Bay
- Healthy Black Families
- Live Oak Community Center (Community Partner Resource Night)
- Save the Bay

Project Overview



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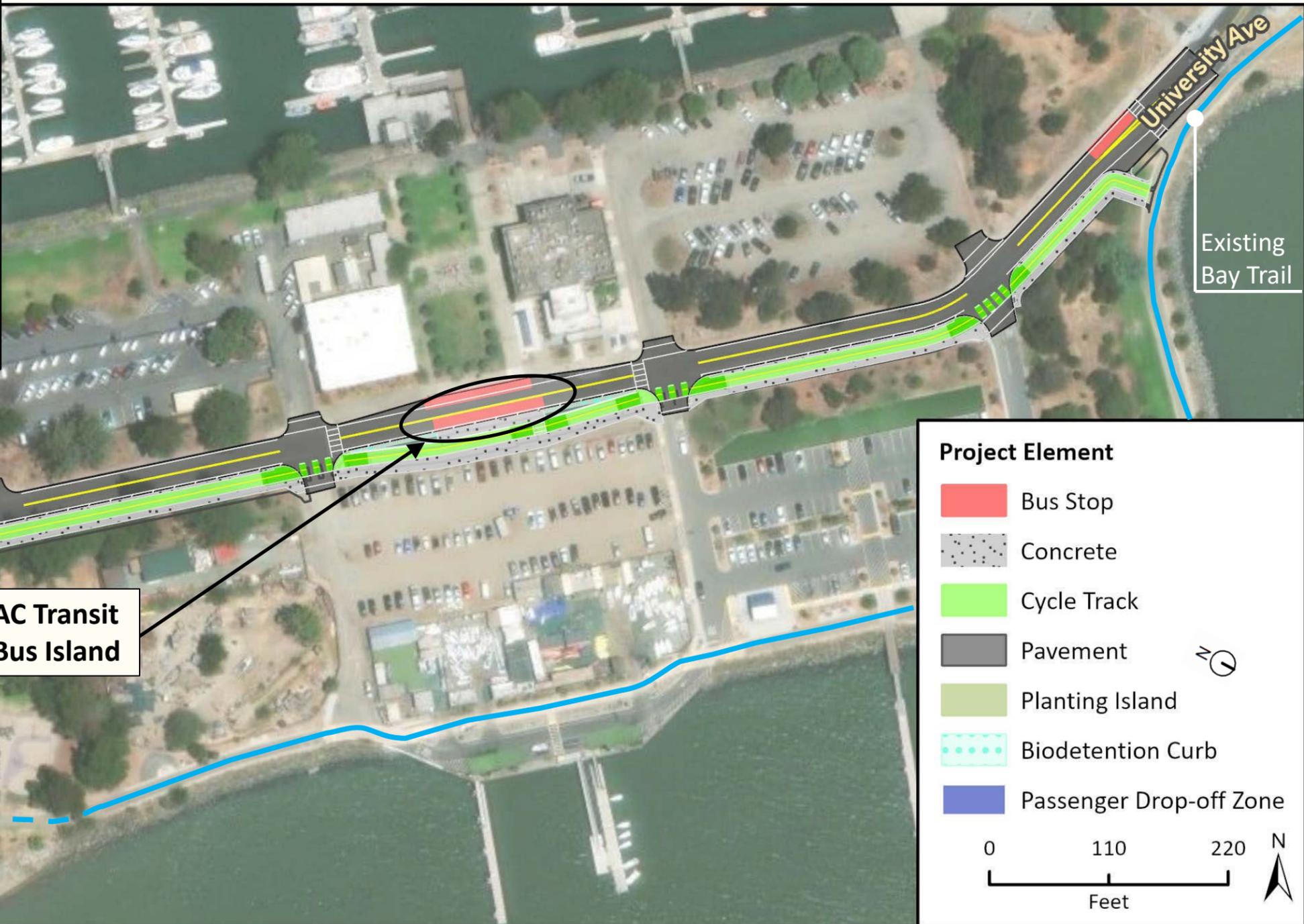
Electric Ferry Service

- 25-minute ride to San Francisco Ferry Building
- \$5-\$6 one-way fare
- Weekday Service every 35-minutes:
6:30 am – 11:15 am & 4:05 pm – 7:40 pm
- Weekend Service every 70-minutes:
8:30 am – 5 pm
- Special Event Service - Giants / Warriors Games
- Possible future Berkeley-Marin County (Larkspur) Route
- Emergency Response & Transportation Resiliency

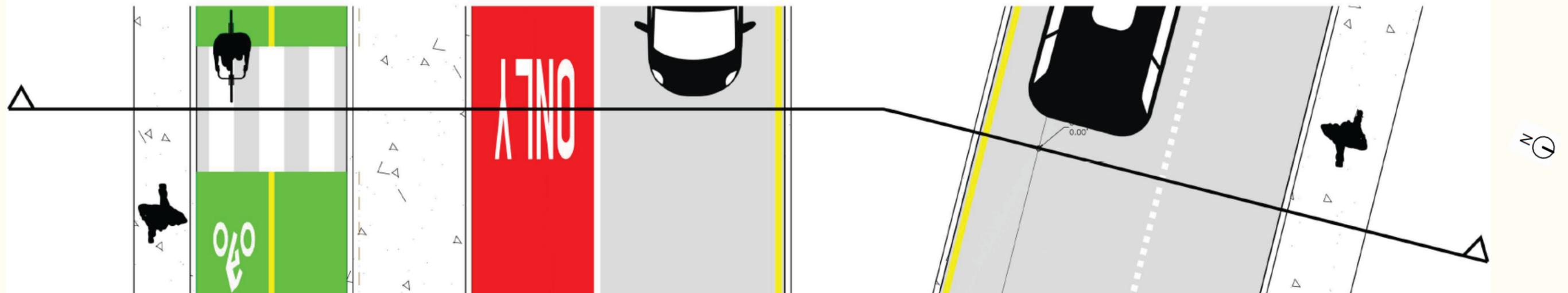
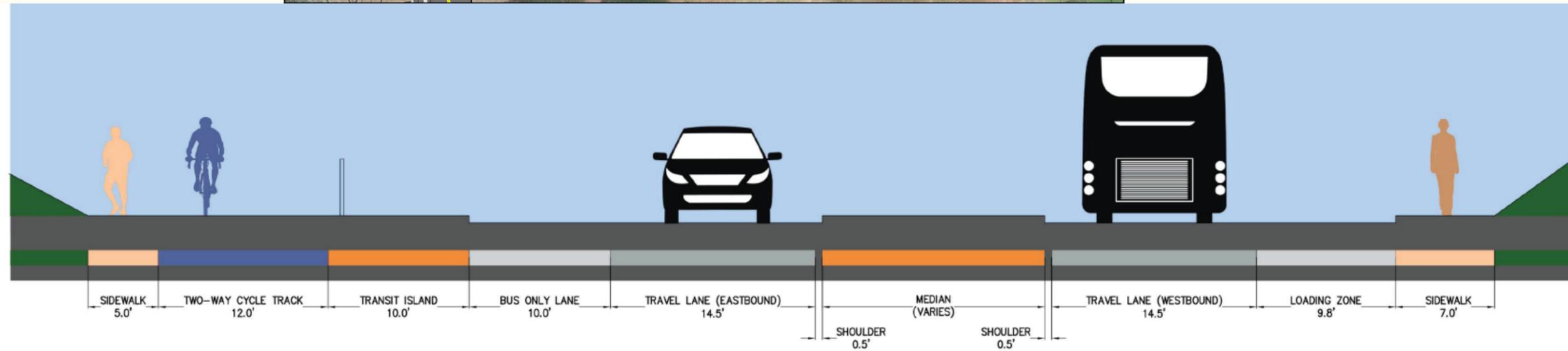
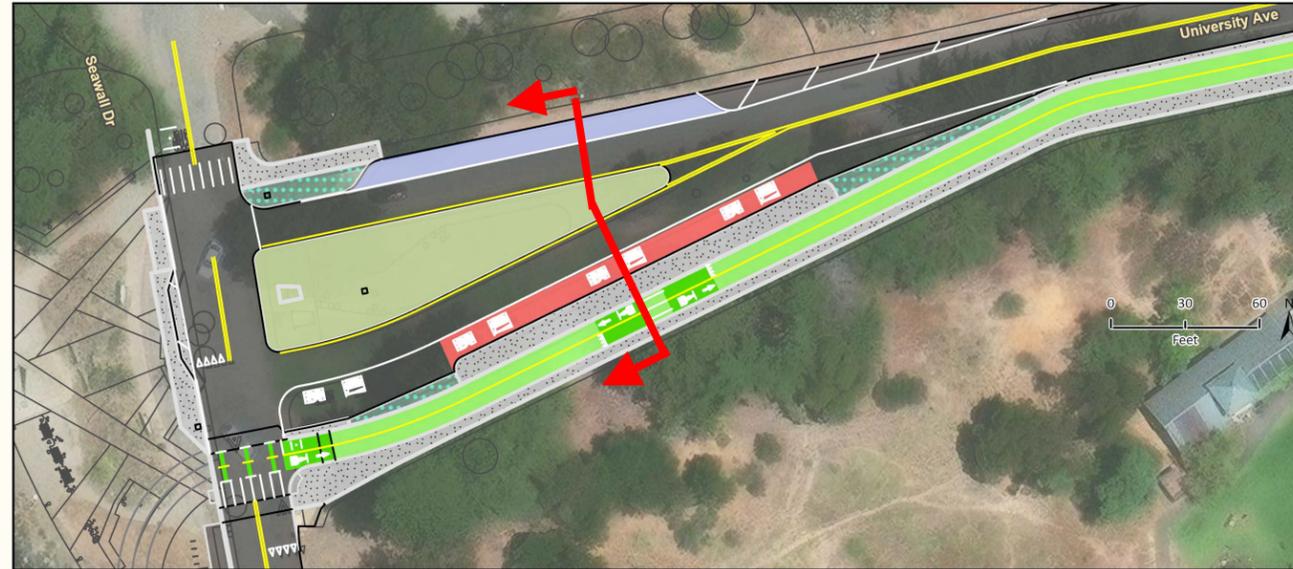


Ferry Service details from WETA Berkeley Ferry Service Business Plan Version 3/17/2022

University Avenue Improvements



University Ave Improvements



Proposed Plaza



1 Seatwall



2 Backed Benches



3 Pole-Lighting



4 Bike Rack



5 Bike Lockers



6 Restroom



7 Interpretive Paving Inlays



8 Existing Statue

LANDSCAPE MATERIALS LEGEND

	ASPHALT
	COLORLED CONCRETE
	COLORLED CONCRETE
	NATIVE AND CLIMATE-ADAPTED ORNAMENTAL PLANTING
	STORMWATER PLANTING
	NATIVE RESTORATION PLANTING
	WOOD MULCH AREA



Proposed Plaza

LEGEND

-  Bay Trail – Pedestrian Only (11 ft wide)
-  Bay Trail – Bicycle Only + University Ave CycleTrack (12-ft wide)
-  Bay Trail – Mixed Use (Pedestrian & Bicycle) (12 ft wide, constrained at south plaza entrance)
-  Sidewalks / Pedestrian Ways
-  Plaza Open Space
Walking Bikes Only / No Riding
Seating, Signage, Small Vendors

NOTES

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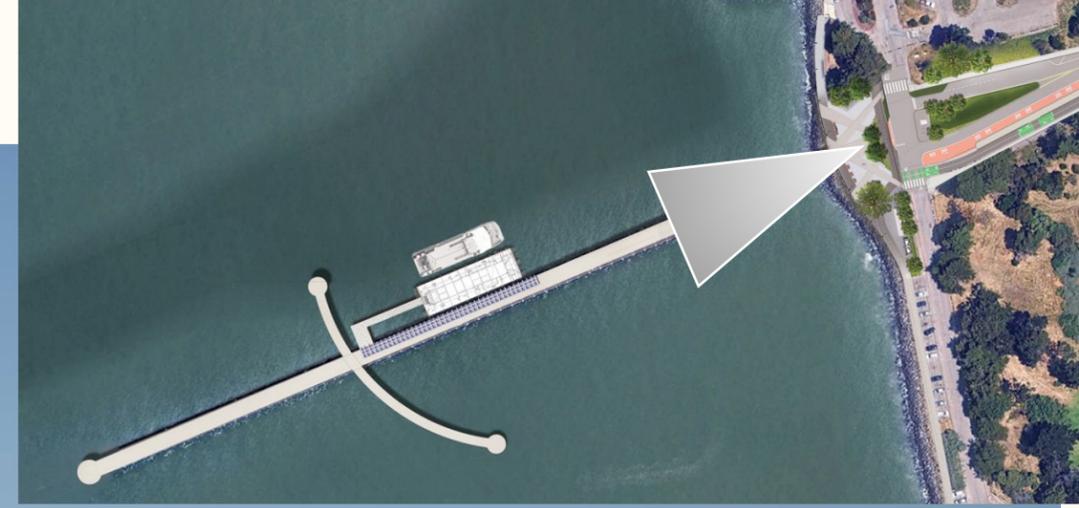
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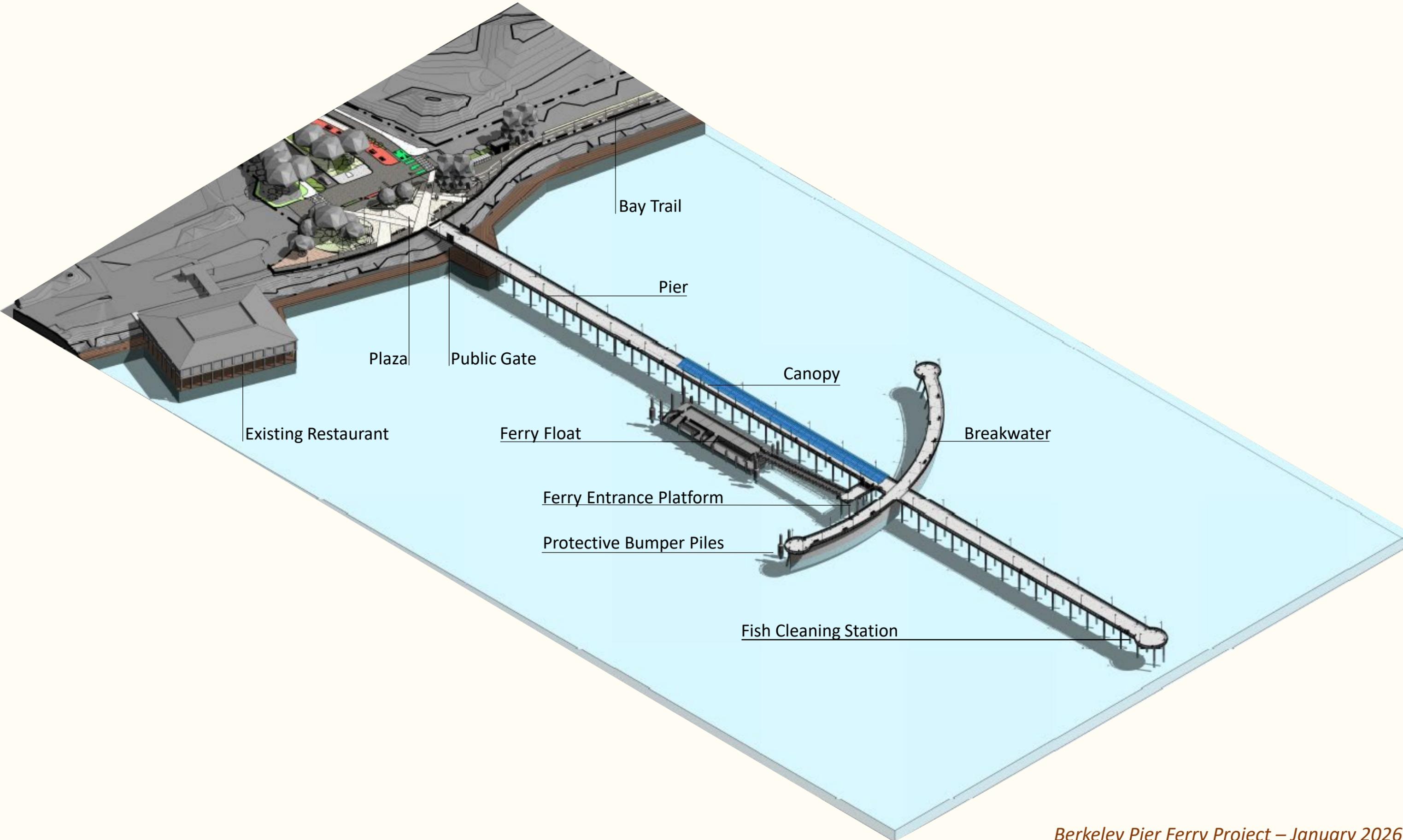
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FRONT ELEVATION FISH CLEANING STATION



FORMS AND SURFACES RATIO BENCH 6' LONG (PERFORATED METAL)

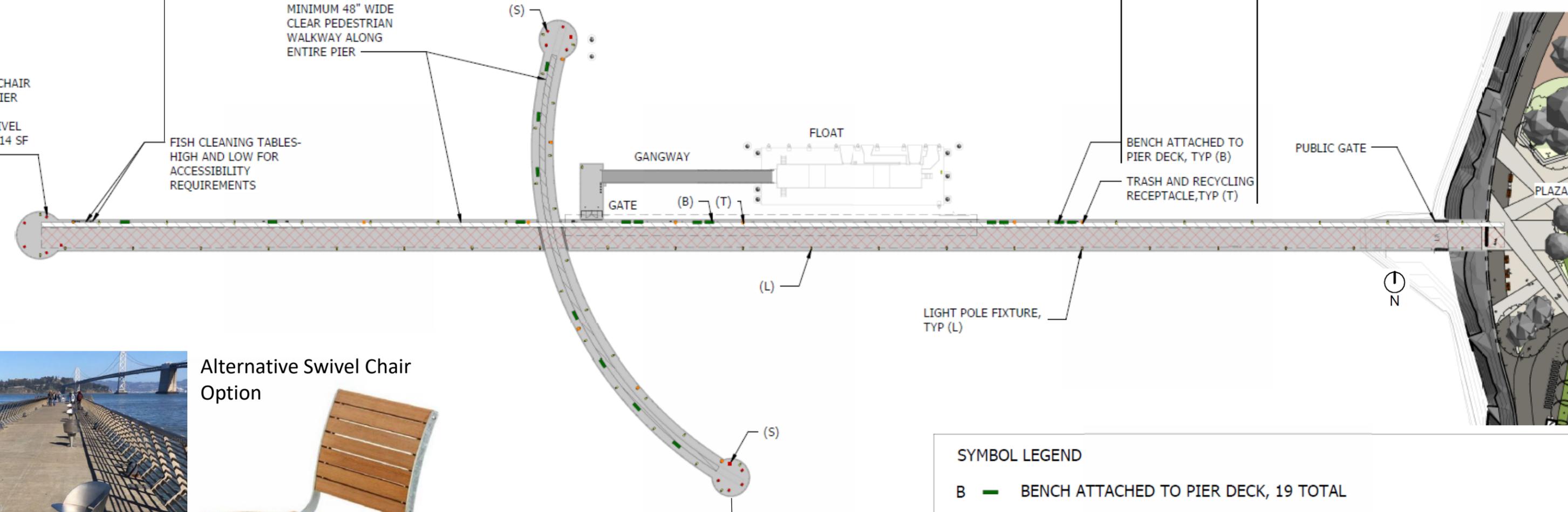


BIG BELLY ELEMENT 47 GALLONS

METAL SWIVEL CHAIR ATTACHED TO PIER DECK, TYP (S) SIMILAR TO SWIVEL CHAIR ON PIER 14 SF IMAGE BELOW

FISH CLEANING TABLES-HIGH AND LOW FOR ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

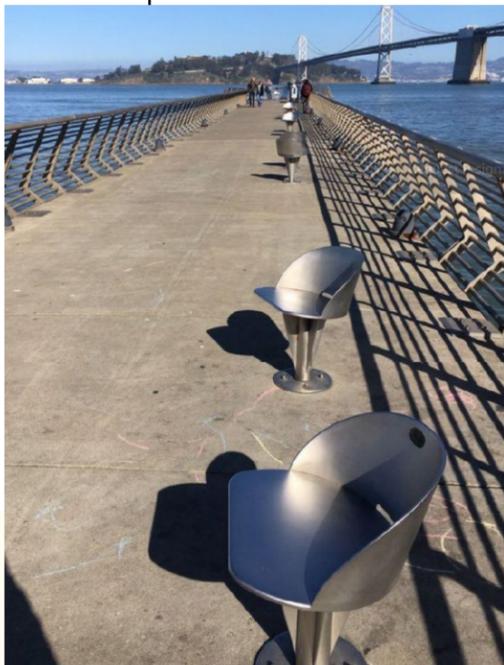
CONTINUOUS MINIMUM 48" WIDE CLEAR PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ALONG ENTIRE PIER



BENCH ATTACHED TO PIER DECK, TYP (B)
TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLE, TYP (T)

LIGHT POLE FIXTURE, TYP (L)

PLAZA



Alternative Swivel Chair Option



Parco; Jacoba Wood & Powder Coated Steel



Pier 14, San Francisco

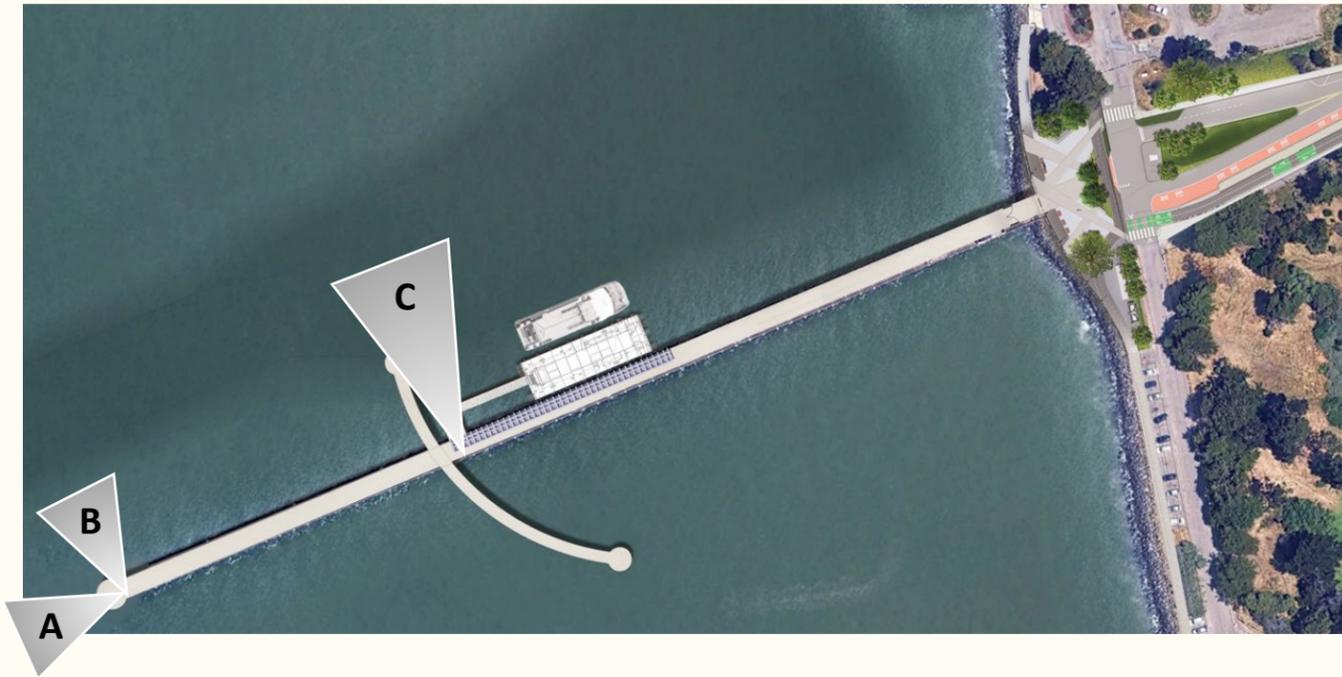
SYMBOL LEGEND

- B BENCH ATTACHED TO PIER DECK, 19 TOTAL
- S METAL SWIVEL CHAIR ATTACHED TO PIER DECK, 16 TOTAL
- T TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLE, 12 TOTAL
- L LIGHT POLE FIXTURE, FINAL LAYOUT AND QUANTITY (59 TOTAL) TBD
- 14' CLEAR WIDTH FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS
- CANOPY OUTLINE ABOVE

Proposed Pier



Proposed Pier



C. Ferry Terminal Gate

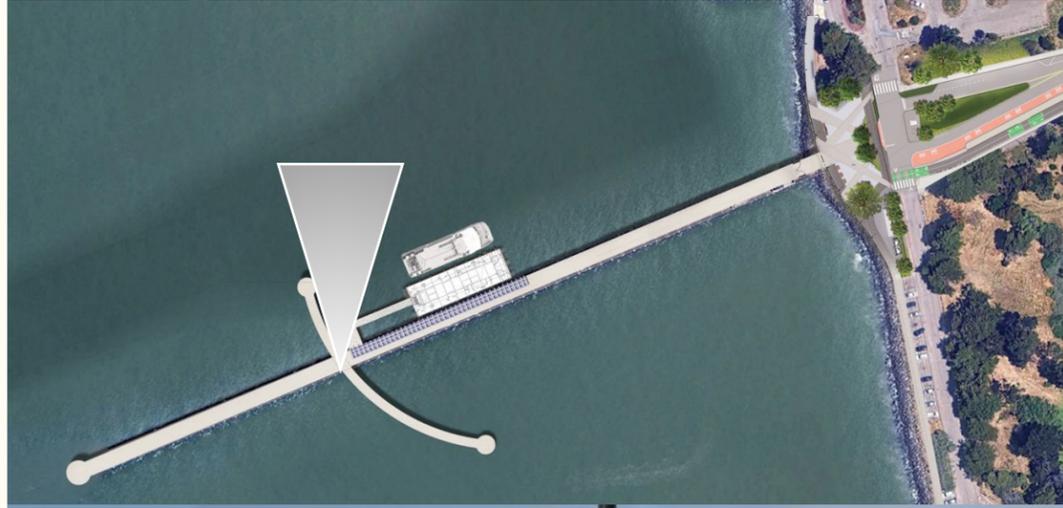


A. Western end of Pier

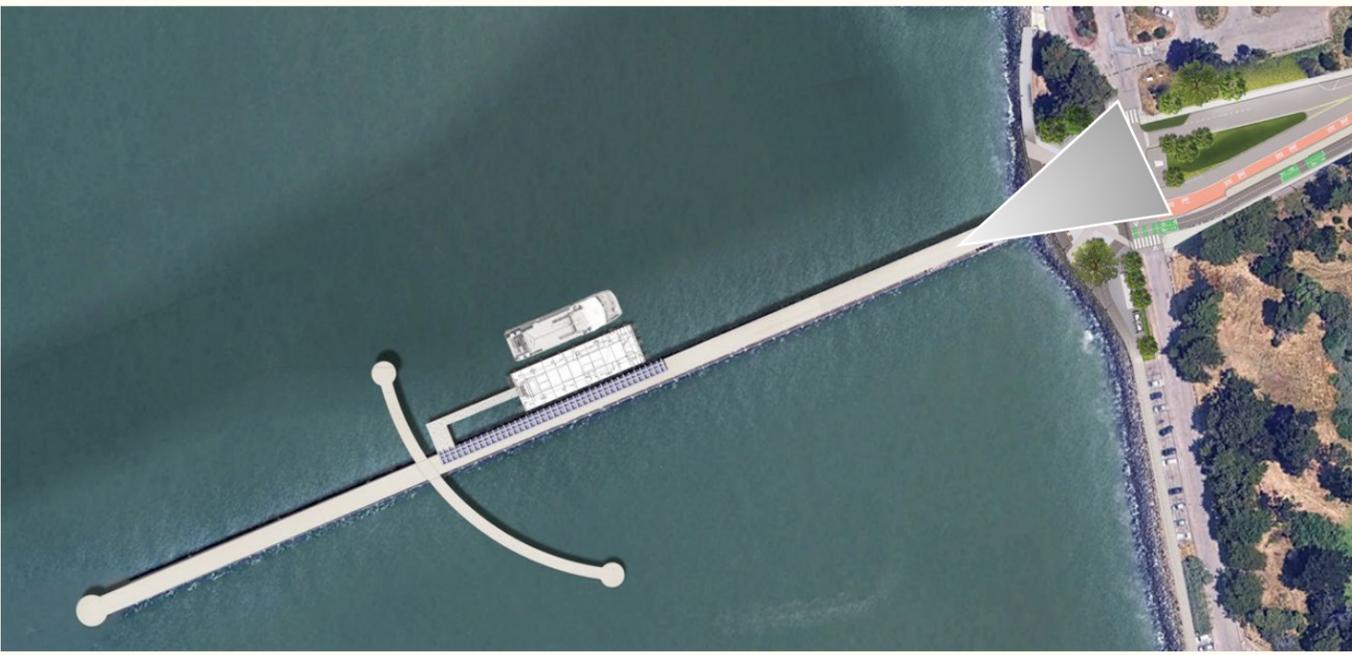


B. Fish Cleaning Station

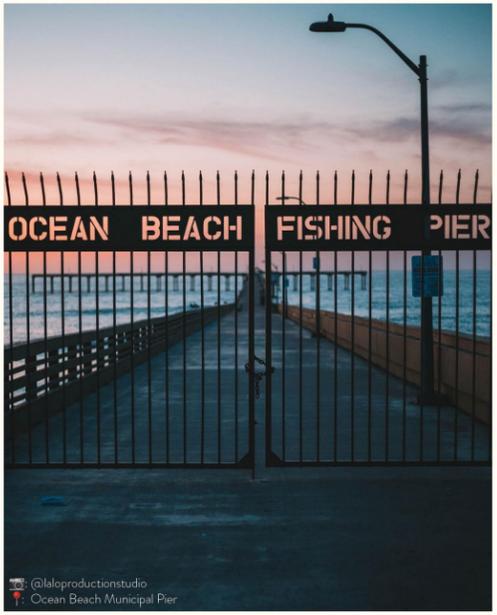
Proposed Pier



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Public Gate as opportunity for Public Art

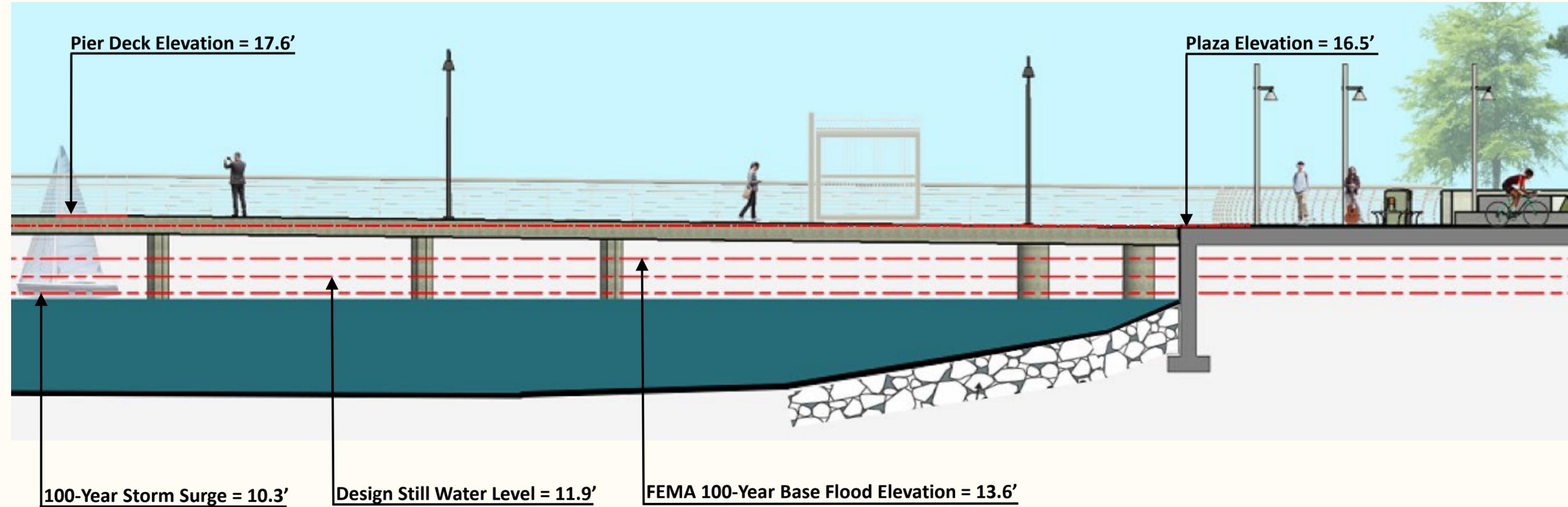


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Public Gate to remain open except when closure is necessary for public safety, such as during tsunami warning or high wind advisory

Sea Level Rise



- Pier is 8.3-feet above Highest Observed Tide (9.3')
- Pier is 7.3-feet above 100-year Storm Surge (10.3')
- Pier is 4-feet above 100-year Storm Surge + 100-year wind-wave conditions (FEMA, 13.6')
- Design Sea Level Rise (SLR) is 1.6'
 - 50-Year Design Life (2075) Intermediate Scenario
 - 2024 California SLR Guidance

Bay Trail & Parking Lot Improvements



Bay Trail Extension



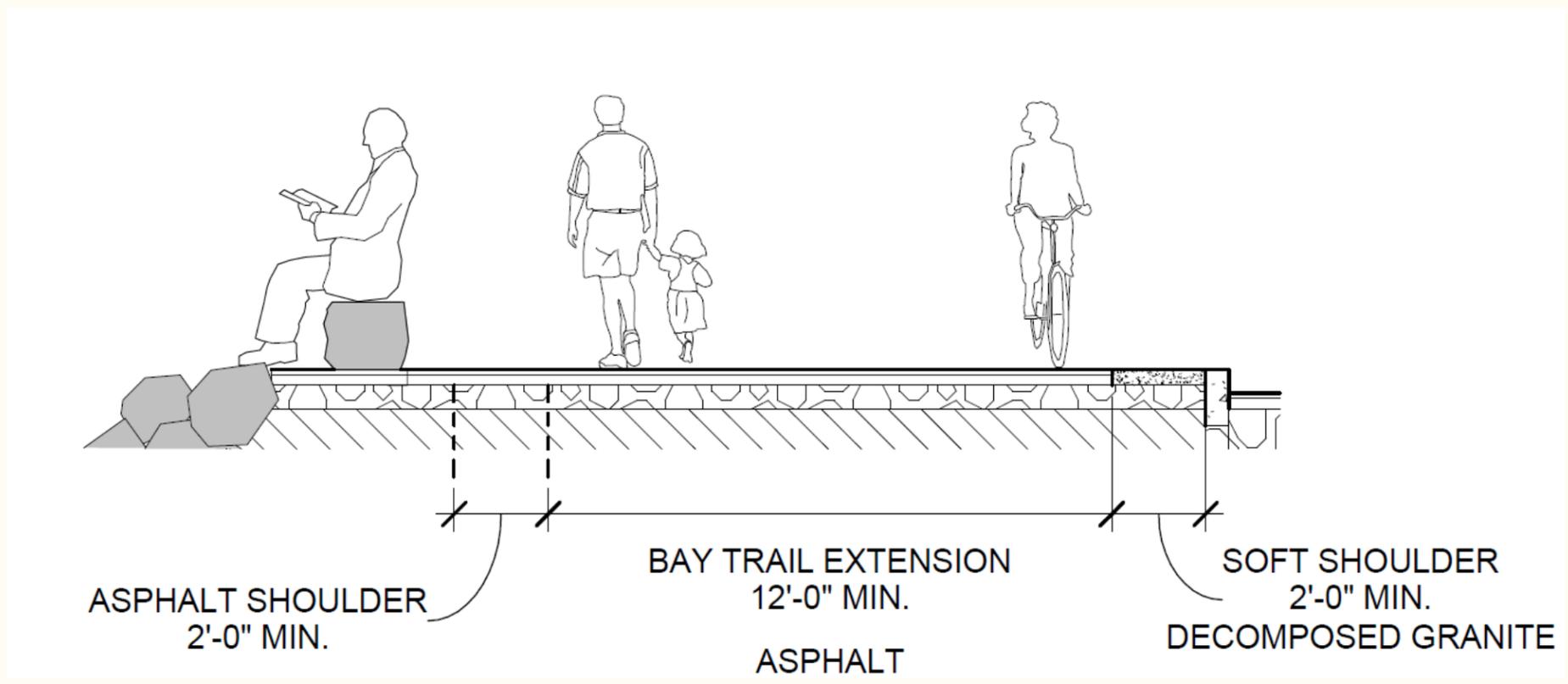
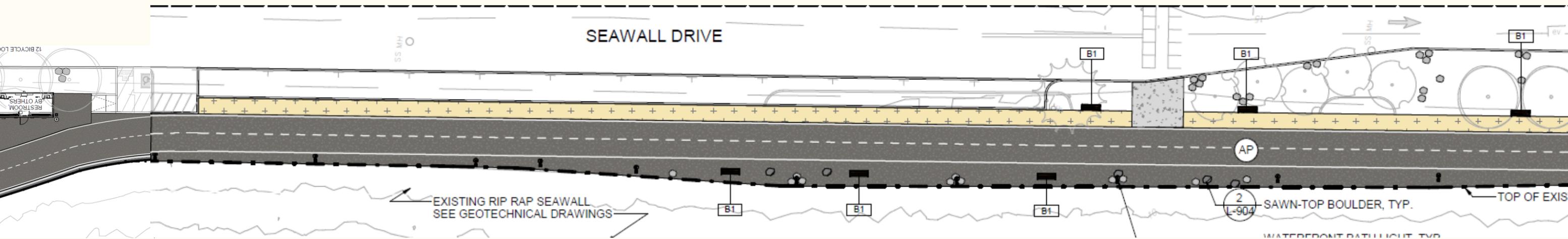
Seawall Parking Lot Improvements

- Accessible Parking
- Permeable Paving at Stalls
- Electric Vehicle Charging
- Improved Lighting
- Crosswalks / Connectivity

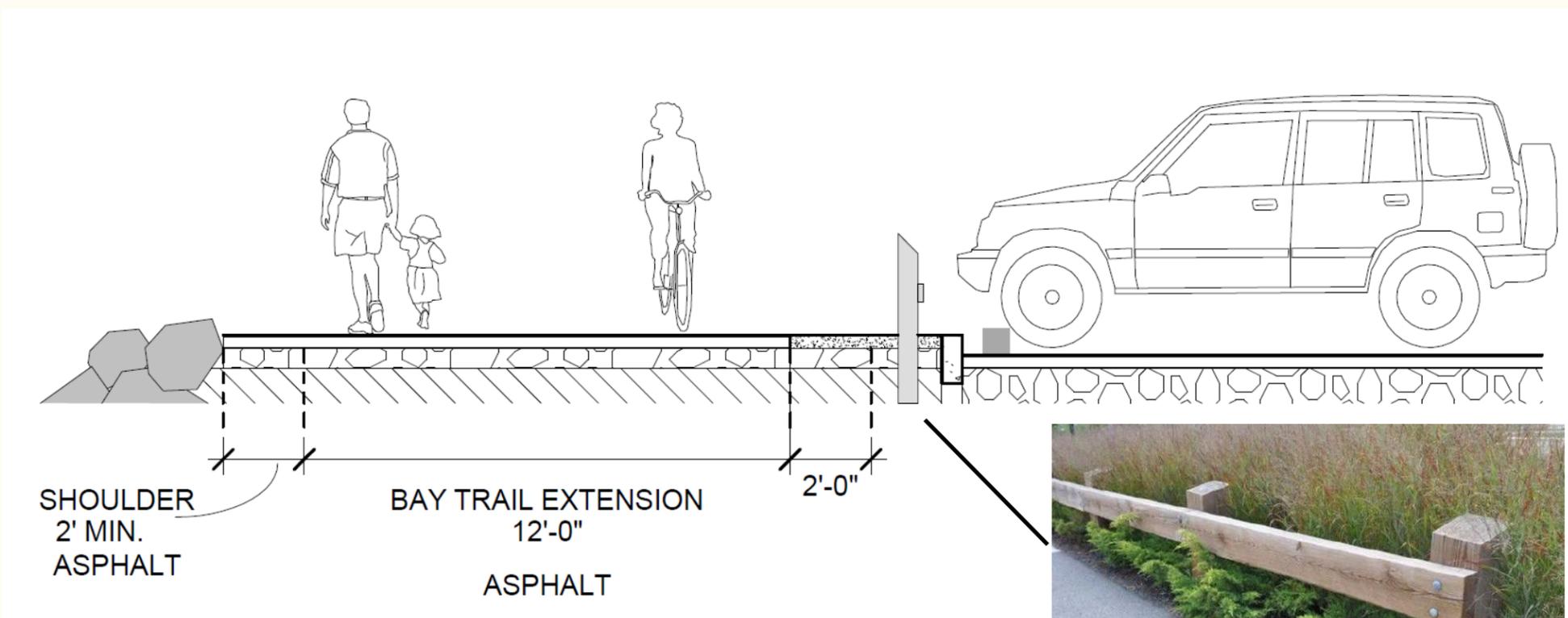
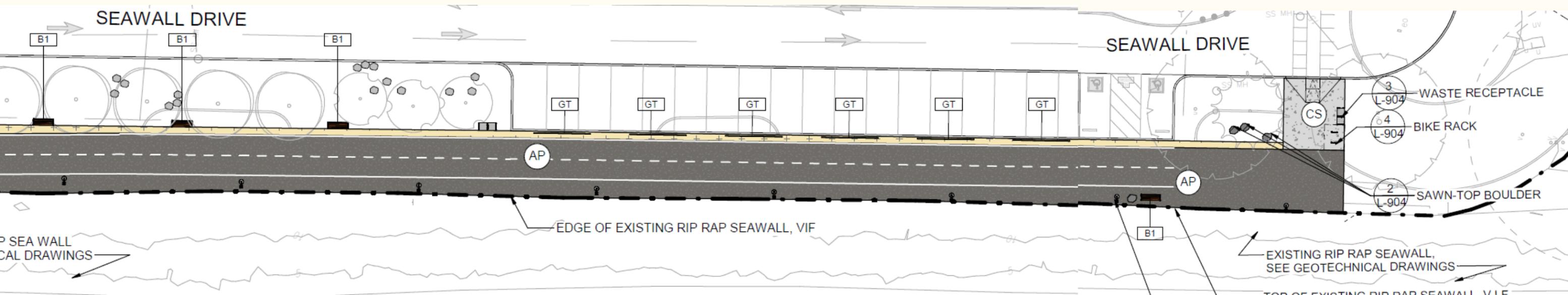


400 ft

Bay Trail Improvements

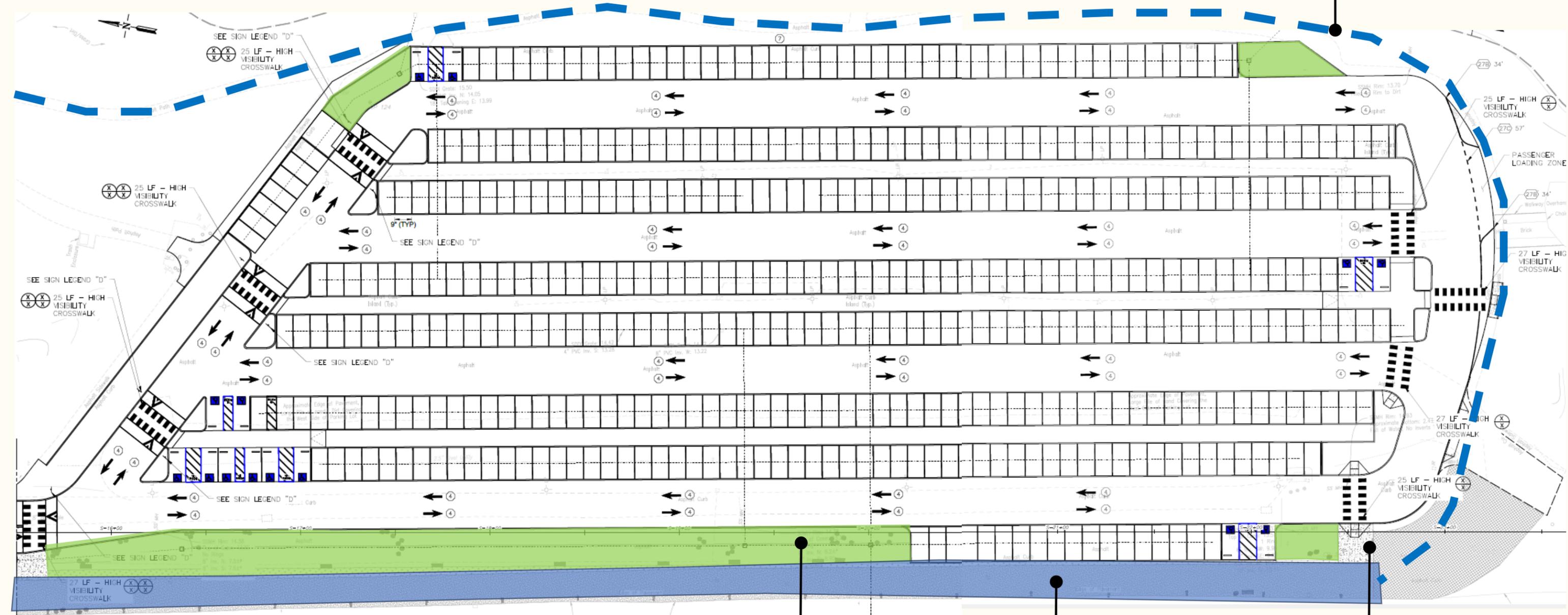


Bay Trail Improvements



Seawall Parking Lot Improvements

Future Bay Trail Improved Section



- ~430 – 450 Total Public Parking Stalls
- 200 will allow paid full-day parking
- 20 In-Car Bay Viewing

Planter / Landscape Areas

Project Bay Trail Improved Section

Bicycle Parking, Seating, Trash Receptacle

Parking & Transportation Demand Management

X - Y / Z Minimum – Average Spaces Available / Total Spaces

Existing Parking Demand

- Pedestrians / Bay Trail Access
- Swimmers
- Sailing
- Slip holder
- Kayak, windsurfing, paddle, etc.
- Charter Boat Customers
- Restaurant / Yacht Club Patrons
- Fishing
- In-Car Bay Viewing
- Park / Playground Visitor/Drop-Off
- City Staff

Post-Project additions

- Pier Recreational Access
- Ferry Riders

NOTES

1. Weekdays: Mon - Fri, 6 am – 6 pm
2. Total Parking stalls in mapped area: 1,248
3. Availability based on data collected over 588 Days (May '21 – Aug. '24)
 - 5 Days Continuous Car Counts (April & August 2024)
 - 583 Daily Car Counts
 - 523 Days (10 am & 8 pm)
 - 60 Days (2 pm & 4 pm)
4. Seawall Lot frequently closed during 2021 – 2025; excluded from data analysis
5. "Average" based on 60 midday (2 pm / 4 pm) April – August 2024 data points



Parking & Transportation & Demand Management

Ferry Parking Demand

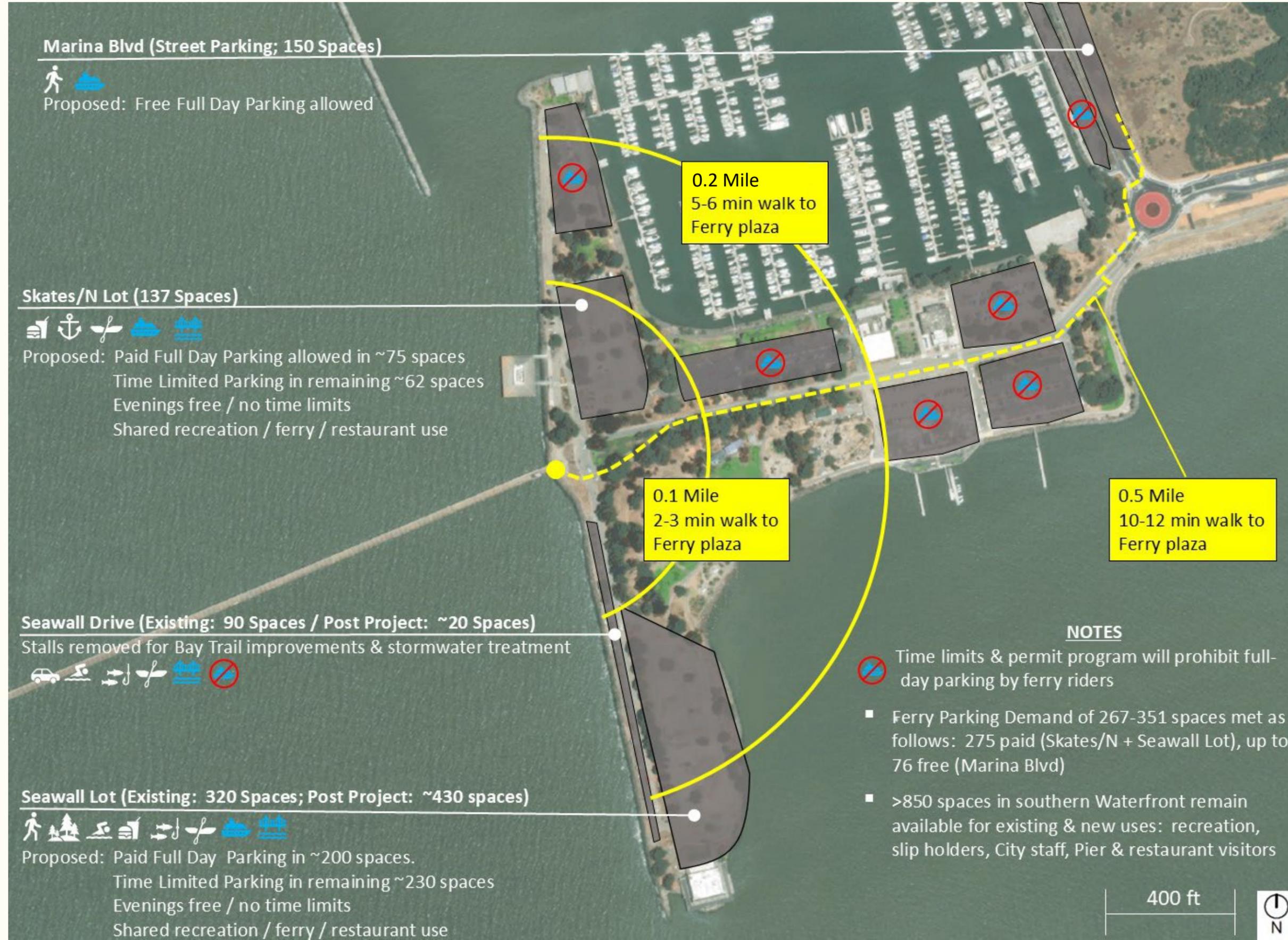
Weekday: 318 – 351 spaces
Weekend: 267 – 300 spaces

Project Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Measures

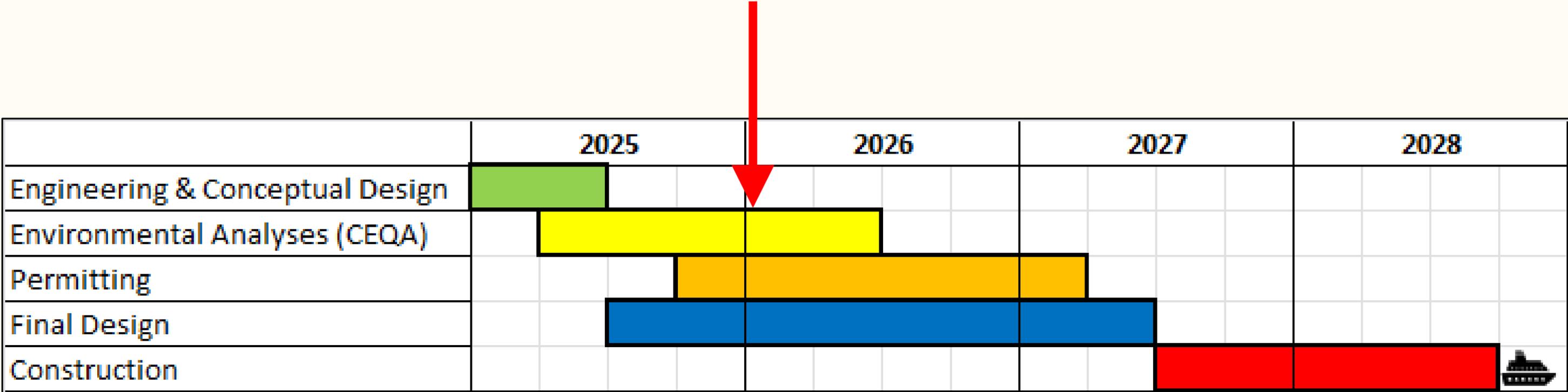
- University Ave. CycleTrack
- Secure Bike Parking
- Paid Parking
- Rideshare loading zones
- Shared Micromobility Stations

Future TDM Measures

- Increased AC Transit
- Shuttle Services
- Valet Parking
- Marina Blvd. Improvements
- Additional Bike Parking
- Expanded Micromobility Stations



Project Schedule & Construction Costs



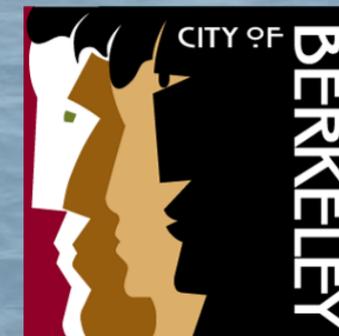
Upcoming Milestones:

- February 2026 - Publish Draft EIR
- Summer 2026 - Submit Permit Applications for Project to City, BCDC, RWQCB, USACE, etc.

Construction Cost

- Pier / Ferry: \$79M
- Landside / Plaza: \$25M
- Total: \$104M

Questions?



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From: Liza Lutzker

Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2025 4:49 PM

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Subject: DFSC memo on the bike plan update

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Hi Noah and Mark,

Attached is the approved DFSC memo that was transmitted to Council in support of the TIC letter and highlighting the issues surrounding the updated bike plan draft's focus on Fire's role in trauma response at the exclusion of trauma prevention. It also has comments from the city manager.

Could you please circulate to the TIC and add to the January packet?

Thank you so much and hope you both are having a lovely holiday break,

Liza



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 27, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
Submitted by: Greg Murphy, Chair
Subject: Draft Update to the Bike Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to modify and revise the Draft Update to the Bike Plan dated July 29, 2025, to take into consideration recommendations from the DFSC noted below.¹

SUMMARY

The DFSC believes that the Draft Update should align more clearly with existing City of Berkeley plans and policies, including Council's June 17, 2025 *Resolution Reaffirming Our Commitment to Vision Zero and Transportation-Related Plans and Policies*,² and specifically with the recently established Street Trauma Prevention (STP) program. We recommend the Council take into consideration recommendations from the DFSC noted below.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

As currently drafted, the Draft Update will not effectively meet its stated objective of serving as a "citywide planning document that presents recommendations for improving bicycle safety, comfort, and connectivity at a network level." The Draft Update will therefore require substantial revisions. Costs associated with these revisions will vary depending on who performs them, and how.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The DFSC is concerned regarding the considerable emphasis in the Draft Update on street trauma response and the relative absence of strategies associated with street trauma prevention. Safer streets and efficient emergency response are mutually beneficial, and yet the language of trauma response as a policy priority over trauma prevention appears as an unstated bias throughout the report. A more balanced

¹ City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan (July 2025). Produced by Alta.

https://berkeleybikeplan.org/storage/app/media/uploaded-files/draft/DRAFT_Berkeley_Bike_Plan_08072025.pdf.

²Resolution Reaffirming Our Commitment to Vision Zero and Transportation-Related Plans and Policies (June 17, 2025). Consent Calendar. Mayor Adena Ishii (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Council Humbert (Co-Sponsor).

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-06-17%20Item%2026%20Resolution%20Reaffirming%20Our%20Commitment.pdf>

approach is needed throughout the Draft Update that more clearly reflects: (1) existing City policies and plans; (2) the Council's June 17, 2025, Resolution; and (3) the Council's intentions in establishing the Street Trauma Prevention (STP) program at Berkeley Fire.

BACKGROUND

The DFSC shares the Council's goal of "creating a safer, more sustainable, and equitable transportation system for all its travelers." Toward this goal, the DFSC supported the creation of the Street Trauma Prevention Program under the management of Berkeley Fire in March 2024.³

The Duty Statement for the Street Trauma Prevention Program Manager states: "STPPM will develop a Street Trauma Prevention Program and coordinate with multiple city departments, community organizations, and stakeholders to strengthen the Fire Department's role in street safety improvements across the city, while ensuring the Fire Department continues to have access to respond to all emergencies."⁴

The Transportation and Infrastructure Commission has also identified several problems in the Draft Update in their September 18, 2025⁵ letter to Council. The DFSC concurs with the TIC that requiring numerous, separate and undefined studies before individual projects can move forward could set the stage for delaying or vetoing street safety improvements.

The May 2024 DFSC Memo to Council described the STP program as "a new initiative within the Department to support the transportation and infrastructure projects of Vision Zero," and that "to be successful, this will require the Department to adopt street trauma prevention as a core element of its public safety mission, just as the fire service adopted a prevention function within its fire suppression mission over the last 50 years, with remarkable success." The DFSC pointed out that on the current trajectory, traffic-related street trauma, and the demand for the Department's EMS services that accompany it, is expected to increase alongside increases in housing density. The Department already reports that the growing number of EMS calls is taxing its resources and personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Reiterate staff's intention as discussed at the October 29, 2025 Disaster & Fire Safety Commission Meeting to use the July 15, 2025, Evacuation Time Study by KLD Associates as a technical resource amongst others and not as a policy document.

³ Revised Agenda Material for Supplemental Packet 1. Consent Calendar (May 7, 2025). Support the Fire Department to Fund a Program Manager II Position

⁴ Communication to the DFSC from BFD, dated 4/24/2025

⁵ Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, Regular Meeting Agenda (Sept 18, 2025)
<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-agendas/2025-09-18%20Agenda%20packet.pdf>.

See p. 58

2. Modify the Draft Update to integrate the objectives of the STP program. In approving funding for the STP program, the Council called on Berkeley Fire to “(1) engage consistently and constructively in the City’s Vision Zero planning and implementation processes; (2) collaborate with other City departments, as well as the Fire Marshal, to advance Vision Zero and other policies; and (3) build an evidence-based approach to balancing street trauma response and prevention.” The purpose of the STP program and the charge by Council does not appear in the Draft Update. We recommend that greater emphasis be given in the Draft Update to the purpose of the STP program and the prevention charge to the Fire Department by Council.
3. Carefully evaluate the metrics used in assessing response times and their applicability to the City of Berkeley. The metrics used to evaluate Berkeley Fire’s response times are worth careful consideration, given their prominence in the Draft Update. Conditions in the hills vary considerably from those in the flats, for example, and the use of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) values might be less relevant than comparing Berkeley Fire’s response times with those of comparable California cities.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

As presently drafted, the Draft Update to the Bike Plan does not adequately reflect existing policies and plans, nor does it reflect the balanced approach of the STP program or the wishes of Council as asserted in its June 17, 2025 Resolution. As a consequence, the Draft Update will require substantial revisions.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager acknowledges and agrees with the Commission’s recommendations and is implementing as follows:

Recommendation 1: Staff’s intention is to use the July 15, 2025, Evacuation Time Study by KLD Associates as a technical resource amongst others and not as a policy document.

Recommendation 2: Although the DFSC feedback on the Draft Update to the Bike Plan was provided after the conclusion of the public comment period, staff coordinating the document’s update were present at the October 29, 2025 Disaster & Fire Safety Commission Meeting to engage in discussion with the DFSC. DFSC feedback is being considered in development of the Final Draft Update to the Bike Plan.

Recommendation 3: Staff agree that metrics used to evaluate Berkeley Fire’s response times must carefully consider local conditions. The assessment recommended by the DFSC occurred when the City commissioned the Standards of Cover and

Community Risk Assessment. During that process the contractor performed an analysis of the city and what realistic response time performance metrics should be given local conditions. The contractor found that *“Based on fifth-minute coverage in the core of the City, and **due to the fact that the waterfront and upper hills areas cannot be covered as quickly due to road design and topography**, Citygate recommends the City adopt a 5:00-minute travel time goal which, when added to an improved, best practice dispatch time of 1:30 minutes and a turnout goal of 2:00 minutes, yields a total response time goal of 8:30 minutes.”* (2023 Standards of Coverage and Community Risk Assessment, page 4).

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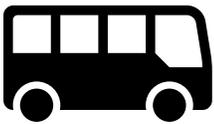
ADELINE QUICK BUILD PROJECT

ONLINE COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 6-7:30PM



The City of Berkeley is hosting a virtual meeting to share information about the upcoming Adeline Quick Build Project, which will extend safety improvements southward from Ashby Ave to the Oakland border. This pilot project will use temporary materials to test improvements such as:



Bus
Boarding
Islands



Pedestrian
Refuge
Islands



New/Upgraded
Bike Lanes to
Oakland



Fewer traffic
lanes south of
Fairview Street

Scan the QR code or use the URL to learn more about the project and join the meeting.

berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/adeline-quick-build

