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The Cup: It's a good deal for the port

[San Francisco](#)'s offer to the America's Cup organizers of lease and development rights on piers used for the race is a winner for the city and the waterfront. In return for these rights, private funds would be used to rebuild the infrastructure. The Port of San Francisco needs \$2 billion to renovate its aging piers, money it doesn't have. Some piers already are red-tagged, and others will be as their infrastructure deteriorates. For the port, this means triage—deciding which it can afford to save and abandoning the rest.

The America's Cup won't solve this completely, but will make a big dent. The arrangement would save the city a \$100 million-plus construction bill and Piers 30/32 and 50. It also lets the port redeploy its limited funds to preserve other piers.

The city followed a similar model to develop AT&T Park. Developing these piers with private funds not only will help bring the race and \$1.4 billion in economic activity to San Francisco, but it also will help preserve the city's maritime heritage and support the redevelopment of the waterfront as a vital part of its commercial and recreational future.

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