



CAMP Meeting - Walls City of Livermore

December 5, 2016 – This presentation was revised after meeting.



Agenda

- The Not So Great Walls in Livermore
 - Why do we have walls?
 - Why do walls fail?
 - What type of walls do we have?
 - How much walls do we have?
 - Where are they?
 - What kind of shape are they in?
 - What will it take to repair and replace them?
- Discussions
 - Public vs. private benefits
 - Wall repair vs. replacement
 - Wall criticality methodology
 - Wall policy recommendations





Walls in Livermore





Why Do We Have Walls?

- "Built by developers"
 - Main public purpose \rightarrow aesthetics
 - Private benefits
 - Security
 - Privacy
 - Sound attenuation
 - Retaining





Causes of Wall Failure

- What causes a wall to fail?
 - Age / condition
 - Physical damage
 - Trees
 - Backfill
 - Drainage
 - Earthquakes





Wall Types / Materials









Wall Types / Materials

Slump Block



Wood







Other Considerations

- Stranded property (i.e., zig-zag walls)
- Compromised drainage
- Non-retaining vs. retaining





Wall Inventory

	Total Length				
Material	Feet	Miles			
Brick	6,135	1.2			
Concrete Block	86,983	16.5			
Concrete Panel	40,518	7.7			
Slump Block	20,921	4.0			
Steel	1,500	0.3			
Stone	1,830	0.3			
Veneer Stone	17,071	3.2			
Wood	9,630	1.8			
Total	184,588	35.0			





Wall Locations







Inventory and Assessment Process







Wall Data Attributes Collected

- Install Year (age)
- Location (street names, GPS)
- Length (estimated)
- Material (e.g., concrete, slumpstone, wood)
- Type (e.g., zig-zag, straight, scalloped)
- Height
- Distance from curb
- Proximity to sidewalk
- Condition

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- Paint (yes/no) \rightarrow If yes, condition
- Picture/video
- Approximate backfill
- Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) \rightarrow (yes/no)



Wall Database

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Concept of Failure

- What constitutes a failure?
 - Modes of failure
 - Mortality
 - Condition
 - Functionality
 - Aesthetics
 - Sound





Condition

• Condition Scale

Scale	Description
1	New or nearly new
2	Very good
3	Good
4	Poor or recommended replacement within near-term
5	Failed or nearing failure, needs immediate attention





Condition 5







Condition 4







Problematic Areas

• 841 wall fault locations





Poor Condition Summary

• Condition 4

Total Est. Length (ft)	Total Est. Length (mi)	Percent of Total Wall Length
20,060	3.8	11%

• Condition 5

Total Est. Length (ft)	Total Est. Length (mi)	Percent of Total Wall Length
3,490	0.7	2%





Initial Poor Condition Summary

• Condition 4 & 5







Average Wall Replacement Cost Estimates

Wall Type	Average Replacement Cost* (\$/LF)
Brick	\$ 700
Concrete Block	\$ 750
Concrete Panel	\$ 500
Slump Block	\$ 700
Steel	\$ 250
Stone-Short	\$ 400
Veneer Stone	\$ 700
Wood	\$ 100

* Replacement cost includes materials, removal, and installation. Does not include permits and/or increased cost for retaining walls.





Other Indirect Costs

- Other costs for consideration
 - Engineering / Design/ Project Management
 - Demolition and removal
 - Permit
 - Contractor overhead/profit
 - Contingency
 - Traffic control
 - General conditions





Estimated Cost to Replace

- Estimated cost to replace all walls: \$112 million
- Current poor condition walls:

Condition	Estimated Cost
Condition 4	\$10.2 million
Condition 5	\$2.4 million
Total	\$12.6 million

- Ave. budget needed for replacement: \$1.6 million/yr
- Ave. maintenance needs: \$0.4 million/yr





Discussions





Public vs. Private Benefits

- Public vs. private benefits
- Aesthetic concerns
- Community character





Replacement vs. Repair

- Walls recommended for replacement
 - Condition 4 and 5 walls
 - Areas of major damage in multiple places along the wall (e.g., bulging, leaning more than 2 degrees, major cracking)
- Walls recommended for rehabilitation/repair
 - Localized areas of damage
 - Can be fixed with repair or panel replacement





Initial Poor Condition Summary – Replacement Example

- Example: E Jack London Blvd (North) from Murrieta Blvd to Troy St
 - Summary: Bulging, leaning 2 degrees in several areas, multiple panels in need of full replacement, damage to pilasters and bottom course



Initial Poor Condition Summary – Repair Example

- Example: Portola Ave (North) from Yorkshire Dr to Royal Rd
 - Summary: Areas of bottom course damage can be repaired by mortar/grouting, specific areas of major and minor damage from resident-side trees,







Factors for Assessment of Criticality

- Risk
 - Probability of failure
 - Condition
 - Consequence of failure
 - Safety
 - High pedestrian areas (e.g., near schools, parks)
 - High visibility
 - City entry points (i.e., first quarter mile)
 - Road type (arterials \rightarrow collectors \rightarrow residential)





Criticality

Street Class	Street Class Weight Special C		Consequence of Failure
Arterial	High	City Entry Points	5
Arterial	High	High Pedestrian Area	5
Arterial	High	Retaining Wall	5
Arterial	High	General	4
Collector	Med	High Pedestrian Area	5
Collector	Med	Retaining Wall	5
Collector	Med	General	3
Local	Low	High Pedestrian Area	5
Local	Low	Retaining Wall	5
Local	Low	General	2
Other	Low	General	1



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Life Cycle Management Strategies

Wall Type	Useful Life (Years)	Rehab Frequency (Years)	Rehab Cost
Brick	70	15	Allocate 5% to address localized damages (e.g., paint, grouting, graffiti removal)
Concrete Blocks	70		
Concrete Panels	80		
Slump Block	70		
Steel	50		
Stone-Short	80		
Veneer Stone	80		
Wood	20	10	Allocate 10% for paint





Policy Considerations

- Finding additional budget
 - Citywide infrastructure district
 - Parcel tax
- Non-asset solution
 - Get rid of it, knock it down
 - Replace it \rightarrow give it to property owners
 - Share the cost (City and property owners)
 - Share the cost \rightarrow give it to property owners
 - Wall reimbursement (owner pays) \rightarrow give it to property owners
 - Replace wall with landscaping
- Design standards
 - City mandated design?
- No new City walls









