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NPS Seeks Public Involvement on Ballast View Rest Area Rehabilitation Project

SAN DIEGO – The National Park Service (NPS), at Cabrillo National Monument (Monument), plans to improve the Ballast View Rest Area (Rest Area), a site near the Visitor Center. Cabrillo National Monument is located at the southern tip of the Point Loma Peninsula, in San Diego, California. The Rest Area provides views of Ballast Point, where Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo’s expedition dropped anchor in 1542, becoming the first European expedition to sail to what is now California.

This project will provide expanded accessibility for all people to the Rest Area and create an enhanced space for interpretive programs and demonstrations. The project will rehabilitate the Rest Area located behind the Cabrillo National Monument Visitor Center auditorium to improve accessibility for visitors with mobility impairments and create a space for universal access and experience. This project has a unique opportunity to provide expanded accessibility for all people to the Monument through historic interpretive programs, educational demonstrations, and presentations.

Physical improvements include accessible routes to and from the parking lot to the Rest Area and the Visitor Center, introducing tiered group seating and a pergola style wood shade structure over the viewing area. Programmatic improvements include improving and expanding the park’s interpretive programs and demonstrations by providing a formal outdoor seating area for park visitors. Designs include retaining historic Mission 66 landscape features of this area in tandem with the Visitor Center features.

Information on these facility improvements is available on the park website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cabrballast>. The public may comment on this proposal during a 30-day comment period ending March 21, 2020.

Comments may be submitted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cabrballast>, or mailed to the park at the following address:

Office of the Superintendent
Cabrillo National Monument
1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive
ATTN: Ballast View Improvements

Comments submitted to the website or by mail are welcome at any time; however, they should be received no later than March 21, 2020.

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