# DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES Islais Creek / Bayview Community Meeting

November 1, 2022

Waterfront Resilience Program

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## WELCOME

#### What to Expect



- Intros
- 45 min Presentation with Polls we want to hear from you!
- 30 min Q&A through the Chat or the "Raise Your Hand" function



#### **VIDEO TO INTRODUCE DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**



#### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

- Keep your device on mute unless you are speaking
- Use the chat function for quick feedback or to comment
- Use the "Raise Your Hand" function to indicate a request to speak
- Try not to talk over others
- Give each other time to gathers thoughts and comment before jumping in



## **TODAY'S AGENDA**

#### **Presentation Overview**



- Understanding the Risks
  - What we're facing
- Waterfront Resilience Program
  - What we're doing
- Community Priorities
  - What we've heard
- Range of Possibilities
  - What we're considering
- Draft Waterfront Adaptation Strategies in Islais Creek / Bayview
- Next Steps
- Q&A

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### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Port of San Francisco acknowledges that we are on the **unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone** who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the *caretakers of this place*, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory.

As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland.

We wish to *pay our respects* by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by *affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.* 

#### **POLL QUESTION #1**

What part of the Islais Creek / Bayview waterfront do you visit most often?



# **DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**

#### **Presentation Overview**



The Port of San Francisco has developed seven high-level Draft Waterfront Adaptation Strategies through a collaborative interagency process and over five years of public engagement.

The draft Strategies are ready for public feedback, with a goal of reaching a Draft Waterfront Adaptation Plan by Summer 2023.



## **DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**

Port-led, City of San Francisco Agencies, and USACE Partnered in Development Process





# SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT COASTAL FLOOD STUDY





# The Port and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are conducting a **waterfront coastal flood study** for San Francisco, which could result in **significant federal funding for flood risk reduction.**

This funding could also **improve shoreline stability** where USACE would fund coastal flood defenses and **provide other community benefits** that are part of a cost-effective plan. The Port and City have goals to further improve seismic resilience and provide other community benefits that will not be eligible for USACE funding.



# Understanding the Risks What We're Facing

Waterfront Resilience Program



### **CLIMATE CHANGE HAS GLOBAL IMPACTS**

#### Including Here In San Francisco





### San Francisco Chronicle

S.F.'s Embarcadero needs to be raised as much as 7 feet to prepare for sea level rise, city says

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## **RISING TO THE CHALLENGE**

#### San Francisco Faces Urgent Seismic, Coastal, and Inland Flood Risks Today

#### SEISMIC RISKS



San Francisco, 1906





#### COASTAL FLOODING

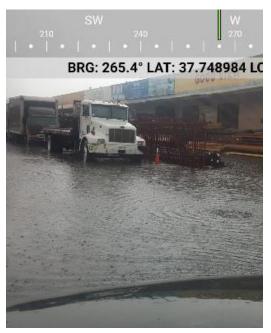


Recology



The Embarcadero

#### **INLAND FLOODING**

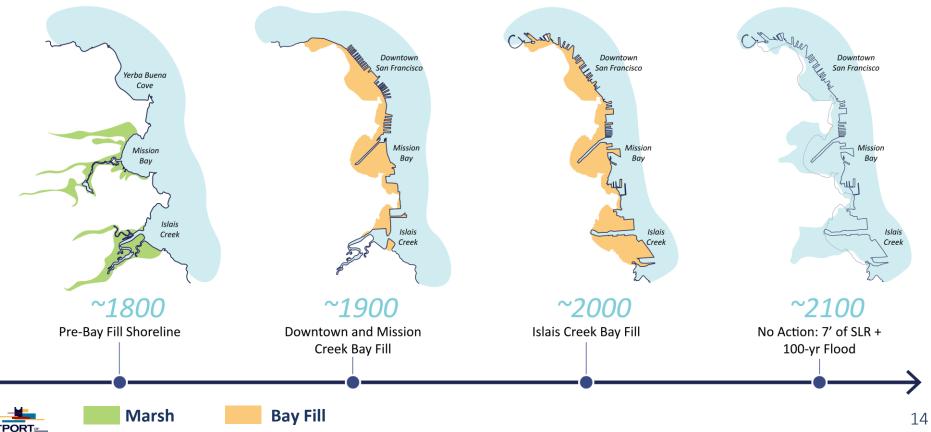


Islais Creek outfall and Marin St.



# **HISTORIC SHORELINE + BAY FILL**

#### From the 1800s



# WATERFRONT WIDE EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS

Very High Earthquake "Liquefaction" Risk

Liquefaction occurs when water-saturated sediment (like sand) temporarily loses strength and acts as a fluid

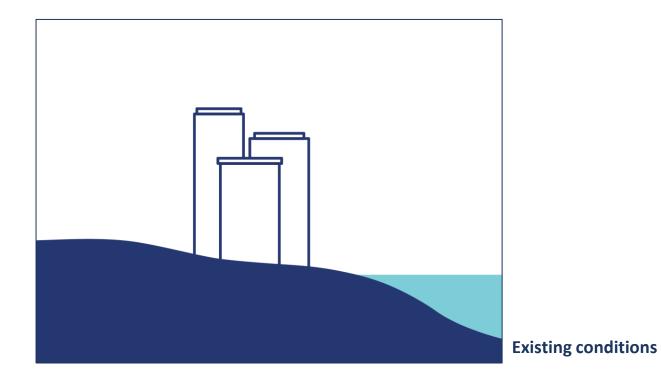
Various levels of lateral spreading risk along the shoreline

POTENTIAL LIQUEFACTION ZONE

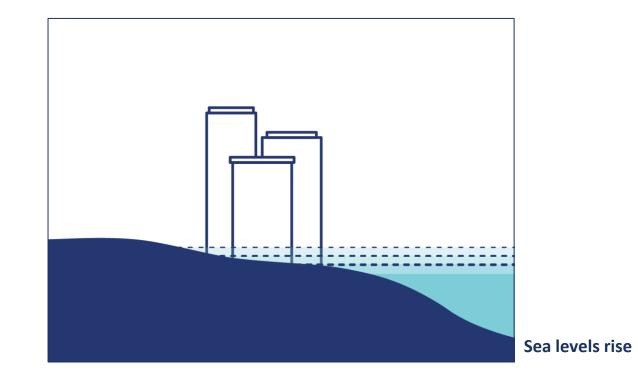
Source: USGS, Open-File Report 2006-1037 Version 1.1, Maps of Quaternary Deposits and Liquefaction Susceptibility in the Central San Francisco Bay Region, California

#### Different Geographic Impacts

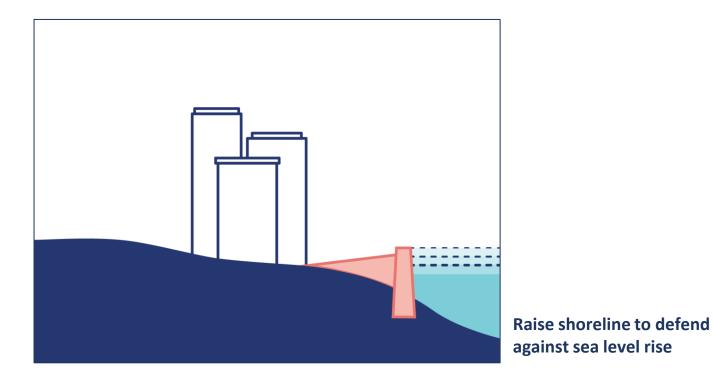


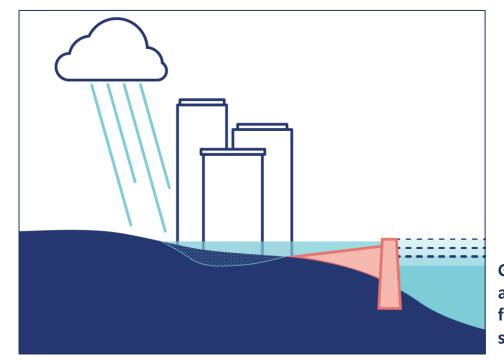






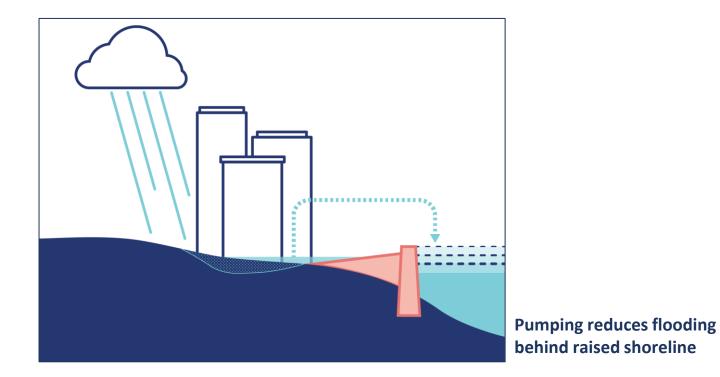




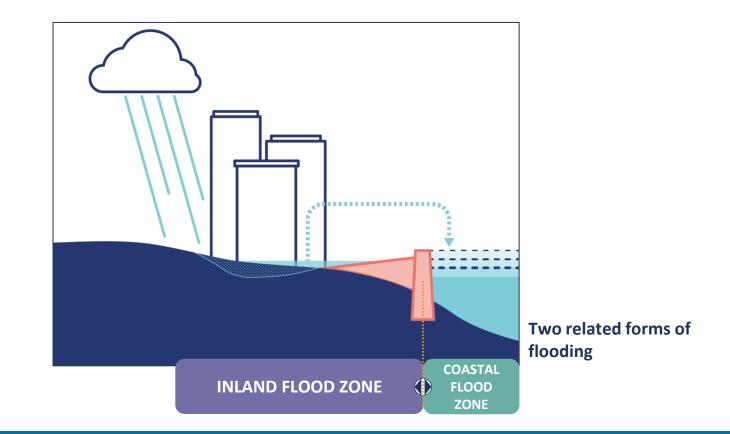


Groundwater and stormwater flooding behind raised shoreline

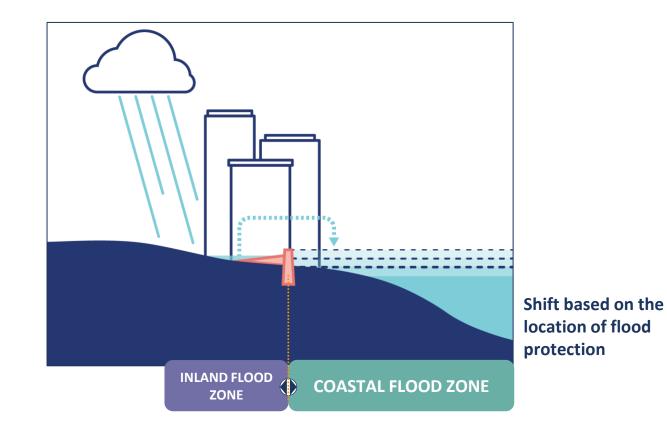
















# Any solution endorsed by the City of San Francisco will aim to address **all three risks:** seismic risks, coastal flooding and inland flooding.



#### **POLL QUESTION #2**

What impact from Sea Level Rise and inland flooding concerns you the most if you had to choose one?



# Waterfront Resilience Program What We're Doing





## WATERFRONT RESILIENCE PROGRAM VISION STATEMENT

Affirmed through Robust Community Engagement

The Port's Waterfront Resilience Program will take actions to **reduce seismic and climate change risks** that support a safe, equitable, sustainable, and vibrant waterfront.

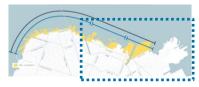
#### **PROGRAM AREA**

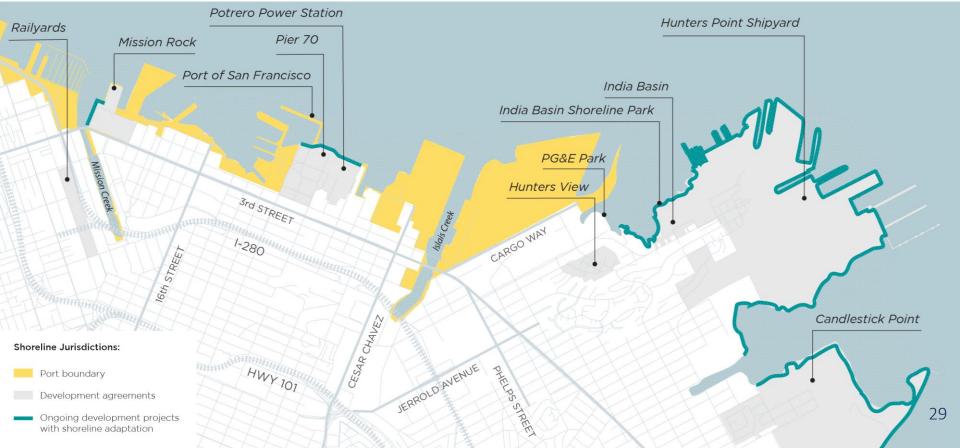
#### Focus is Conceptual-Level Strategies Within the Port's Jurisdiction



# **OTHER CITY ADAPTATION PROJECTS**

#### **Outside Port jurisdiction**











# **DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**

Community Input Helped Define the WRP

Focus on life safety & emergency response

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Prioritize assets most loved by the community and most important to the city

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#### Put people first

Assets and services most prioritized: housing, disaster recovery facilities, utilities, transportation and businesses





# WHAT WE HEARD - ISLAIS CREEK / BAYVIEW SPECIFIC

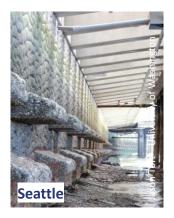
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- Key community-prioritized assets include: Recology, the Southeast Treatment Plant, cargo and maritime operations
- We heard the importance of prioritizing homes, including low-income housing
- We heard to prioritize environmental concerns and ensure anti-displacement is centered in any work

### NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

#### Prioritize Nature and Healing the Bay







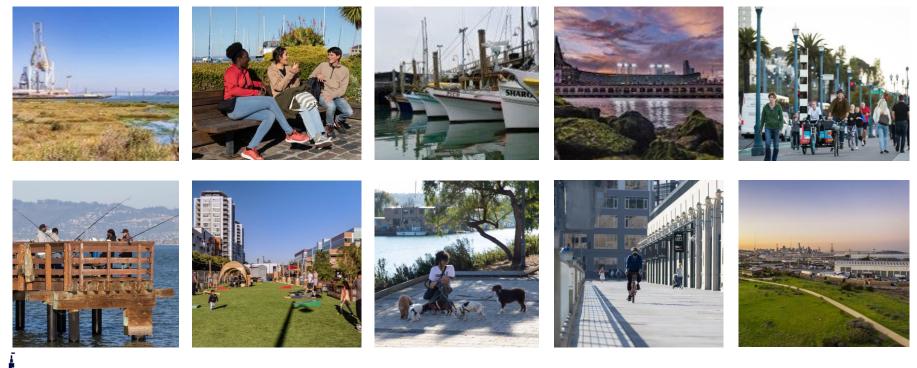






#### **PUBLIC SPACES**

#### Expand Open Spaces and the City's Connection to the Waterfront



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## EQUITY

#### Center Racial and Social Equity and Environmental Justice





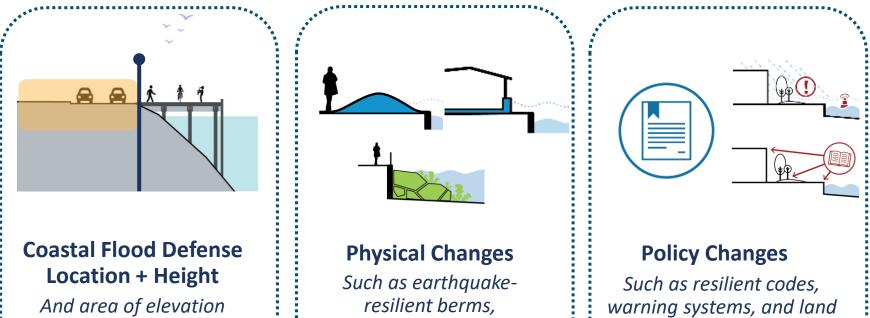


# Range of Possible Solutions What We're Considering



# **DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES**

### Key Components



change

Such as earthquakeresilient berms, floodproofing, and nature-based features

use changes

# USACE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT COASTAL FLOOD STUDY

**Driving Questions** 

What if... we did not adapt to mitigate the risks? What if... we adapted by floodproofing and moving buildings and assets, without coastal flood structures?

# What if...

we address flooding at **a lower rate** of sea level rise?

# What if...

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# USACE SAN FRANCSICO WATERFRONT COASTAL FLOOD STUDY

**Draft Waterfront Adaptation Strategies** 

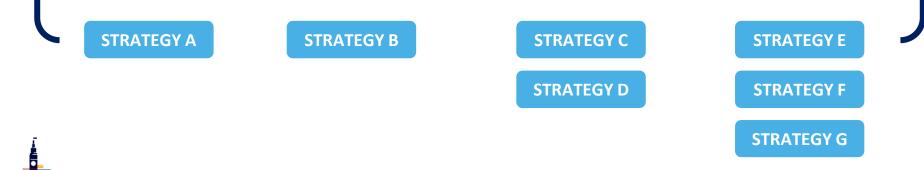
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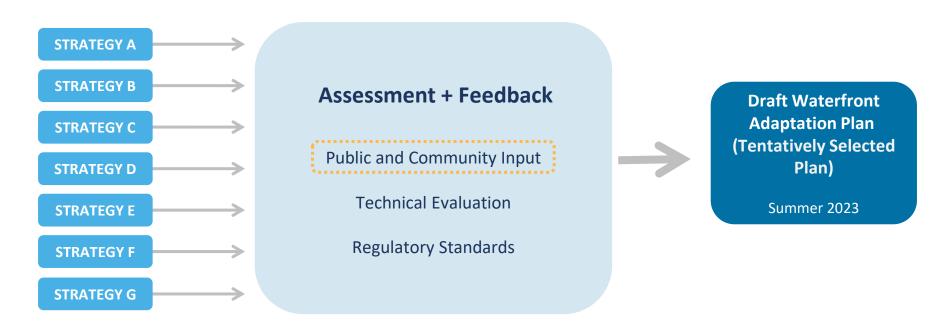
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# THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Pathway to the Draft Waterfront Adaptation Plan





# Draft Waterfront Adaptation Strategies

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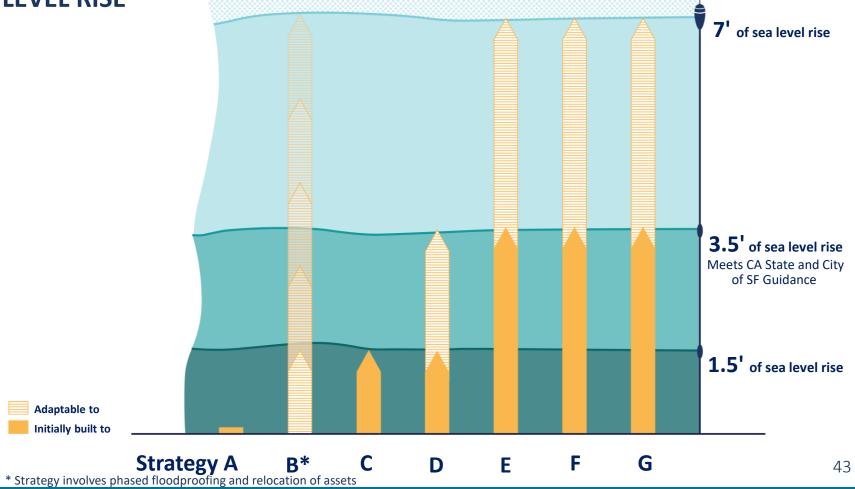
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# **TIME HORIZONS**





# **SEA LEVEL RISE**

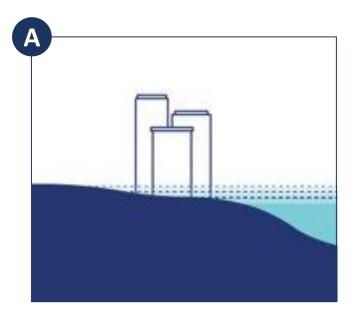


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Focused on Strategies A-D



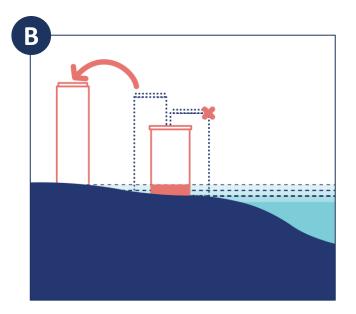
# **STRATEGY A – NO ACTION**



This strategy takes no actions to reduce flood risks beyond projects that are already approved



# **STRATEGY B – NONSTRUCTURAL OPTION**



Moves people and assets away from the risk, uses nonstructural measures (such as floodproofing) to reduce risks, and allows water to go where it wants rather than constructing traditional structural solutions



# **STRATEGY B – NONSTRUCTURAL OPTION**

#### Examples

- Floodproofing
- Raising structure in place
- Floodable spaces

- Buyouts
- Warning systems





# Draft Strategies C,D,E,F,G in Islais Creek / Bayview









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The dark green line shows where coastal flood defenses will be built.

#### Legend

Coastal Flood Defense

Islais Creek / Bayview

Strategy E (2040)

📕 Inland Adaptation Zone

Coastal Adaptation Zone

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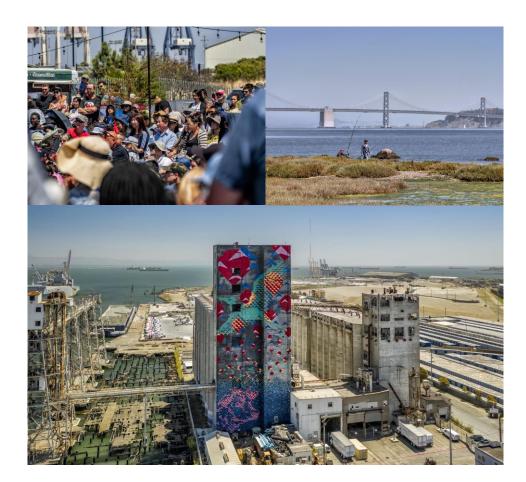
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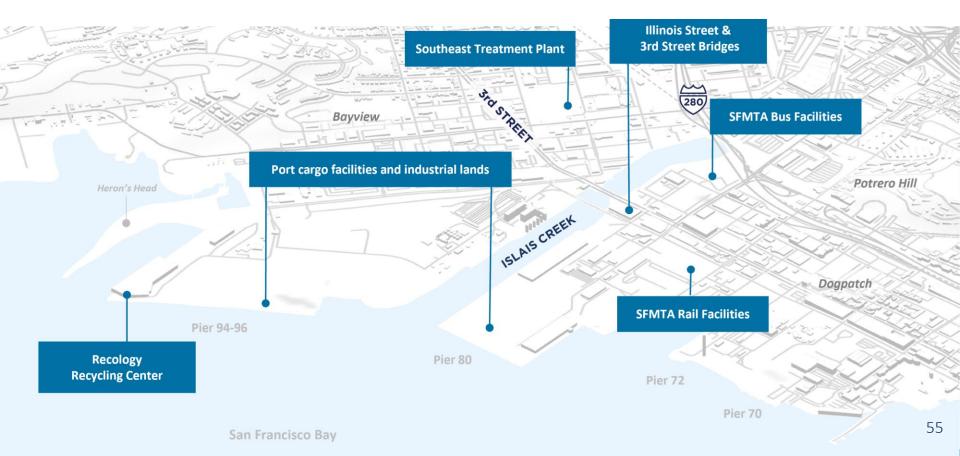
## Geographic Context

- In Port jurisdiction mainly low-density industrial and Port working lands
- Low-lying land subject to coastal and upland flooding
- Equity and environmental justice concerns include job loss, toxics, gentrification, open space access
- Large spaces present opportunities for restoring natural watershed and wetlands

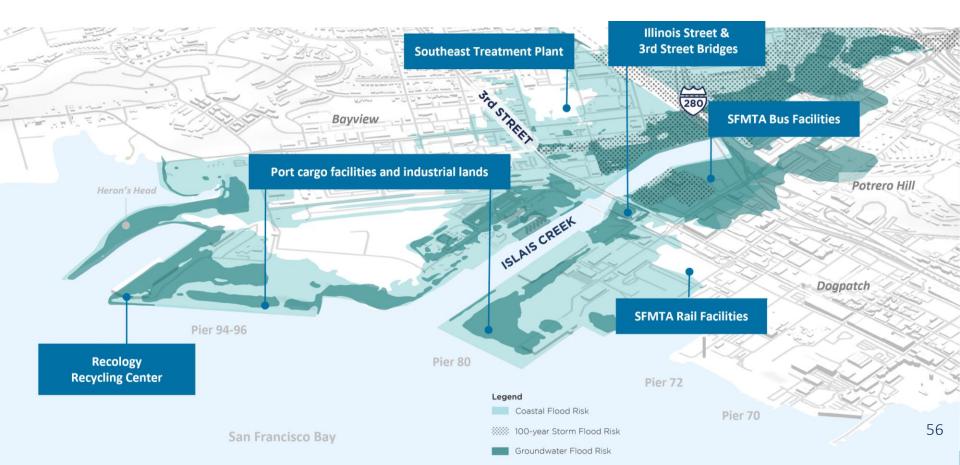




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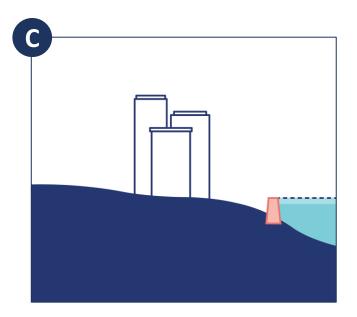
STRATEGY C

# STRATEGY E

**STRATEGY F** 

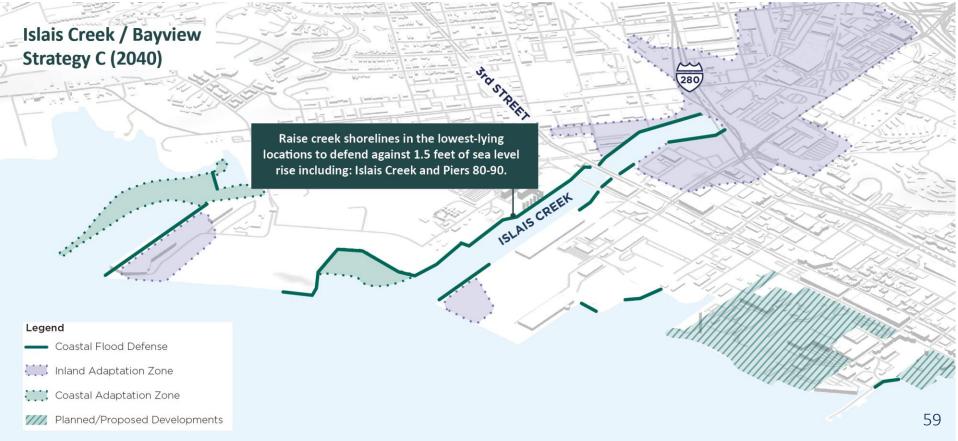
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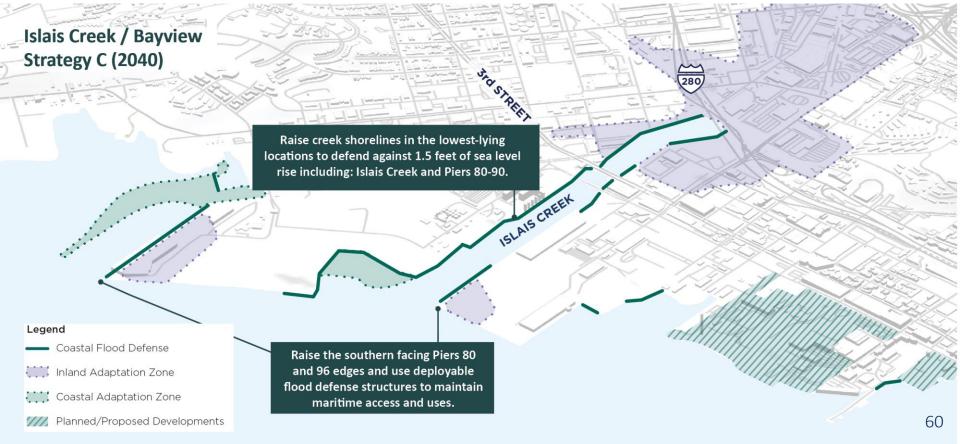
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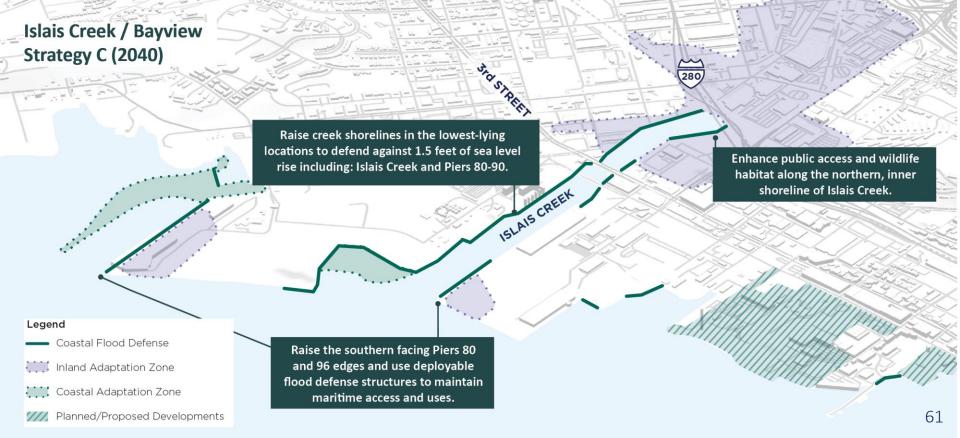


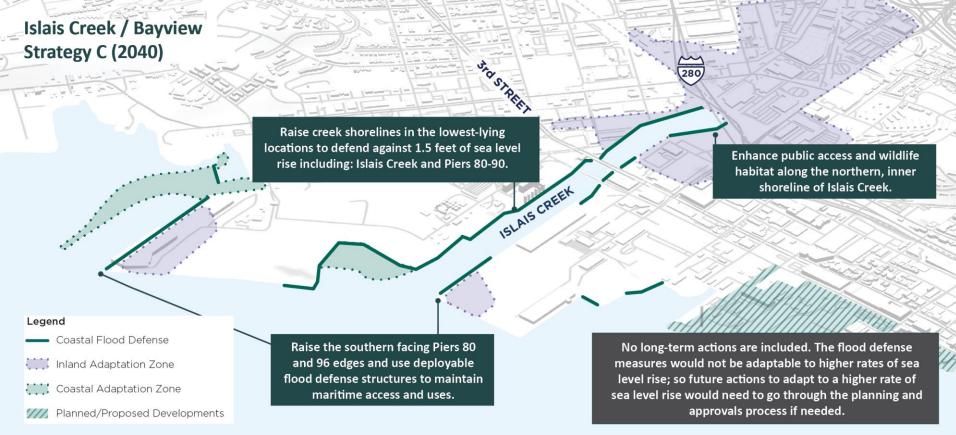
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## A NOTE ABOUT POLLS



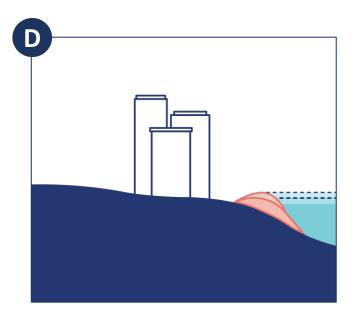
- Temperature Check
- Not a Vote
- Optional



# **POLL QUESTION #3**

Strategy C would cost less by making smaller improvements than other options but assumes a lower rate of sea level rise (and does not include any seismic improvements). Do you support this approach?





Adapts the shoreline to withstand 1.5' of sea level rise by 2040, with the possibility of building higher by 2090



#### Islais Creek / Bayview Strategy D (2040)

Raise creek shorelines in the lowest-lying locations to defend against 1.5 feet of sea level rise as in Strategy C, but design the flood risk reduction actions to be adaptable to a higher rate of sea level rise in the future.

#### Legend

- Coastal Flood Defense
- Inland Adaptation Zone
- Coastal Adaptation Zone
- //// Planned/Proposed Developments

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Coastal Flood Defense

Inland Adaptation Zone

Coastal Adaptation Zone

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Enhance public access and wildlife habitat along the northern, inner shoreline of Islais Creek.

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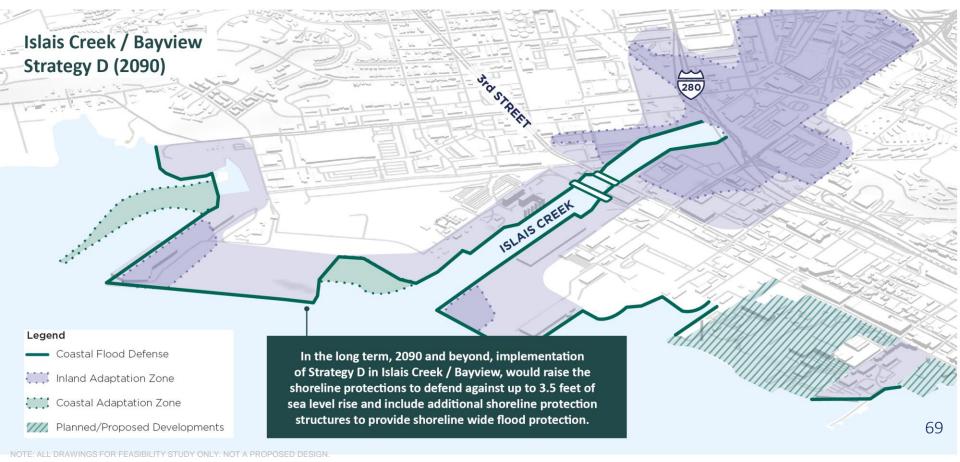
Coastal Flood Defense

Inland Adaptation Zone

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# **POLL QUESTION #4**

Strategy D would cost less by making smaller improvements than other options but assumes a lower rate of sea level rise. It would be designed to be adaptable to higher sea level rise in the future and includes some seismic improvements. Do you support this approach?

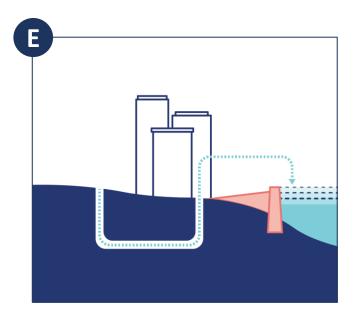


# USACE SAN FRANCSICO WATERFRONT COASTAL FLOOD STUDY

Focused on Strategies E, F, and G

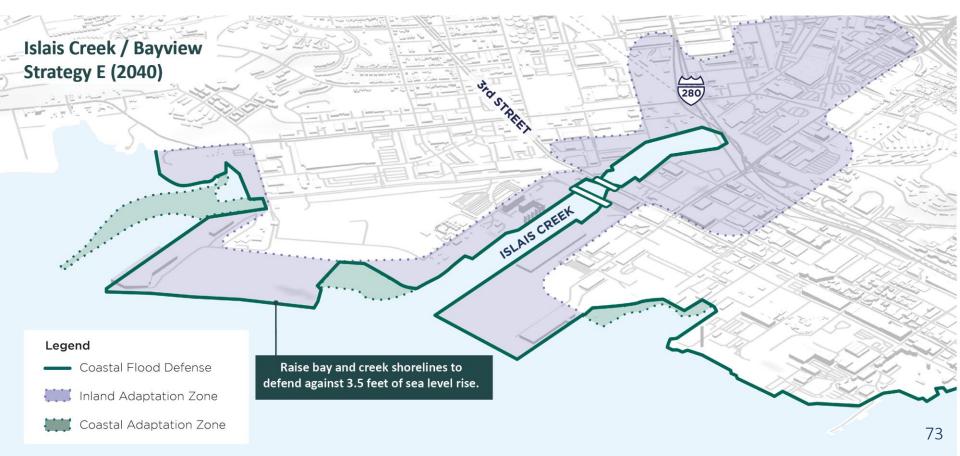
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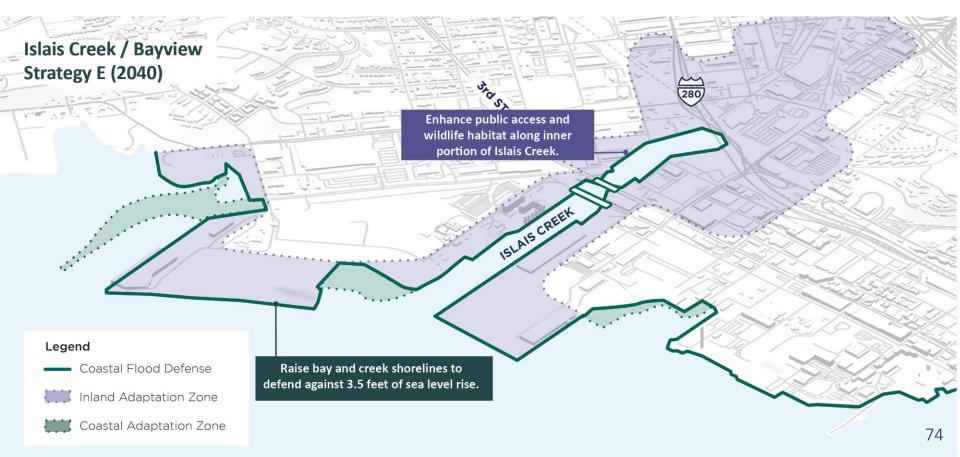
# **STRATEGY E – HIGHER SEA LEVEL RISE – HOLD THE LINE**

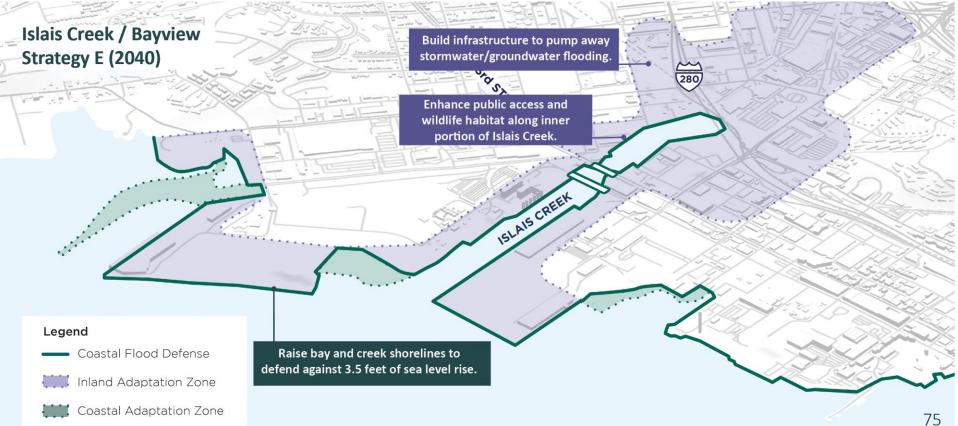


Preserves a waterfront that looks and functions much as it does today by adapting the shoreline



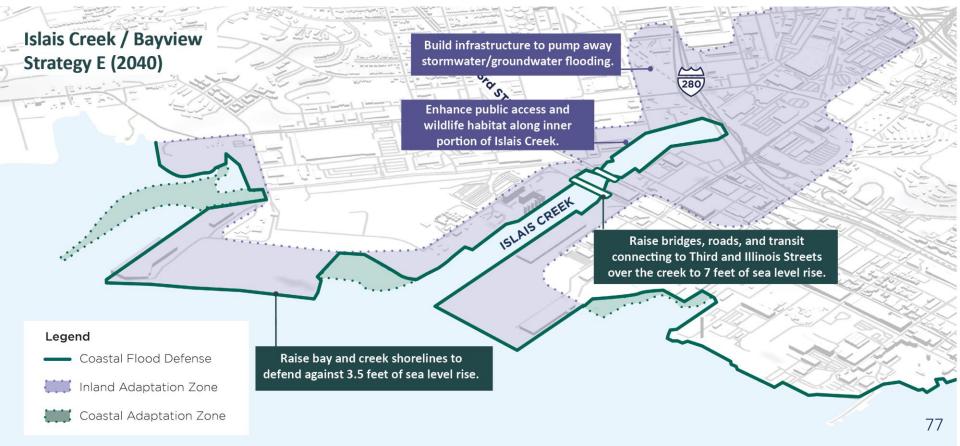


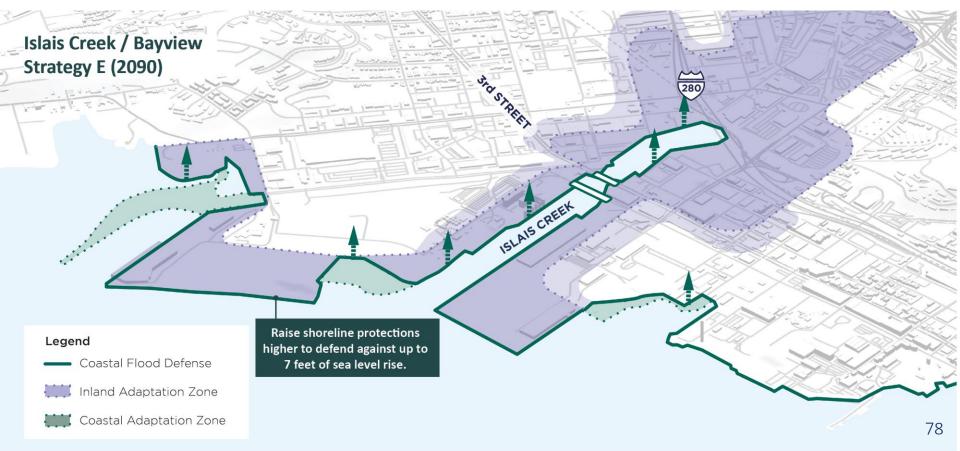


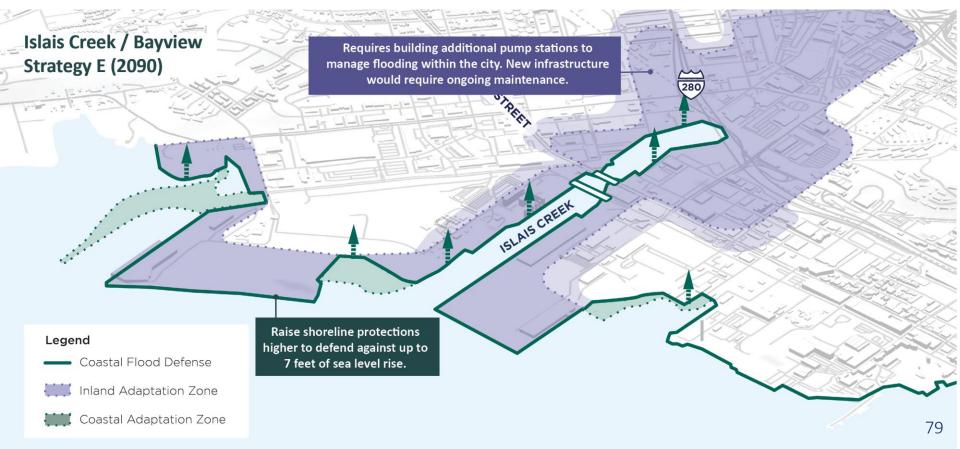


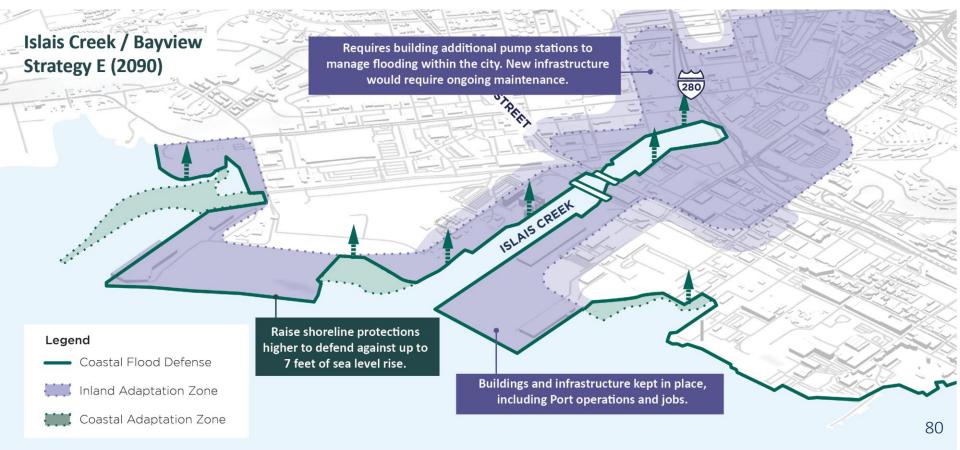


water over an elevated shoreline. Pump stations exist in the city today, but this strategy would require building new pump stations, requiring funding and land.









### Islais Creek / Bayview in 2090

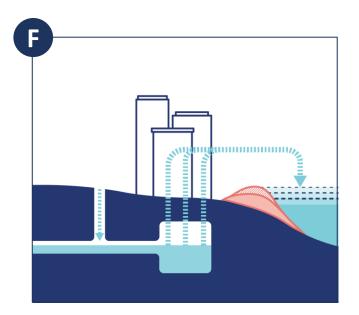




### **POLL QUESTION #5**

Strategy E would preserve the current shoreline, streets, and buildings along the Southern Waterfront as close to how they are today despite considerable effort and cost. Does this feel like the right priority?

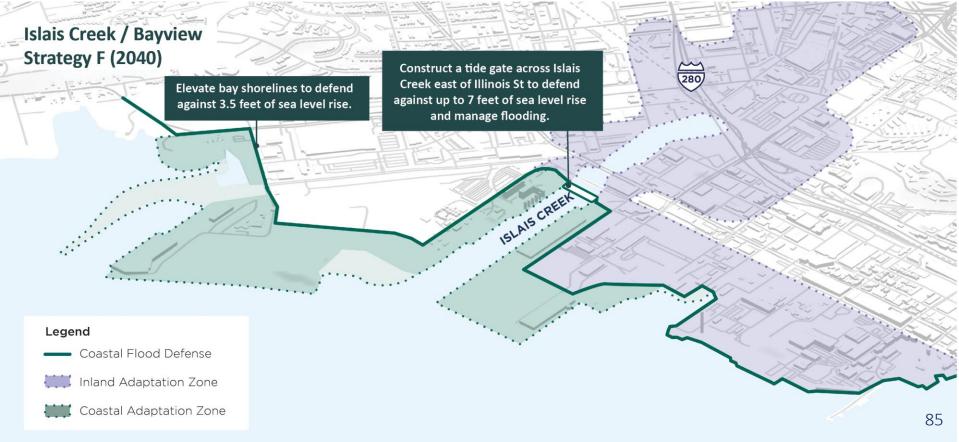




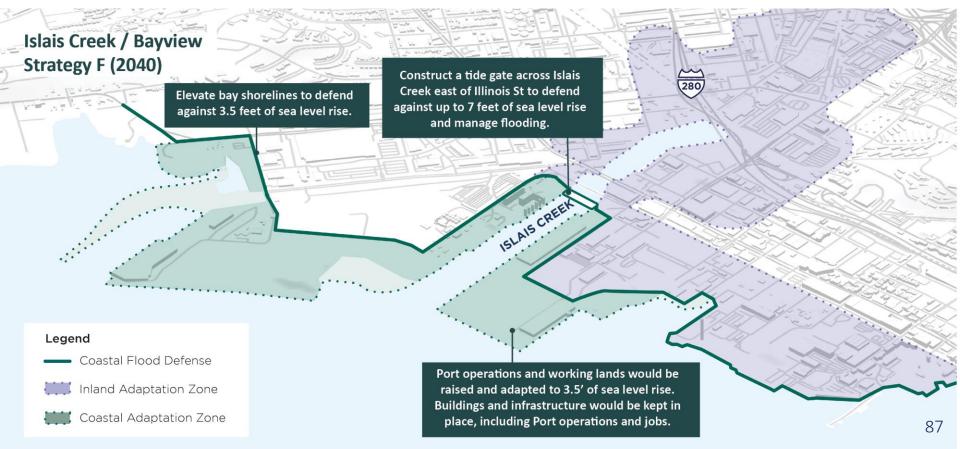
Creates an active system for managing flooding by heavily relying on machinery

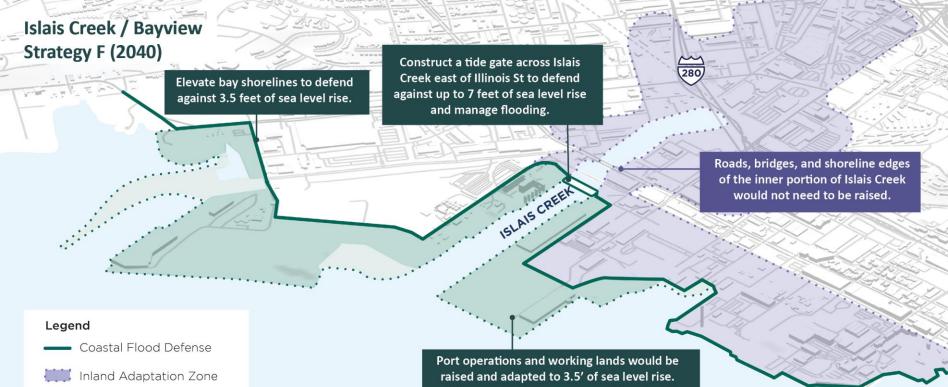








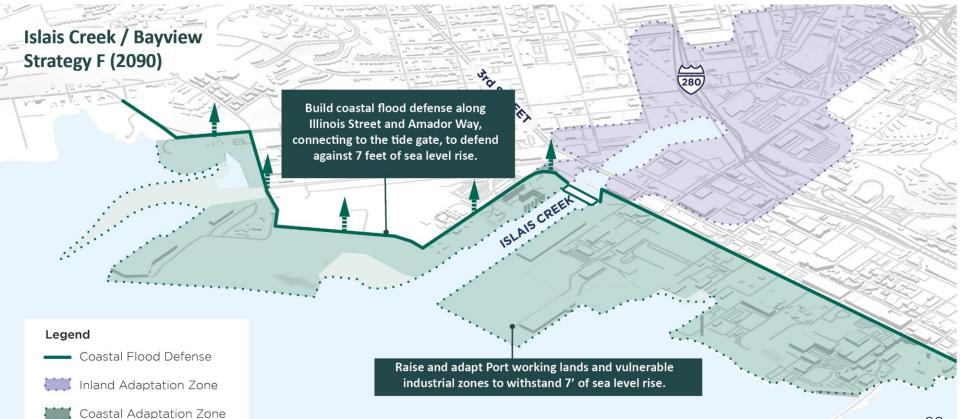




Coastal Adaptation Zone

Buildings and infrastructure would be kept in place, including Port operations and jobs.





### Islais Creek / Bayview in 2090

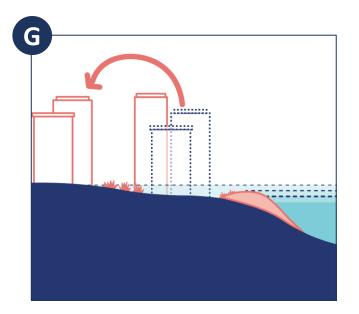




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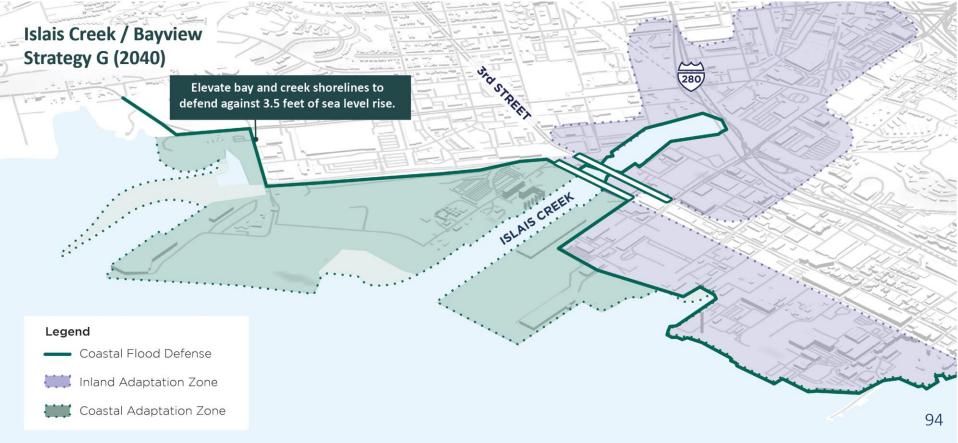
Strategy F would include tide gates across Islais Creek which would manage flood water and increase recreational access to the creek and lagoon but would limit opportunities for habitat and Bay ecology in the creeks. How do you feel about this?

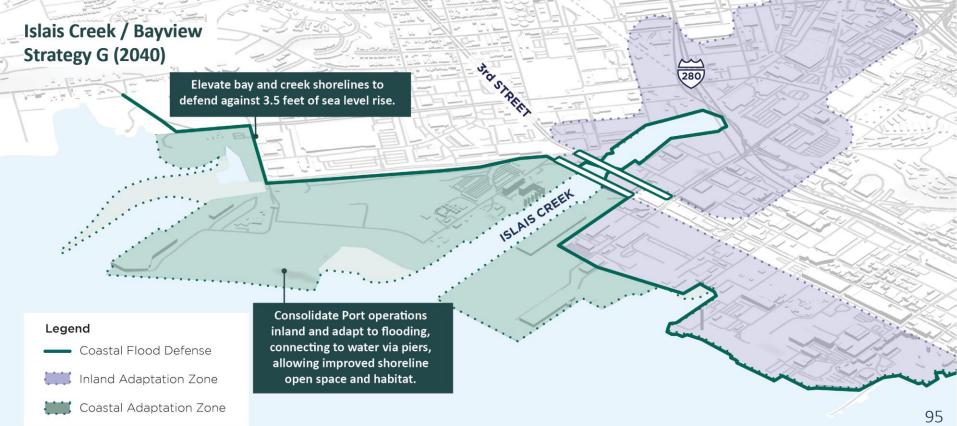




Advances shoreline adaptation while working with natural inland flooding patterns to floodproof some buildings and infrastructure and move others away from the highest risk areas







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Elevate bay and creek shorelines to defend against 3.5 feet of sea level rise.

> Raise bridges, roads, and transit connecting to Third and Illinois Streets over the creek channel.

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#### Legend



Inland Adaptation Zone

Islais Creek / Bayview

Strategy G (2040)

**Consolidate Port operations** inland and adapt to flooding, connecting to water via piers, allowing improved shoreline open space and habitat.

#### Coastal Adaptation Zone

### Islais Creek / Bayview Strategy G (2040)

Elevate bay and creek shorelines to defend against 3.5 feet of sea level rise. This strategy requires developing a comprehensive set of land use tools and policies to gradually vacate this zone, which could include voluntary buyouts, rezoning, grants, loans, and incentives.

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Coastal Flood Defense

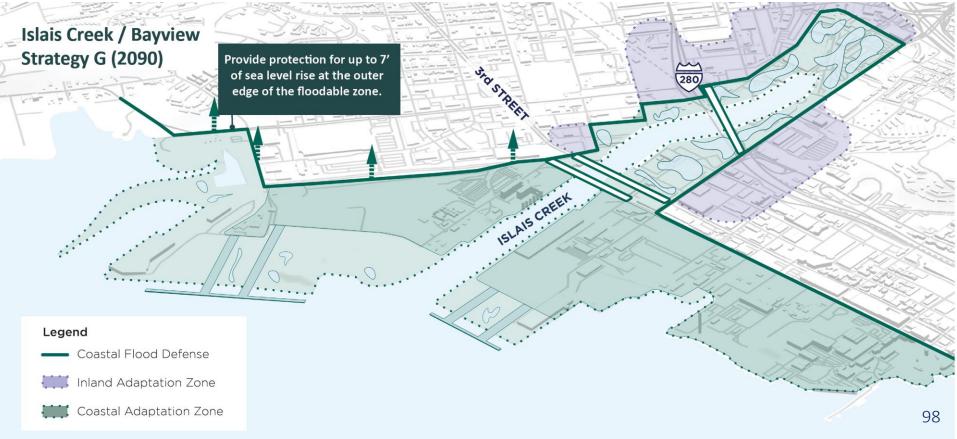


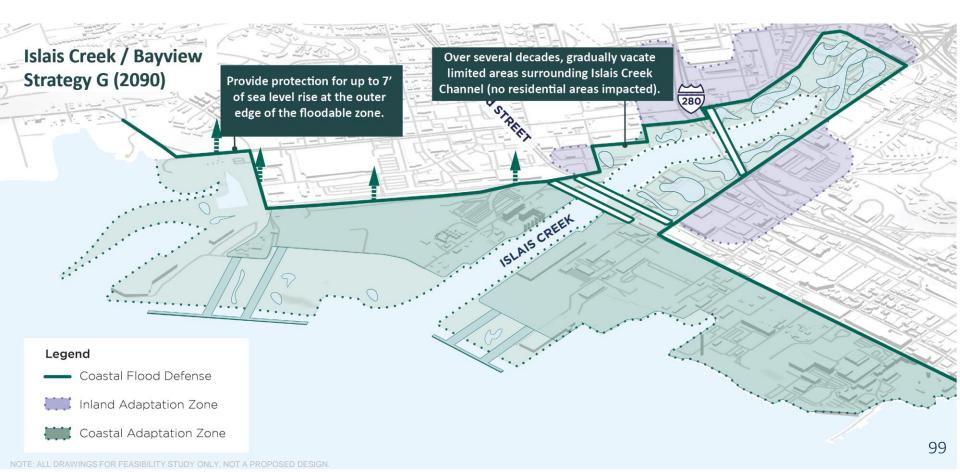
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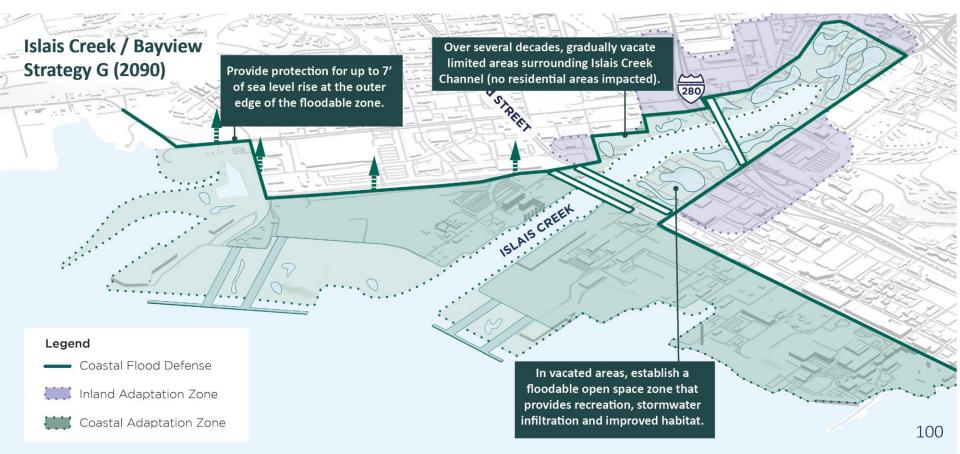


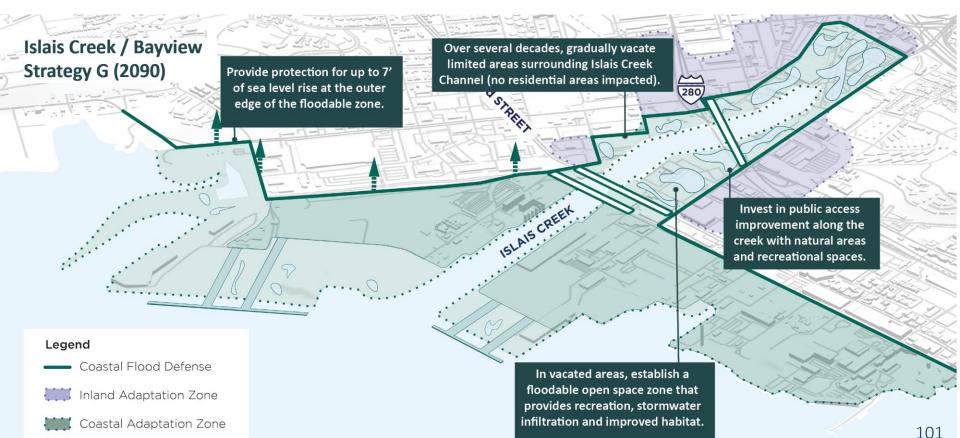
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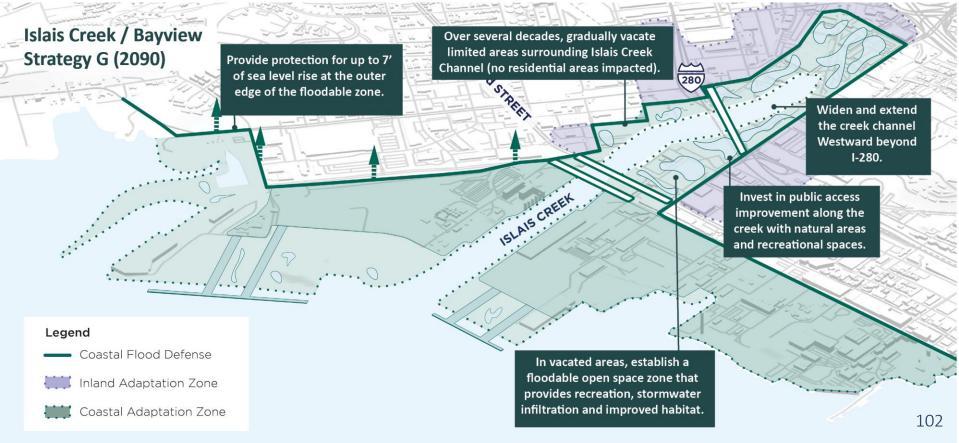
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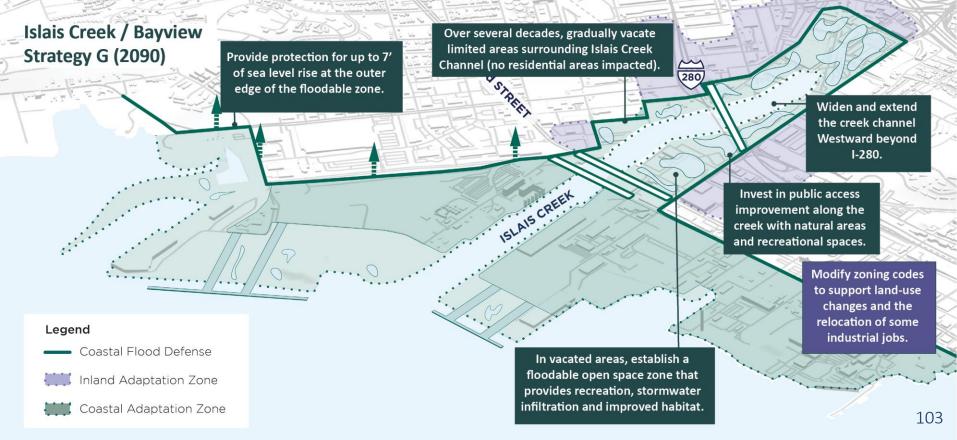












### Islais Creek / Bayview in 2090



### **POLL QUESTION #7**

Strategy G prioritizes enhancing habitat and restoring watersheds but requires the most transformational change and more actions by individuals (like relocating some buildings or jobs - no housing is impacted). How do you feel about this?



### **POLL QUESTION #8**

All of these strategies defend against flood risks and address seismic risks. All present big changes, but they also bring big opportunities for public benefits. Now that you've seen these strategies for Islais Creek / Bayview, please rank the following opportunities:



# Next Steps



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### DRAFT WATERFRONT ADAPTATION STRATEGIES DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE







## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN**











### WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR



- Summer Survey of over 1000 respondents
- Openness to exploring many kinds of adaptation approaches (including more transformative options)
- Desire to preserve and expand connections between the city and the waterfront
- Curiosity about feasibility, cost, and disruption impacts

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# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

### **Different Options for Engaging**



- Join us at an upcoming geography specific meeting – online or in-person
  - Events weekly now through Dec 8
- Explore the online StoryMaps, digital storytelling and surveys
- Join us at the upcoming walking tour or in-person Community Mixer
- Full list of engagement opportunities: <u>www.sfport.com/wrp/our-</u> <u>waterfront</u>



### **POLL QUESTION #9**

After this meeting how do you feel about these strategies and the work the Port and its federal and city partners are doing?



# **Thank You**

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## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



- Type your question in the Chat box
- Use the "Raise Your Hand" button to ask a question off mute



# **Thank You**

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