

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 21, 2013
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Facilities Management Report**

Sea Landing Pedestrian Walkway Improvements

A landscape architect was hired last year to design a variety of landscape and hardscape improvements along the pedestrian walkway leading to Sea Landing from Cabrillo Boulevard. Landscape improvements were completed last summer along the sidewalk north of Sea Landing. New palms and a variety of drought tolerant plants now line the walkway, improving the aesthetics of this area and also providing a landscaped corridor along the eastern end of the harbor. The original bid for the landscaping was \$85,000 with an additional \$15,000 added to the contract to landscape a barren area between the bike path and Cabrillo Boulevard.

Hardscape improvements including replacement of the damaged sidewalk, adding an inlaid tile mosaic of the city seal and installing a much needed handrail between the sidewalk and the harbor, recently went out to bid as a separate project. Six contractors submitted bids for the proposed improvements with Acacia Erosion Control submitting a low bid of \$205,305. The combined cost of project design, landscape improvements, and hardscape improvements (approximately \$320,000) exceed the original cost estimate and budget of \$250,000. Staff will request Council appropriate an additional \$70,000 on November 19, 2013, to allow the hardscape improvements to move forward during the winter when business slows down and no cruise ships are scheduled.

Fish Market Trench Drain

The Santa Barbara Fish Market's business has grown dramatically with much of the operation expanding out into the alley on the north side of the 117 building. The majority of the fish and other seafood products sold or distributed through the fish market are contained in totes or boxes packed in ice. The alley is frequently wet from melting ice and water from market employees washing down the area. Melt water and wash down water flow down a trench drain into the harbor. Occasionally the water stagnates in the trench drain and creates unpleasant odors. Staff recently designed a system to divert the water associated with the Fish Market's operations directly into the sewer system.

Channel Plumbing recently installed the staff designed trench drain diversion system. An automated rainwater shut off valve, required by the City's Wastewater Division, was installed as part of the system to minimize treating otherwise clean water during storms. The project cost of \$21,500 was shared by the Fish Market and Waterfront Department.

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Maintenance of the system involves periodic cleaning to ensure no build up of debris and is the responsibility of the Fish Market. There has been a noticeable improvement since the trench drain diversion was installed last month.

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