

BERKELEY MARINA FERRY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Workshop 2, Breakout Group 4 | August 10, 2021

Breakout Session Notes

- Key Themes
 - Need to ensure current recreational users are not negatively impacted, both in the water and on the land
 - Kayak launch is a great idea, but the proposed location needs to be changed
 - Uncertainty about potential ridership demand for a ferry
 - Want to see an in-Marina option for a ferry service
 - Preferred Landside: Clustered Parking
 - Preferred Waterside: Sword (Option 1A)

- Comment
 - Avid kayaker and Marina user
 - Feels that none of the options protect recreational users
 - Project should give more thought into protecting current recreational users experience, including parking availability, kayak laydown and launch areas
 - Proposed kayak launch location is too windy and exposed

- Comment
 - Pointed out that there is currently funding available for establishing seabird habitats on the dilapidated end of the Pier
 - Includes a potential location near the current foot of the Pier so recreational Birders can watch the birds up close
 - Thinks that this project should incorporate elements of bird habitats on part of the pier
 - Thinks the Sword “Option 1a” is the best because it provides a straight walk out into the Bay

- Comment
 - Sailor and member of Berkeley Yacht club
 - Thinks this study is getting ahead of the BMAASP
 - Can’t decide on an option until he knows more about the plan for the entire Marina
 - An in-marina option should be considered

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- Comment
 - Number one priority should be to preserve recreation in the Marina
 - Prefers Option 1A since it is on the existing location
 - Also thinks an in-marina option should be considered
 - Wants to know why the analysis stopped at 1,000ft, why not extend it further?
 - Should consider solar/wind/wave energy options on the pier
 - The project must explain how it benefits current and future recreational users of the Marina
- Comment
 - Believes WETA is taking advantage of the city by having the city pay for most of the project
 - Thinks this study will fail for the same reasons as the 2010 study
 - Option 1A is preferred for waterside reasons, but parking still an issue
 - Thinks the project should consider a longer pier, up to 3,000 ft
 - Likes the idea of the Kayak launch but proposed location is not acceptable
 - Doesn't believe that Electric Ferries will happen
- Comment
 - Avid windsurfer
 - Concerns with lack of parking for recreational users once the ferry opens
 - Says parking availability is already an issue
 - Project must consider safety of beginner water sport users. Lots of people learn to windsurf, kayak, paddleboard, and swim near the project location. It important to keep them safe
- Comment
 - Marina resident with family
 - Loves the Marina and believes the City should do what needs to be done to save the Marina without changing its overall character
 - Thinks public ferry service can help bring people to the Marina. Says it isn't a perfect mode of transportation but that we shouldn't let perfect get in the way of good.
 - Like Option 1A the best since it has the lowest impact of recreational users
 - Supports the clustered parking approach, likes the idea of activating that parking lot for other uses
 - Ferry and rec users have different schedules (use the location at different times of day) that are likely to co-exist better than most people think
 - Loves the idea of a new Kayak, windsurf, swimming launch/dock

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- Comment
 - Prioritize recreation ON the pier
 - Fishing, birding, walking, etc.
 - Pier should be very long to allow many users and long walks to the end
 - The longer the pier the better, supports whichever options meets these criteria
- Comment
 - Works with Tideline Marine Group
 - Questions ridership projections and project costs
- Comment
 - Like the clustered parking option because of the recreational and security enhancements for the Marina