

# FIESTA ISLAND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



## CITY OF SAN DIEGO - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT

### The Top Ten Big Questions for Fiesta Island.

#### SUMMARY BASED ON AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP (104 surveys completed)

- 1) How much of the island should remain as undeveloped open space and how much should be turned into more intensive parkland?
  - a. Maximize parkland . 3rd (14 chose) 21%
  - b. Maximize habitats . 1st (27 chose) 40%
  - c. Find a balance . 2nd (18 chose) 27%
  - d. Other . 4th (8 chose) 12% (6 leave alone, 1 minimize uses, 1 better running lane)
  
- 2) Should the roadways be pulled away from the bay edge to handle more turfed parkland with organized parking lots (similar to the east side of Mission Bay) or should it remain as a road, with a pull-off edge for parking and beachside use?
  - a. Leave the roadways like they are except that new roads should be built away from the waters edge . 1st (43 chose) 56%
  - b. Move all roadways away from the water's edge . 3rd (9 chose) 12%
  - c. A combination of the two would make the most sense . 2nd (17 chose) 22%
  - d. Other . 4th (8 chose) 10% (6 leave alone, 1 better bike lane, 1 better walkways)
  
- 3) Should the "Over the Line" sand area be relocated closer to the entrance of the island (to allow more walk-on, less wind and dust) or should it stay where it is?
  - a. Move it to the entry area . 2nd (23 chose) 25%
  - b. Keep it where it is . 1st (68 chose) 74%
  - c. Other . 3rd (1 chose) 1% (1 make area smaller)
  
- 4) Should the sand maintenance area be allowed to remain on the island or should it be moved off the island?
  - a. Find some off-island location . 2nd (17 chose) 20%
  - b. Keep it where it is . 1st (62 chose) 76%
  - c. Move it to another location on the island . 3rd (2 chose) 2%
  - d. Other . 3rd (2 chose) 2% (1 make area smaller, 1 leave it as it is)
  
- 5) What parts of the island should leash-free dog use be allowed?
  - a. Leash-free everywhere except for Least Tern habitat area . 1st (56 chose) 56%
  - b. Leash-free on the southern 2/3 of the island with a fence protecting the northern 1/3 of the island . 2nd (17 chose) 17%
  - c. Leash-free along the west beach / central island . 5th (5 chose) 5%
  - d. Leash-free only in fenced in areas . 3rd (16 chose) 16%
  - e. Leashes required at all times . 4th (6 chose) 6%

- 6) Should the small and scattered rare plant species (previously unknown) at the south and central portions of the island be preserved where they are or should this area be used for park purposes and mitigated through establishing new sensitive plant habitats at the north end of the island?
- Protect in place all sensitive species, regardless of original planned use . 1st (48 chose) 55%
  - Protect the majority of sensitive species in place except where it would become too isolated and mitigate through replacement habitats . 3rd (19 chose) 21%
  - Relocate all scattered and small habitat areas into new replacement habitats at the north end of the island . 2nd (20 chose) 22%
  - Other . 4th (2 chose) 2% (1 keep un-natural, 1 leave it as it is)
- 7) The current plan shows a two-way street around most of the island. Is a two-way preferred or should a one-way be kept as is? If it can be shown to be safer for cyclists, walkers and runners, would changing the direction (counter clockwise to clockwise) of the flow of one-way traffic be acceptable?
- Keep it as it is now, one-way counter clockwise . 1st (81 chose) 79%
  - Keep it one-way, but reverse the direction to improve the safety of non-motorized road edge users (will require a do-not enter and stop or yield sign) . 2nd (11 chose) 10%
  - Make all roadways two-way . 4th (3 chose) 3%
  - Make only the first entry loop roadway a two-way and the rest of the island circulation would be one-way . 3rd (7 chose) 7%
  - Other . 5th (1 chose) 1% (1 make more walkable)
- 8) At the entrance to the island, should a bridge be built to allow for watercraft to pass under it, or should a causeway be developed that only connects the water bodies without providing access underneath?
- Construct a bridge that I can paddle, row, swim, wade, shoreline walk, jet ski or motor cruise under between the north and South Pacific passage . 2<sup>nd</sup>/3rd (16 chose) 23%
  - Same as above but with restrictions on motor craft . 4th (14 chose) 20%
  - Only allow for water to connect the two sides of the passage . 1st (20 chose) 28%
  - Construct a built-up causeway with no water or use connections . 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3rd (16 chose) 23%
  - Other . 5th (5 chose) 7% (5 leave it as it is)
- 9) Should the north end of the island have the outer loop road replaced with a new multi-use trail, with a dredged crossing, or should the road remain and be used like a trail and have vehicular use limited to specific times of the day, week or season?
- Create a new island by dredging, remove the road around the north end and restrict to non-motorized trail uses . 2nd (12 chose) 15%
  - Create a new island by dredging, modify the roadway and use it mostly for non-motorized trail uses, occasionally opening it to vehicular driving . 3rd (6 chose) 7%
  - Dredge some inlets, but keep the roadway in its current location and use it occasionally for non-motorized trail uses only . 4th (4 chose) 5%
  - Keep the roadway as is and open to vehicular uses at all times . 1st (59 chose) 73%
- 10) Should the west side of the island be dredged to make a larger beach area and bay boat turning area or should it stay the same?
- Dredge the west edge by removing some of the width of the parking area and create new beaches for swimming and add eelgrass for habitat . 2nd (10 chose) 10%
  - Dredge a smaller version than what the master plan was proposing . 3rd (5 chose) 5%
  - Don't spend money on dredging, leave the west shore as is . 1st (83 chose) 85%