Davies Boat Launch and Facility Improvements

City Council Meeting

March 3, 2026

Background

- Davies Boat Launch (Project) is located along Marine Stadium in Alamitos Bay, north of the 2nd Street bridge.
- The site features a 22,000 square foot sloped boat launch ramp, 179 parking stalls, restroom and boat washdown station, and serves approximately 35,000 trailered vessel launches annually.

Location Map: Davies Boat Launch Facility

Project Context and Site Uses

- The Davies Boat Launch Facility is used by recreational and commercial boat owners to launch watercraft and vessels to access Alamitos Bay and coastal waters.
- Under California legislation, the facility is considered a coastal-dependent use and offers public access to legislatively protected and public trust uses, including recreational boating, fishing and/or commerce.
- In 2021 and 2023, the City successfully secured a combined $6.3 million in grant funding from the State of California, Division of Boating and Waterways to support the design and rebuild of the Davies Boat Launch Facility.
- This site will play a prominent role in the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games as it is adjacent to and serves Marine Stadium, which has four scheduled events.

Aerial View of Marine Stadium and Davies Boat Launch Area

Project Objectives

1. Improving Boating Safety and Promoting Coastal Access

- Reconstruct and replace the damaged boat launch ramp to address deterioration and meet today's standards
- Repave and restripe the parking lot to renew service life and provide safe parking and navigation

Existing Boat Launch Ramp Conditions

Project Goals

2. Enhancing Accessibility and User Experience

- Improve parking areas and formalize pedestrian paths to enhance ADA accessibility
- Upgrade and modernize existing amenities, including providing new EV chargers, fish cleaning stations, restroom, boat washing station, new lighting and trash enclosure
- Provide a more functional and welcoming experience for all users

Existing non-ADA compliant curb ramp

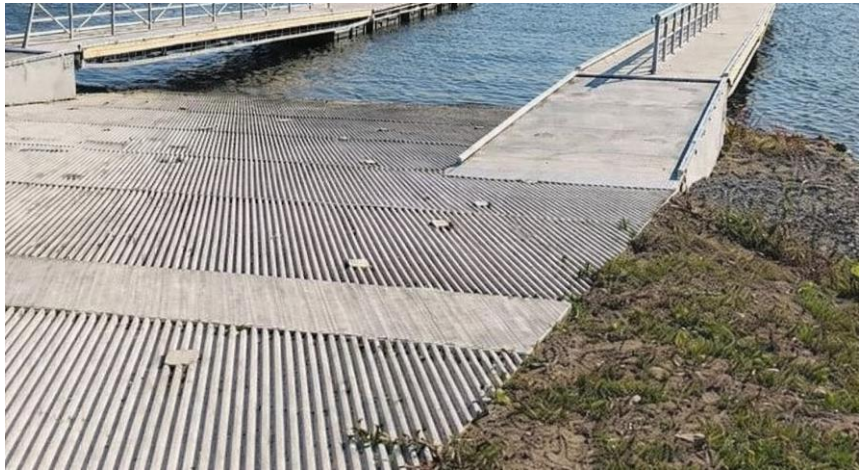
Existing asphalt pathway

Existing Restroom

Existing turnaround area

Key Project Elements

- **Boat Launch Ramp** – new 22,000 sq. ft. boat launch ramp featuring pre-cast v-groove concrete panels, which allow for installation in tidal waters
- **Site Work** – repave and restripe ~200,000 sq. ft. of parking lot with 6 new ADA parking stalls; new sidewalks and pathways
- **Drainage improvements** – construct new curbs, gutters and parkway drains
- **New restroom** – install single-stall, gender-neutral restroom facility with hydration station/bottle filler
- **EV Charging Stations** – install two electrical vehicle charging stations and upgrade electrical system
- **Replacement of site-wide lighting** – replace damaged poles and lighting with an energy efficient parking lot lighting system



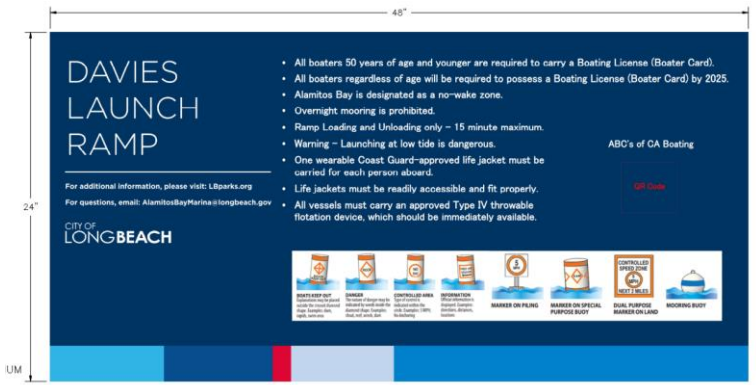
Example image: concrete launch ramp with V-grooves

Example pre-fab restroom building

Project Elements

Proposed site amenities

- Covered and gated trash enclosure to minimize wildlife access
- New entrance gate arm and automated payment system
- Fish cleaning station
- Centralized waste disposal center
- Boat wash down station and sand-oil separator
- New site and facility signage



Proposed Site Signage

Proposed Trash Enclosure

Example of Parking Lot Safety Lighting

Contract Award and Funding Summary

SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS	USES
Award of Construction Bid and Contingency	$7,091,760
Project Delivery Costs (Design/Engineering, PM-CM, Inspections, Labor Compliance, Regulatory Permitting, etc.)	$1,738,178
Total Project Costs Project	$8,829,938

AVAILABLE FUNDING SUMMARY	SOURCES
California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways	$6,300,000
Marina and Tidelands Funds	$2,529,938
Approved Budget/Funding	$8,829,938

Project Schedule

Major Activities	Target Dates
City Council Action	March 2026
Contracting	Spring 2026
Pre-Construction Services and Regulatory Compliance	Spring 2026
Mobilization/Construction Start	May 2026
Demobilization/Completion	Winter/Early 2027

Thank you!

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