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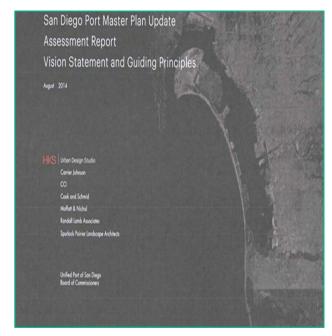
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# PMPU Discussion Draft Background & Public Engagement





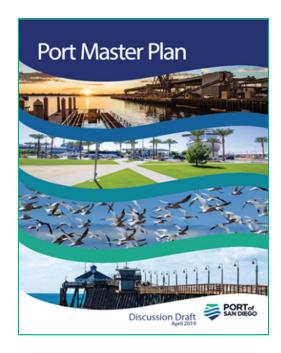
### **Integrated Planning: Port Master Plan Update**



Vision Statement and Guiding Principles 2013-2014



Framework Report 2014-2015



Discussion Draft 2016-2019



VISION
STATEMENT
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PRINCIPLES

FRAMEWORK REPORT

PMPU GOALS PMPU POLICIES

**OBJECTIVES** 

- Market Ready
- Streamline Permit Process
- Certainty with Flexibility
- Balance Development with Natural Resources while Enhancing Fiscal Sustainability



#### **Legislative Framework**

#### **Port Act**

San Diego Unified Port District Act (1962)

#### **Public Trust**

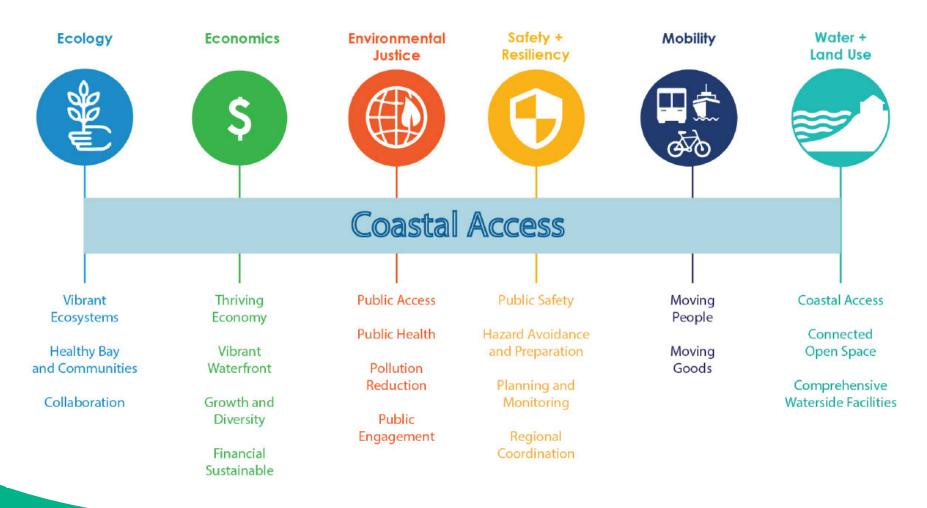
Common Law
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#### **Coastal Act**

California Coastal Act (1976)



#### **Key Elements to Achieve Coastal Access**





#### **PMPU Discussion Draft - Contents**

- 1. Background
- 2. User Guide
- 3. Elements ------ Coastal Access
- 4. Planning Districts
- 5. Appendices















### **Planning Districts**

PD1 Shelter Island

PD2 Harbor Island

PD3 Embarcadero

**PD4** Working Waterfront

PD5 National City Bayfront\*

PD6 Chula Vista Bayfront\*

PD7 South Bay (Pond 20 Excluded)

PD8 Imperial Beach Oceanfront

PD9 Silver Strand

PD10 Coronado Bayfront



Figure PD4.0 - Tidelands consist of ten planning districts.



<sup>\*</sup> This Planning District was not included in the PMPU Discussion Draft



#### **PMPU Discussion Draft** 90-Day Review Period



#### **April 30 – July 31, 2019**

- Available:
  - Download on Port website: <u>www.portofsandiego.org/waterfront-development/integrated-planning-port-master-plan-update</u>
  - Review hardcopy in Clerks Office
  - Purchase hardcopy from Clerks Office
- Submit written comments to:
  - PMPU@portofsandiego.org
  - 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101



#### PMPU Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

- Get the Word Out Promoted the Discussion Draft via Advertising, News Coverage, and Social Media
- Open Our Doors Hosted a Public Open House Event at the Port Administration Building
- Bring the PMPU to the Community Held Community Discussion events throughout the County titled: "The Future of San Diego Bay: A Community Discussion"
- Solicit Key Input Continued Stakeholder Meetings
- Engage and Discuss Presentations and Interactive Discussion Sessions with:
  - Key Agencies, including Coastal Commission and SANDAG Committees
  - Community and Professional Organizations



#### **PMPU Community Discussions**













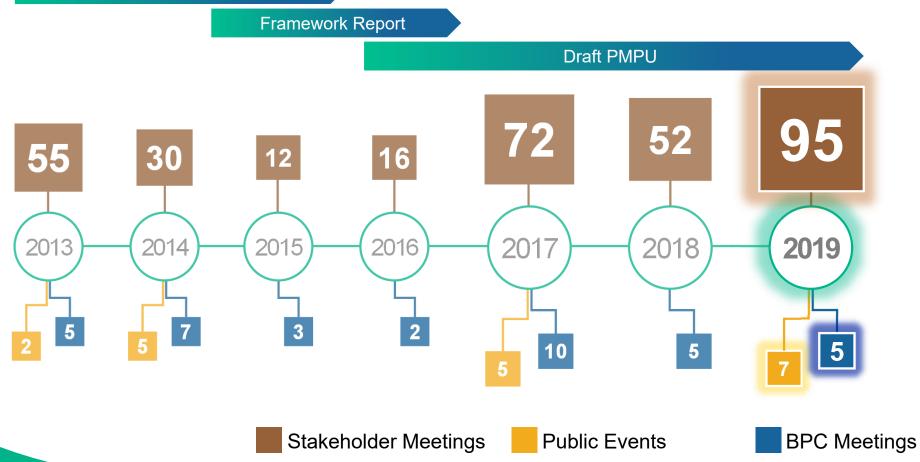






#### PMPU Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

Vision Statement & Guiding Principles





#### **Comments Letters Received**

- 11 comment letters from agencies
- 43 comment letters from organizations
- Approx 2,800 comment letters from individuals
- Nearly 3,000 comment letters total
- Almost 4,000 pages total

























# PMPU Discussion Draft Themes of Discussion Draft Comments



### PMPU Discussion Draft Comment Letters

### **Baywide Themes**





### **General Baywide Comment Themes**



**Mobility** 



**Maritime** 



**Environmental Stewardship** 

### PMPU Discussion Draft Comment Letters

### **Planning District Themes**





#### **General Planning District Comment Themes**

- Development Intensity
- Height Limits
- Maritime Uses
- Mobility
- La Playa Piers



### What is proposed in the PMPU?

#### East & West Shelter Island

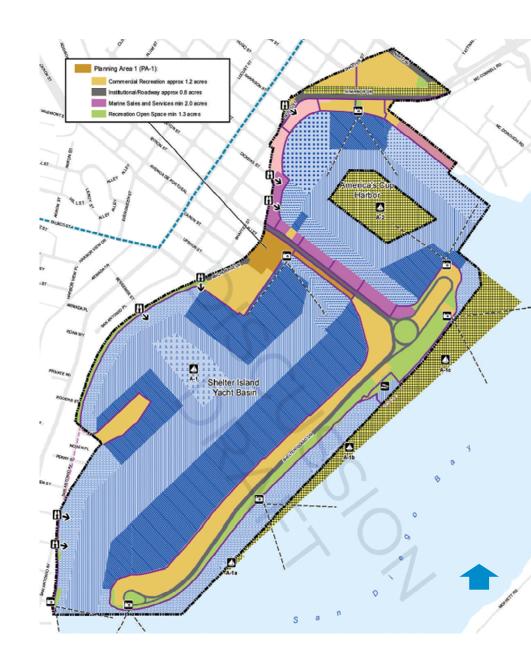
- Enhance La Playa Trail trailhead (i.e., add seating, public art, or shade structures – NO RESTROOMS)
- Increase or decrease of up to 10% in vessel slip quantity
- Potential increase in hotel rooms, retail and meeting space
- Reconfigure island segment of Shelter Island Drive to expand park space
- Reconfigure Scott Street [within Port jurisdiction] to improve pedestrian and bike connections
- Increased water mobility opportunities



### What is staying the same in the PMPU?

#### **Existing Uses**

- Boat Launch
- Yacht Clubs
- Anchorages
- Fishing Pier
- Sportfishing
- Marine Sales and Service (e.g., boat repair, boat sales)
- Commercial Fishing





### **Shelter Island Planning District Misinterpretations**

- Removal of the Shelter Island Boat Launch and its adjacent parking - Not proposed in PMPU
- Addition of a dog park Not proposed in PMPU
- Paving the La Playa Trail Not proposed in PMPU
- Addition of restrooms at La Playa Trail trailhead Not proposed in PMPU
- Addition of promenade and bike path through Shelter Island Boat Launch area - Will be clarified and revised in Revised Draft PMPU

#### **Example Clarification**





Addition of promenade and bike path through Shelter Island Boat Launch area - Will be clarified and revised in Revised Draft PMPU



### **Shelter Island Planning District Development Intensity Comments**

- Opposition to 1,600 new hotel rooms, plus additional retail and restaurant space on Shelter Island
- Concerns that new development will exacerbate existing traffic congestion
- More development will further strain public utilities and emergency services



### **Shelter Island Planning District Height Limit Comments**

- Height limits are needed
- Must respect City's height limit in Coastal Zone – 30 feet
- New development will degrade character of Shelter Island if no restrictions on bulk, scale and massing
- Potential negative impacts to adjacent residential property values



### **Shelter Island Planning District Maritime Use Comments**

- Must continue support of maritime industry
  - Boat repair facilities
  - Sportfishing
  - Marlin Club
  - Commercial fishing



### **Shelter Island Planning District Maritime Use Comments – Commercial Fishing**

 Contrary opinions regarding allowed secondary uses in berthing areas

#### **Tuna Harbor**

- Spill Response Services
- Marine and Towing Services
- Aquaculture
- Other coastal-dependent commercial uses that do not interfere, conflict, or are not incompatible with commercial fishing operations
- Subject to termination provisions when space is needed by Commercial Fishing, along with commitment to establish an administrative process requiring consultation with the San Diego Fishermen's Working Group for management, monitoring and conflict resolution

#### **Driscoll's Wharf**

 Any non-commercial fishing vessel may temporarily berth in provided they be relocated upon 72-hours' notice when space is needed for a commercial fishing vessel



## **Shelter Island Planning District Mobility Comments**

- Support for increased water-side mobility options
  - Public water transit from Shelter Island to downtown/Coronado
- Concern with roadway reconfigurations
  - Scott Street
  - Shelter Island Drive (island portion only)
  - Anchorage Lane



### **Shelter Island Planning District La Playa Piers Comments**

- Piers contribute to character of La Playa Community and San Diego Bay
- Piers are part of the history of La Playa
- Retain piers; don't demolish them



## **Shelter Island Planning District La Playa Piers - History**

- Five private recreational piers on District tidelands constructed in 1930s-1940s
- Located on public tidelands and fee interest not granted to homeowners upon formation of District in 1962
- 1981: Coastal Commission certified the Port Master Plan with the following language:
  - "The Board of Port Commissioners shall not renew the existing leases on the five privately owned piers in the La Playa and adjacent Kellogg Beach areas that extend out from the tidelands into the yacht Basin near Shelter Island. At the termination of the existing leases in 1986 the Board of Port Commissioners shall either: a) make the piers available for public use; or b) cause them to be removed. Any piers retained which create a severe impediment to lateral shoreline access shall be modified to correct this situation. Signs indicating availability for public use shall be posted on any piers retained."



## **Shelter Island Planning District La Playa Piers - History**

- 1986: District and Coastal Commission staff determined that La Playa Yacht Club Pier is not subject to requirement
- 1988: District pursued Port Master Plan Amendment to continue private use of piers, but amendment was denied by Coastal Commission
- 1992: District and Coastal Commission staff agreed on <u>interim</u> arrangement for piers to be public and gangway/floating dock to be private
- 2018-2019: District takes back Donnelley and Arrington/Daly piers when permittees chose not to renew short-term leases
- Two other piers remain quasi-public/private
  - Olson, Alexander, Graham Pier short-term lease expires on November 30, 2019
  - Driscoll Pier on holdover after June 30, 2019 expiration



### **Shelter Island Planning District La Playa Piers – PMPU Discussion Draft**

Two standards included in the Shelter Island Planning District:

- No new private residential or quasi-private residential/public piers are permitted
- Except for the La Playa Yacht Club Pier, all piers and docks in this West Shelter Island Subdistrict that are private residential or quasi-private residential/public shall be removed within two years of certification of this Port Master Plan



### **Shelter Island Planning District**La Playa Piers – PMPU Discussion Draft

**Coastal Commission Comments on PMPU Discussion Draft** 

La Playa Piers. Commission staff supports the removal of the docks and piers in La Playa, except of the La Playa Yacht Club pier, within two years of certification of the PMPU. Alternatively, if the Port wishes to retain the piers, the piers (including their docks) should be available for public use at all times. Either action would be consistent with the Commission's action on the certification of the PMP in 1982 that required: "The Board of Port Commissioners shall not renew the existing leases on the five privately owned piers in the La Playa and adjacent Kellogg Beach areas that extend out from the tidelands into the yacht Basin near Shelter Island. At the termination of the existing leases in 1986 the Board of Port Commissioners shall either: a) make the piers available for public use; or b) cause them to be removed. Any piers retained which create a severe impediment to lateral shoreline access shall be modified to correct this situation. Signs indicating availability for public use shall be posted on any piers retained." However, Commission staff does not support the retention of the piers with the existing public access restrictions (i.e., the Nichols Street pier is entirely private and the other four piers contain private docks).

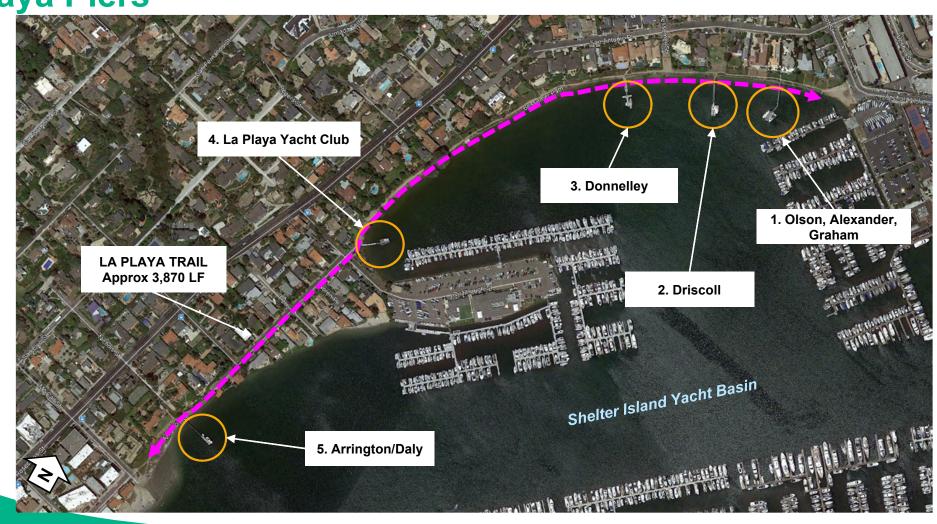






## **Shelter Island Planning District**La Playa Piers









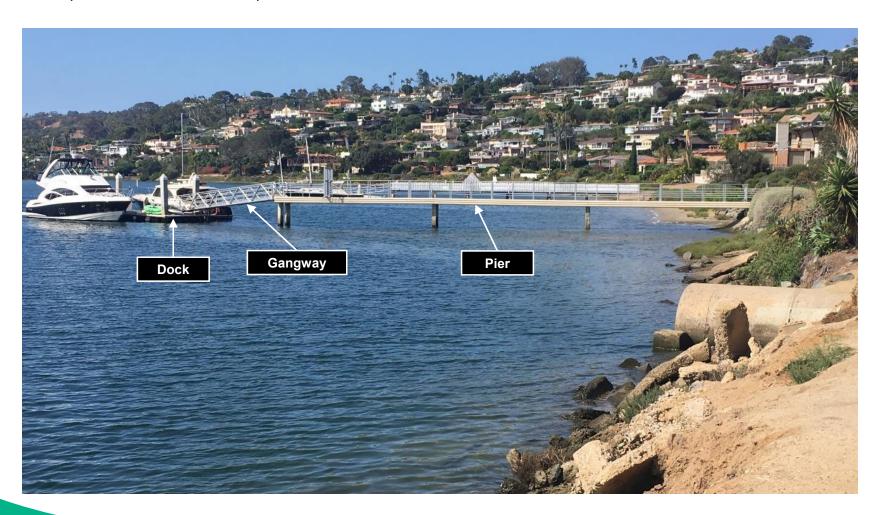








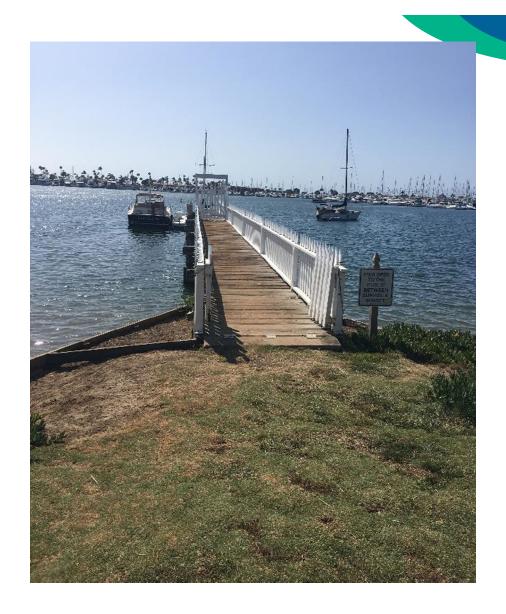




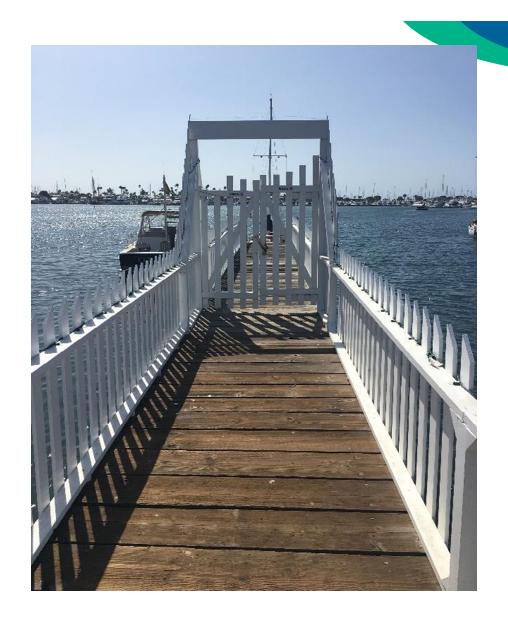












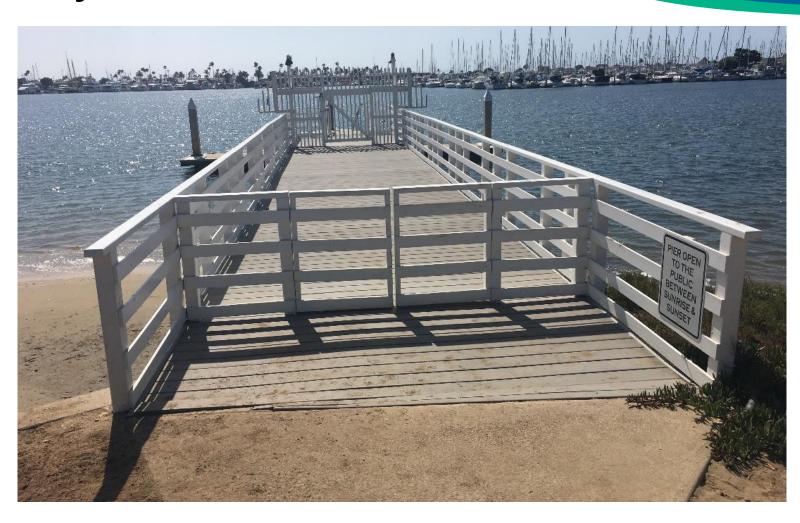




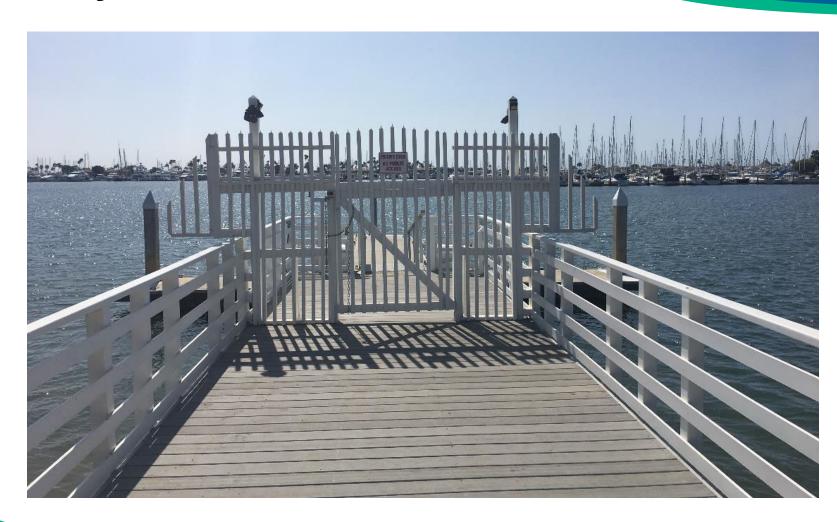
















## 4. La Playa Yacht Club Pier





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## 5. Arrington/Daly Pier





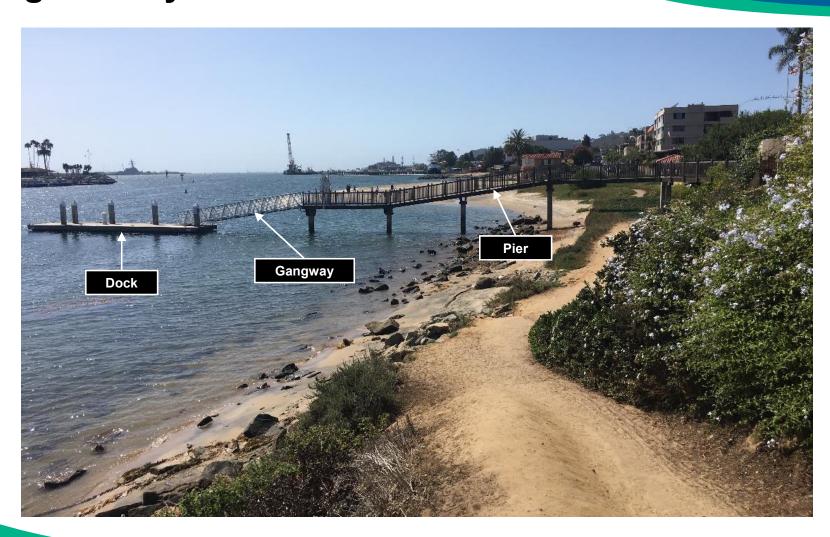
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#### **Distinctions from Other Residential Piers**

- Coastal Commission has allowed for private piers/docks in other jurisdictions, such as Newport Beach and Long Beach
- Coastal Commission factors for allowing private piers/docks include:
  - Existing conditions are characterized by a significant pattern of development of private residential piers/docks
  - The pier/dock is a replacement of an existing pier/dock
  - There is no existing direct public access to the shoreline or pier
  - The pier is raised to maintain lateral access along the shoreline by allowing the public to walk under the structure
- Majority of CDPs were for <u>replacement</u> of existing piers/docks
- Only two CDPs found for <u>new</u> piers/docks

## **Shelter Island Planning District**

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La Playa Piers

Private Residential Piers/Docks in Newport & Balboa Island







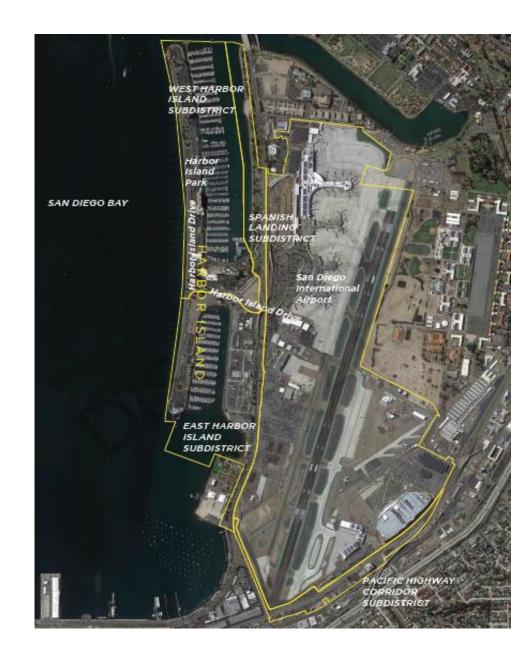




## What is proposed in the PMPU?

#### East & West Harbor Island

- Redevelop rental car area with visitor-serving uses
- Potential increase in hotel rooms, retail and office space
- Increase or decrease of up to 10% in vessel slip quantity
- Increased water mobility
- Reconfigure Harbor Island Drive to expand park space
- Potential increase in hotel rooms/beds, visitor-serving retail and restaurant
- Reconfiguration of Pacific Highway [within Port jurisdiction] to improve vehicle, transit, bike, and pedestrian movements



## What is staying the same in the PMPU?

#### **Existing Uses**

- Parks
- Recreational marinas
- Hotels
- Restaurants





## Harbor Island Planning District Development Intensity Comments

- No concerns expressed regarding proposed development on Harbor Island
- Some comments suggested increasing hotel rooms as offset to reduced intensities in Shelter Island



## Harbor Island Planning District Mobility Comments

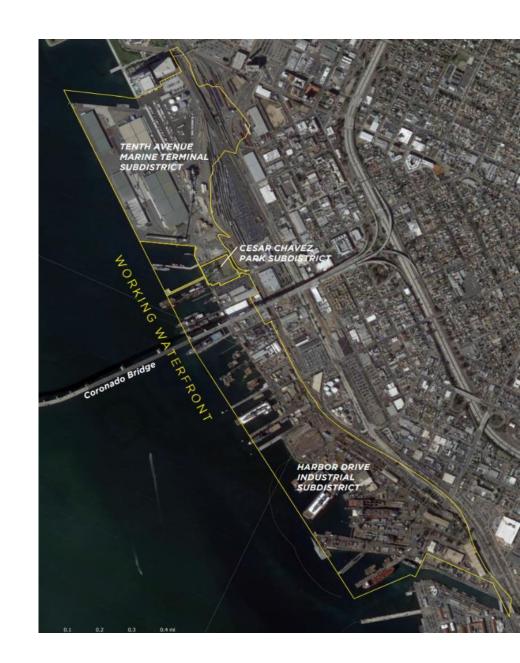
- Concerns raised about roadway changes that may result in increased traffic congestion or reductions to on-street parking
- Comments expressed support for providing additional connections to water-side mobility options
- Feedback also included support for non-motorized launch point proposed for East Harbor Island



## What is proposed in the PMPU?

#### Working Waterfront

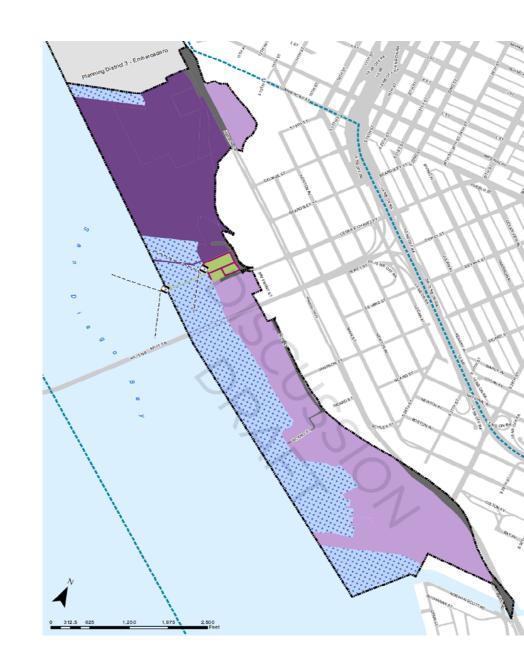
- Encourage and allow for sustainable freight and shipping methods
- Add a water-based transit landing
- Add scenic vista areas to protect views from Cesar Chavez Park



## What is staying the same in the PMPU?

#### Working Waterfront

- Maritime trade operations
- Strategic regional, state, and federal port of entry
- Public access to Cesar Chavez Park
- Size and location of Cesar Chavez Park





## **Working Waterfront Planning District Maritime Use Comments**

- Greater emphasis must be given to importance of maintaining and growing San Diego's maritime industry
- Safety concerns raised related to allowing expanded opportunities to touch the water



## **Working Waterfront Planning District Mobility Comments**

 Support expressed for increased waterbased transit opportunities



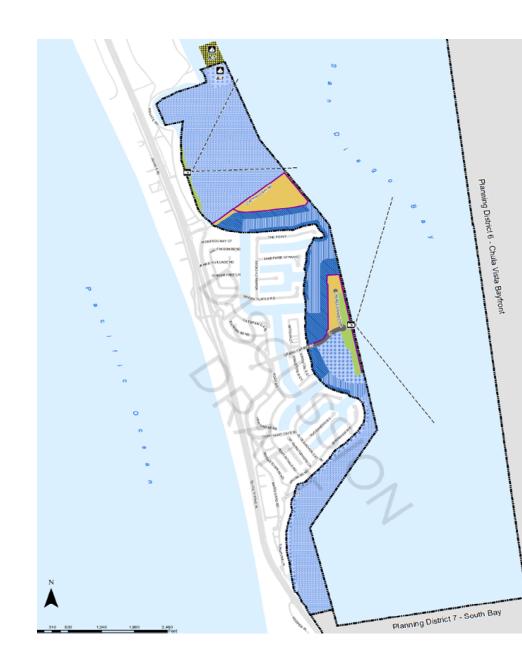
# What is proposed in the PMPU? Silver Strand

- One land use change in Grand Caribe Isle
  - Change from Commercial Recreation to Open Space
- Increased water mobility



# What is staying the same in the PMPU? Silver Strand

- Hotel
- Recreational marina
- Yacht club
- Nature trails and natural habitat areas





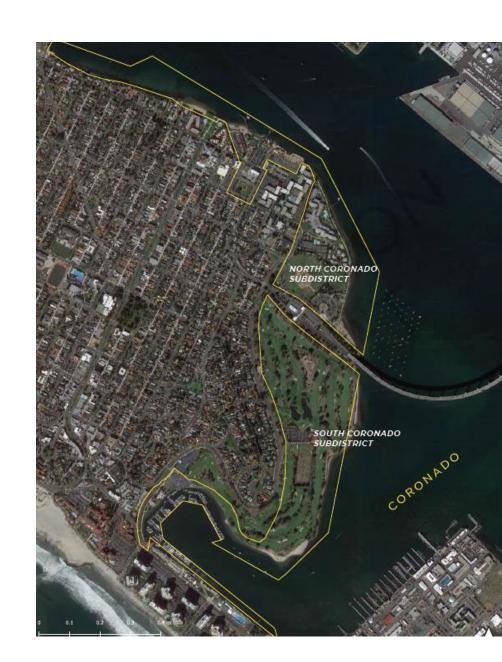
## **Silver Strand Planning District Development Intensity Comments**

- Proposed 360 new hotel rooms at Loews Coronado Bay Resort is incompatible with surrounding area
- Support expressed for changing portion of Grand Caribe from Commercial Recreation to Recreation Open Space
- Two comments received requesting no change to Commercial Recreation in Grand Caribe



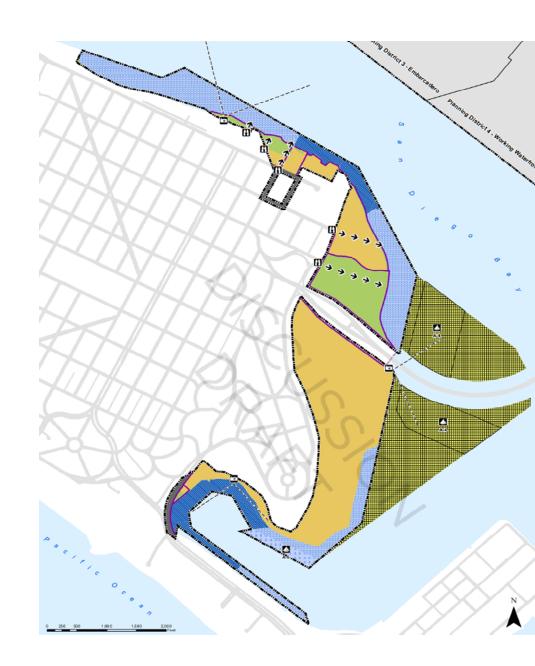
### What is proposed in the PMPU?

- Potential increase in hotel rooms, retail and office space
- Golf course use consolidated into Commercial Recreation designation category
- Increased water mobility
- Up to 12 new vessel slips in North Coronado
- Increase or decrease of up to 10% in vessel slip quantity in South Coronado



### What is staying the same in the PMPU?

- Parks
- Golf course
- Bike and pedestrian paths
- Yacht Club
- Anchorages





### **Coronado Bayfront Planning District Development Intensity Comments**

- No support for increased commercial or hotel development on Coronado Bayfront
- Additional development will exacerbate existing traffic congestion
- Existing undeveloped areas at Ferry Landing should be preserved



### **Coronado Bayfront Planning District Height Limit Comments**

- Must have clear height limits
- City's height limit in Coastal Zone (40 feet) must be respected
- Potential impacts to community character resulting from bulk, scale, massing and view blockage



### **Coronado Bayfront Planning District Mobility Comments**

- Support for providing additional connections to water-side mobility options, specifically increased opportunities for water-taxi and ferry service
- Concerns over increased traffic congestion raised
- Opposition to structured parking

# PMPU Discussion Draft Board Direction for Revising the Draft PMPU





### Request for Board Direction Development Intensity

#### Shelter Island Planning District

- Potential Board direction:
  - Reduce new hotel rooms throughput planning district
  - Only allow new hotel rooms in a specific location, such as near Harbor Drive

#### Harbor Island Planning District

- Potential Board direction:
  - Increase hotel rooms in Harbor Island (shift from Shelter Island)

#### Silver Strand Planning District

- Potential Board direction:
  - Decrease new hotel rooms at Loews from 360 to 250
  - Maintain proposed Recreation Open Space at Grand Caribe (no hotel rooms)

#### Coronado Bayfront Planning District

- Potential Board direction:
  - No new hotels or hotel rooms in this planning district
  - No new commercial development in this planning district



### Request for Board Direction Height Limits

- Shelter Island Planning District
- Coronado Bayfront Planning District
  - Potential Board direction to add numerical height limits that are consistent with those of adjacent jurisdictions



### Request for Board Direction Maritime Uses

- Shelter Island Planning District
  - Marlin Club:
    - Potential Board direction to add a policy to PMPU that expressly maintains the Marlin Club in its current location
  - Commercial Fishing Berthing:
    - Potential Board direction for Commercial Fishing Berthing allowance to be consistent between Shelter Island and Embarcadero planning districts



#### Request for Board Direction La Playa Piers

- Potential Board Direction:
  - Option 1 Demolish entire pier structure
  - Option 2 Demolish floating docks/gangways and leave pier open to public (District would operate and maintain piers)
  - Option 3 Make entire pier open to the public (District would operate and maintain piers)
  - Option 4 Status Quo Keep piers open to public, but allow gangways and floating docks to remain private

Note: Under Options 2, 3 and 4, staff recommends that the Arrington/Daly pier still be demolished as it does not provide any public access because it connects directly to the residences' backyards

## Port Master Plan Update Next Steps





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