



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

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PRESENTER: Neil Cervenka, Police Chief

AGENDA TITLE: Noyo Bridge Suicide Prevention Measures Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive update.

BACKGROUND

Following a suspected suicide from the Noyo Bridge in December 2024, staff identified safety measures for consideration.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

After a letter was sent to the CalTrans Director, Senator McGuire, and Assemblymember Rogers in January seeking assistance in reducing suicides from the Noyo Bridge, CalTrans District 1 Deputy Directors met with City staff and County Supervisor Norvell. There have been two meetings and regular meetings are already scheduled.

CalTrans will be conducting this project in phases. The first phase was to install signs on the Noyo Bridge with the number for Redwood Crisis Services (RCS). FBPD staff worked with RCS and a psychologist to create the signs, paying attention to the words used, colors and fonts. That design was sent to CalTrans where it was approved and sent to production. Installation of the signs is planned to be within a month.

Phase 2 will be the installation of cameras on the bridge. Currently, City staff is obtaining quotes for cameras at either end of the bridge which can be live viewed or reviewed over the prior 30 days. Due to a possible change in CalTrans policy regarding attaching cameras to state property, we have asked the vendor to wait. The change is that CalTrans will now allow local entities to place their equipment on state property with an easement. This will more efficient than seeking MOU's with private businesses to install City owned equipment on their property. The time estimate for this is six months. CalTrans cameras installation estimate is twelve months.

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Phase 3 will be adding a physical barrier, either a net underneath or a fence on the sides. Currently, a fence is the preferred option. CalTrans will require ample time for research and identifying funding for this project. The time estimate to complete is years.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Unknown at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSISTENCY

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide feedback and suggestions.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

None applicable.

NOTIFICATION:

None Applicable