President's Message



Mike Byrne

Bridges Over Troubled Waters

Harbor Beach Infrastructure Update

We wanted to share a concise update on our ongoing discussions with the City regarding the proposed bridge design and where things currently stand.

Based on what has been presented to date, the current approach raises several concerns for the neighborhood. As it stands, the design is likely to create an outcome that does not align with the character of our community and may introduce long-term impacts that many of us would find undesirable.

In addition, the current plan is for a 3-year construction plan, which based on prior history is likely closer to a 5-year construction project. This project will make our neighborhood have many choke points during that time. With the current regular choke points due to road parking, we likely would be facing a prolonged and frustrating traffic pattern within the neighborhood. At the end of this project – we would be 60% complete on the planned upgrades and the results – and would have to start planning the remaining two bridges that are not being considered at this time due to funding.

We do know that the bridges will result in seawalls at least three feet higher than current and will also require a more inclined bridge ramp than currently provided. This will ultimately raise the center of the final bridge at least five feet from the current bridge level. If you frequently drive through our neighborhood, you will see this could create a massively different experience and feel for the neighborhood.

At the same time, we are actively working with the City to move the conversation in a more constructive direction. Our goal is to help shape a solution that better reflects the needs and expectations of the neighborhood—one that preserves both functionality and the overall aesthetic of the area.

To help provide clarity, we've included two sets of visual renderings below. These illustrate a "before and after" perspective based on the plans that have been shared with us so far. We believe these visuals will make it easier to understand the potential impact and why thoughtful adjustments are important.





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Achieving a positive outcome will depend on a clear and consistent message from the neighborhood. A unified voice will carry significantly more weight as discussions continue.

We encourage you to review the materials and share your perspective. If you are aligned with pursuing a more balanced and neighborhood-friendly solution, your support will help reinforce a cohesive and constructive message as we engage further with the City.

Thank you for taking the time to stay informed and involved. **HB**

Mike Byrne
President



