

WERDER AND DESTINATION PARKS

Werder Park

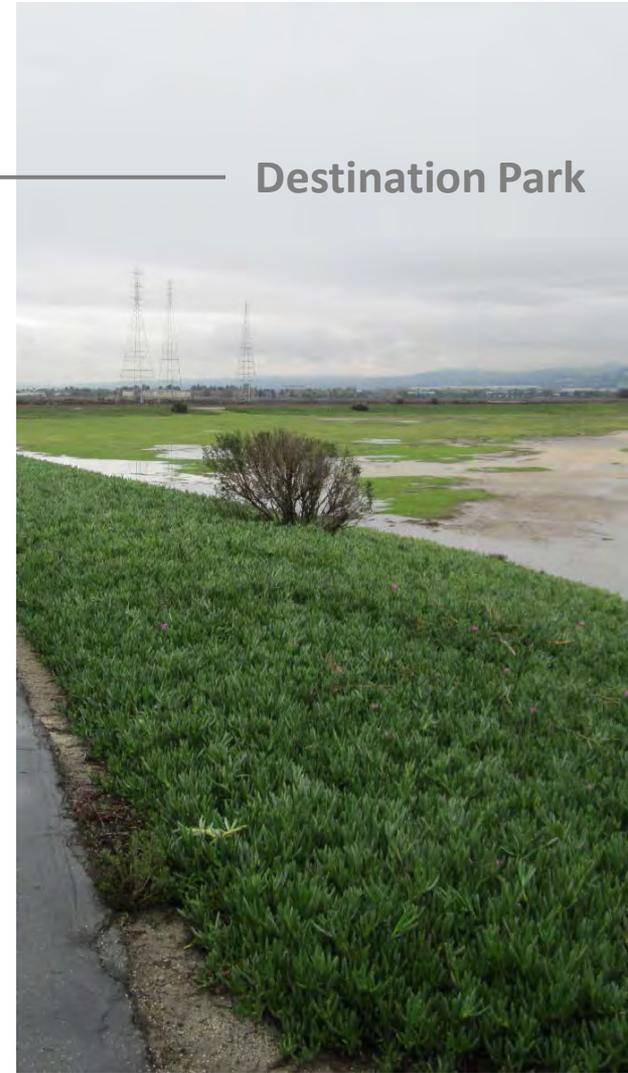


FOSTER CITY CITY COUNCIL

October 21, 2013

- Project Background
 - Site analysis
- Preferred Alternative to Date
 - Werder Park
 - Destination Park
- Community Input
- Planning Commission Input
- Other Considerations
- Next steps
- Public Comment
- City Council Comment

Destination Park



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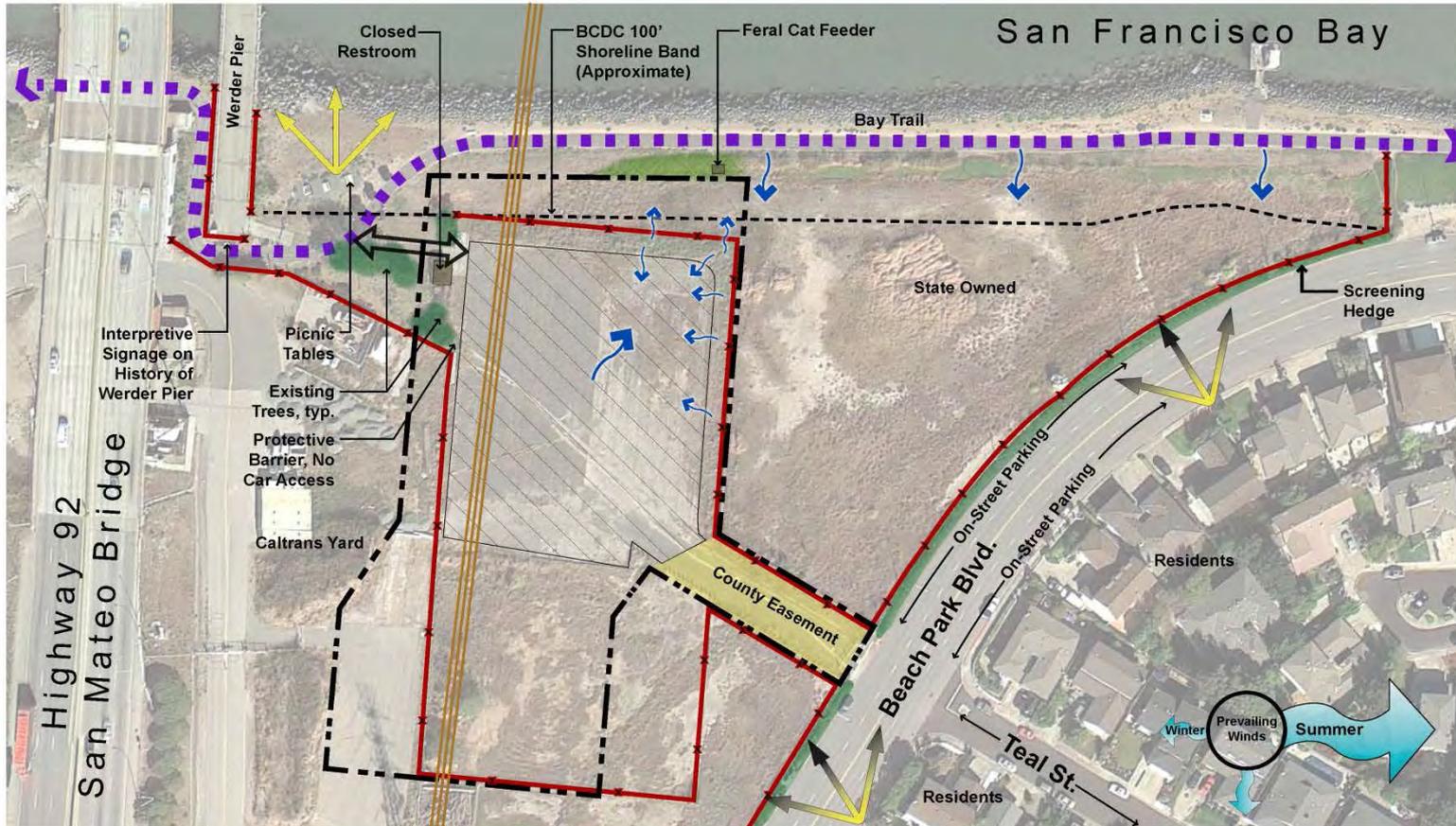
SITE CONTEXT

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Existing Conditions Legend

-  Parcel Line
-  Fence
-  Transmission lines
-  BCDC 100' Shoreline Band
-  Bay Trail
-  Asphalt path to access Bay Trail
-  Direction of drainage flow
-  Open views to the bay
-  Blocked views to the bay
-  Parking lot
-  Sloped up to raised Bay Trail vegetated with ice plant and fennel
-  Existing vegetation



WERDER PARK - SITE ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC STUDY SESSION III-PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Parking Option #1: Small Parking Lot



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Parking Option #2: ADA and Loading/Unloading Only



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Community Input from February 6th and April 3 Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings

WERDER PARK

Suggested Uses/Concepts:

- Quiet seating area, memorial space
- Community garden
- Ice rink
- Consideration of homeless cats
- Re-open restroom
- Drinking fountains/bottle filler
- Passive uses
- Open space feel
- Naturalistic style
- Picnic areas
- Stay clear of native habitat areas
- Add new sidewalk/Remove fencing

- Mobile concessions-Food truck, bike rental
- Lighting-will have security and street lighting only-open 7am to dusk
- Consider that grassy areas attract geese

Parking Options:

- None
- ADA and load/unload only
- Small parking lot

WERDER PARK - COMMUNITY INPUT



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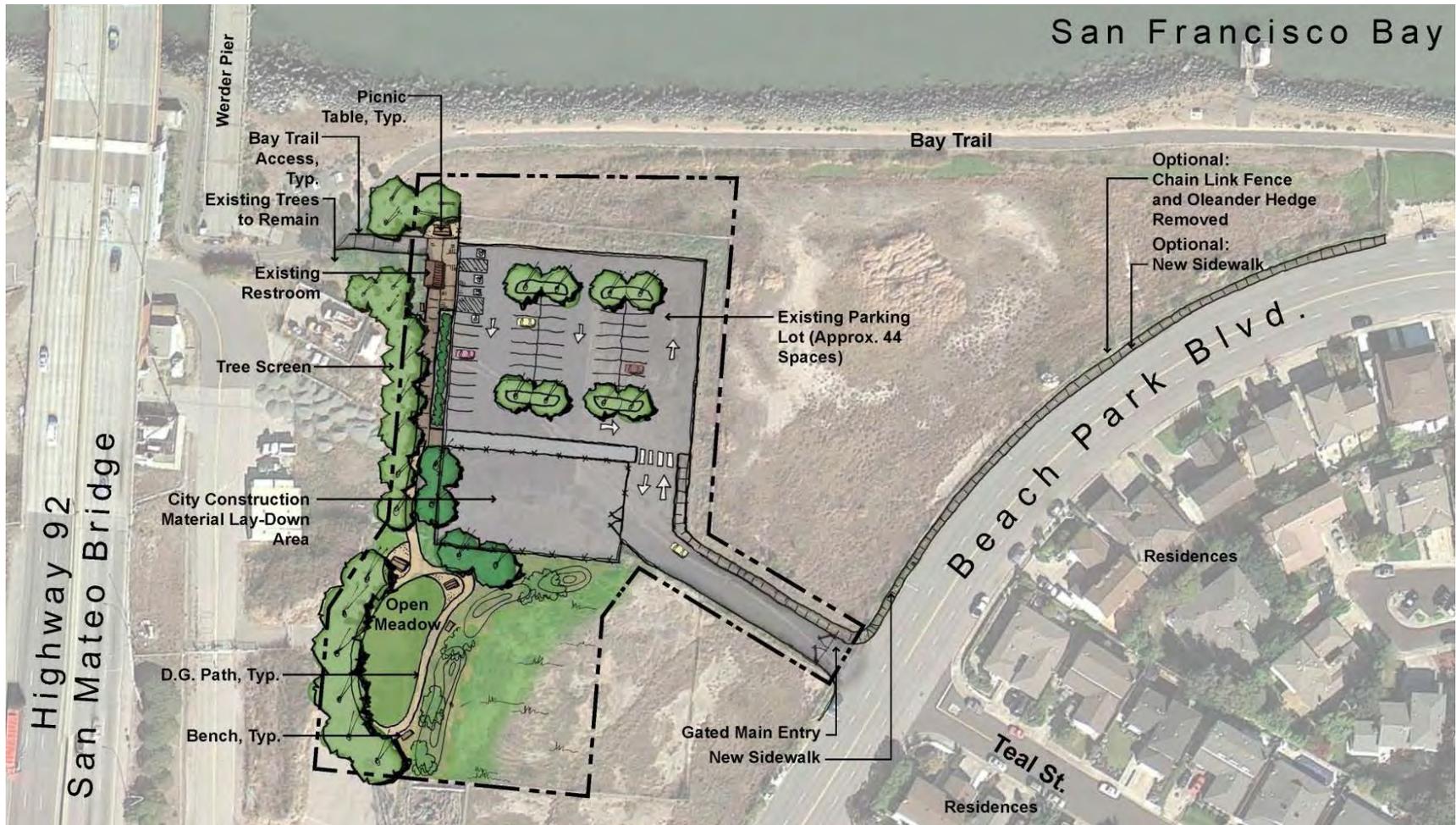
Planning Commission Input from September 19 WERDER PARK

- **Unanimous support**
- Support for secured bike rental/activity concession
- Support for small parking lot, preferred option 1
- Support for sidewalk connections both directions along Beach Park Boulevard
- Request for the consideration of artificial turf for goose control
- Request to demonstrate the ability to secure and close the park
- Request to explore the concept of a meadow area
- Consider impact of noise from adjacent freeway
- Request to explore screening options

WERDER PARK – PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

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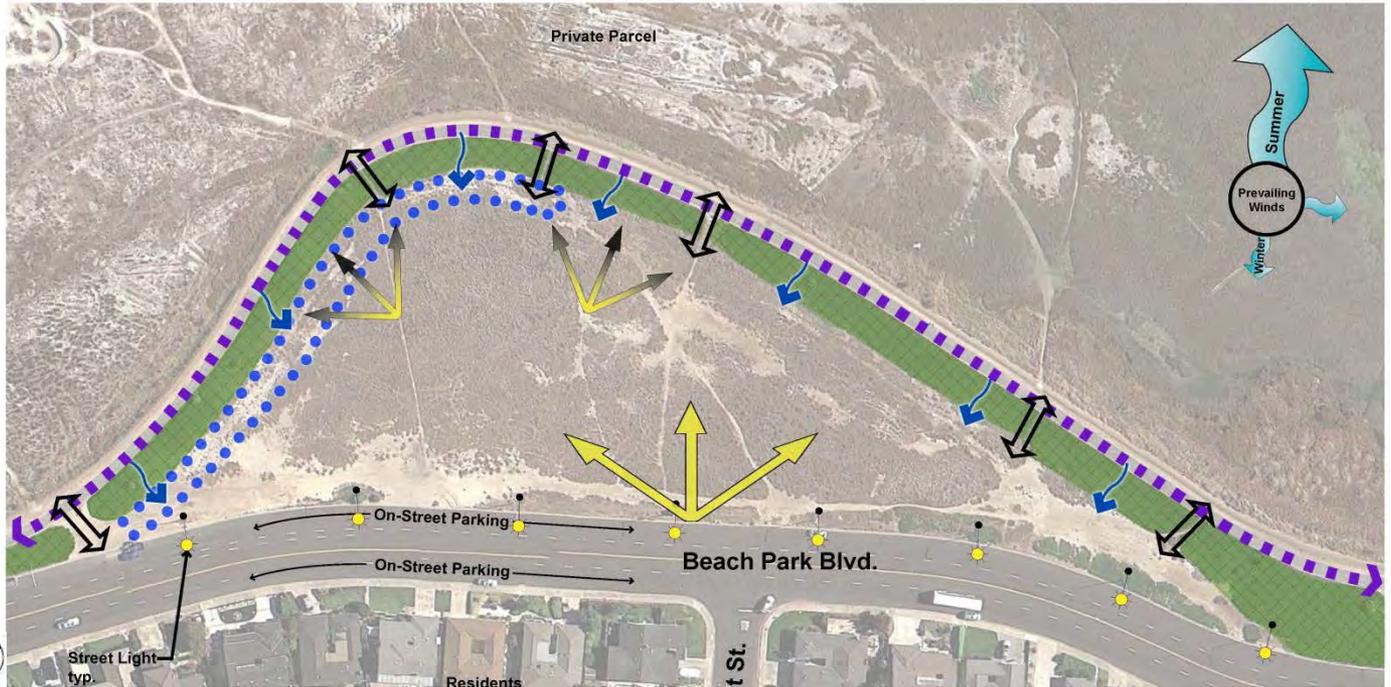
WERDER PARK - ORIGINAL INTENT OF USE

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Existing Conditions Legend

-  Bay Trail
-  Informal footpath to access Bay Trail
-  Direction of drainage flow
-  Open views to the bay
-  Blocked views to the bay
-  Sloped up to raised Bay Trail vegetated with ice plant
-  Low area- site drainage collects behind trail levee



DESTINATION PARK - SITE ANALYSIS



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DESTINATION PARK

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Restroom Location Alternative #1: Near Bay Trail



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Restroom Location Alternative #2: Near Street



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Community Input from February 6th and April 3 Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings DESTINATION PARK

Suggested Uses/Concepts:

- Community garden
- Restroom (close to Bay Trail)-preferred
- Shady relaxation spot
- Straight paths for multiple types of uses
- Passive uses
- Open space feel
- Naturalistic style
- Picnic areas
- Stay clear of native habitat areas
- Trees and plantings should maintain tree corridors
- Consider that grassy areas attract geese

DESTINATION PARK - COMMUNITY INPUT



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Planning Commission Input from September 19 DESTINATION PARK

- **Unanimous support**
- Request to further explore potential restroom locations
- Explore opportunities for interpretive signage (at Destination & Werder)

DESTINATION PARK – PLANNING COMISSION INPUT



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Concepts and Amenities That Have Been Suggested But Not Included

Site Concepts:

- Ice Rink
- Community Garden
- Ferry Terminal
- Solar or Wind Turbine Farm

Site Amenities:

- Water Play Feature
- Solar Panels for Restrooms
- Solar Emergency Phones
- Park Lighting (security lighting on restrooms will be included)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



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Ice Rink

- City has not received a proposal as of October 21
- At recent public meeting, users of rink at San Mateo Ice Center at Bridgepoint expressed strong interest in an ice rink. Ice rink could provide both economic and social benefits
- Department of P&R, consultants, and P&R Committee have stated this isn't an appropriate location for an ice rink, while acknowledging the benefits of a rink
- Development of a rink is inconsistent with the anticipated use for the property as expressed in the land exchange agreement with the County of San Mateo



Community Garden

- Its location on the edge of the community and near the Bay Trail is difficult for neighbors 'keep an eye on'; Security fencing would be necessary and would have negative aesthetic impacts on the sites, decreasing the sense of openness and impacting views.
- Not situated where it would be of the greatest benefit: adjacent to multi-family housing where opportunities for gardens are not available at home
- Difficult climate and soils. Would require raised beds and imported soils and may even then be subject to leached salts.

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Ferry Terminal

- Pier is not owned by the City and is not part of this project and scope of study
- This concept is not supported by the Parks and Recreation Committee , staff, or consultant team; it will not be pursued.
- The city has only received emailed comments in support of this concept, with no formal proposal received to date.
- Existing pier is beyond repair and would require replacement; permitting for such a new pier and dredging would be extremely difficult.



Solar Panel or Wind Turbine Farm

- This concept is not supported by the Parks and Recreation Committee , staff, or consultant team; it will not be pursued.



Water Play Feature

- This concept is not supported by the Parks and Recreation Committee , staff, or consultant team; it will not be pursued at this site. Staff may evaluate other appropriate park sites.
- Typically a component of an active uses park, counter to preferences for passive spaces expressed by the community

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Public Art

- The inclusion of public art in the project will be explored further by city staff as part of the design phase.



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Destination Park

- **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting #1**
February 6, 2013
- **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting #2**
April 3, 2013
- **Planning Commission Meeting**
September 19, 2013
- **City Council Meeting**
October 21, 2013

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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City Council Meeting Public Comment and City Council Comment Period



Werder Park: Preferred Alternative



Destination Park: Preferred Alternative

