

From: [Wayne Strickland](#)
To: California.Transportation.Commission@CATC
Subject: Vertical cantilevered net
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026 9:47:04 AM

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Please get this done as quickly as possible and do the vertical cantilevered net before doing the work underneath the bridge. Preventing suicide lives, before extending maintenance platforms should be priority.

Thank you,

Wayne Strickland,

San Diego-Coronado Bridge Suicide Prevention (Facebook Group)

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From: [julianne wallace](#)
To: [California Transportation Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)
Subject: The meeting on the bridge barriers
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Good morning, I am Julianne wallace .

Tomorrow August 22 will Mark 11 years that my husband jumped off the Coronado bridge landing in the water and crushing every bone in his body and puncturing all his organs. It also is my son's birthday so that day is full of emotion.

I'm just here to tell you, the grief that goes with the decision to jump off the Coronado Bay Bridge is excruciating to all of the family ,nieces, nephews aunts uncles mom's dad's . For me, grandchildren that will never see their grandfather and personally wives like myself

We were married 30 years.

And I was looking forward to many more.

Our relationship was amazing and the experiences we had with our family and our kids were amazing. Those memories will never ever disappear.

My husband's mental state the last five months of his life was challenging. I believe he could've walked through this sad emotional time without that decision.

Unfortunately, the bridge was just a magnet for him to resolve his frustration, sadness & agony in his brain.

I'm going to tell you that if there were barriers that wouldn't have been an option for my husband !

you see every day every other day he would eat at Lost Quattro milpas. Some of you probably know what that is ... a Mexican restaurant underneath the bridge he would see the bridge each time he ate there and I think in his mind he somehow went to that very very dark place that he saw it as an option

If those barriers had been there it would not have been an option

so I don't know how many more people you need to come to tell you but I'm pretty sure 500 plus family & friends can come to you and tell you how much agony and grief has been left because of that decision so build it & get it done ASAP

if we can save one person life it's worth it.

It's worth it.

It's definitely worth it

when the corner came to my house and knocked on my door and said is this your husband

he's just jumped off the bridge.

My scream could be heard for Miles because of the pain and the agony of what happened

Get it done.....

God bless you for embracing this project, and God bless all the people that are going to be saved from the the agony all around

Make it not an option for them.
God bless you.
Julianne wallace
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stephanie Oquendo](#)
To: [California Transportation Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)
Subject: Support of Coronado Bridge Suicide Deterrent Barriers
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On behalf of the San Diego Suicide Prevention Council and Priorities Populations Subcommittee we fully support the construction of the suicide prevention deterrent.

This one effort can bring us one step closer to Zero Suicides in San Diego.

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From: [Adrian Carstens](#)
To: [California Transportation Commission@CATC](mailto:California.Transportation.Commission@CATC)
Subject: Public Comment on SD-Coronado Suicide Deterrent Project
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Chair and Commissioners,

My name is Adrian Carstens, and I am speaking both as a concerned member of the public and as Co-Chair of the Means Reduction Subcommittee of the San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council.

I respectfully urge the California Transportation Commission to support and advance the installation of a permanent physical suicide deterrent system on the San Diego-Coronado Bridge.

For decades, the Coronado Bridge has been one of California's most lethal suicide locations. Caltrans has reported that approximately 400 deaths by suicide have occurred from the bridge since its opening in 1969 and has identified it as the second most frequently used bridge for suicide in California, after the Golden Gate Bridge. According to San Diego County Medical Examiner data cited by Caltrans, there were 18 fatalities in 2017, 17 in 2018, and 15 in 2019 alone. [\[dot.ca.gov\]](https://dot.ca.gov)

More recent peer-reviewed research from UC San Diego found that more than 473 suicides have occurred from the bridge since it opened. The study analyzed incidents between 1997 and 2024 and found that 91% of people who jumped from the bridge died. Researchers also concluded that the interim bird-spike deterrent system installed in 2019 did not significantly reduce suicides, further demonstrating the need for a comprehensive physical barrier. [\[pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov\]](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

The evidence supporting physical barriers is substantial and consistent. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention identifies physical barriers as the most effective method for preventing suicides at bridges and other elevated structures because they interrupt impulsive actions and create opportunities for intervention and connection to care. [\[afsp.org\]](https://afsp.org)

Recent data from the Golden Gate Bridge demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach. Following the installation of suicide prevention nets, researchers found a 73% reduction in

suicides at the site compared with pre-installation levels. The study concluded that the barriers were associated with an immediate and substantial reduction in deaths.

[\[injuryprev...on.bmj.com\]](https://injuryprev...on.bmj.com)

This project is about more than infrastructure. It is about saving lives through an evidence-based safety intervention. Every prevented death represents a person who may go on to receive treatment, recover from a suicidal crisis, and continue living a meaningful life. It also reduces traumatic impacts on families, witnesses, emergency responders, law enforcement personnel, and transportation operations.

As transportation leaders, you have an opportunity to support a proven safety measure at a location that has experienced hundreds of preventable deaths. I respectfully ask the Commission to continue supporting the timely implementation of a permanent physical suicide deterrent system on the San Diego-Coronado Bridge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adrian Carstens | Director of Client Services | 211 San Diego

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Hello,

The message below is for public comment on the SD-Coronado Bay Bridge Suicide Deterrent Project, thank you!

My name is Jessie and I am a Licensed Therapist with experience working in San Diego County with high acuity individuals in mental health crises. I am also a member of CHIP's San Diego Suicide Prevention Council, where our mission is to prevent suicide and its devastating consequences in San Diego County.

I am submitting this comment today to express my full support for the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Suicide Deterrent Project and to urge the fastest possible implementation of this life-saving infrastructure. For decades, the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge has been an iconic landmark, but it has also tragically become a place of profound loss and tragedy - an estimated 400+ deaths have occurred here since its opening in 1969. Installing a proven suicide deterrent is a long-overdue and essential public safety measure.

I strongly support and urge the continued focus on rapid implementation for two main reasons. First and foremost, as we delay this project, it could carry the cost of another human life and suffering of many individuals who would be impacted. Beyond the immense tragedy we could mitigate, this would also minimize bridge closure and disruption of traffic due to the standard procedure being to shut it down; leading to people being stuck for hours, or using a 23-mile detour.

The Golden Gate Bridge and the Aurora Bridge in Seattle have both repeatedly proven that physical deterrents on bridges work to mitigate risk of suicide via jumping, by blocking immediate access and interrupting impulsive behaviors. Research has shown that suicide attempts are often brief and impulsive, hence why physical barriers can provide the critical time for intervention. Studies also show that most individuals prevented from a lethal attempt do not later die by suicide, thus proving that reducing access to means will save lives.

I urge the decision makers to expedite all remaining environmental reviews, design phases, and/or construction approvals as necessary and possible. Please keep speed and efficacy at the forefront of every decision to bring this system online as

quickly as possible - to help reduce the overall number of suicides in San Diego.

Thank you for your dedication to protecting our community and prioritizing public safety on the Coronado Bridge!

Best,

Jessie Allendorf (Moody), MS, LPCC

Licensed Therapist

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