

BUCKROE BOARDWALK

Repairs, Renovation, & Extension

11 December 2019

PUBLIC FEEDBACK & NEXT STEPS

OVERVIEW

- Scope & Overall Plan
- Public Feedback Findings
- Previous Council Direction
- Next Steps
- Questions

ORIGINAL SCOPE

- Repair items identified by Hampton Public Works
- Evaluate structural integrity of seawall
- Repairs to seawall, boardwalk, and masonry planters
- Extend boardwalk south to James T. Wilson Fishing Pier
- Provide ADA accessible design improvements
- Provide increased seating options along boardwalk
- Evaluate lighting
- Design to reduce sand buildup on boardwalk
- Identify planting opportunities & low-maintenance plantings
- Evaluate option for removing existing seawall and building raised boardwalk

COUNCIL BRIEFING & PUBLIC OUTREACH

September 11: City Council Briefing

October 11: Community Meeting & Survey
(100+ attendees)

October 28 – November 8: Online Survey
(approximately 240 responses)

Also received input via email,
the Buckroe Improvement League,
and Cantamar & Morningview Associations

DESIGN: Overall Plan

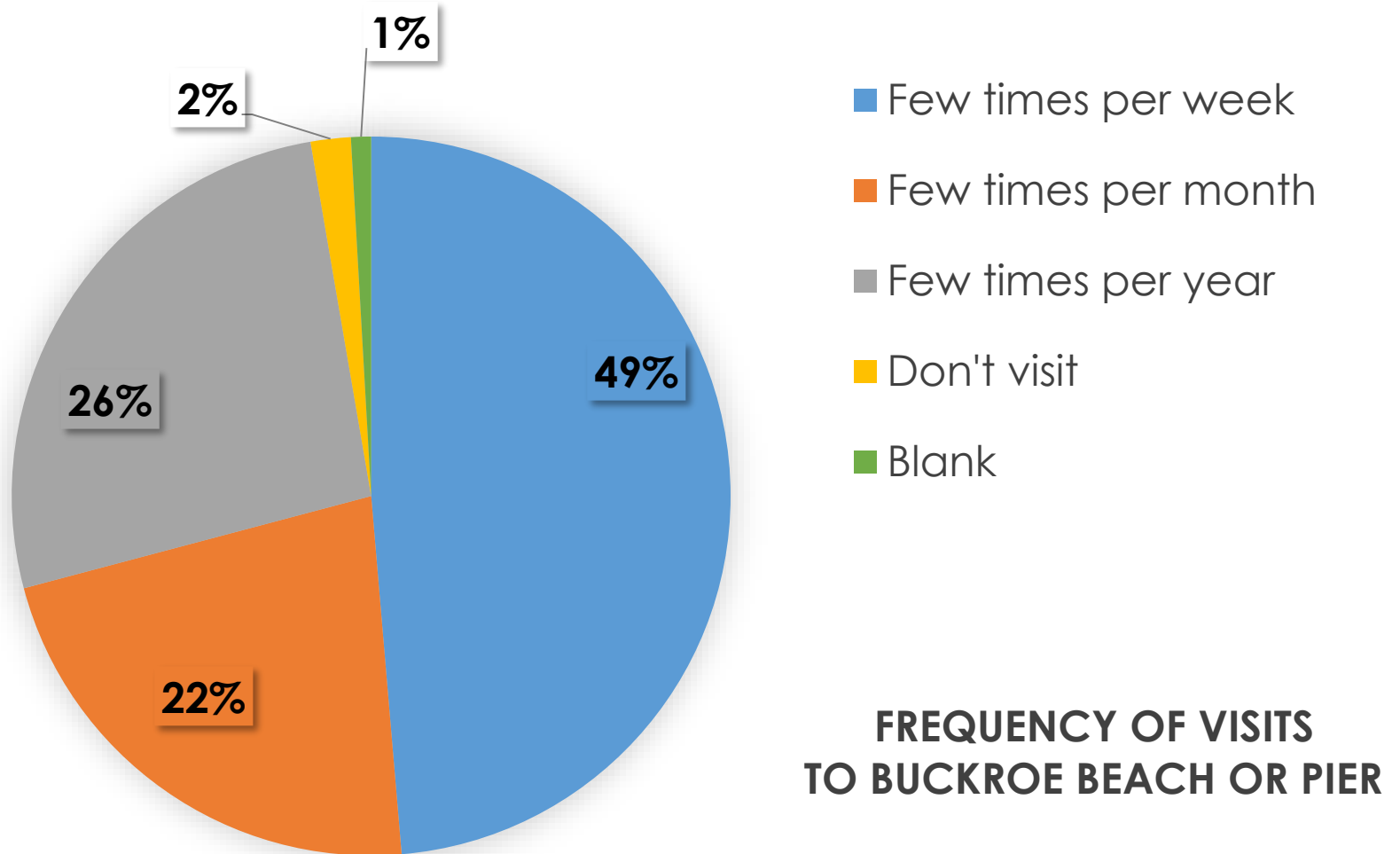
Buckroe Beach Boardwalk Renovation and Extension Conceptual Design



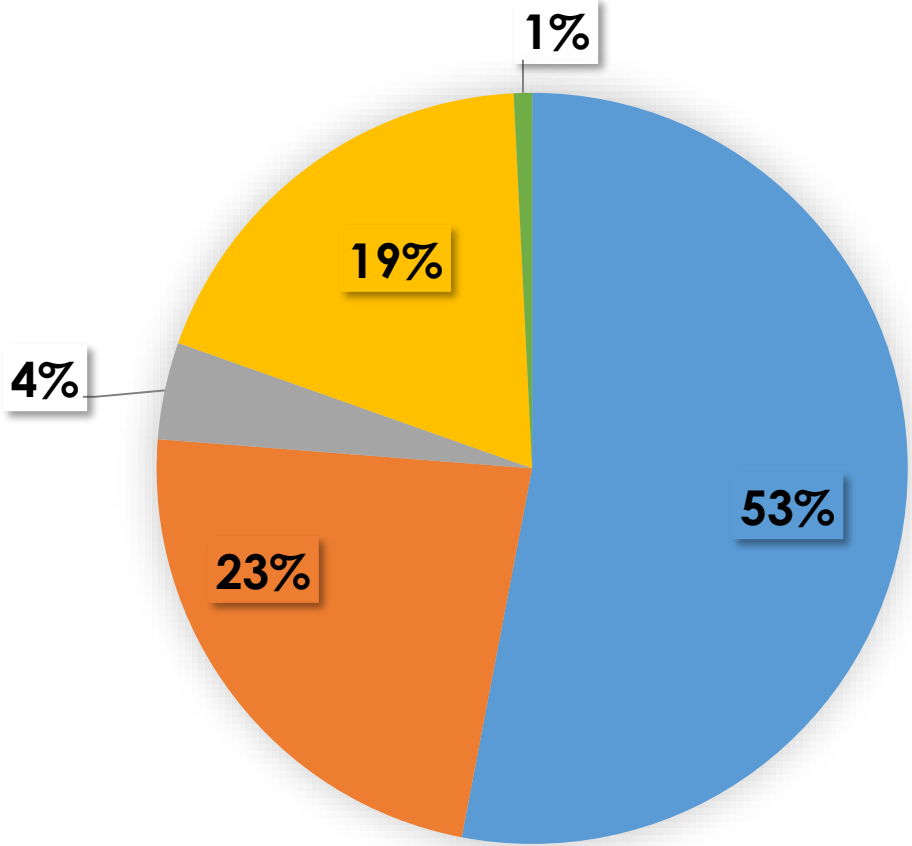
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FEEDBACK: Frequency of Visits



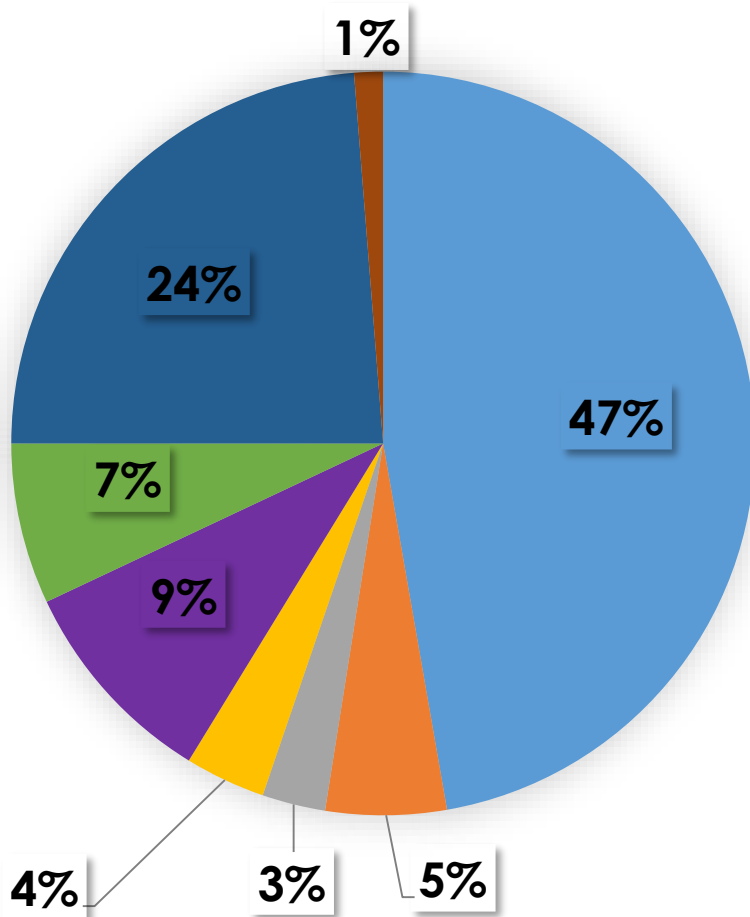
FEEDBACK: Purpose of Visit



- Rest & Relaxation
- Exercise
- Group Events
- Other
- Blank

**PRIMARY PURPOSE
TO VISIT BUCKROE BEACH**

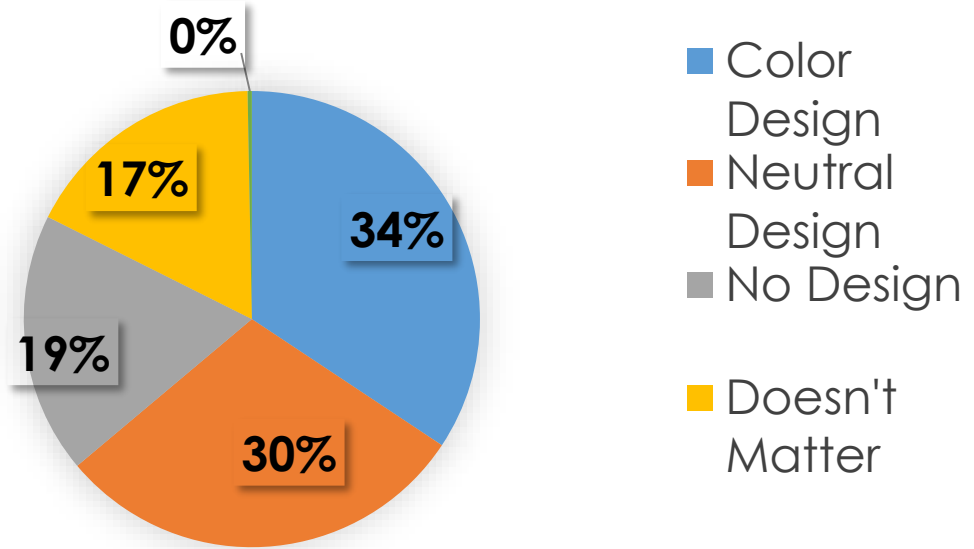
FEEDBACK: Most Important Component



- Rehab of boardwalk & seawall
- Extension to pier
- Increase Shade
- Increase Seating
- Removal of electrical lines
- Keeping sand off boardwalk
- Preserving views
- Blank

**MOST IMPORTANT
COMPONENT
OF PROJECT**

FEEDBACK: Seawall Design – No Consensus

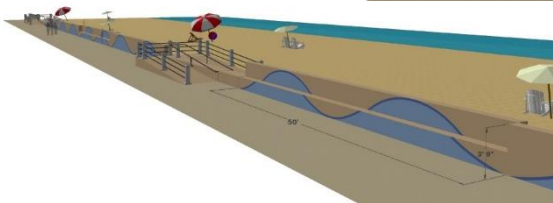
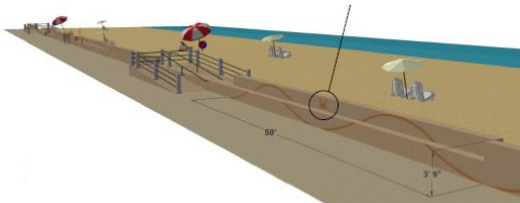
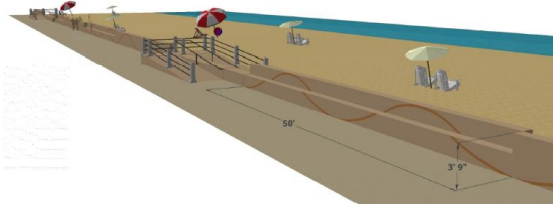


PREFERENCE FOR SEAWALL DESIGN

Decorative Seawall
Neutral Design

Decorative Seawall
Theme Motif

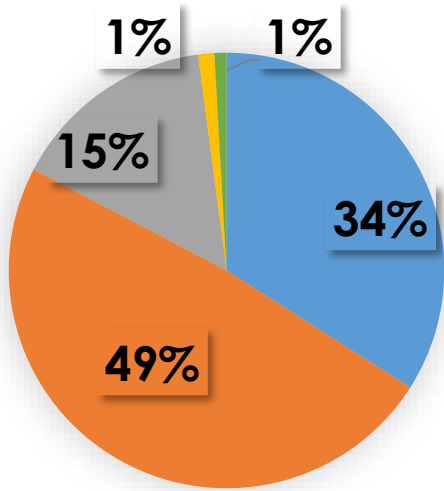
Decorative Seawall
Color Design



Decorative Symbol Options

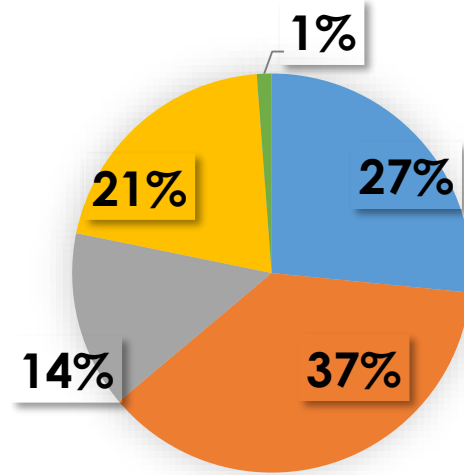


FEEDBACK: Seawall Height - No Consensus



- Not at all
- Annoying but I still use
- Limits my use
- I don't use the boardwalk
- Blank

HOW DOES SAND IMPACT USE OF THE BOARDWALK?

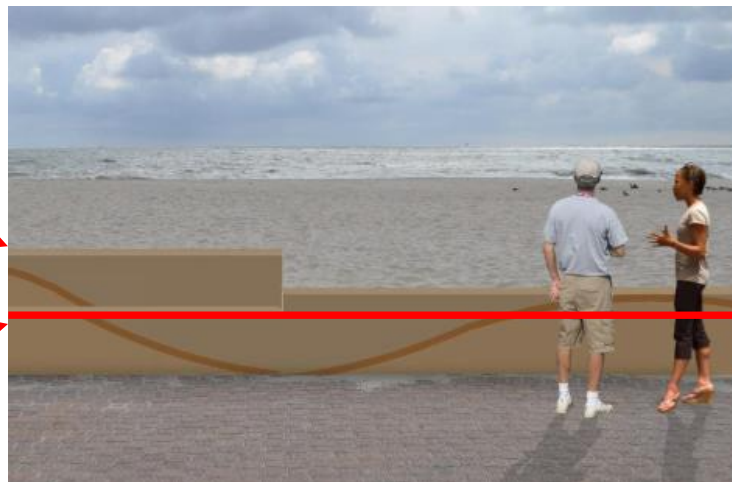


- Yes, maximum 2'9"
- Yes, maximum 3'9"
- Doesn't Matter
- No, do not increase height
- Blank

DO YOU SUPPORT A SEAWALL HEIGHT INCREASE?

3'9" option
(1'9" Increase)

2' current
(No Increase)

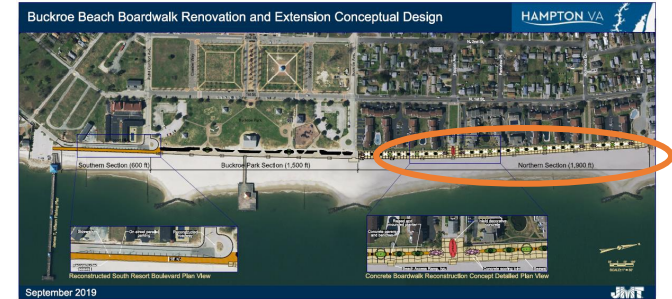


2'9" option
(9" increase)

FEEDBACK: Northern Section

1. Do not add additional trees: preserve the view
2. No consensus on repair vs. reconstruction
3. Keep and/or add seating opportunities

Propose reconstruction with revision to keep planters in existing locations and not add any additional (total of 17 planters)



Reconstruction Option



Repair Option

FEEDBACK: *Buckroe Park Section*

1. Do not add additional trees: preserve the view
2. Support for adding edging along planter beds
3. Support for additional seating opportunities
4. Some requests to remove pavers and replace with smooth surface (current plan is to preserve pavers to conserve funds)



Repair & Reconstruction Option

FEEDBACK: Extension to Fishing Pier

Participants were asked to rank variables in order of importance for the extension of boardwalk from Point Comfort Avenue to the James T. Wilson Fishing Pier

1. Continuous access of the boardwalk to the fishing pier
2. Increasing the width of the sidewalk and maintaining the current width of the beach
 - Both achievable through utilizing some of the roadway
3. Least important is the possibility to add parking along this segment
 - Several citizens noted they do not want views to be impeded by parked vehicles



FEEDBACK: Amenities

Citizens are most interested in adding:

1. Swings
2. Shaded seating
3. Foot wash stations

Other suggestions Included:

- Unique bike racks and bike repair station
- Drinking fountains
- Art
- Businesses (like ice cream and coffee shops)
- Bathrooms toward the southern end
- Cigarette butt stations
- Dog waste stations
- Safety call boxes



FEEDBACK: General

Summary ~ Additional Citizen Comments for Boardwalk Improvements:

- Boardwalk condo residents do not want trees added which may inhibit views; some would like existing trees removed
- Better markings and signage for bike path
- Accessibility/ADA improvements have general citizen support
- Improve landscaping to round-about areas at Point Comfort and Buckroe Avenues
- Add garbage bins on the beach adjacent to lifeguard stands
- Request a smooth boardwalk surface for cycling and rollerblading (NOTE: current proposal is to keep existing pavers, which are in good condition, in order to reduce costs)
- Better identify steps and crossing points along the seawall
- Include breaks in the seawall for lower seating and access
- Consider future maintenance needs in terms of materials, funding, and staffing to assure longer life span

PRIOR COUNCIL GUIDANCE

- Modify reconstruction option (\$6 million/50 year life)
 - Improve seawall, boardwalk surface, planters, ADA, lighting & plantings
 - Leave seawall at approximately its current height
 - Use neutral design
 - Preserve existing views (no new trees on boardwalk, etc.)
- Extend boardwalk from Point Comfort Avenue to James T. Wilson Fishing Pier, without parking spaces (\$1.1 million/75 year life)
- Engage landscape design firm with beach experience to assist in selecting amenities
- Update plan to incorporate citizen amenity preferences
 - Swings
 - Shaded seating, etc.
- Shift CIP funding to FY21 to move project forward

NEXT STEPS

Phasing plan for construction
Phase 1: Buckroe Park
Design & permitting
ITB for construction
Contract complete
Phase 2: Construction begins

December 2019

Complete pre-summer 2020

December 2019 – May 2020

June 2020

August 2020

September 2020

Questions?