



Beach Restrooms Replacement Project Open House 9/27/09 What We Heard

Approximately 50 people stopped by to give input at an open house workshop on beach restroom design.

Overall

Placement & design should accommodate future expansion of pedestrian path north of Pier.

Cleanliness is important.

Opinions varied on level of openness for facilities.

Overall in favor of ample light and good air circulation.

Multifunctional rest stops are a good idea.

Rest stops should be named rather than numbered (suggested after surf breaks).

Good opportunity to include public art.

Ease of use is important.

About time – much needed.

Like new Pier restroom.

Notes About Individual Sites

1200 PCH: Pull farther back from the beach.

2000 Ocean Front Walk: Heavy use due to proximity to popular surf breaks.

2400 Ocean Front Walk: Concern that it would impact volleyball courts. Add lockers for day use. Also used heavily due to surf breaks.

2500 Ocean Front Walk: Majority in favor of renovation to accommodate restrooms (Option 2). Use is limited by distance from beach and parking. Option 1 would need to address proximity to Ocean Park Blvd and connect with play area.

2600 Ocean Front Walk: Heavy use due to popular surf breaks. Frequently has lines to showers – additional showers needed. Add lockers. More fixtures needed due to heavy use. Lots of bike racks needed.

2800 Ocean Front Walk: Close to busy surf camp.

Specific Features

Bike racks: Need lots more. Hold public art competition to design different types.

Boardwalks: In favor of more boardwalks like the one at the Beach House.

Drainage: In favor of interior.

Drinking fountains: Need easy access from bike path.

Fixtures: No-touch with manual override.

Hooks: Needed for hanging personal items in order to keep them dry.

Lean Wall: Purpose needs to be more clearly defined.

Lockers: Add for day users.

Other:	Think about ways to handle pigeon problem.
Plumbing Chase:	Seems like a good idea.
Public Art:	Should be incorporated.
Seating:	Needs to be accompanied by shade (suggested trees).
Signage:	Add signs to light poles on bike path with E-W street names to improve wayfinding. Caution areas on bike path need to be clearly indicated. Clearly indicate family changing stall.
Sinks:	Need three faucets instead of two.
Stalls:	Self-cleaning. Individuals stalls are safer. Should be big enough to change in. Needs light.
Soap/sanitizer:	Provide.
Urinals:	Waterless.
Water Closet:	Self-flushing are more sanitary, but they may scare kids. Eliminate toilet seats, moving parts and hinges to make them easier to clean. Men's stalls don't need them – can just have urinals.

Building Materials

Graffiti Coating:	Find out what Boston uses.
Colors:	In favor of neutrals, especially for tile and trex. Use subtle natural beach colors for interior.
Exterior:	In favor of wood – institutional-looking facilities won't get treated as well. Stainless steel corrodes. Screen samples too institutional-looking. Mixed opinion on translucent roof. Incorporate thermal panels on roof to heat showers. Use obscure glass block for more light. Floor material should reduce risk of slipping.
Interior:	Slip-resistant flooring needed in corridor between stalls and vision screen. Use materials that are easy to clean and do not trap odors. Stainless steel is hygienic. Use white tile for stall interiors. Overall in favor of natural light, dry flooring, doors on stalls and more cleanliness.

Project Schedule

Completing all construction at once could offer maximum impact and reduce perception that the project is dragging on. Might also ensure that buildings incur wear and tear at same rate. Would present a new unified service to beach users.

Don't tear down existing facilities until new ones are operational.

Consider incentivizing accelerated schedules.

Will need temporary facilities during construction