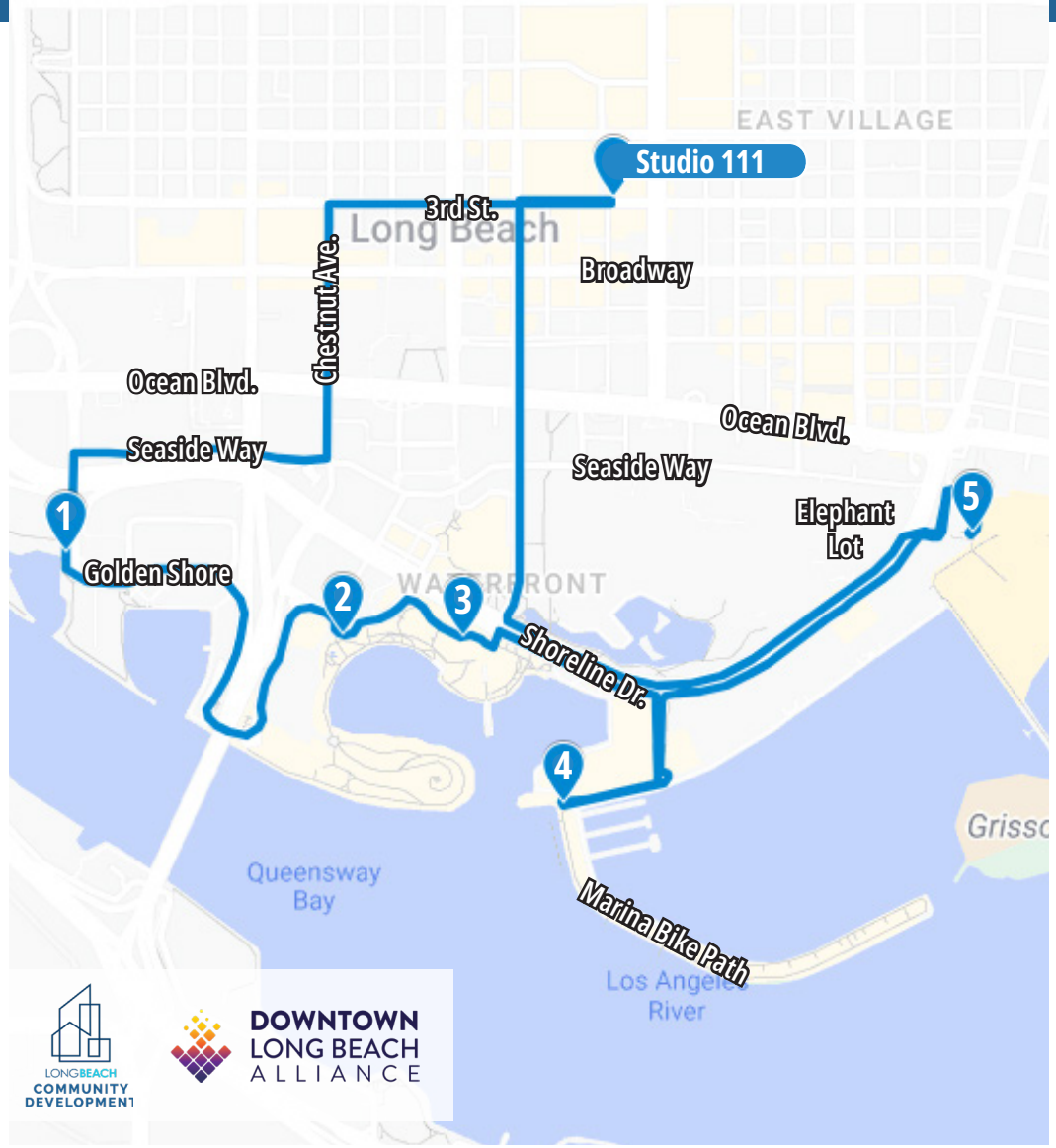
DLBA SHORELINE DRIVE TOUR

LOCATION: STUDIO 111
DISTANCE: 4.7 MILES
DIFFICULTY: N/A
TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR



- START TOUR - STUDIO 111
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STOP 1 - LA RIVER

The City is looking to expand the downtown bikeway network through the Shoreline Drive Realignment Project, Shoemaker Bridge replacement project, Pacific Avenue Cycle Track, and Beach Path to Seaside Way Connector. Many important connections to the LA River trail are also in the works to better connect residents from the Westside, Wrigley, and Bixby Knolls to downtown. Golden Shore two-way protected bikeway from the LA River Trail southern terminus to Ocean Blvd. is an example of the type of bicycle network connectivity projects that the City is working to expand.

The Golden Shore Marine Biological Reserve Park is located south of the original shoreline of Long Beach. Originally beach area and part of Palm Beach Park, the shoreline was stabilized with rock, and a boat launching ramp and parking lot was created in the early 1950's.

In 1997, using funding from the Land & Water Conservation Fund, construction began to convert the launch ramp and parking lot into 6.4 acres of inter tidal and sub tidal wetlands habitat as mitigation for the conversion of 20 acres of Shoreline Park into the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Rainbow Harbor commercial/recreation attraction. The Golden Shore Marine Biological Reserve was mitigation for the impact on the salt-water lagoon that was converted to Rainbow Harbor recreational boating area. Interpretative signage and viewing scopes were added in 2008 with a California State San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant.

CONSIDERATIONS

How did it feel to get here vs. other areas of the City? Did you see any bikers/ pedestrians? If not, why do you think that is?

STOP 2 - LIGHTHOUSE (AQUARIUM)

ShoreLine Aquatic Park is the park area between Long Beach Arena and Downtown Shoreline Marina. It is a wide open green area that is used for picnics and special events. The National Park Service approved an exchange of a half-acre of restricted land, between the Aquarium of the Pacific and its parking lot with one acre of unrestricted land adjacent to the PE ROW. The purchase of replacement site is complete. The Aquarium of the Pacific created a classroom, a watershed exhibit, and an animal husbandry center.

Across the water is the iconic Queen Mary! The re-opening of the Queen Mary, and new discussion around future development, including a potential new waterfront amphitheater, will reestablish the Queen Mary and the Shoreline waterfront as a premier entertainment destination for visitors and residents alike. Special events, including the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach and renowned popular music festivals like Insomniac's Day Trip and Coastal Country Jam, further highlight the Shoreline Waterfront and the Queen Mary as a place that all of Southern California comes to enjoy. To create a more accessible Queen Mary, multi-modal connections to Catalina Landing via Magnolia Avenue/Golden Shore and to the Queen Mary and the future music and events venue are being considered.

CONSIDERATIONS

Do you come to this park often to enjoy the Waterfront? Why or why not? What would encourage you to come here more often?

STOP 3 - RESTAURANTS ON SHORELINE

The Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center is an economic engine for the City, bringing over 1 Million people for conventions, meetings, and events each year, generating over $32 Million in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) through related hotel stays. In addition to hotel stays, these visitors support the many restaurants and retail locations along Shoreline which strengthens the area's position as a premier entertainment destination while also providing unique amenities for local residents to enjoy.

Creating more access to the commercial areas of shoreline is a priority. The Shoreline Realignment Project will allow for the creation of additional parking along the south side of Shoreline Drive and improved bike connections from Pine Ave and Shoreline Drive to the Beach Path entrance at the other side of Marina Green Park.

CONSIDERATIONS

How often do you visit the restaurants on Shoreline Drive? Do they feel accessible? What about if you biked or walked here, would you feel safe? What other types of uses would you like to see here?

STOP 4 - MARINA LOOKOUT

The Shoreline (Downtown) Marina opened in 1982 and features 1,624 slips for recreational boaters. The facilities at Shoreline Marina include: boat slips ranging from 25' to 90'; side tie dock space to 160'; on-site restricted boater parking; maiLong Beachoxes for live aboard boaters; showers and restrooms; pump out stations; lockable dock boxes; security access to gangways; courtesy dock phones; on-site washers and dryers; fuel dock services; fee-based wi-fi services; on-site oil recycling; and 24-hour security patrols.

CONSIDERATIONS

How often do you visit the marina?

Why do you visit (or why would you visit)?

What do you think the role of marinas will be in 2050?

STOP 5 - ALAMITOS BEACH CONCESSION

Over the past 15 years, the City has invested in its waterfront and has prioritized the build-out of high quality public and recreational spaces, including the development of the separated beach pedestrian path, new sports courts along the beach, rebuilt restrooms, public docks, and its marinas, and has rehabilitated its concession stands along the waterfront. Alamitos Beach Concession Stand is the flagship concession stand built to celebrate the downtown waterfront, to allow the public to enjoy views, and to provide a more diverse set of food options than historic concessions. Pricing and affordability was a priority!

Across the way sits Marina Green Park, a 9.4 -acre park that overlooks Shoreline Aquatic Park and has views of Alamitos Beach and Shoreline Marina. The park is a popular site for large special events permitted by the Long Beach Office of Special Events and Filming. From the beach to Linden Ave is approximately 3 acres and can accommodate 1,000 to 2,000 people depending upon the set up. From Linden Avenue to Shoreline Village Drive approximately 8,000 to 10,000 people can gather in the six acres depending upon set up.

CONSIDERATIONS

How often do you visit Alamitos Beach and why? How could Alamitos Beach be linked to Downtown Shoreline? What opportunities would linking these areas create? How often do you visit Marina Green and why?

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