



Improving the Levee for Safety and Savings (Water Summit)

Foster City Levee System

- Foster City maintains the levee along the Bayfront, surrounding the majority of the outer perimeter of the City
- The City's levee system is a valuable safety asset that provides protection from flood hazards and storms





Bottom Line

The Problem

 FEMA has determined that 85% of Foster City's levee system does not meet minimum requirements for flood prevention.

The Options

 Upgrade the levee to meet safety standards at a cost of approximately \$272 per year for the average homeowner (\$40/\$100k in Assessed Value).

OR

- Foster City designated a flood hazard zone and mandatory flood insurance required at a cost of \$2,000-\$3,000 per year for the average homeowner and still face flood risk. Most businesses will likely pay more.
- Owners may face flood insurance, businesses rent could increase, and there could be higher cost for construction improvement requirements.

How Much Will It Cost?

Project Alternative	Estimated Cost
1. FEMA Accreditation Only ¹	\$60 million
2. 2050 SLR ²	\$90 million
3. 2100 SLR ³	\$170 million

- 1. Does not meet regulatory requirements for permitting.
- 2. Assumes 80-year project life, possibly with future adaptation.
- 3. Not selected.



Potential Bond Measure

- The City Council approved moving forward with a \$90 million bond ballot measure to fund levee improvements (June 2018 ballot)
- Businesses do not have a vote unless they are a Foster City registered voter.
- Locally-controlled funding to maintain FEMA accreditation and keep Foster City properties out of the flood zone





Improvements for Safety and Savings

- Protect essential city services during storms, like fire, police, water, electricity, sewer and transportation infrastructure
- Improve the levee to protect Foster City homes, schools, businesses and roads from flooding
- Protect the levee from earthquake damage
- Prevent Foster City from being designated as a flood hazard area by FEMA
- Avoid expensive, mandatory flood insurance requirements for local homeowners and businesses



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Project Accomplishments to Date

July 2014 FEMA Completes Coastal Flood Study (CCAMP)

August 2014 City Surveys Existing Levees

March 2015 Detailed Evaluation of CCAMP Results

July 2015 Levee Protection Planning Study

August 2015 Presentation to Regulatory Agencies and Government Officials

October 2016 Basis of Levee Design

November 2016 Draft Environmental Impact Report

April 2017 Final Environmental Impact Report

May 2017 Council Directs Staff to Proceed with Design

July 2017 Begin Ballot Measure Polling

August 2017 60% Design Documents

September 2017 Ballot Measure Polling Completed





Project Accomplishments to Date and Items Moving Forward

March 2018 CC Approval of Ballot Measure for June 2018

March 2018 85% Design Completion

June 5, 2018 Ballot Measure

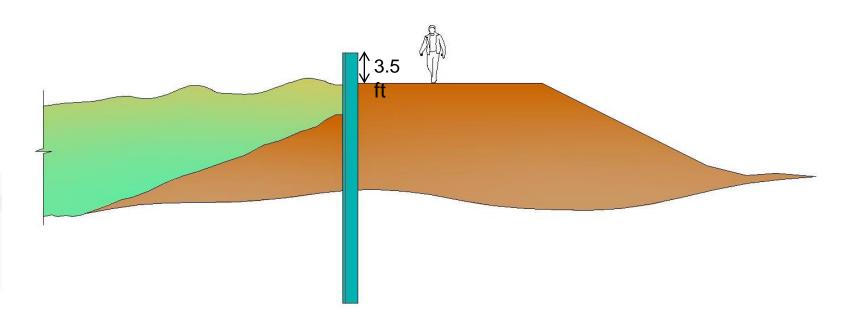
October 2018 Complete Design

Spring 2019 Begin Construction

Summer 2021 Complete Construction



Improvements or Safety and Savings



Improvements would raise the height of the levee with no more than 3.5 feet of exposed wall along the Bay Trail.

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