



To: Douglas Harbor Authority
From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager
Date: April 15th, 2025
Subject: Union Street Boat Launch – Site Assessment and Budget Recommendation

An onsite review of the Union Street Boat Launch was conducted on October 3, 2023.

Key observations and issues include Launch Ramp: Constructed of precast concrete planks extending 60 ft into the water, with signs of scour and erosion. Plank separation of 2–3 inches were noted, likely caused by lack of toe protection. Erosion on the west side presents a potential trip hazard.

Floating Dock: The existing 61-ft floating dock shows signs of damage to spuds, bumpers, and hinges. It experiences excessive vertical movement and is not adequately designed for the site's usage. A sturdier replacement is recommended.

Site Amenities: The launch has an aggregate parking area, lacks queuing lanes or staging areas, and is served only by a portable toilet with no running water.

Recommendations and Estimated Costs:

- Apron stone installation along the west side: \$6,000 (can be completed by City staff)
- Toe stone installation to prevent scour: \$20,000 (contractor required)
- Engineering and permitting for in-water work: \$5,000
- Replacement of floating dock with a more robust structure: \$60,000
- Total Recommended Budget: \$91,000

To allow for flexibility and effective implementation of all necessary improvements—including potential contingency needs—we recommend budgeting \$110,000 in the upcoming fiscal year.

Suggested Motion: Approve a recommendation to the City Council to allocate \$110,000 in the upcoming FY2025/2026 budget for Union Street Boat Launch Improvements