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Below are the Ocean Beach Library Expansion Architectural Designs.







Ocean Beach Library Expansion

Infrastructure in San Diego is a priority for me because much of it is older and desperately needs repair or replacement. Since my election in 2018, I've worked closely with the Mayor's office, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, and Congressman Scott Peters to identify and secure funding for the Ocean Beach Library Expansion. I want to ensure the expansion becomes a first-class library where children, students, and families can visit, enjoy and learn. Here's the latest update on the library expansion funding.

Expansion Funding

- \$4.5 million in state funding has been approved
- \$3 million was donated from an anonymous donor
- \$4 million from the federal government, expected approval later this year
- Bringing the total closer to the \$11 million needed for the library expansion.

Ocean Beach residents have already studied the three architectural plans and added community input. The City's Engineering Department is currently evaluating the community's input and will make recommendations to the City on a preferred architectural design by Fall 2022.

Ocean Beach Pier Repairs & Replacement

In recent years, the 55-year-old pier has seen significant deterioration. Last year, the pier was closed in January 2021 due to emergency repairs to railings and two pilings that had extensive damage. The repairs were completed, and the pier re-opened on July 7, 2022, with repairs costing \$796,000. City Engineers will continue to inspect the pier's structural integrity to ensure it remains safe. *The photos below show the pier's deterioration.



It's not official yet, but the likely plan could be to pursue an OB Pier Replacement that could cost \$60 to \$90 million. So far, the City of San Diego has secured \$8.6 million from state money in FY 2021 and the Engineering Department's Strategic Capital Projects division has created the "Ocean Beach Pier Replacement Task Force." The task force is expected to determine the project's exact scope and find a multi-functioning pier plan to broaden funding sources. The task force will consist of 13 members, eight Ocean Beach community members, three City of San Diego Engineers, and two representatives from Mayor Gloria and District 2 Office. The task force is scheduled to begin meeting later this year through the Winter of 2023.

<u>Homelessness Strategies and Solutions</u>

More than 2,300 unhoused San Diegans have been sheltered.

Homelessness is a complicated issue to solve, and I hear the frustration from many of you. Mayor Gloria, my Council colleagues, and I are committed to finding new solutions to help our unhoused neighbors get off the streets and into housing. Whether these individuals are on the streets because of poverty, unaffordable housing, mental illness, or addiction, everyone deserves permanent housing. The work I am doing is a united effort between the city, county, and state that allows us to help unsheltered individuals get the help they need. Already, these services have helped more than 2,300 unhoused San Diegans.



A Press Conference with Mayor Gloria, Councilmember Whitburn, City, and shelter staff.

Here are **six new solutions** that are already making an impact.

- Mayor Gloria's SAFE Parking Program allows unsheltered San Diegans living in their vehicles to find a safe place to stay overnight. These individuals also receive services that lead to permanent housing. There are four SAFE Parking lots in San Diego, and we are looking to create more.
- The Midway Bridge Shelter is another homelessness solution that will house 150 individuals who will receive mental health and addiction intervention services.
- The Palm Avenue Interim Shelter in South San Diego was recently refurbished and is now home to once unsheltered individuals. The 41 available rooms are fully occupied by seniors, matched with rapid-rehousing services to move into a long-term home. Pets are welcome.
- The Homeless Conservatorship
 Unit is something that my colleague,
 Councilmember von Wilpert, and I
 recently created to help individuals
 with severe mental health illnesses
 who often can't care for themselves.
 The Homeless Conservatorship
 Unit is in the City Attorney's Office.
- The Harm Reduction Shelter in District 2 opened to help the unhoused suffering from substance abuse and who want medical care to end addiction.
- Rachel's Promise shelter will house up to 40 women with serious medical needs, women who have recently been discharged from a hospital, and who need a safe place to recover. The women will be supported with wraparound services with the goal of moving into long-term housing.



The Midway Bridge Shelter as it was being built. It will open in a few weeks.





Rachel's Promise shelter opening in downtown San Diego with Mayor Gloria and community leaders.



These services aim to help our unhoused neighbors and move them into long-term housing with wrap-around support. To learn more about how the City of San Diego responds to homelessness, visit the city's new website by clicking on the **link**.



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Twice-weekly Trash and Recycle Pickup

A reminder that the City of San Diego has added a twice-weekly Trash and Recycling Pickup in Mission Beach as a result of the busy tourist summer season. The additional Trash and Recycling Pickup will help the City's Environmental efforts to keep streets clean and reduce summer fly infestation. The twice-weekly pickup is already in effect in Mission Beach. It will take place on Saturdays and goes through September 25th, 2022.



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