

Ocean Beach Pier Renewal Project

Overview

For more than 50 years, the Ocean Beach (OB) Pier has provided both locals and tourists with free access to fishing and other recreational activities. But recent storms and high surf have damaged the pier forcing it to close several times. A 2018 study of the pier analyzed three options for the future of the pier: repair, rehabilitate or replace. The study documented various structural problems with the pier and determined that it has reached the end of its service life. Based on this study, the City of San Diego determined that pursuing a potential replacement of the pier is the best option when considering return on capital investment, facility modernization, functional and operational improvements and design in anticipation of future sea level rise.

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The Ocean Beach Pier Renewal project aims to provide a preferred design alternative for the potential replacement of the OB Pier. The City contracted consultant Moffatt & Nichol to create the preferred design alternative, which will consider public input, community impact, environmental permitting, sustainability, operational usage, cost, historical significance and numerous other factors. The goal is for the potential replacement pier to have a service life of 75 to 100 years. An estimated cost for the project has not yet been determined, but a combination of federal and state grants is expected to help fund the project.

A task force was created to represent the community's interest in the project. The Ocean Beach Pier Task Force includes volunteer community members who were nominated by local advisory groups and representatives from Mayor Todd Gloria's office, Council District 2 and the City's Strategic Capital Projects Department.

Seeking Public Input

The City will be holding a series of community workshops to gather public input about the project. More information regarding these workshops can be found online by visiting www.OBPierRenewal.com or scanning the QR code. Updates will also be posted on the City's social media accounts using #OBPIerRenewal.



Quick Facts on the OB Pier

- Official name: The San Diego Fishing Pier.
- Location: End of Niagara Street in Ocean Beach, CA.
- Opened in 1966.
- Took 14 months to build.
- 1,971 feet long.
- Longest concrete pier on the West Coast.
- Includes a café and bait-and-tackle shop.
- Junior Lifeguards jump off the pier annually to raise funds for the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego.