

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE SEATTLE AQUARIUM AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT

July 18, 2018

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC ASSETS AND NATIVE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

TODAY'S AGENDA



- City and Aquarium partnership
- Background
- Overview of proposed MOU
- Timeline

CITY AND AQUARIUM PARTNERSHIP GOALS



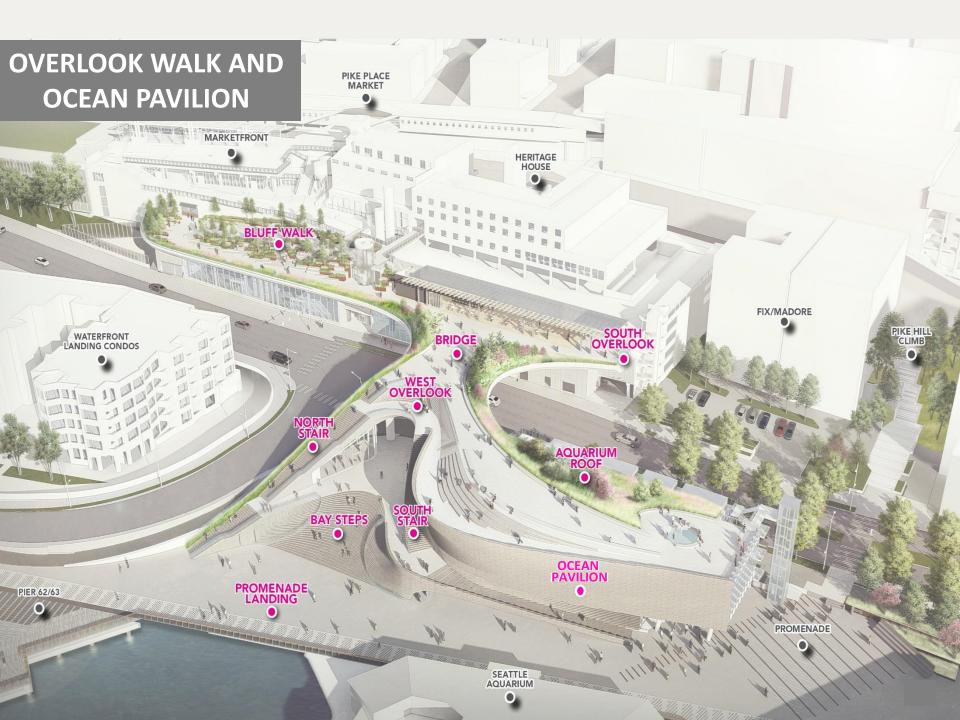
- Collaborative design complementing the overall Waterfront Seattle vision
- Aligned design schedules to maximize opportunities for meaningful coordination
- Collaboration to support seamless design of the pedestrian realm
- Increased vibrancy of public spaces
- Commitment to cost-effectiveness, with rigorous cost-control management

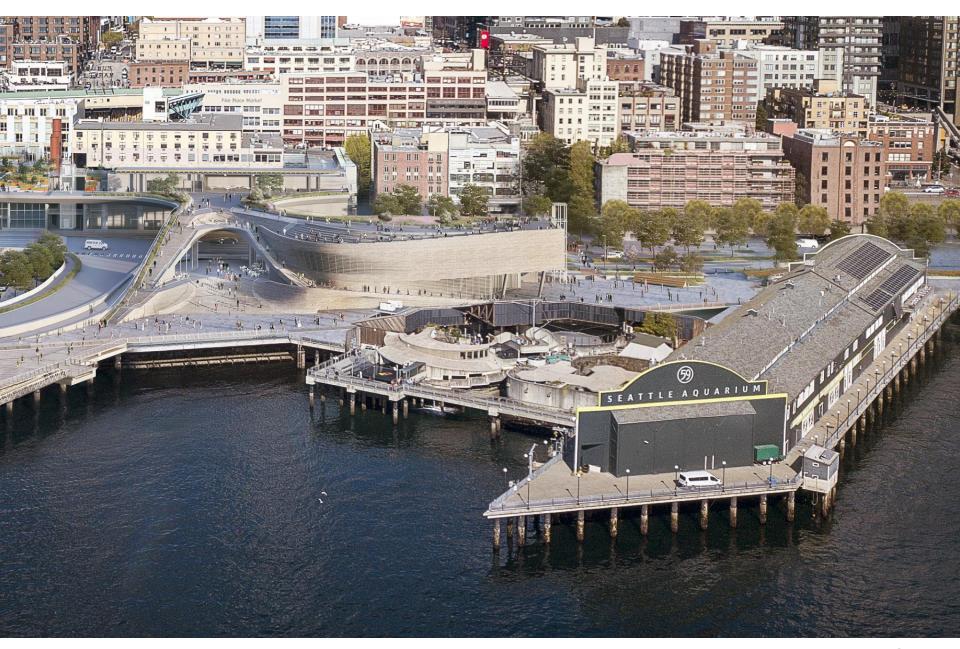


BACKGROUND



Year	Action	Purpose
2008	Resolution 31080	 States all future phases of Aquarium development should be consistent with Central Waterfront Master Plan Acknowledges City resources required for future Aquarium development
2009	Ordinance 123205	 Authorizes transition of Aquarium operations and maintenance from Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) to Seattle Aquarium Society (SEAS)
2012	Resolution 31399	Encourages partnerships with Pike Place Market and Aquarium to integrate expansions into Waterfront Concept Design
2013	Ordinance 124121	Authorized execution of MOU to guide renovation and expansion of Seattle Aquarium between City and SEAS
2015	Ordinance 124908	 Amended MOU to increase City spending cap from \$1 million to \$1.8 million
2015	Resolution 31603	Approved SEAS Master Plan and potential on-land Aquarium expansion
2017	Ordinance 125422	Amended MOU to support Aquarium advancement of Ocean Pavilion through schematic design









OVERVIEW OF MOU



- Reaffirms role of Ocean Pavilion as key element of Waterfront Seattle vision
- Replaces previous outdated MOUs
- Increases the maximum funding authorized for design to \$4.7M
 - 50% match reimbursement remains
- Funding includes design funds for waterfront-related elements:
 - Rooftop public open space
 - Public elevator and stairs from rooftop to street-level
 - Stairs along west side of Ocean Pavilion
- Requires a comprehensive financial plan
- Continues commitments to close coordination and collaboration

TIMELINE



2018

- Advance Ocean Pavilion environmental review
- Start design development (post 30%) both projects
- Onboard General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM)

2019

- Design development (both projects)
- PDA submitted for Council consideration

