




City Manager's Office

January 23, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Re: **Waterfront Specific Plan Update**

The Council worksession on the Waterfront Specific Plan that was scheduled for February 6, 2024, has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled late this year, after the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project (WTPF) completes a study of Waterfront transportation demand management and parking. Funding for this study became available last summer, after the City was awarded an Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) grant for \$5.139M, a State Coastal Conservancy grant of \$2.96M for the Berkeley WTPF Project detailed engineering, design and environmental studies, and \$3M from the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

The WTPF transportation demand management and parking study will evaluate strategies for managing the additional Waterfront visitors resulting from future ferry service as well as other non-ferry future uses. The study is starting now, and is expected to continue for the next 6-9 months. After the study is completed, the City can evaluate whether any changes are needed to the Waterfront Specific Plan, and proceed with a Council update.

The [draft Waterfront Specific Plan \(WSP\)](#) is posted on the [project website](#), and community members are welcome to continue to send feedback to [bmasp@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bmasp@cityofberkeley.info).

This information has been communicated to 1,244 subscribers to the WSP and Berkeley Pier with Ferry Access project lists.

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