



Office of the City Manager

February 9, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *DWK* Dee Williams, Interim City Manager

Subject: Update on the Closure of the Berkeley Municipal Fishing Pier

On Wednesday, July 22, 2015, the Berkeley Municipal Fishing Pier was closed for public safety reasons. The City retained an engineering firm, IDA Structural, Inc., who examined the underside of the pier and found evidence of significant spalling of the concrete decking and badly corroded structural rebar. After performing structural calculations, they determined that the concrete decking of the pier cannot even support its own weight, let alone vehicles or pedestrians. As a result, the pier is now closed to the public indefinitely as a public safety measure.

On December 15, 2015 the City Council approved a report from Councilmembers Moore and Maio that directed the City Manager to determine the cost to make the appropriate repairs so that it will be safe for public use.

The City has attempted to use an on-call Engineering consultant to investigate possible methods to repair portions of the pier and the potential costs, but the needed scope and cost associated with the work has escalated beyond the limits of our on-call contractors and the PRW Department's budget. An appropriate study or analysis of the Berkeley Pier is estimated to cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The funding of this analysis will be considered in the FY18 and FY19 budget cycles. The pier is a beloved asset to the entire region, and staff will continue to research grant opportunities with the hope of finding funding to repair the pier.

cc: Gil Dong, Interim Deputy City Manager
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