

The oval-shaped park is a significant new addition to San Diego's stock of urban parks. The park expands gently into the water, creating a belvedere overlooking the bay, and nudges North Harbor Drive to the east. It is a landscaped public open space, accommodating recreational activities on a daily basis or large public gatherings. The park includes a central plaza punctuated by a landmark element such as a fountain or sculpture, orienting visitors and drawing attention to this important public precinct.

Broadway Landing Park is approximately two city blocks in size, considerably larger than any of the parks in downtown. Because of its one-sided configuration, with buildings only to the east, the scale of the bay gives the space an expansive feeling larger than its actual size, much as in Baltimore's Inner Harbor or the harbor in Barcelona. The park is located on the west side of North Harbor Drive and is not divided by any streets. The oval-shaped park does not affect significantly the berthing of large ships, and it does not disrupt the traffic patterns on North Harbor Drive or Broadway.



Broadway Paseo

On rare occasions, a drive at the western perimeter of the park could provide limited vehicular access to Broadway Pier to serve visiting ships. Vehicular access to the drive would be highly controlled, and parking, queuing, or staging activities on the drive would be prohibited. The drop-off and pick-up of passengers by buses, taxis, and private vehicles would occur on Broadway Pier itself.

Broadway Paseo

The Visionary Plan recognizes Broadway as a grand civic street. Between Santa Fe Depot (and its transit hub) and the bay, it establishes a wide paseo, lined with trees, that invites pedestrians to stroll to the bay, or uptown (from the bay). The paseo enhances the connection between land-based transit and water-side transportation facilities like the harbor excursion ferries and the cruise ship terminal.

At the portion nearest North Harbor Drive, the street widens, creating a plaza on both sides of Broadway and a grand gesture, and window, to the bay. The plaza, in turn, serves as a “portal” to downtown for those travelling along the bayfront.

Public Boat and Ferry/Harbor Cruise Dock

As in the County Terrace, a public floating dock lines the water’s edge along the bulkhead of the Esplanade. This pier provides public docking for pleasure boaters and other small craft. The main ferry landing for bay cruises and harbor excursions is also located at this critical juncture between land and sea-going visitors. The various ferry and harbor cruise operations should be consolidated into an attractive new facility.