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## ***PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE SW-166-2026***

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Southwest District, has received a proposal from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with plans for the modification of a bridge across a navigable waterway of the United States. A Coast Guard Bridge Permit application has not yet been submitted but would be required for this project.

**BRIDGE NAME, WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** The Coronado bridge, mile 8.0, across San Diego Bay between the cities of San Diego and Coronado, San Diego County, California.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The in-water bridge foundations will be rehabilitated and the existing pier protection modified. Caltrans has completed a vulnerability assessment and has determined fender modification is needed to be in compliance with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials standards.

The current pier protection at piers 18, 19 and 20 will be modified by either installing pile cap dolphins or cofferdam dolphins upstream and downstream of the existing fenders. The proposed two alternative modified pier protection systems would reduce horizontal clearance in span 18-19 and 19-20. The proposed project will not affect the existing vertical clearances of the bridge.

### **HORIZONTAL NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

<b>Span</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed (Cofferdam Dolphins)</b>	<b>Proposed (Pile Cap Dolphins)</b>
18-19	600'	525'	510'
19-20	600'	525'	510'

### **VERTICAL NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES**

<b>Spans</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
18-19 and 19-20	No Change

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to comment on navigational access and safety issues associated with the reduction in horizontal clearance in the spans of the bridge.

Vessel owners and operators in the project vicinity are requested to provide information about their vessels including type of vessel, length overall, draft, beam, and height from the waterline to the highest fixed point and to appurtenant structures (e.g. tuna towers, flying bridges, fixed antennas and radar units). Also provide the frequency of passage under the proposed bridge (i.e. number of times per month).

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the address in the header or via email [D11Bridges@uscg.mil](mailto:D11Bridges@uscg.mil) through February 26, 2026.

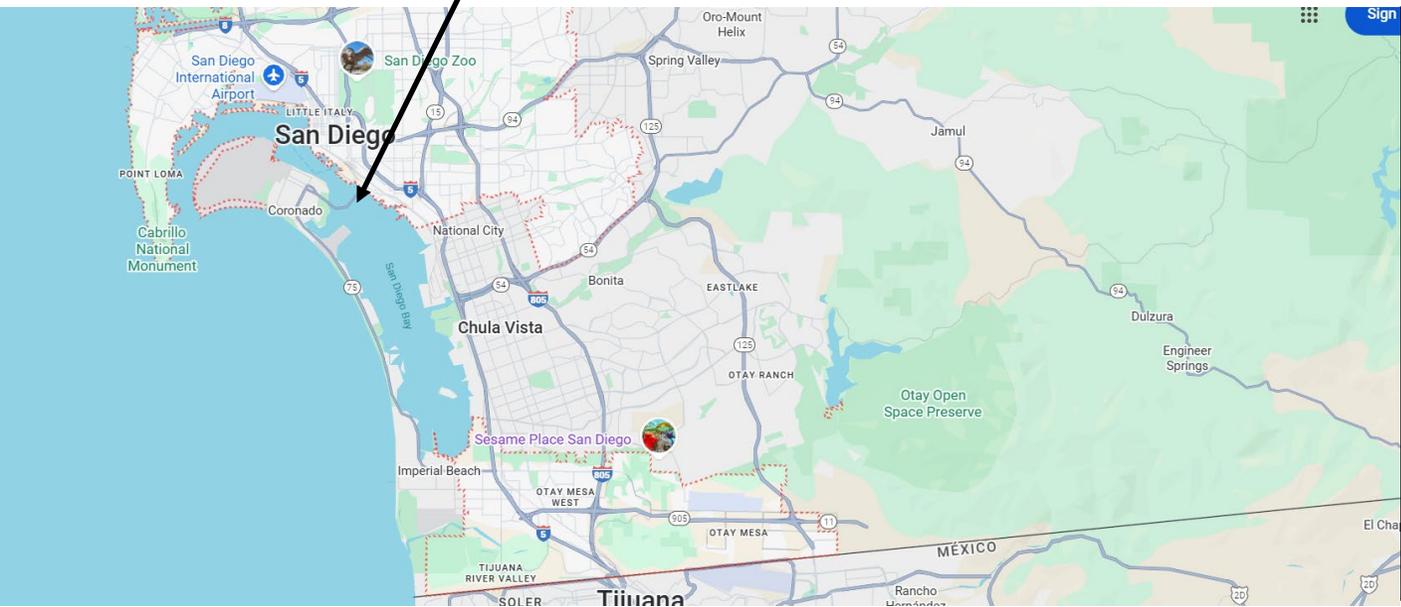
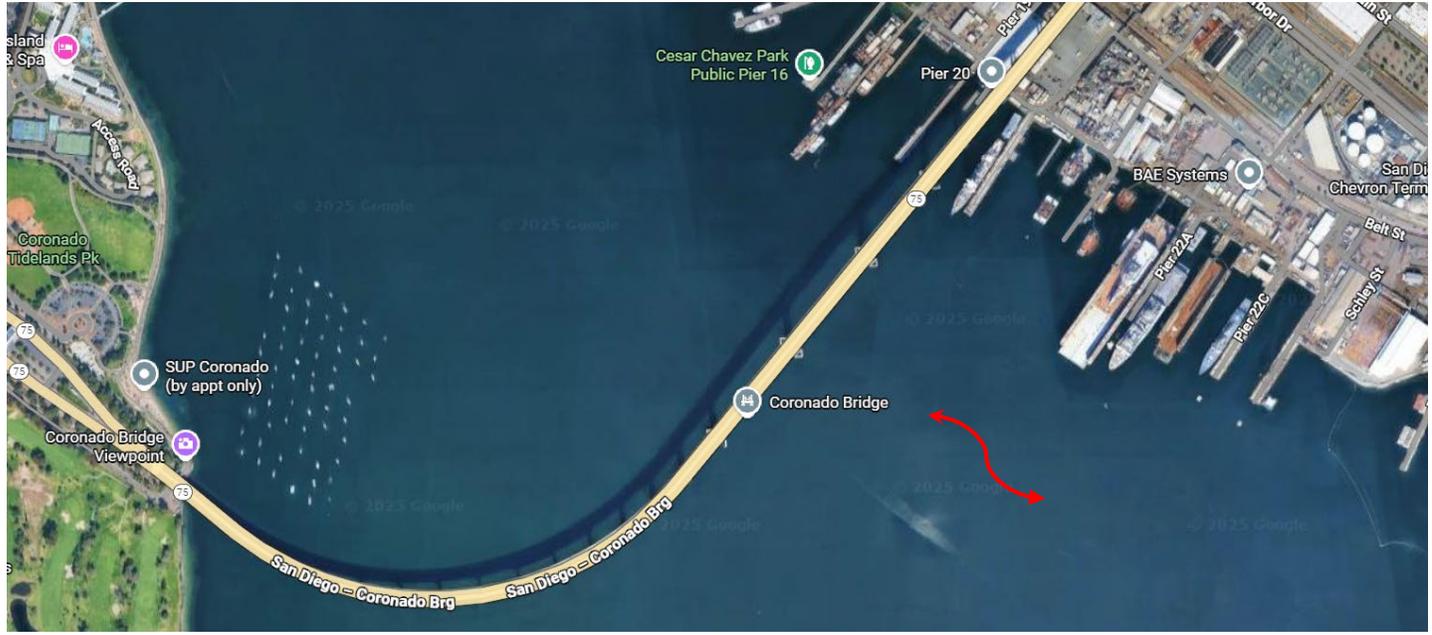
Map of location and plans attached.

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By direction of the District Commander

# San Diego Bay



# Coronado Bridge



**Location and Vicinity**

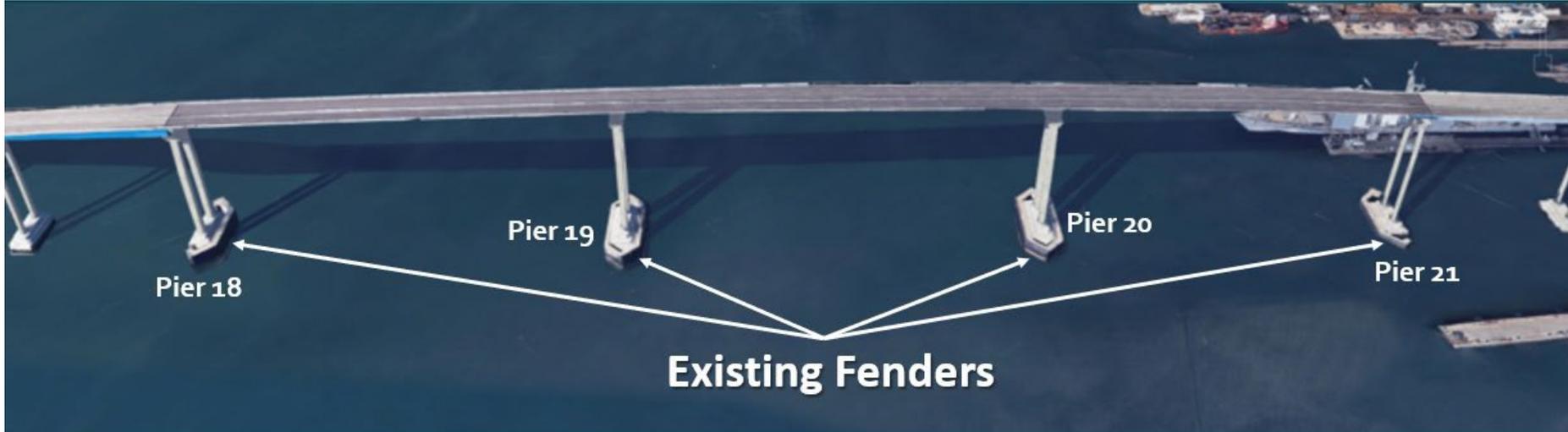
**Proposed Pier Protection Modification**

**Coronado Bridge**  
**Mile 8.0, San Diego Bay**

**Between the Cities of San Diego and Coronado, San Diego County, California**

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# Existing Pier Protection



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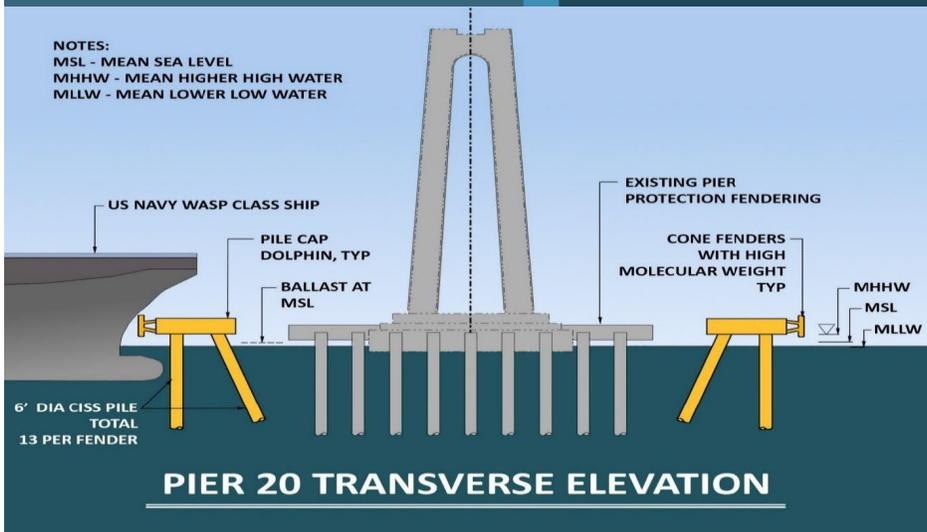
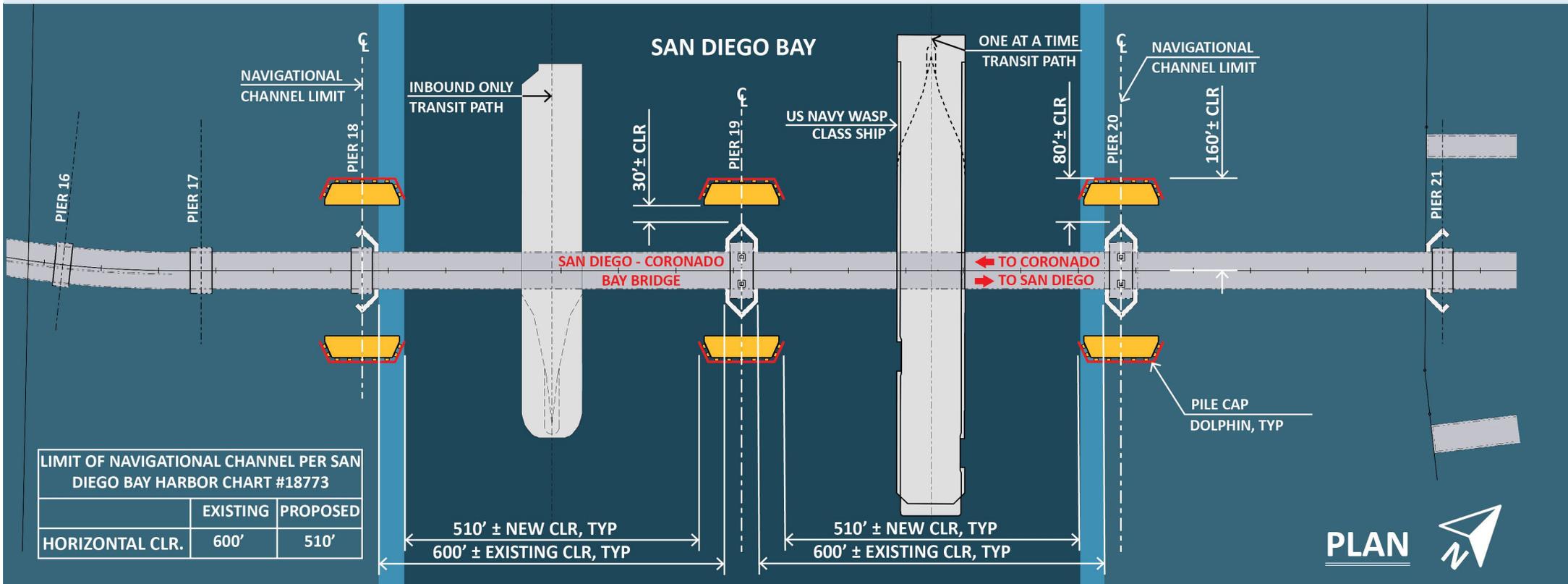
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# Alternative 1 – Pile Cap Dolphins



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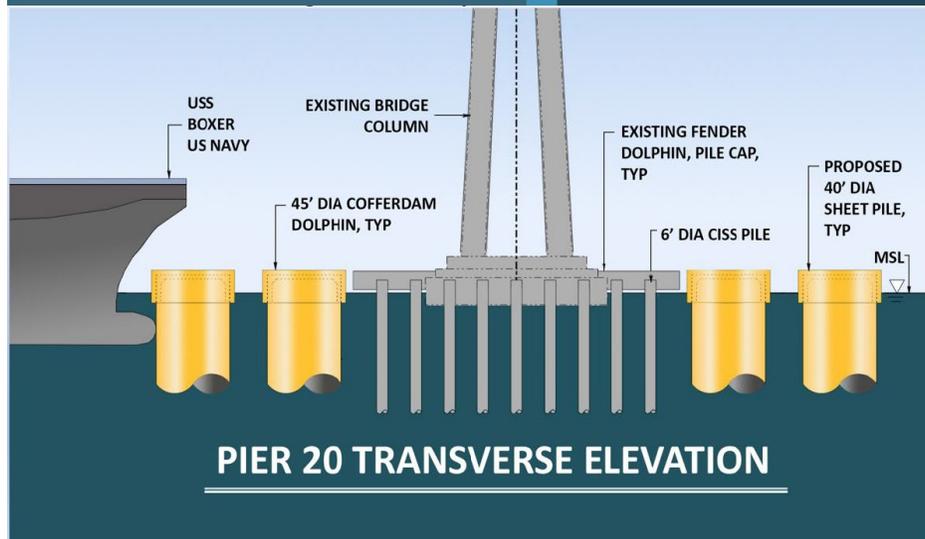
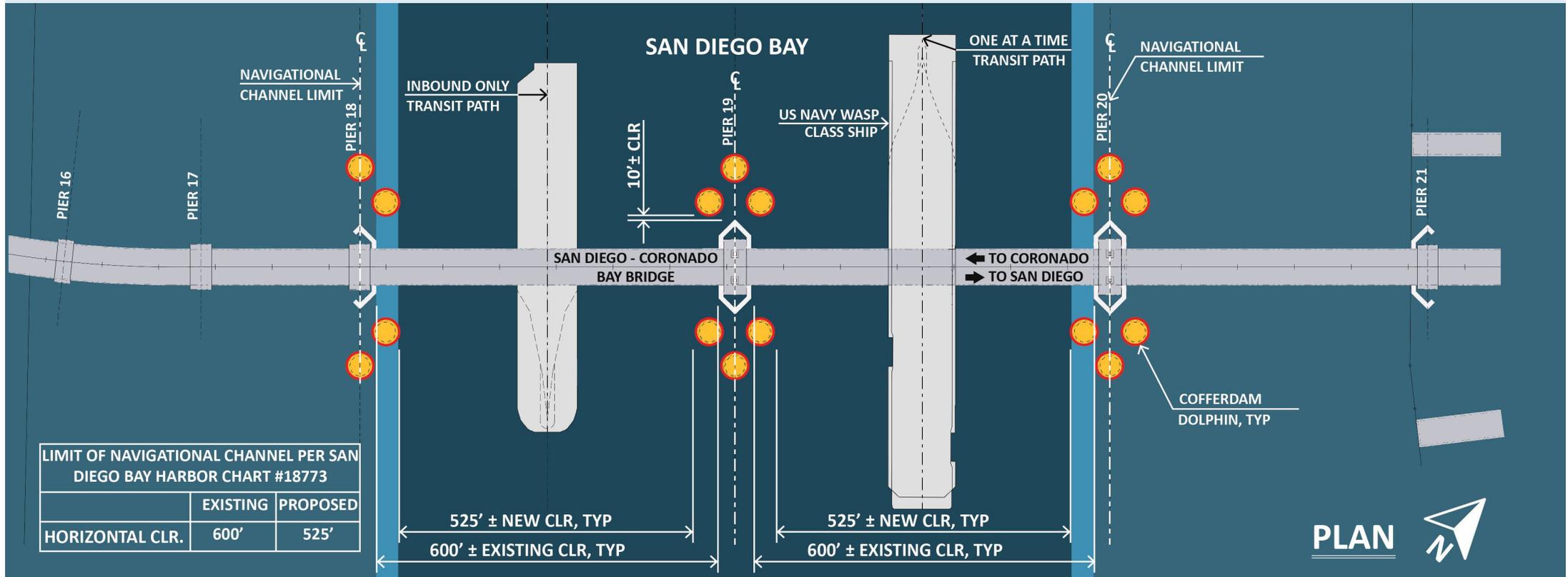
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# Alternative 2 – Cofferdam Dolphins



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