# **Completing the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan**

Summary of 15 Planning Elements

### Waterfront Destination Park (see NEVP Phase 1 CDP 1)

- #1. Identifying potential locations for a proposed alternative Waterfront Destination Park including, at a minimum:
  - The esplanade near Navy Pier, in the area between the Navy Broadway Complex and the waterfront, including an evaluation of closing Harbor Drive in this location to automobile circulation (except for emergency vehicles or shuttle access) to promote pedestrians, bicycles, and pedicabs circulation)
  - o The esplanade across from or near the County Administration Building
- #2. A qualitative (i.e. type of public experience) and quantitative (i.e. accounting of public open space) evaluation of the Port's ability to provide an alternative Waterfront Destination Park in each location
- #3. Identification of a preferred alternative for the location of the Waterfront Destination Park
- #14. An analysis of timeframes for construction, estimation of park construction costs, and identifying and securing funding sources for the alternative Waterfront Destination Park could either be done through the EIR, or a separate stand-alone-document, but in either case, construction schedules and an identified funding source must be included in the PMPA.

#### Navy Pier Park (see NEVP Phase 1 CDP, Attachment A, page 6)

#10. Converting Navy Pier into a park

#### Park/Plaza Assessment and Clarification (see NEVP Phase 1 CDP, Attachment A, page 6)

- #4. Revisions to existing Figure 11 to remove the oval park/plaza at the foot of Broadway and incorporate the replacement Waterfront Destination Park
- #6. Clarifying and/or revising the land use category "Park/Plaza" to differentiate between grassy "park" and hardscape "plaza
- #7. A comprehensive evaluation of parks, plaza, or other public open space in the North Embarcadero area, including an evaluation of the size and functionality of existing and planned spaces

#### The Setback Park along Harbor Drive (see NEVP Phase 1 CDP, Attachment A, page 10)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NEVP Phase 1 Coastal Development Permit On File in the Office of the District Clerk Doc. No. 58230

#13. Through the NEVP Port Master Plan Amendment now in process, the Port must adopt an appropriate public recreational land use designation for the Setback Park/Plaza and, to the extent feasible, incorporate the Setback Park/Plaza into the Coastal Walk

#### Parking and Circulation Enhancements (see NEVP Phase 1 CDP, Attachment A, page 6)

- #5. Replacing parking removed by development of the alternative Waterfront Destination Park
- #8. Reducing automobile circulation in the Embarcadero area
- #9. Identifying opportunities to enhance pedestrian-oriented circulation along the waterfront, including along North Harbor Drive
- #12. Implementing the Embarcadero Circulator Shuttle

### Grape Street Piers (see NEVP Phase 1 CDP, Attachment A, page 6)

#11. Defining future uses of the Grape Street piers

### 205-Foot Setback Study (see NEVP Phase 1 MOU with NBCC<sup>2</sup>, page 4)

#15. In the North Embarcadero PMPA, the District must study, at a minimum, (i) one alternative for an average 205-foot setback adjacent to North Harbor Drive as presently aligned, running from Hawthorn to the prolongation of "B" Street; and (ii) one alternative for the realignment of North Harbor Drive to the east of its present location, with the 205-foot-average setback to the immediate west of the realigned North Harbor Drive, to the immediate east of the promenade planned under the NEVP adjacent to San Diego Bay, and again running from Hawthorn to the prolongation of "B" Street. The project description and the NOP for the North Embarcadero PMPA must also be revised to include the study of these alternatives, which shall be studied on an equal footing with the primary project that is the subject of the NOP and not merely as two alternatives among the range of reasonable alternatives that must be studied under CEQA for any project. The study may include an economic analysis of the funding, feasibility, and impacts of the alternatives.

- (a) The eastern boundary of the setback may be curvilinear or otherwise articulated so long as the gross land area within the setback is the same as if the eastern boundary were drawn as a straight line.
- (b) The District must request from the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency that funds be set aside for Future NEVP Phases identified through the North Embarcadero PMPA.
- (c) The District reserves the right to consider other alternatives in the North Embarcadero PMPA, including those without a 205-foot setback.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum of Understanding between District, Lane Field Developers, LLC. And Navy Broadway Complex Coalition on File in the Office of the District Clerk Document No. 57019

- (d) Except as expressly prohibited in this MOU, the Coalition has the right to fully participate in the public environmental review and public processes for the North Embarcadero PMPA.
- (e) Alternatives evaluated in the North Embarcadero PMPA must consider enhanced pedestrian connectivity within, to, and from the waterfront, and traffic circulation strategies that prioritize pedestrians over cars.

## **NEVP Phase 1 Coastal Development Permit Excerpts**

Port Master Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Report Content

The Port Master Plan Amendment will be the primary means by which Phase IE of the NEVP Public Access Improvements permit shall be implemented. The EIR for the PMPA shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- Identifying potential locations for a proposed alternative Waterfront Destination Park including, at a minimum:
  - o The esplanade near Navy Pier, in the area between the Navy Broadway Complex and the waterfront, including an evaluation of closing Harbor Drive in this location to automobile circulation (except for emergency vehicles or shuttle access) to promote pedestrians, bicycles, and pedicabs circulation;
  - The esplanade across from or near the County Administration Building;
- A qualitative (i.e. type of public experience) and quantitative (i.e. accounting of public open space) evaluation of the Port's ability to provide an alternative Waterfront Destination Park in each location.
- Identification of a preferred alternative for the location of the Waterfront Destination Park.

The amount of public space proposed at the foot of Broadway within the proposed Phase 1B subphase (North Harbor Drive realignment and esplanade) may be included in the count towards the 1.25 acres required to be part of the Waterfront Destination Park

Other elements to be analyzed in the EIR and incorporated into the PMPA shall include:

- Revisions to existing Figure 11 to remove the oval park/plaza at the foot of Broadway and incorporate the replacement Waterfront Destination Park;
- Replacing parking removed by development of the alternative Waterfront Destination Park;
- Clarifying and/or revising the land use category "Park/Plaza" to differentiate between grassy "park" and hardscape "plaza;"
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- Reducing automobile circulation in the Embarcadero area;
- Identifying opportunities to enhance pedestrian-oriented circulation along the waterfront, including along North Harbor Drive
- Converting Navy Pier into a park;
- Defining future uses of the Grape Street piers\*; and
- Implementing the Embarcadero Circulator Shuttle.

<sup>\*</sup>The existing PMP states that the three existing piers at Grape Street will be removed and replaced with a 30,000 sq.ft. curvilinear public pier with a 12,000 sq.ft. public boat dock

designated as Park/Plaza. If the PMPA includes removal of the curvilinear public pier and/or public boat dock from the PMP, the public pier component must be replaced within the North Embarcadero and the EIR shall include an analysis of the impact to public access and recreation, and replacement of the pier with a substitute public pier of comparable size.

Other programmatic elements and specific projects may be considered as a result of future public outreach, Coastal Commission staff recommendations, and direction received from the Board of Port Commissioners.

#### Timeframes and Funding Sources

An analysis of timeframes for construction, estimation of park construction costs, and identifying and securing funding sources for the alternative Waterfront Destination Park could either be done through the EIR, or a separate stand-alone document, but in either case, construction schedules and an identified funding source must be included in the PMPA. An outline of the required milestones for review of the Plan and construction of the park is provided below. Deadlines for individual aspects of the project may vary, but in total, the Port must submit a PMPA to the Commission within two years of Commission approval of the subject permit, and construction of the park must be completed within two years of certification of the PMPA by the Commission.

# **NEVP Phase 1 Coalition MOU Excerpts**

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