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## CITY OF PORT LAVACA

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**COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 12, 2025**

**DATE:** 05.07.2025

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: GLO CMP CYCLE 31 Grant Application for Public Access Boardwalk at Smith Harbor**

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### **Background:**

As you recall we are currently in engineering design for a project, being funded in part with a \$400,000 grant from the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust, that will construct improvements to the parking area behind Nautical Landings including a 10 ft wide shared use path (walk/bike) from the existing crosswalk into Bayfront Park to the northwest corner of Smith Harbor and green infrastructure elements. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase project also includes the construction of a small fishing/crabbing dock and 3 transient boat slips.

Please reference the following attachments:

- *Concept plan for this MBMT project*
- *Site plan for the MBMT project which was submitted with the USCE permit application*
- *An Overall Concept Plan Exhibit – which shows future parking plans for the area where Poor Boy Bait is located*
- *Figure 59 from the Downtown Waterfront Masterplan*

We are looking into an opportunity to apply for General Land Office funding through the Coastal Management Program to continue work on our Downtown Waterfront Masterplan. **All of the work shown in the attached Site Plan, that was submitted with the USCE permit application, has now been permitted by the Corps.** After talking with GLO at a recent workshop and visiting with the City's Visioning Committee members, staff is proposing to apply for a GLO CMP grant to construct the 10 ft wide boardwalk that runs along the seawall in Smith Harbor.

The funding priorities for the CMP program Cycle 31 include the **creation of new public access points to bays and parks through the creation of infrastructure**, which our proposed project would satisfy. The maximum funds available under this program is \$400,000 which we would be well under.

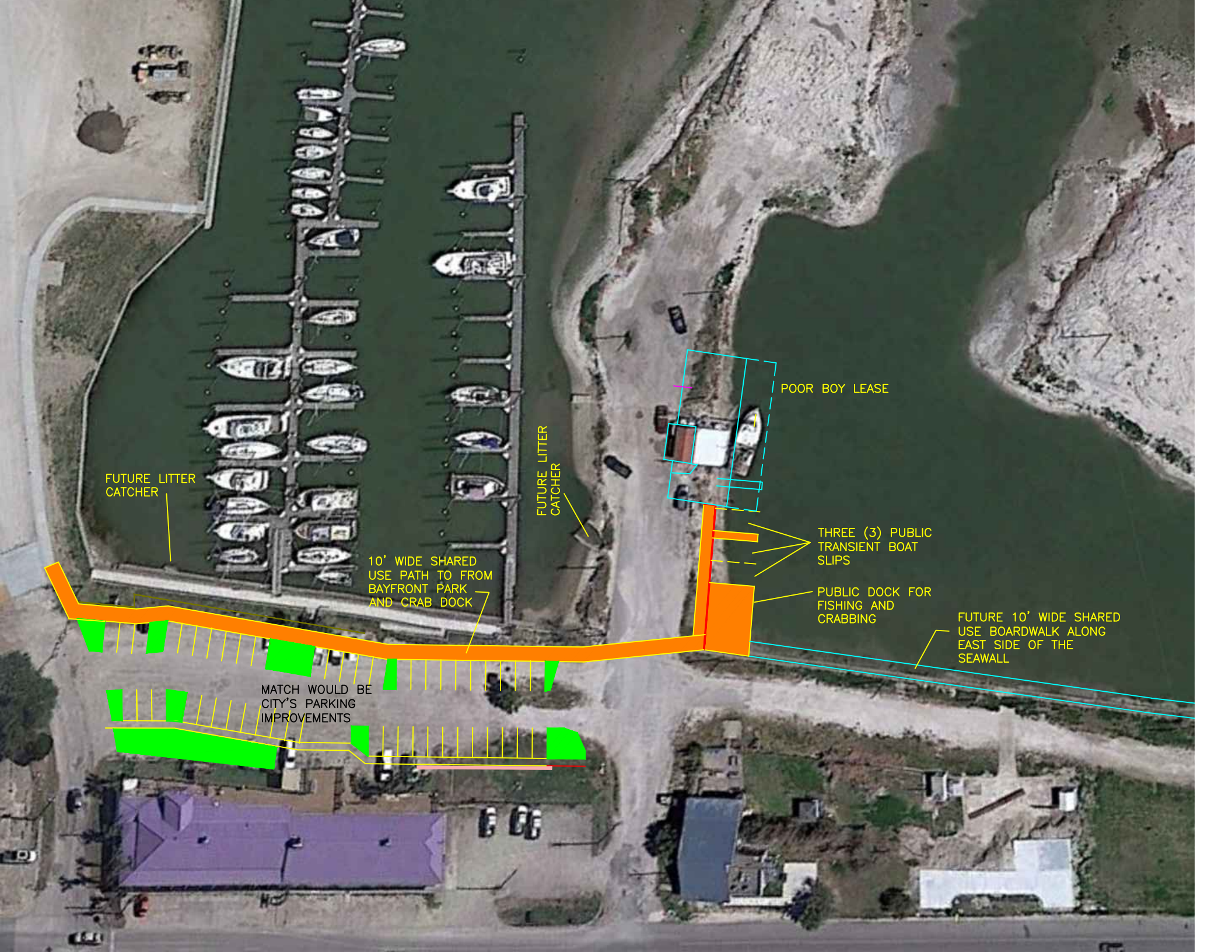
Although such a boardwalk is not specifically identified on the Master plan, the consensus of the Visioning committee members that responded was that construction of this boardwalk would have value and would be consistent with the adopted Masterplan. They envision this boardwalk as one component of a future 10 ft wide hike/bike loop in the Downtown waterfront area and thus would see handrails along the water's edge of the boardwalk. In the future, finger piers could be added along the boardwalk to provide boat slips if desired.

### **Budgetary Impact:**

The grant application is due on June 4 and we are still looking at construction alternatives and costs, but an all-timber boardwalk with timber handrails would be around \$450,000. If we were successful in receiving a grant, the City would be responsible for paying a 40% match. Note we are looking at the cost of using a "flow thru" type decking which would increase the price, but would better withstand storms, but I don't have that cost as of this

writing yet. The required match funds are something we would need to budget for in FYE 26 or could consider applying to the Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust for if the opportunity is available again this fall.

At this time, we are asking for Council's support to apply for this grant funding. As if this writing I am waiting on some feedback from GLO in order to complete the text of the resolution. Once I have that, I will finalize the resolution language and send that out to Council in the next day or so for our discussion at the Council meeting.



FUTURE LITTER  
CATCHER

10' WIDE SHARED  
USE PATH TO FROM  
BAYFRONT PARK  
AND CRAB DOCK

MATCH WOULD BE  
CITY'S PARKING  
IMPROVEMENTS

FUTURE LITTER  
CATCHER

POOR BOY LEASE

THREE (3) PUBLIC  
TRANSIENT BOAT  
SLIPS

PUBLIC DOCK FOR  
FISHING AND  
CRABBING

FUTURE 10' WIDE SHARED  
USE BOARDWALK ALONG  
EAST SIDE OF THE  
SEAWALL



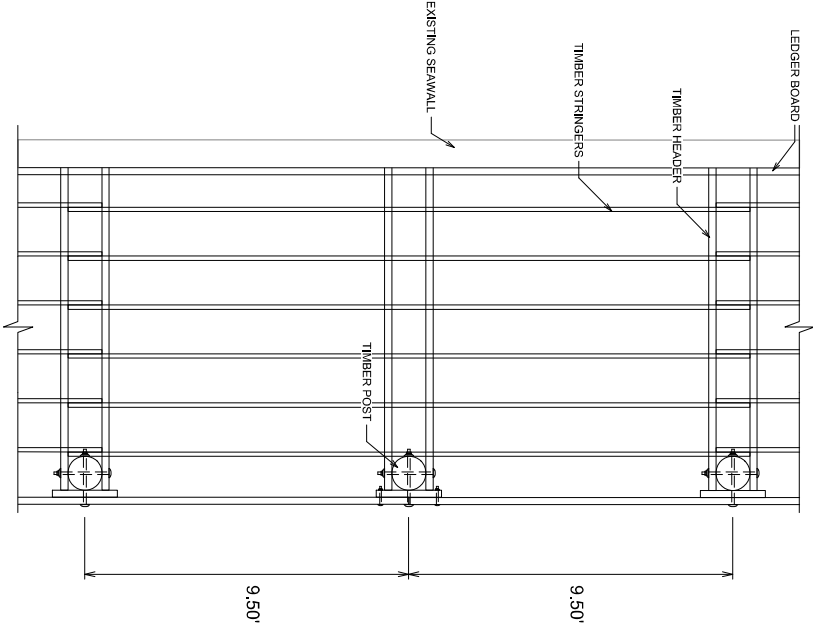


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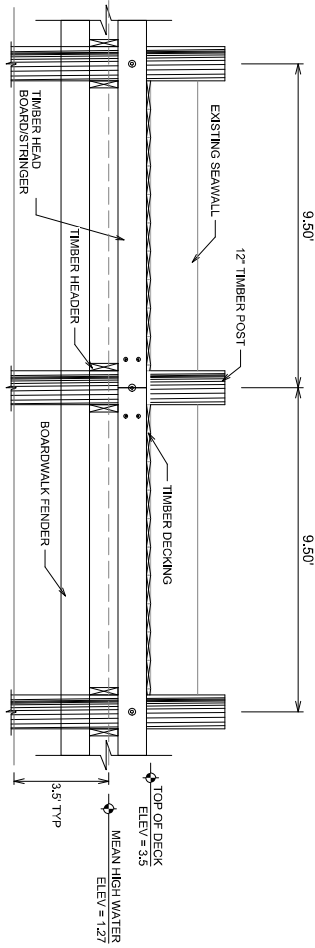
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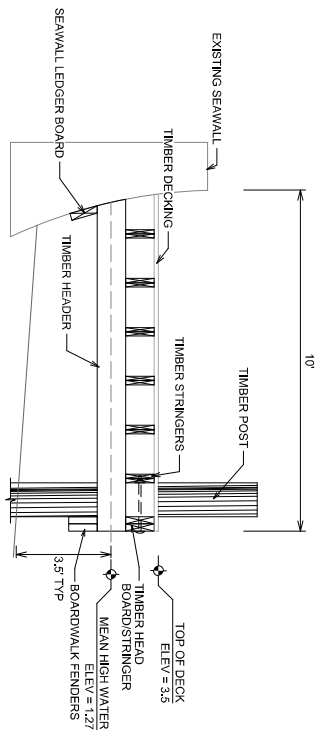
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Fig. 59 - Smith Harbor District Improvements Plan