
Berkeley pier-ferry project's Draft Environmental Impact Report

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On May 11, 2026, the BCDC's Design Review Committee will assess the City of Berkeley's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

DEIR has, at the very least, an inadequate project description which omits level of service, long-term dredging needs, feasible alternatives, elimination of recreational viewing areas (e.g. Seawall Drive spaces), impacts on access to engage in water recreational opportunities, biological impact analysis, and baseline conditions, making the DEIR a woefully inadequate document for decision making. It's not clear the project even meets transit objectives.

Moreover, while there are cheaper and more environmentally sound alternatives, the boondoggle at the expense of the recreating public is outrageous. Three generations of my family and I have used the Berkeley Marina for water recreation (fishing, sailing, windsurfing, swimming and winging) for more than 25 years. The proposed ferry plan not only will remove reasonable opportunities to enjoy the Bay for all but also severely limit meaningful access.

Our family is deeply opposed to not only the project in whole, but also the fake "public outreach" and inadequate "parking" counts in the DEIR which the City falsely manufactured and improperly seeks to rely upon.

Please include this statement in the public comments for the upcoming meeting on May 11, 2026.

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