OFFICE OF THE WATERFRONT
July 1, 2015

SEATTLE BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD
TONIGHT’S PRESENTATION

• Overview of Waterfront Seattle
• Alaskan Way, Promenade, and Overlook Walk (“AWPOW”)
• AWPOW Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS)
A PARK FOR ALL
WATERFRONT SEATTLE OVERVIEW
CYCLE TRACK
IMPROVED INTERSECTIONS
PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE
PHASING APPROACH

LEGEND

WATERFRONT PHASE 1
1. Alaskan Way + Cycle Track (south of Union)
2. Alaskan Way/Elliott Way + Cycle Track (north of Union)
3. Promenade
4. Overlook Walk
5. Marion Street Ped Bridge (Alaskan ROW in Western)
6. Columbia Streetscape
7. Seneca Restoration (WSDOT only)
8. Blanchard ROW
9. Lenora Street Bridge Improvement
10. Waterfront Park
11. Lower Union + Western Intersection
12. Pike Pine Improvements
13. Main + Washington Streets

FUTURE PHASE
1. Pier 62/63
2. Floating Dock
3. Middle Union
4. Seneca Streetscape
5. Blanchard Overlook
6. Marion Street Ped Bridge
7. Pool Barge

RELATED PROJECTS
- Seawall Related Elements
- Aquarium Expansion
- PC-1 / PPM Entrance
- Bell Street Improvements
- North Portal Site Park
- Pike Street Hill Climb Improvements
- Blanchard Opportunity Site
PIKE PLACE MARKET’S MARKETFRONT
OVERLOOK WALK
DRAFT EIS OVERVIEW

• Alaskan Way, Promenade and Overlook Walk Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released June 29
  – 45-day public comment period (June 29 – August 12)
  – Multiple tools to notify public of DEIS release
  – Public meeting on July 22, Bertha Knight Landes Room (hosted by Office of the Waterfront)
  – Builds on public engagement from EIS scoping and comment period in fall 2013

• Final EIS by end of 2015/early 2016
ALASKAN WAY, PROMENADE, AND OVERLOOK WALK: PURPOSE OF EACH PROJECT

• Main Corridor: Improve travel between downtown and Belltown
• Promenade: Provide public open space, pedestrian accommodations and waterfront connections
• Overlook Walk: Grade-separated pedestrian crossing, views and open space
• East-West Connections: Improve key east-west streets to provide better pedestrian connections between waterfront and downtown
MAP OF AWPOW PROJECTS
PUBLIC COMMENTS

• Public comments must be submitted via official channels and included in the project record

• Multiple ways to submit comments:
  – Comment online at waterfrontseattle.org
  – Email comments to deis@waterfrontseattle.org
  – Mail written comments to City:
    AWPOW – Draft EIS Comments
    Mark Mazzola, Environmental Manager
    Seattle Department of Transportation
    PO Box 34996, Seattle, WA 98124-4996
  – Comment at the July 22 public meeting via court reporter or written comment form
WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN AWPOW?

• Waterfront Park
• Pier 62/63
• Pike/Pine improvements
• Projects covered under separate environmental reviews:
  – Alaskan Way Viaduct Project
  – Elliott Bay Seawall Project
  – Seattle Multi-Modal Terminal at Colman Dock Project
  – Pike Place MarketFront
  – Seattle Aquarium
DRAFT EIS CONTENT

• **AWPOW (Action Alternative):** evaluates potential construction and operation impacts; discusses mitigation strategies

• **No Action Alternative:** baseline to compare potential AWPOW impacts

• Compared across key topics:
  - Transportation
  - Parking
  - Public services & utilities
  - Land Use
  - Noise
  - Aesthetics
  - Water quality
  - Air quality
  - Vegetation and wildlife
  - Historic resources
  - Archeological resources
  - Hazardous materials
  - Energy resources
TRANSPORTATION

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Traffic congestion during construction, including Alaskan Way and east-west streets
• Temporary closure of Alaskan Way near Pine Street is expected
• After AWPOW completion, improved/additional facilities for people driving, taking transit, riding a bicycle or walking

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE IMPACTS:

• Keep roads mostly open during construction and schedule closures at off-peak hours
• Maintain business access
• Develop Traffic Control Plan to reduce traffic impacts for all modes
PARKING

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Construction activities will temporarily impact on-street parking
• Construction may temporarily block some access routes or loading zones for intermittent time periods
• Permanent removal of 673 parking spaces (approximately 6% of all on- and off-street parking supply in the project area)

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE IMPACTS:

• Maintain parking to extent feasible during construction in order to help ensure convenient parking for waterfront businesses
• Enforce short-term parking limits; use e-Park
• Add approximately 250 new permanent parking stalls
PARKING IMPACTS

- Image shows parking impacts by zone (both on-street and off-street)
- Total reduction = 673
QUESTIONS?