

What is the Embarcadero Seawall?

The Embarcadero Seawall, spanning three miles from Fisherman's Wharf to Mission Creek, must be improved to withstand the next major earthquake and prepare San Francisco for increasing flood risk.

The Seawall is one of San Francisco's oldest pieces of infrastructure. It was constructed over 100 years ago by the State of California and the construction created over 500 acres of new land.

The Seawall serves as the northern waterfront's foundation. It supports historic piers and wharves, local businesses, iconic destinations, recreation facilities, and more. The Seawall underpins utility networks and infrastructure, including the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Muni Metro, and ferry transportation networks. Additionally, the Seawall supports critical emergency response, evacuation, and recovery facilities and provides flood protection to downtown San Francisco neighborhoods.

Millions of people visit the northern waterfront annually and the Seawall protects over \$100 billion of assets and economic activity.

San Francisco's Invisible Support

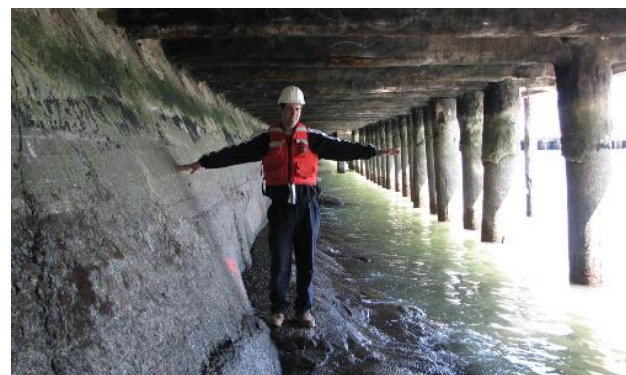
The Seawall is an underground retaining wall that is mostly invisible.

World-famous destinations along the San Francisco waterfront – including the Embarcadero Promenade, the Ferry Building, the Exploratorium, AT&T Park, PIER 39 and Fisherman's Wharf, and many more – are supported by the Seawall.

When Was the Embarcadero Seawall Built?

The Embarcadero Seawall was constructed more than a century ago by the State of California to develop a deep-water port to support the State's economy. Constructed between 1879 and 1916, the Embarcadero waterfront is now an essential part of San Francisco's identity, and provides a home to businesses both large and small, the National Historic District, a thriving maritime and tourism industry, the City's Financial District, a regional transportation network system, and beautiful public parks and open spaces.

PROTECT THE CITY: STRENGTHEN THE SEAWALL



San Francisco Seawall Earthquake Safety and Disaster Prevention Program



Protecting Our City and Our Way of Life

The Seawall supports key utility networks and infrastructure, including BART, Muni Metro and ferry transportation systems. It serves as a critical emergency response, evacuation and recovery area for the City and the region. If this critical piece of infrastructure were to fail, Bay Area residents would be at risk. Downtown San Francisco and the Financial District could flood, the Embarcadero BART and Muni tunnels could flood and could create service disruptions that would impact hundreds of thousands of people.

The San Francisco Seawall Earthquake Safety and Disaster Prevention Program

In 2015, the City, acting through the Port of San Francisco, launched the San Francisco Seawall Earthquake Safety and Disaster Prevention Program (Seawall Program), to improve seismic performance, provide near-term flood protection improvements, and plan for long-term resilience and sea level rise adaptation along the Embarcadero Seawall.

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