



Measure T1 Bond Update

MUNICIPAL PIER

STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT & WETA-SCALE FERRY FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Berkeley Municipal Pier on Seawall Drive in the Berkeley Marina was once a popular recreation attraction. With the closure of the Berkeley Municipal Pier due to structural safety issues in July, 2015. Since the closure, as Phase 1 of the project, the City has conducted a structural assessment to identify the most practical and economical method to address the structural issues. The structural assessment (Phase 1) has further included a study to review the feasibility of providing ferry transportation at the repaired or newly constructed municipal pier to accommodate the two small-scale ferry services that are operating out of the inner harbor of the Berkeley Marina as Phase 2 of the project. Both Phase 1 and 2 of the project, the structural assessment, and the small-scale ferry terminal study, respectively, are currently in draft form pending on the upcoming expanded feasibility study to include WETA-scale ferry facility (Phase 3). The goal of this project is to produce a comprehensively researched and publicly participated decision-making on the best course of action for the Berkeley Municipal Pier with the consideration of an integrated ferry terminal along with the restored recreation amenities.

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July 2019

Phase 3 “WETA-Scale Ferry Facility Feasibility Study”

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement was approved by both the City Council and the Water

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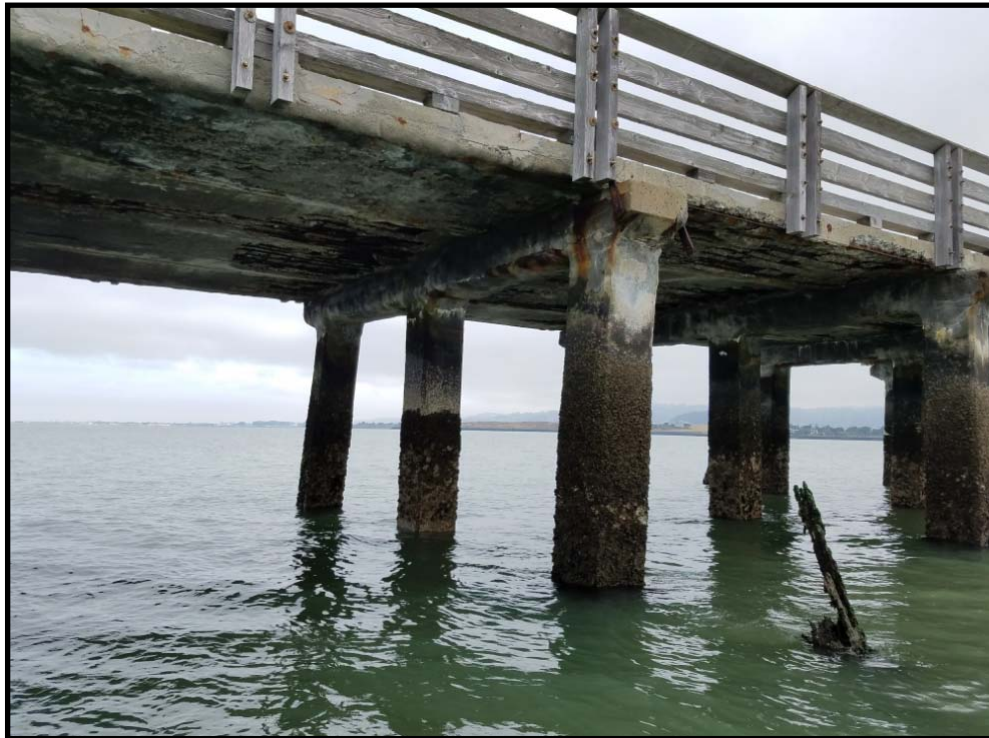
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Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) to focus on the planning phase for the viability of a potential WETA ferry service and public recreation pier at the Berkeley Marina. The planning phase for the potential WETA ferry facility and public recreation pier would include engineering feasibility studies on the proposed improvements and impacts for a single pier that would provide dual uses – ferry terminal and public recreation.

In this phase, the City will expand the current Phase 2 study to include evaluations on landside improvements required to support WETA-scale ferry services such as control gates, parking, restroom, and bike share/public transit locations. This expanded study will also investigate impacts to the recreational programs, Marina operations, and in consideration of existing and future land use in the vicinity of the dual-purpose pier at both landside, and waterside.

A robust public engagement process that will review the findings of the studies and help the City decide if there is a preferred project alternative that is viable enough to move forward will begin in Spring 2020.

Inspection Photo of the Existing Pier Structure



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NEXT STEPS

- WETA-scale ferry terminal feasibility study to investigate potential ferry terminal improvements and impacts at both the waterside and landside. The study will identify costs, public benefits, and strategies to minimize impacts at the Berkeley Waterfront.
- Community process to discuss the concepts and findings of study, date to be announced
- A comprehensive report that details options for the repair or replacement of the existing pier with consideration of ferry services and landside amenities
- WETA and City staff presentation at Parks & Waterfront Commission scheduled for August 14, 2019

FUNDING SOURCES

- **Measure T1:** \$889,290
- **Water Emergency Transportation Authority:** \$250,000

PROJECT TEAM

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