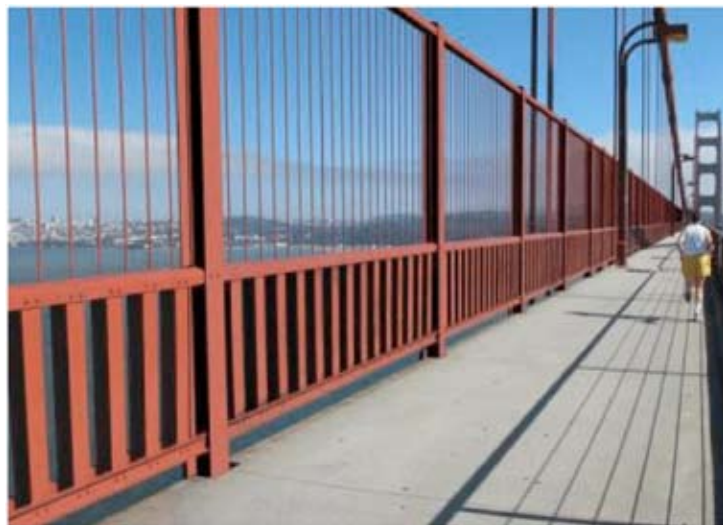




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Raise the Rail—Stop the Suicides
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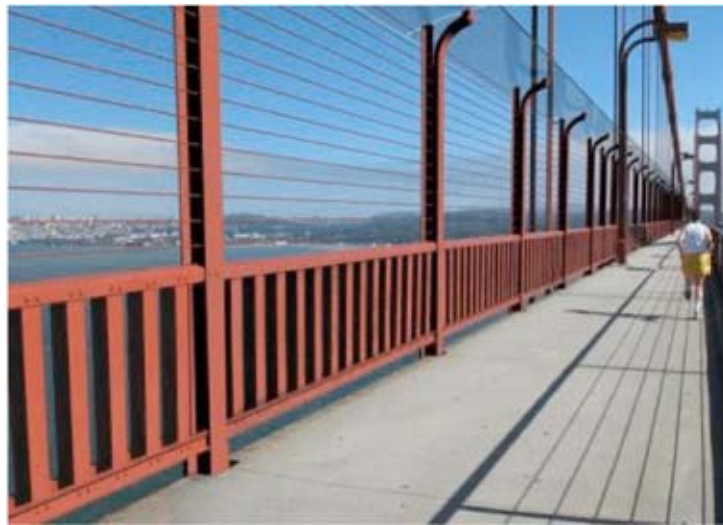


Photos here represent five options the Golden Gate Bridge is considering to deter suicides. There is also a sixth option--do nothing and allow the suicides to continue at a rate of 24 per year. We are asking supporters to express a preference among the five proposals that will actually stop the suicides.

Alternative 1A--Add-on Vertical System

This version of a suicide deterrent is a 12 foot tall fence using the existing railing and adding an 8 foot section of vertical steel rods. Each rod is 1/2" in diameter and spaced to allow a 6-inch open space between the rods. A transparent panel replaces the steel rods at the belvederes and towers

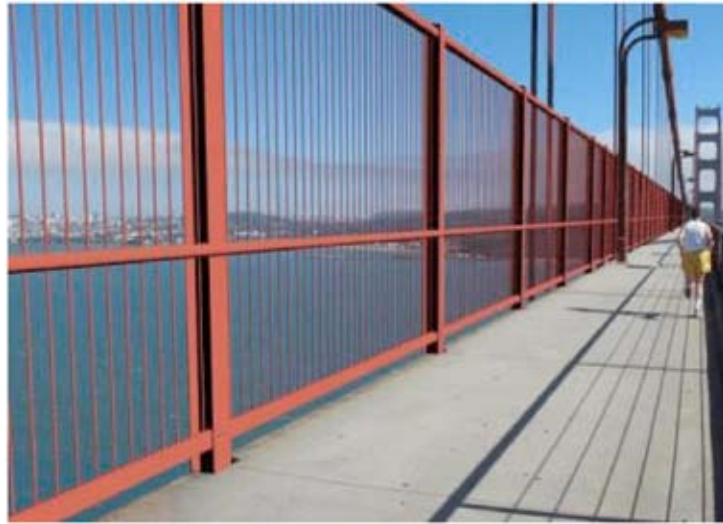
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Alternative 1B--Add-on Horizontal System

This approach is an additional 8-foot horizontal fence built on top of the existing 4-foot railing. It also features a winglet on top to impede climbing and improve aerodynamics. Cables are set to allow 5 5/8" of open space between each cable. A transparent panel replaces the cables at the belvederes and towers.

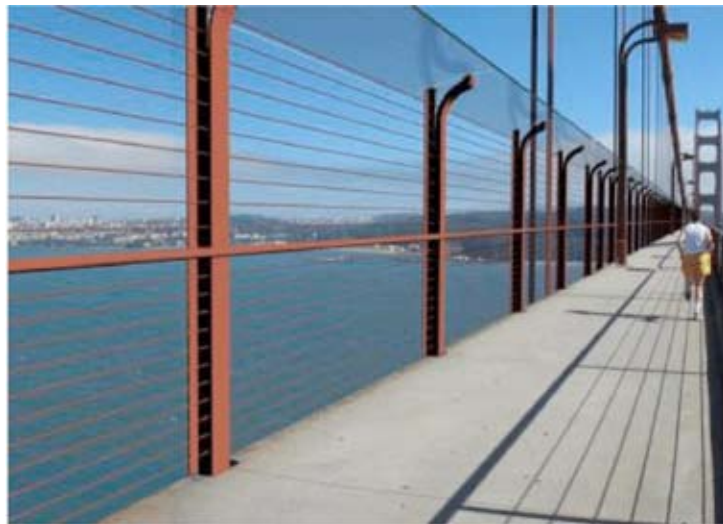
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Alternative 2A--All New Vertical System

This proposal replaces the existing short railing with a 12-foot tall system of vertical steel rods. Each rod is 1/2" in diameter and spaced to allow a 4-inch open space between the rods. A transparent panel replaces the steel rods at the belvederes and towers.

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Alternative 2B--All New Horizontal System

This alternative features horizontal steel cables on a new 10-foot tall system with the addition of a winglet at the top to impede climbing and improve aerodynamics. Cables are spaced 4.4 inches apart on the lower portion of the system and 6 inches apart on the upper portion. A transparent panel replaces the cables at the belvederes and towers

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Alternative 3--Add a Netting System

This proposal adds a netting system 20 feet below the sidewalk to catch individuals who have jumped. It would extend 20 feet from the bridge and be composed of a coated and painted stainless steel cable net held in place by stainless steel rods and cable. A specially equipped truck would lower trained bridge staff into the net to retrieve individuals in the netting.

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