

Outdoor Public Warning System

To Mayor Breed, President Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

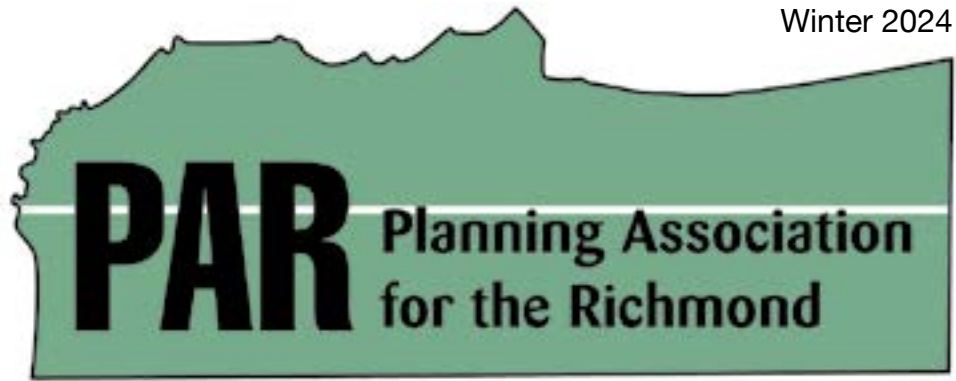
I am writing to you as the President of Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR), the largest and oldest neighborhood organization in the Richmond District. We would like to express our gratitude for your collaboration in September to prioritize and find funding to upgrade and restore the city’s outdoor public warning system.

The public warning system has been offline since 2019, during which time we have faced a global pandemic, six of the top seven largest wildfires in California history, three notable earthquakes of 6.0 or above magnitude, and one of the largest storms in the history of San Francisco. The storm caused significant damage, power outages, fallen trees, and flooding in our city. These are clear signs of the impact of climate change, which will continue to pose serious threats to our safety and well-being in the future.

Now more than ever, the outdoor public warning system is needed to alert and protect the citizens of the Richmond District and San Francisco from potential hazards and emergencies. We urge you to expedite the process of upgrading and restoring this vital system as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,
Nick Belloni, President
Planning Association for
the Richmond



Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project



Our last General Membership Meeting, we had a presentation on the *Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project (Ocean Beach Master Plan)*.

Its goal is about protecting and enhancing habitat, open space and coastal infrastructure. Construction will start in late 2024, and is estimated to take four years.

The Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project will create new public open space, protect key public assets, and ensure coastal access in the face of climate change.

The southern part of Ocean Beach is under siege from tides and increasing storms. Erosion has undermined and damaged beach parking lots, stormwater drainage facilities and the Great Highway itself. Storms continue to threaten critical wastewater infrastructure and limit public shoreline

access and recreational opportunities. With rising sea levels and more intense storms, erosion is only expected to get worse, which amplifies the urgency to protect coastal infrastructure, habitats, and the beach itself.

The Ocean Beach project is the first major climate change adaptation project in San Francisco. When complete, it will create more than a mile of new seaside trail; improve coastal access, recreation, and habitat at south Ocean Beach; and protect vital public wastewater and recycled water infrastructure.

Project elements include constructing a buried seawall to protect a pump station, a recycled water facility, a wastewater treatment plant, and other key infrastructure. Other elements include rerouting Great Highway traffic at Sloat Boulevard away from the narrowest part of the beach,

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Winter '24 PAR Meeting
Wednesday
January 17, 2024
 Propositions on March ballot
 Check website: sfpar.org
 Richmond Recreation Center
 251 18th Avenue
 (between Clement and California)
 Limited parking is available.
 Muni: 1 California and 38 Geary

Ocean Beach Project

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building a multiuse public trail with sweeping Pacific Ocean views where the highway is now, and improving beach health through the replacement of sand.

The background, objectives and components of the plan are as follows.

The Ocean Beach Project design is guided by shoreline management concepts recommended by the Ocean Beach Master Plan, a collaborative vision for San Francisco's western coast, led by the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), which brought together community members, city agencies, the Federal Highway Administration and the National Park Service.

The overarching purpose of the Ocean Beach Project is to implement a long-term coastal management strategy for South Ocean Beach that addresses shoreline erosion and climate-change-related sea level rise. Specific project objectives and components include:



near the southern end of the project's multiuse trail (near Skyline Boulevard/ Great Highway intersection). The 35-space parking lot at Great Highway and Sloat Boulevard will be removed.

Additional: Re-route Muni 23

Protect Critical Infrastructure:

Construct a buried wall to protect wastewater infrastructure and recycled water facilities from shoreline erosion.

Preserve and Enhance Coastal Access, Recreation, and Habitat:

Construct a multiuse trail, beach access stairway, restrooms, and complete Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvements along Ocean Beach north of Sloat Boulevard;

Remove the shoreline protection structures and debris, reshape the bluff to increase accessible open space area, and plant native vegetation.

Continue beach nourishment (sand replenishment) as needed.

Implement Roadway, Safety & Parking Changes:

Reroute Great Highway traffic away from the beach between Sloat and Skyline boulevards.

Improve Adjacent Intersections:

Improve the intersections at Great Highway and Sloat and Skyline boulevards to facilitate the changes in travel patterns resulting from closing this section of the Great Highway. The SFMTA is planning additional intersection improvements at the Sloat and Skyline intersection and along Sloat Boulevard.

Parking: Construct a new parking lot with approximately 60 parking spaces

Monterey bus layover and turnaround, reconfigure San Francisco Zoo parking entrance to ensure smooth access, and maintain a service road to SFPUC facilities.

These were the 2012 Ocean Master Plan Key points

In 2012, the Ocean Beach Master Plan, an interagency effort led by SPUR, recommended a sustainable long-term vision for all of Ocean Beach. The Master Plan presents six key moves that are organized by geographical reaches and designed to be implemented incrementally over a period of decades. The Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project focuses on south Ocean Beach and includes two of the six key moves.

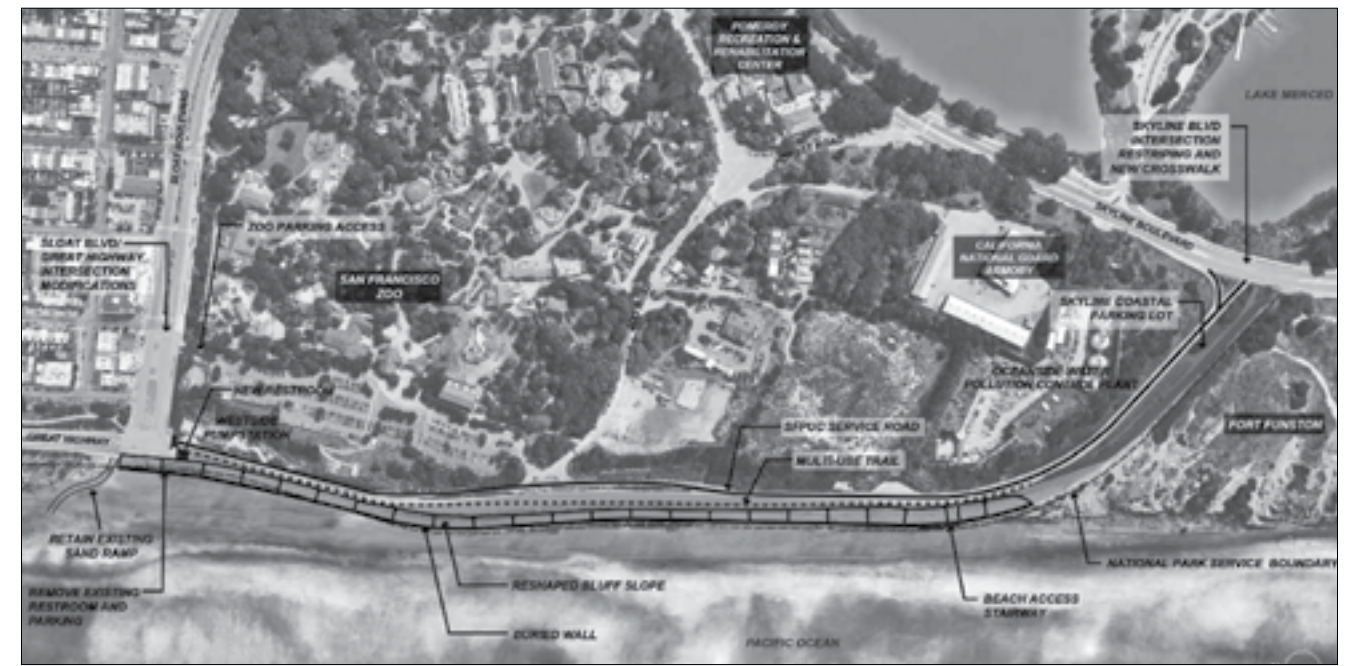
1. Removal of the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline Boulevards.

2. The introduction of a multipurpose coastal protection/restoration/access system.

The project is being implemented in three sequential sub-phases:

- a) Short-Term Improvements,
- b) Army Corps of Engineers Beach Nourishment, and
- c) Long-Term Improvements.

The Long-Term Improvements phase will require on-going, beach nourishment via sand placement.



The Short-Term Improvements Phase has been underway for several years and provides interim protection and improved beach access while the

Long-Term Improvements Phase is under development. The short-term activities include beach nourishment activities and installation of sandbags along the southern portion of Ocean Beach fronting the Great Highway. This work is a critical environmentally friendly approach to protect public infrastructure and improve beach access until the long-term improvements phase is ready for implementation. Potential annual sand replenishment activities in this phase are informed by annual monitoring efforts required by the City's Coastal Development Permit.

United States Army Corps of Engineers Beach Nourishment Phase (Completed, with ongoing coordination)

This work beneficially used the dredged sand to minimize storm damage and protect the beach, infrastructure, habitat, and recreational access to the beach. Construction was completed in summer 2021.

Long-Term Improvements Phase

This phase of work would

improve access, recreation, and habitat at South Ocean Beach and protect vital public wastewater and recycled water infrastructure. The long-term improvements phase is currently in the design and environmental review phase (the Notice of Preparation can be viewed here). The Draft Environmental Impact Report was released on December 8, 2021. The Final EIR is in development and is expected to be published in early 2023. Construction is expected to begin in late 2024 and last for approximately four years.

Beach Access During Construction:

During construction, portions of South Ocean Beach would be closed to public access. Beach closure would likely be required for approximately six months per year, for each of the four years of construction. Walking along the beach from the water would be allowed during construction; however, access would be restricted to the nearshore area outside of construction zones.

More information will be available ahead of and during construction, expected to start in mid-2024.

Message from the President

January marks an end of a year and the beginning of a new one. This year will be a hard one across the nation, in the city, and in the Richmond, with presidential, mayoral, and the D1 supervisor elections. All are going to be fights.

During this time, remember community has a way of lifting us up, but unfortunately there are ways it can also tear us down. At these times, when we feel it is tearing us down, let's try to focus on the things we can change. During these contentious elections, we have no control over

what people will say or do. But we always have a say in who we are going to be — how much grace we chose to have, how much patience we have while listening to people. We have power over ourselves and our reactions. We can focus that power into lifting others up.

We as a community must work to help everyone feel heard and part of this Richmond District community. One last thing: it was nice to see so many festive lights in the Richmond this year. (See a few on page 4.)

Nick Belloni, President

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Holiday Lights in the Richmond



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