
Cliff Drive and LCP

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Planning Commission, Director Kahn and Director Herlihy,

The Item 8A redline LCP document included in the agenda for tomorrow's meeting describes items on page 25 and 26 noting (all descriptions below as of 2025)

Under the CLIFF DRIVE section it says, " A city stairway provides access to Hooper Beach at the downcoast viewpoint"

Under the HOOPER BEACH section it says, "Access is also provided via a vertical stairway along the midpoint of Cliff Drive as noted above.

Can you please update this to properly reflect that the stairway has not been repaired or functional since damaged in 2023, and note that public access is compromised as a result.

Please also note, this stairway appears to be "out of scope" for the Cliff Drive Resiliency Project, in spite of communications that the repairs would be included in this project.

My neighbors and I (three properties adjacent to the project scope at 4920, 4930 and 4940 Cliff Dr.) restacked 18 rocks (riprap) after the 2023 storm under an emergency CDP, and our CDP Waiver has a footnote that says,

"In addition, anticipated future work to the overall revetment (i.e. the portions fronting Cliff Drive) invariably impacts the portion of the revetment fronting the subject site, and thus will require a coordinated effort.

We met with the City Manager and staff in March 2023 to discuss the future of Cliff Drive, and followed up with several e-mails and attendance at public meetings sharing our thoughts about safe transportation and public access up to and including the possibility of allowing an improved public access path on the beach side of our properties should the City consider that option.

The section of Cliff Drive between the Hooper Beach stairway and the Stockton Bridge needs to be comprehended in the full scope of the project.

Our interest in collaborating with the City has been communicated since the onset of the Cliff Drive project.

This project needs to be planned holistically and in coordination with adjacent property owners.

Best regards,
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