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### **Fishing Pier Renovation Prop 68 Grant Proposal**

If you love the Martinez Regional Shoreline as much as I do, you have been following the progress on the Prop 68 Grant Proposal to fund the renovation of the fishing pier and adjacent areas. Since City staff began working on this project in late 2020, various items have been considered and added to the grant proposal. City staff have done a phenomenal job engaging community partners and holding public meetings to discuss ideas and to seek resolutions on decision points.

As we are nearing the submittal deadline for this proposal, I wanted to bring everyone up to speed about what is included in this grant proposal.

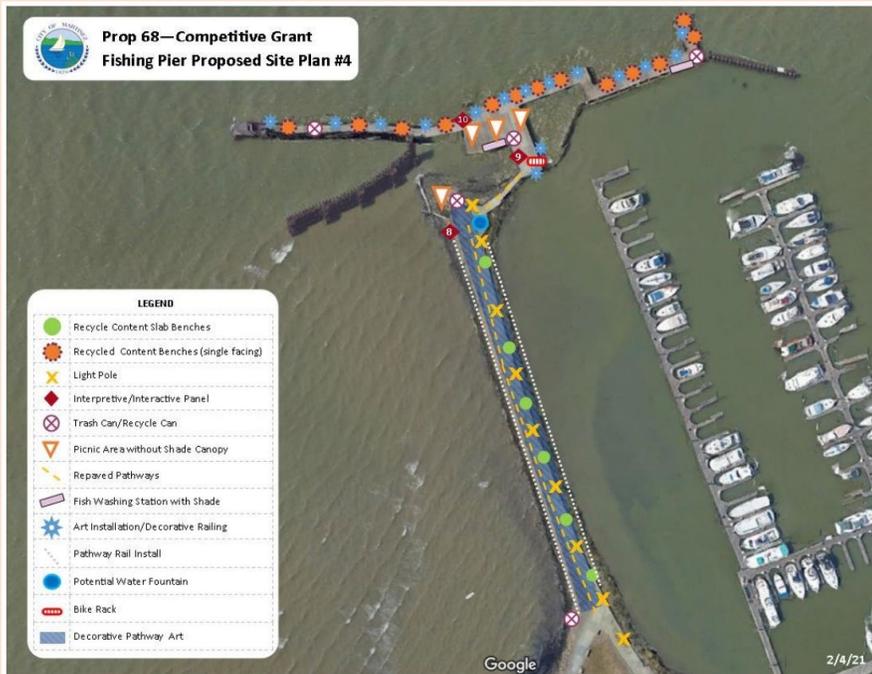
- *What does the grant cover?* The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program – Round 4 Proposition 68 Competitive Grant is intended to create new parks and recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Projects must create a new park, or expand or renovate an existing park, and include at least one recreational feature (such as aquatic center, athletic courts, trails, open space, skate park) and major support amenities (such as restrooms, parking lot, pathways, landscaping). Grant awards range from \$200,000 to \$8.5 million. There is no match required for this grant.
- *Why the fishing pier?* The fishing pier at the northwest corner of the Martinez Marina is enjoyed by thousands of visitors and is one of the few places to fish where a permit is not needed. The City conducts routine maintenance of the fishing pier and there has been growing concern about the deterioration of the substructure. An infrastructure assessment study conducted in 2020 indicated several structural system areas were in “serious” and others in “severe” condition, and the cost for the repairs was estimated at nearly \$800,000. City Council directed staff to pursue the Prop 68 grant in October 2020. Staff met with the granting representatives to discuss the project and were encouraged to apply because the fishing pier was a compelling recreational feature. In addition to the pier

substructure, repairs to the deteriorating seawall which limits sediment from entering the marina are also included in the proposal.

- *How many public meetings have been held?* To date, there have been 6 community meetings and an online survey that kicked off the process in October. Public workshops were held over zoom and in person. The final community meeting was held on February 11.
- *What major support amenities are included in the proposal?* Besides the renovation of the major recreational feature of the fishing pier, a number of additional recreational features and support amenities are part of this proposal, including: a bathroom, fish washing station, pathway renovation, art installations, kayak launch, native garden, interpretive signs, picnic tables, benches, kite anchors, exercise equipment, bike racks, and trash cans. The proposed locations of these items are shown on the site plans below, which also show the extent of the project.
- *What is the schedule for submittal, award, and implementation?* The due date for submittal of the grant is March 12, 2021. Prior to this, the Parks, Recreation, Marina, and Cultural Commission, and then the City Council, will authorize submittal of the grant application. Grants will be awarded to winning projects in late summer 2021. Consistent with the requirements of the grant, the CEQA process must be completed within 3 months of the award to avoid permitting delays in implementing the project. The project must be completed in its entirety by 2025.

If you would like to read the City staff reports for more details on this project, you can view agendas and recordings of these special PRMCC meetings on the [City of Martinez Meetings and Agendas page](#) or you can read more about the grant [here](#). Thank you to Michael Chandler, Deputy City Manager, and Kara Galindo, Recreation Supervisor, for all their hard work on this! I am confident that if awarded, this project will result in a visible improvement to this portion of the waterfront.





## Interested in More Information?

Do not hesitate to reach out to me on this or other issues that matter to you!

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