

MEMORANDUM

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TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION
Hon. Doreen Woo Ho, President
Hon. Kimberly Brandon, Vice President
Hon. Willie Adams
Hon. Leslie Katz

FROM: Monique Moyer
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Informational presentation on the Status of the Port of San Francisco's Blue Greenway Projects

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: No Action Required

Summary

The Blue Greenway is a City of San Francisco project to improve and expand the public open space network along the City's central and southern waterfront, from China Basin Channel to the San Francisco southern County Line (*see Exhibit A, Blue Greenway Map*). Its focus is to define how new parks and public spaces can be created to complement and connect with existing open spaces in the industrial and mixed use area. Collectively, the Blue Greenway is intended to define how San Francisco will carry out improvements to meet waterfront open space and recreational objectives set forth by the Port's Waterfront Land Use Plan, the City's General Plan and be consistent with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) San Francisco Bay Trail and Bay Area Water Trail Plans.

The City of San Francisco's 2008 Proposition A Clean and Safe Parks General Obligation Bond (2008 Parks Bond) provided the Port with funding to take a leadership role on advancing the Blue Greenway and to conduct a community planning process for the Blue Greenway. The Planning process included citywide inter-agency collaboration to make certain that implementation of the Blue Greenway is done in a cohesive manner. The 2008 Parks GO Bond proceeds along with additional funds leveraged by the Port has allowed the Port to implement many of its Blue Greenway projects.

The Port Commission has routinely been given updates on the status of the Blue Greenway and individual projects as summarized in *Exhibit B, Blue Greenway*

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Presentations to Port Commission. In addition, consistent with the promise to voters for the 2008 Clean and Safe Parks GO Bond, Port staff continue to prepare monthly reports available on the Port's web site providing the status of each of the Blue Greenway projects schedule and budget.

Since the passage of the 2008 Parks GO Bond, the Port has opened up an additional 1200 linear feet of previously inaccessible Bay shoreline, expanded its parks area by over 2 acres, closed a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile gap in the bicycle system and removed 5000 cubic tons of debris from the Bay along the Blue Greenway. Within the next few years, we anticipate adding an additional 5 acres of new parkland, an additional 1500 linear feet of access to the bay shoreline, and removal of approximately 25,000 square feet of pile supported fill from the Bay.

This staff report will provide a brief summary of the status of each of the Port's Blue Greenway projects.

Project Updates

The following briefly describes the status of each of the Port's current Blue Greenway projects that are either constructed or in the design or planning phase.

Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines - *Estimated Completion: December 2012*

The Planning and Design Guidelines are the guide that the Port will use to guide the implementation of projects within the Port's jurisdiction. It is also being utilized by other City agencies to guide the development of the Blue Greenway that is not within the jurisdiction of the Port. The Port is finalizing the Planning and Design Guidelines based upon the public comments received and anticipates finalizing them by December 2012.

Blue Greenway Signage and Way-finding – *Estimated Completion: August 2013*

Through the Blue Greenway Planning and Design guidelines process, the Port developed a Concept plan for a way-finding system along the Blue Greenway. The Port has retained Creegan and D'Angelo/FE Jordan with Kate Keating and Associates to complete the detail design of the signage program. The Port anticipates installation of 10 signs between Mission Creek and Heron's Head Park by August of 2013. The design allows other City agencies to duplicate the signs off Port property and has been designed to allow portions of the design to be utilized on the northern waterfront should it be deemed appropriate.

Blue Greenway Public Art – *Estimated Completion: Late 2013 and Early 2014*

Public Art is being funded through two sources along the Blue Greenway, including through the San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) Art Enrichment Program and from the Port's Southern Waterfront Beautification Funds. The Port has retained the SFAC to assist with project delivery on three initial projects. For the Pier 92 Grain Silos, the SFAC issued a call for qualifications and a jury selected 4 artists to develop concepts for this project, the four artists include: Laura Haddad, Benjamin Ball, Rigo 23 and Cameron McNall. Proposals are due in late December and will be displayed for public review and comment in January. The panel will reconvene and select an artist to execute the proposal. It is anticipated that the project will be installed in late 2013.

The other two public art projects include art as a component of the *Bayview Gateway* and within the new *Heron's Head Park* improvements as further described below, these projects will likely be installed in early 2014.

Mission Bay - Bayfront Park Shoreline – Completed February 2012

In February of 2012, the Port completed and opened up 1,200 linear feet of shoreline previously inaccessible to the public. The project removed approximately 5000 cubic tons of debris from the Bay, improving the appearance and conditions of the shoreline edge. In addition, the port installed a temporary pathway, some benches and waste receptacles, until which time Bayfront Park is constructed as a part of the Mission Bay Project. The project was delivered under budget allowing approximately \$400,000 to be utilized on other Blue Greenway projects.

Crane Cove Park- Pier 70 - Estimated Completion of an initial phase: mid 2015

In June and July of this year the Port hosted two community meetings to review two Alternative Park Concept Plans. Public comments on the Concepts were received at the workshops and through an online survey. A summary overview of the comments received is included in *Exhibit C - Crane Cove Park Public Comments*.

In December and January a draft Concept Plan, Phasing Plan and Preliminary Cost estimate will be presented for review to the Port Commission, community and other regulatory partners. It is anticipated that a final Park Plan and phasing strategy will be completed in the spring of 2013 and detail design of an initial phase will begin in the summer of 2013. Construction of an initial phase of the park will likely occur in mid-2014. (www.sfport.com/cranecovepark)

Tulare Park- Islais Creek North (Illinois to Third Street) – Estimated Completion: 2013

Tulare Park is a small shoreline open space originally created in the early 1970's, the park is being redesigned to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project is being funded through a combination of 2008 Parks GO Bond funds and a Grant from the State of California Resource Agency. DPW has completed 30% of the detail design and it is anticipated the design will be completed by December 2012 and construction will begin in early 2013.

Copra Crane – Pier 84 – Islais Creek- Estimated Completion: Late 2013

Port staff continues to work with the Copra Crane Labor Landmark Association and the International Longshoreman's & Warehouse Union on the rehabilitation of the Copra Crane as a Labor Landmark. In September of 2011, the Port working with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority, removed the Copra Crane from its platform. Concern about the crane's potential collapse from nearby pile driving required the Port and SFMTA to take the emergency action to remove it from the Creek. Port staff, working with the State Coastal Conservancy and San Francisco Bay Conservation Development Commission has applied for a grant to restore the Copra Crane to its original location and to remove the former Pier 84 wharf structure. These two projects will improve the existing and planned public access along the shoreline edge, improve recreational boating navigation in the creek and improve the visual and environmental conditions of the area. If awarded, the Port will begin the design process in January 2013 and reinstall the crane and remove the wharf area in late 2013.

Bayview Gateway - Islais Creek South (Illinois to Third Street) – Estimated Completion: 2013

The Bayview Gateway Open space project is an expansion and complete redesign of the area bounded by Islais Creek on the north, Third Street on the west, Illinois Street on the east and Cargo Way on the south. The design concept went through an in depth review process with the Port Commission, Southern Waterfront Advisory Group and many neighborhood and open space stakeholders. A component of the park design includes the design and installation of a permanent public art piece at the corner of Third and Cargo Way. Additionally, seating, plantings, pathways and site interpretation about the site's natural and cultural history will be displayed throughout the open space. The San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) has completed 30% of the detail design and anticipates the design will be completed by December 2012, allowing construction to begin in early 2013.

Cargo Way Bicycle Lanes - Completed: August 2012

In 2010 the Port applied for and received an \$185,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and a \$70,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy through the Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Program. In Addition, the Port allocated \$125,000 of its Southern Waterfront Beautification funds and staff time and the SFMTA allocated \$51,000 to help construct the City of San Francisco's first "cycle track" a protected bi-directional bicycle facility. The project closes a ¾ mile gap in the Blue Greenway and included the first of its kind (in San Francisco) bicycle priority signaling for cyclist. This project illustrates a creative solution to accommodating multiple modes of traffic in an industrial setting. The project was completed in August of 2012 and has been met with positive feedback from all users.

Heron's Head Park Expansion and Improvements - Completed: September 2012

Improving the entrance and expanding Heron's Head Park to offer a larger variety of uses was a project prioritized and funded by the 2008 Parks GO Bond. The Port working with the community and the Department of Public Works Landscape Architects developed a design that met the variety of stakeholder objectives. Improvements included: new pathways, picnic and barbeque areas, a multi-use meadow, off leash dog run, composting restrooms, drinking fountains, a new park sign, waste and recycling containers, and a utility court, parking area, solar lighting and reconstruction of the pathway in the existing park. The Port is working with the Art's Commission to create a permanent piece of public art to be installed in late 2013. The new park area opened in mid- September and is being utilized and appreciated by a variety of stakeholders.

Next Steps

The Port will continue to work with its stakeholders and partners to implement the variety of Blue Greenway improvements within its jurisdiction and support the efforts of the other City agencies working on their projects. In addition we will continue to seek additional funds required to complete the Port's portions of the Blue Greenway.

Monthly reports for each of the 2008 GO Bond projects for the Blue Greenway are available on the Port's web site.

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Exhibit A – Blue Greenway Map

Exhibit B – Blue Greenway Presentations to Port Commission

Exhibit C – Crane Cover Park Public Comments