

April 6 DRB Meeting, Item 4 - Near- and Long-Term Projects at Fisherman's Wharf

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Hi Ashley,

Please find attached Save The Bay's comment letter on the Fisherman's Wharf project on the agenda for the Design Review Board meeting on April 6, 2026. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

All the best,

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April 3, 2026

BCDC Design Review Board
375 Beale Street, Suite 510
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Subject: Comments on the Near- and Long-Term Projects at Fisherman's Wharf

Dear BCDC Design Review Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Near- and Long-Term Projects at Fisherman's Wharf. I'm writing on behalf of Save The Bay to express the importance of closing the Bay Trail gap in this project area. Save The Bay's mission is to protect the San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife, and our vision for the Bay includes a complete, accessible, and climate-resilient Bay Trail around the entire Bay.

The Fisherman's Wharf project area includes a high-priority gap in the Bay Trail; it is ranked as the 14th most important out of 146 gaps in the entire Bay Area and the fourth most important in San Francisco. The Bay Trail gap runs along Jefferson Street from Hyde Street to Taylor Street and then along Taylor Street to the beginning of Pier 45. Currently, there is no protected bicycle access along this route, and the project materials do not address this gap.

Closing this Bay Trail gap is consistent with [SFMTA's Biking and Rolling Plan](#) (2025) which expresses the intention to partner with the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District and the Port of San Francisco to upgrade Jefferson Street into a flexible event space and bikeway. In 2013, the [Jefferson Streetscape Improvement Project](#) widened sidewalks and installed new lighting, seating, and bike parking here. At the time, there was strong community support for a proposal to restrict private vehicles along this stretch of Jefferson Street to protect pedestrians and cyclists. We hope such an approach will be considered in the Port's plans for this busy and oftentimes chaotic area.

We believe that closing this Bay Trail gap and enhancing bicycle access to Fisherman's Wharf is crucial for the success of this district. As a major attraction of the Bay Area waterfront, it's important that there are safe and accessible recreation and active transportation routes connecting communities to the shoreline and the planned amenity upgrades at Fisherman's Wharf.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage the project team to engage the community and work with SFMTA, the Bay Trail/Active Transportation Team at MTC/ABAG, Save The Bay, and other stakeholders to create a vision for closing this Bay Trail gap. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and we look forward to continuing to engage on this important shoreline access project.

Sincerely,

David Lewis
Executive Director
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