

Pier-Ferry - FG1 – Businesses - Notes - 2021-01-05 - 6pm

Question 1 – What brings you to the pier?

- Pier is very important
- I like combining the ferry and recreation use.
- I have concerns about the need for parking for ferry users.
- Can the ferry project be carbon-neutral? That would be very popular.
- Can we install a 2-story parking garage at the former Lordships parking lot?
- Some groups will push for bike-only commuting, but its too far away.
- Is there no current ferry because its not deep enough?
- Super excited about ferry (2).
- The pier ruins are a big navigation hazard.
- Ferries have a magical quality.
- At least five customers a day at the bait shop ask if they can fish on the closed pier.
- Ferry would bring more people to the restaurants.
- The loss of the pier had a big impact on fishing.
- It was great to have the hot dog stand at the pier.

Question 2 – What water or land-based and uses should be at the new pier?

- SF Bay is world-class sailing.
- Can there be access to windsurfing at the new pier or at the former Lordships building.
- Can there be a hot dog stand and icecream cart, would be there all day!
- Does ferry and fishing go well together?
- Can we put an old cruise ship at the pier as a museum?
- Can the old pier ruins be removed (2)?
- Windsurfers don't want to use the South Sailing Basin for windsurfing.
- Recreation happens on the weekend, while ferry happens during the week.
- There are great endless sailing opportunities.
- The ferry won't get in the way of Cal Sailing Club activities.
- Windsurfing is mostly done from 12noon onwards when the wind is good.

Question 3 – Physical elements to consider - Visual / Aesthetics / form

- Is there a way to keep fishing on the pier separate from the ferry users on the pier?
- Can there be wind turbines at the pier?
- Can there be food at the pier?
- Can there be wind enclosures on the new pier, like the big concrete bench structures on the old pier?
- The Waterfront is under-utilized. Can we look at other waterfronts, e.g., Chicago (great waterfront) versus Cleveland (terrible due to industrial uses).
- I like green space, parking.
- Can the entrance be made more appealing?
- Can the encampment situation at the eyebrow be improved?
- Can there be wide multi-use paths for biking and running?

Question 4 – How would you access a ferry?

- There should be base service to San Francisco (the peak direction). Alternate destinations can happen later, e.g., South San Francisco.
- A ferry route linking the Mission Bay UCSF campus) to UC Berkeley would be great. There are a lot of staff and grad students that work at both locations, and current transportation is difficult (2).
- There could be a potential for reverse commute into Berkeley during the day.
- Its hard to get to Jack London Square in Oakland to use ferry to San Fran.
- I prefer ferry over BART.
- I would use ferry recreationally to San Fran on weekends and evenings.
- I like the plan for alternative non-car-based transportation.
- I would use it for baseball games. The ferry would take longer, but it is more fun.
- The walk from the Doubletree Hotel to the ferry feels too far.
- People could stay in Berkeley and access other locations in the Bay Area via ferry.
- WE haven't seen big demand for ferry from Berkeley to Marin.

Question 5 – What are the challenges for this project to restore a pier for recreation and ferry?

- Back when WETA tried this ferry project in 2009, there was no real formal partnership with the City.
- Parking for ferry users will be a challenge.
- A multi-use pier is a good combination. It will bring back fishing, nostalgia, ambience that we had with the old pier. A multi-use pier would bring tremendous good will.
- I have a concern about not getting any recreational elements of a ferry pier, e.g., for windsurfers, and other recreational boaters.
- Windsurfers need a bigger gap to sail through than the current situation.
- There is a concern about traffic issues, since there is only one road into the Marina.
- Can we reduce the need for cars to the ferry with a new shuttle, new bike lanes, new bike lockers?
- If people line up for the ferry, will the pier be wide enough for both ferry users and fishing/recreation?
- There is a concern about waves and chop in the afternoons impacting a ferry, so there is probably a need for a breakwater.
- Can we make it a t-shape to help as a breakwater for the ferry and also help to provide more space for fishing?

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Pier-Ferry – FG2 – Slipholders-Users - Notes - 2021-01-06 – 6:30pm

Question 1 – What brings you to the pier?

- In Seattle, lots of ferries.
- Ferry in Berkeley would be a sightseeing amenity only.
- Fishing is the primary recreational activity on the pier (2).
- Also do cycling.
- There is a big need to re-activate the marina.
- A punctual shuttle would be great.
- The marina was always the best place to go to.
- I have kayaked under the pier.
- The pier is a beautiful promenade, and great gathering / mixing space.
- I love ferries over being underground riding a train.
- Will parking dominate this process?
- Can we have electric ferries?
- I remember Solomon Grundy's restaurant; kites.
- We need more revenue at the marina to keep it up.
- More residential development in West Berkeley will lead to more activity at the marina and the ferry.
- Need to bring bikes on the ferry.
- Pier has been multi-cultural / mixing space.

Question 2 – What water or land-based and uses should be at the new pier?

Question 3 – Physical elements to consider - Visual / Aesthetics / form

- The marina is a park, and use of federal funds triggers a federal parks-taking 4(f) issue.
- Concerned about blocking windsurfing routes. Push the new pier northward is better.
- Parking at Lordships building would be usurped by ferry users, so hard to access water for windsurfing.
- There are wind and fill impacts, and ferries create wakes, eddies and turbulence (2).
- Maintenance and security would be needed for ferry parking. A kiosk at University Ave would help this greatly.
- We must enhance the use of the marina as a park, and not usurp this type of usage.
- The bottom triangle of water south of the current pier is the most sensitive area for windsurfers/water users.
- See the Richmond floating dock system.
- Better to place the ferry float on the north side of the current pier so the current pier serves as a breakwater, and there is less dredging needed for the ferry project.
- Swimmers would need safety in the area of the new pier.
- The main channel to the marina: southern entrance is better (deeper) and the northern entrance is dangerous (needs dredging) (2).
- Habitat must be protected.
- Can there be wind turbines / green infrastructure at the old pier?
- Concerned about ferry on the north side crowding boat traffic coming from marina main basin.
- Can there be a tie-up for visiting boats at the new pier?
- Pier is too close to shore, no room for recreational activities. E.g., the Alameda Ferry area gets very crowded with boats.

- A windsurf launch area at the sound part of the Lordships peninsula would be great.
- Can the existing pier be re-used for ferry, but farther out into the water, might involve more dredging?

Question 4 – How would you access a ferry?

- Ferry could be used to go to Google or Apple.
- Ferry could be used to go to Marin, South Bay, Delta, for lots of adventures, mountain biking, etc.! (2).
- I took grandkids on the ferry to San Francisco to see the lights!
- Ferry should bolster recreation, not just be a commuter ferry.
- Ferries are not carbon-neutral.
- Ferry has a big parking / commuter impact at the marina.
- Would love the wine/beer cruises on the bay.
- After the earthquake in 1989, ferry ran from marina main basin.

Question 5 – What are the challenges for this project to restore a pier for recreation and ferry?

- Ferry could bring strange adults in the area of our youth camps.
- Ferry has an environmental impact, eg., dredging, the carbon per passenger factor.
- Citizens For Eastshore State Park should be brought into this process.
- What about a solar ferry?
- Congestion at the marina.
- Competing interests (recreation, commuting, etc.)
- Funding for this will be a big challenge for construction, O&M.
- Removing the old pier will be a challenge.
- Marina looks run-down, whereas other cities have great beautiful marinas.
- Marina is on public land, so can add new users, but cannot displace current recreational users.
- The South Cove project has brought many new users, which has been great.
- Swimmers at night time (dark) is very dangerous.
- Ferry customers would not help our Cal Adventures program, and may disrupt our sailing community, e.g., a Cross-Bronx Expressway.

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Pier-Ferry – FG3 – Recreation-Users - Notes - 2021-01-07 – 6:30pm

Question 2 – What water or land-based and uses should be at the new pier?

- Pier to have commercial uses, e.g., food, supplies.
- Diving and swimming along the pier.
- Birds need a place on old pier.
- Can there be a place for small boats on the south side of new pier?
- Would like to launch windsurfing at the Lordships southern spot.
- Birdwatching at pier.
- Drone Flying at pier.
- Enclosed public transport might be reduced (Covid) and outdoor ferry might be great way to travel.

Question 3 – Physical elements to consider - Visual / Aesthetics / form

- Fishing, walking on pier should be separate from commuters. How about scuba diving?
- Need for fish cleaning stations; places to sit at pier like memorial benches (2).
- The old Observation Deck that was removed from the old pier was a big loss.
- Pier could be an educational facility / nature center for science education for local schools (2).
- Noise and lighting at night is an issue.
- Light is actually needed for safety.
- Pier should be as beautiful as possible. Be amazing. Artwork!
- A ferry amenity improves the quality of life.
- Lots of non-profits could use the pier.
- Can visiting boats dock at the new pier overnight? During the day?
- A wider pier would be better for multiple uses (fishing, ferry commuting).

Question 4 – How would you access a ferry?

- Ferry would need shuttle bus to help reduce need for parking, increase mobility.
- BART is used a lot for general mobility (getting around), not just for commuting.
- I would use the ferry for fun, e.g., New York City ferry. Go to Sausalito, Angel Island.
- There should be a Berkeley Resident Day to play tourist.
- I would use it for Giants and Warriors games, other locations (2).
- I would take a bike on ferry and go across the Golden Gate Bridge.

Question 5 – What are the challenges for this project to restore a pier for recreation and ferry?

- If other boats use new Pier, a lot more traffic, cars.
- Too much rip-rap along shoreline makes it hard to get into the water.
- The mention of conflicts between ferry and small boats are exaggerated concerns.
- Lots of conflicts already among users at the South Cove docks.
- Ferry parking will negatively affect all other users.
- What about impacts to the small-scale ferries (Tidelines and Prop SF Genetech boat) at the marina main basin?
- Prop SF ferry is expensive, \$10 each way.
- Breakwater seems important, but back in 1800's, the Jacobs Landing pier did not have a breakwater.
- Will pier be in the same place?
- Ferry will bring more cars to marina.
- How to encourage public transit down to marina for ferry users, others.

- Safety: STRONG agreement that the berms are NOT magical, or attractive...
- Should contact homeless advocates in Berkeley to assist current residents at the marina.
- Can we charge a higher parking fee?
- Can we make everyone use a shuttle?
- Need more bike lockers.
- Need more restrooms.
- Conflicts between ferry traffic and people accessing nature at the marina.
- New ferry parking along University Ave will change the feel of the whole place.
- I don't hear inspiration.
- This is a park, should be treated with more respect.
- Taking down trees along University Ave would be terrible.
- Can the ferry entrance be moved east?
- Can the extra space at Lordships parking lot be used for ferry users?
- Should be aware of Ohlone Tribemembers.

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FG#4 – notes - Small-scale ferry – 2021-01-07 – 11am – 1pm

Notes

Present: staff from Tideline Ferry and Prop SF Ferry.

Taylor

Q: Can we get a copy of the small-scale ferry study when it is completed?

A: Yes.

Danielle

Q: Will the Pier be rebuilt for recreation use only?

A: Current plan is for a multi-use pier: ferry and recreation.

Taylor

Q: Will all ferries use the same pier outside the marina basin? How will pier work with WETA. WETA has a lot of rules for small-scale ferries that are too difficult for us (Tideline).

Q: Dredging needed for new pier?

We would like to be a legacy service at the Marina. Our model is not about profitability. We are about seeding the market for WETA large-scale ferry.

What justifies WETA's investment, the CAPEX?

Which side of the pier are you looking at? North or south?

Alex

If this is a mixed use pier, it should be designed to handle smaller ferry too, not like at the SFO Airport, where the small planes must go elsewhere. We should be with WETA. Redwood City: the recreational users are competing against the ferry. It sounds like two piers are needed, yes? There will be dredging issues.

Is there a physical design location yet?

Danielle

Can kayaks, sailers tie up at the new pier?

Taylor

AC Transit service?

K class vessel w freeboard. NW winds and weather so the existing breakwater was designed for smaller vessels against prevailing wind.

We can't use the new Pier location outside the marina basin. Its not reliable for us. We support WETA but will not use their facility.

Alex

We want access to the new Pier, but its not our primary preference (Prop SF).

There is no residential development near the proposed ferry. It will need parking and bike lockers.

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