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#### Seattle's waterfront park comes into focus

The basic outlines of the ambitious park, really four big parks connected by a promenade, are now emerging. There are very sensible design decisions being made, but can the city pull off such a spectacular plan?

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After all the battles over the Viaduct and the deepbore tunnel, are we going to manage to create a splendid waterfront park for Seattle? The desire is there, and the setting is certainly spectacular. But it won't be easy, particularly given Seattle's way of building and bungling major projects.

It's now possible to get a better idea of what might happen. After the successful vote for the tunnel last month, the guardedness has been relaxed. Additionally, more details are being filled in, so the design is moving from a generic 26-block esplanade into something far more tailored to the conditions of the spaces. What follows are some of the things I learned from tagging along on a tour put together by the Seattle Parks Foundation and guided by the two principal city officials in charge, city planner Marshall Foster and



City of Seattle/James Corner Field Operations



#### "WATERFRONT FOR ALL"



- Create a Waterfront for All
- Put the Shoreline and Innovative, Sustainable Design at the Forefront
- 3. Reconnect the City to its Waterfront
- 4. Embrace and Celebrate Seattle's Past, Present and Future
- 5. Improve Access and Mobility (for People and Goods)
- 6. Create a Bold Vision that is Adaptable Over Time
- 7. Develop Consistent Leadership from Concept to Operations

## WATERFRONT SEATTLE PROGRAM AREA





## **CONSTRUCTION – ALASKAN WAY**





# **CONSTRUCTION – COLUMBIA STREET**





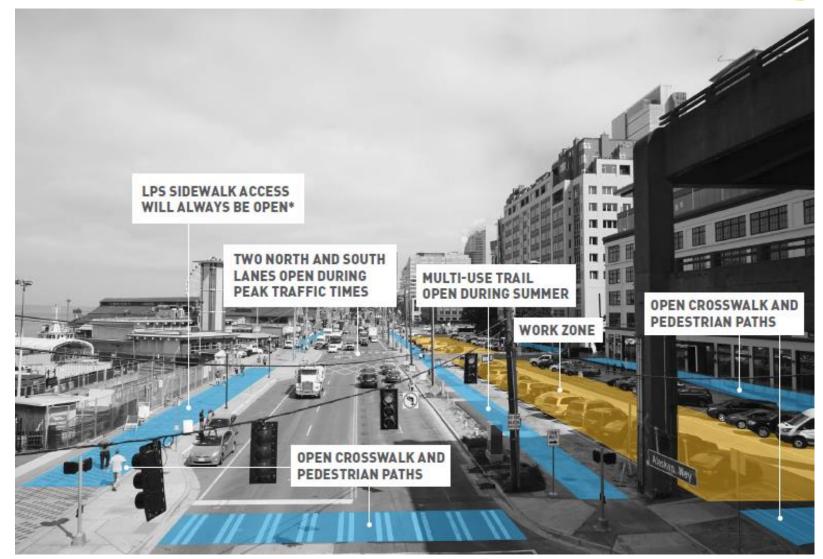
## **CONSTRUCTION – PIER 62**

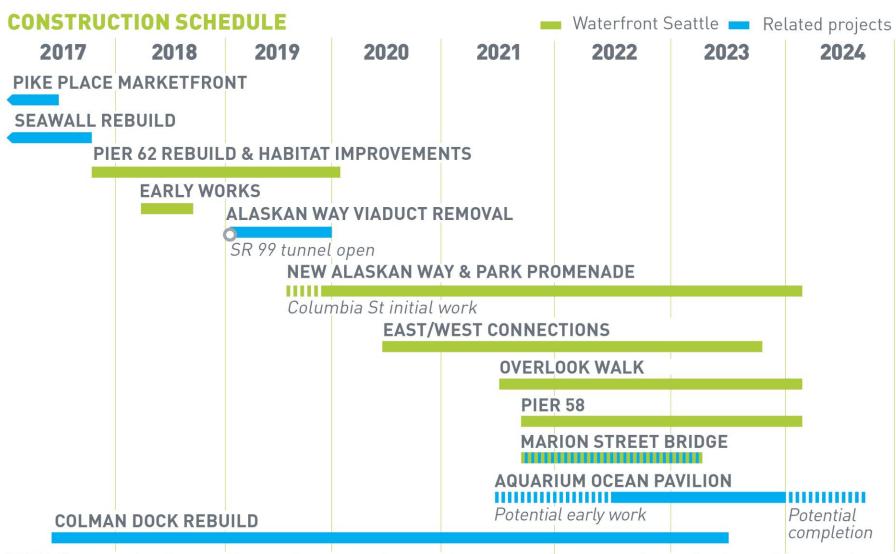




### **ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION**





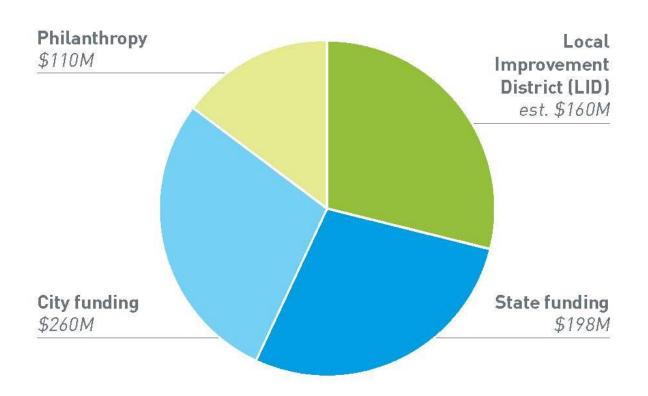


NOTE: Construction dates subject to change pending ongoing construction sequencing evaluation and assumptions for all projects

#### WATERFRONT SEATTLE FUNDING



#### **FUNDING**



**TOTAL= \$728M** 

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include WSD0T-funded Marion Street Pedestrian Bridge over Alaskan Way (pending future agreement)

# WATERFRONT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID)





**Total parcels**: 6,130 (4,960 condominiums)

**Total appraised value**: \$56.6B

Total special benefit from the new waterfront:

\$448M Total Assessment:

\$160M, plus financing (\$15.5M)

**Assessment ratio:** 

39% of total benefit

#### **2020 COUNCIL LOOK AHEAD**



SPRING	Public hearings on objections to the LID Final Assessment Roll
SUMMER	Potential Council action on LID Final Assessment Roll Ordinance
FALL	Potential Council action on LID Bond Ordinance



**QUESTIONS?** 

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#### **LEGISLATION: 2009 - TODAY**



Year	Action	
2009	Ordinance 123142 establishes Central Waterfront Partnerships Committee to advise City; large scale community engagement on design begins	
2011	Resolution 31264 endorses Central Waterfront Guiding Principles; creates Central Waterfront Committee	
2012	Resolution 31399 endorses Waterfront Concept Design and Strategic Plan, establishing funding plan, including LID and philanthropy	
	Friends of Waterfront Seattle incorporated as non-profit organization	
2013	Waterfront Program established in the City's Capital Improvement Plan	
2014	Office of the Waterfront created Friends opens "Waterfront Space" and begins early public programming and activation	

#### **LEGISLATION: 2009 - TODAY**



Year	Action
2017	Resolution 31768 affirms City's process around considering LID; recognizes Friends as City's non-profit partner for operations and maintenance
	\$153M funding agreement executed between the City and WSDOT for surface Alaskan Way and related transportation upgrades
2018	LID Preliminary Special Benefit Study completed; extensive outreach to property owners begins
	Resolution confirms Council's intention to form LID Required hearings and testimony; Hearing Examiner reports to Council (report and public testimony)

#### **LEGISLATION: 2009 - TODAY**



Year	Action	Purpose
2019	LID Formation Ordinance	<ul> <li>Forms the LID and sets the total amount to \$160M</li> <li>Authorizes interim financing and bonding</li> <li>Authorizes the construction of the improvements</li> </ul>
	Operations & Maintenance Ordinance	<ul> <li>Authorizes \$110M capital construction contribution from Friends</li> <li>Authorizes 2-year pilot O&amp;M Agreement</li> <li>Formed the Waterfront Oversight Committee</li> </ul>
	Protest Waiver Ordinance	Authorized LID protest waiver agreement with downtown property owners
	Budget Amendment Ordinance	Revised budget to reflect LID formation and capital construction contribution from Friends
	Aquarium Funding Ordinance	<ul> <li>Confirmed final amount of city contribution at \$34M</li> <li>Authorized funding agreement and future construction agreement</li> </ul>