



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS**
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MARINA DEL REY LAUNCH RAMP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q: Does the County have a plan for when the launch ramp might be relocated?
- A: No. The Los Angeles County Visioning Statement is a guidance document that provides a vision of what Marina del Rey could become over the next 20 years. Moving the launch ramp would require approvals from the Regional Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and the California Coastal Commission, and would require the County to have site control of the proposed location. If the County were to pursue this course of action, it could take a number of years to accomplish.
- Q: Why does the County want to move the launch ramp?
- A: The outreach process that informed the Visioning Statement showed that there are opportunities available to improve Marina del Rey. However, many of these opportunities could not be most effectively implemented with land uses in their current configuration. In order to best take advantage of these opportunities, a single land use would need to be moved. By moving the boat launch ramp from its current location, we are able to access a site that provides the opportunity to develop the types of visitor and resident-serving uses that are desired in the Marina. Simultaneously, relocating the boat launch ramp would also consolidate many of the boat-related services and businesses into a single area, making it easier for boaters to meet their needs in one place. In addition, this move would also result in uses in the Marina being generally organized into districts, where similar or related uses would be located in proximity to each other. These districts would include:
- A Residential District on the western-side of the Marina, which would remain a predominantly residential area;
 - A Marina Beach District around the current location of Marina Beach, which would focus on marine-related, beach-oriented and non-motorized recreational boating uses;
 - A Visitor's Row District along Admiralty Way, which would include shopping, restaurants, hotels, and other visitor-serving uses; and
 - A Boater's Way along Fiji Way that would concentrate boater-serving uses.

This organization would allow the County to more effectively and efficiently provide options for getting around the Marina in addition to a car, and provide increased options for a continuous pedestrian promenade from Marina Beach to Fiji Way.



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- Q: How would the new launch ramp compare to the current one?
- A: A marine engineer was commissioned to prepare a feasibility study to examine whether or not a comparable facility could be built elsewhere in the Marina; while also offering additional amenities not currently provided at the existing facility. The concept plan that was produced has the same eight (8) boat launch lanes and three (3) boarding floats as the current facility, would include an additional ADA boarding float, and an area for commercial buildings along a proposed pedestrian promenade.
- Q: How will the planned dry-storage facility compare to the existing one?
- A: The existing dry-storage facility, located on Parcel 49S, has 305 boat parking spaces. The facility in the concept plan has 242 boat parking spaces, and a boat hoist. The current facility had a 29% vacancy rate, as of January 2014.
- Q: Will the proposed launch ramp launch boats directly into the main channel?
- A: No, the proposed facility would launch boats into the western end of Basin H and would not extend further into the Basin than the docks that are currently located there.
- Q: What would happen to the charter boats and rowing facilities that are currently near Fisherman's Village?
- A: The County has no plans to relocate the existing charter boats and rowing facilities to another part of the Marina. The County is currently looking at the possibility of expanding the capacity for those uses in the Boater's Way District.
- Q: How much would it cost to move the launch ramp, and who would pay for it?
- A: Preliminary estimates are that the hard costs to construct a new launch ramp would be approximately \$6.5 million. Adding 25% to cover planning, permitting, and managing the project would bring the costs to over \$8 million.

As of this time, only a concept plan has been prepared, and the County has not yet determined how the relocation would be funded. Possible methods include:

- Private funding in conjunction with another Marina project;
 - Grant funding; and
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- A public Marina improvement project.

Q: The concept plan shows dry storage where one of the Marina's two boat yards currently exists. What impact would this have on boater services?

A: As of this time, only a preliminary concept plan has been created for this project. Prior to moving forward with this proposal, the County would conduct a full analysis of the impacts that may result from relocating the launch ramp.

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