

Salinas Malecon - Future Planning

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This article provides some information regarding Future Planning for the Malecon, plus views on the pier currently under construction. Ed Farkas was involved in the original planning of both of these important projects for the area:

We have been involved with different city and provincial committees, and have met with the Mayor Elect and the current Prefect. At a high level, the projects planned for San Lorenzo/Salinas are as follows:

- Removal of debris
- Repair of retaining wall
- Rebuilding and widening of Malecon Avenue, inclusive of subsurface utilities
- Recovery of beach, via [Geotubes](#) and hydraulic fill
- Construction of public toilet facilities
- Building of a park and area for vendors
- Rehabilitation of connecting stairway between San Lorenzo and Chipipe

The Independent Commission that developed the plans for the above was not in favor of the location for the pier in front of the Capitanía (Office of the Coast Guard, Port of Salinas), for multiple reasons:

- It would complicate a number of the above projects and increase their costs
- If the pier were to be done first, parts would have to be demolished to address some of the above projects, and rebuilt a second time.
- It would block the view of the public at ground level
- It would be used during holidays in ways that could create public safety issues

In addition to the Commission (which has participation of the city's Public Works, Planning and Environmental Affairs, Tourism, Community Affairs,

Law Departments), it also had input from the Navy and the University that conducted related studies.

At a public hearing approximately three years previously, the community was also opposed to the current location, and about a year ago the Mayor had a survey conducted. The survey results were consistent with the public hearing and the Independent Commission. On all three occasions there was clear opposition to building the pier in front of the Capitania, for one, some or all of the above reasons.