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South San Francisco: Rising to the Challenge of Sea Level Rise

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Why It Matters:

Projected Flooding Risks:

- 24 inches of sea level rise combined with a 5-year storm surge threatens critical infrastructure, including:
 - US-101, Caltrain, and SamTrans
 - San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
 - SSF-SB Water Quality Control Plant
 - Local residences and businesses
- The Colma and San Bruno Creek outlets, located at a
 potential defensible cove within the San Francisco Bay,
 provide a unique opportunity to explore innovative flood
 protection strategies.

What We'll Accomplish:

- Coastal Flood Protection Alternatives
- Explore green infrastructure (e.g., horizontal levees) and gray solutions (e.g., flood walls).
- Design **sustainable systems** with minimal environmental impact.

Community-Driven Solutions

- Conduct extensive outreach with local residents, environmental groups, and partner agencies (e.g., Caltrans, SamTrans, OneShoreline, SFO).
- Evaluate potential solutions based on technical feasibility, cost, environmental impact, and community support.

▼ Future Resilience

- Develop a preferred alternative with conceptual designs and cost estimates.
- Establish a foundation for streamlined permitting, funding, and implementation.

The Vision:

A creative and sustainable solution to sea level rise challenges that:

- Protects critical infrastructure.
- Balances green and gray approaches for lasting impact.
- **Builds resilience**, preparing for scenarios like 36 inches of sea level rise by 2100.

Next Steps:

Feasibility Phase Completion: Expected December 2026



We've secured two major grants to protect our city!

- Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant: \$997,500
- California Ocean Protection Council SB-1 Grant: \$262,500

These funds will support a Feasibility
Study to develop sustainable solutions
for coastal flooding and sea level rise
near Colma Creek and San Bruno
Creek outfalls.

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Together, we can shape a resilient, thriving coastline for South San Francisco. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to participate in the community workshops.