

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 18, 2008

TO: Patrick D. O’Keeffe, Executive Director

FROM: Economic Development & Housing

**SUBJECT: South Bayfront Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge: Report on March 8, 2008
Community Meeting**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Redevelopment Agency provide comments on the report on the March 8, 2008 Community Meeting.

BACKGROUND

The South Bayfront Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge (the “Project”) involves a bridge spanning the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, connecting the Bay Street development on the west, to the Emeryville Greenway/Novartis area on the east. Community participation is obtained through the Project Committee, which meets monthly, through presentations at Agency meetings, and through community meetings. Three community meetings have been planned. All relevant documents tracking the history of the Project, including meeting agendas and recaps, are found on the project website at <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/econdev/sbpedbikebridge.html>.

The first community meeting was held on December 8, 2007 at the Novartis auditorium where the community was presented with the background, process, schedule and preliminary designs of the project components. The community provided comments and concerns, which are summarized on the project website.

The second community meeting to obtain input on the design of the Project was held on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 9:30AM – 12:30PM at the Emery Middle School Academy site at 61st and Doyle Streets. A report on this meeting is provided below.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the community meeting was to provide an update on the design process and to solicit input on key project design, cost, and operational issues. The range of subjects include the following:

- Type and design of the bridge span
- Integration of bridge with Bay Street garage and vehicular bridge
- Incorporation of elevators
- Schematic designs of Horton Landing Park
- Cost/trade off issues

The community meeting was structured as follows:

- Brief presentation on project status and issues
- Question and answer period
- Design feedback exercise/discussion
- Wrap up

A verbal report on the meeting will be provided at the March 18, 2008 meeting.

NEXT STEPS

The comments and ideas of the community will be summarized and reviewed at the March 24th Project Committee meeting. At that meeting, the design team also plans to present a preferred schematic design for the Project Committee to recommend to the Agency. The Committee's recommended schematic design will be presented to the Planning Commission on March 27th. The design will then be presented to the Agency Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 15th. Once the schematic design is approved by the Agency, the design team will proceed with detailed planning and design of the bridge and ramps.

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**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
EMERYVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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