

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 17, 2015
To: Harbor Commission
From: Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Facilities Management Report**

SEA LANDING GANGWAY

Tens of thousands of people visit Sea Landing every year. Access to the docks at Sea Landing is provided by a single, 35' long gangway. This gangway does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for access. The existing gangway is very steep at low tide making it difficult for some passengers to access the facility. In addition, the sidewalk is fenced off during cruise ship visits, requiring people interested in accessing the Rock Groin to walk on the sand around the fencing. Staff has recently completed a conceptual design for an additional ADA compliant gangway and an at-grade walkway placed on the sand east of Sea Landing to provide improved access during cruise ship visits.

ADA compliant gangways must be at least 80' long. Staff consulted with Moffat & Nichol Engineers to develop a conceptual design to locate a new gangway while allowing for possible expansion of the Sea Landing building and/or deck. The proposed location would be accessible from within the secured (fenced) area and land on a new dock to be constructed adjacent to the existing dock. This would allow for the separation of cruise ship passengers using the new gangway and regular Sea Landing customers using the existing gangway.

Staff has designed an at-grade wooden walkway located on West Beach just east of the sidewalk adjacent to Sea Landing. This type of walkway is common on southern California beaches and was modeled on those in existence at Santa Monica that receive a tremendous amount of use. The walkway would provide direct access to the Rock Groin during cruise ship visits.

The ADA compliant gangway and at-grade wooden walkway require review from the City's Architectural Board of Review (ABR) and Planning Division. Upon completion, the project will be submitted to the Coastal Commission for review and approval. These improvements are included in the FY 2016 CIP for \$125,000 and will be installed by the end of the fiscal year pending Coastal Commission approval.

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