OFFICE OF THE WATERFRONT
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KING COUNTY METRO
Briefing Outline

• Review of Waterfront Seattle projects
• Alaskan Way, Promenade, and Overlook Walk ("AWPOW")
• AWPOW Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS)
A PARK FOR ALL

LEGEND
- SEATTLE PARKS
- DESTINATION PARKS
WATERFRONT SEATTLE OVERVIEW
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CYCLE TRACK
IMPROVED INTERSECTIONS
PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE
PHASING APPROACH

LEGEND

WATERFRONT PHASE 1
1. Alaskan Way + Cycle Track (south of Union)
2. Promenade
3. Overlook Walk
4. Marion Street Ped Bridge (Alaskan ROW in Western)
5. Columbia Streetscape
6. Seneca Restoration (WSDOT only)
7. Blanchard ROW
8. Lenora Street Bridge Improvement
9. Waterfront Park
10. Lower Union + Western Intersection
11. Pike Pine Improvements
12. 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 (Western to First)
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
SEATTLE AQUARIUM EXPANSION
ALASKAN WAY, PROMENADE, AND OVERLOOK WALK

• Main Corridor: Improve travel between downtown and Belltown for all modes of transportation
• Promenade: Provide public open space and amenities to strengthen the city’s connection to the waterfront
• Overlook Walk: Grade-separated pedestrian crossing, views and open space between Pike Place Market and waterfront
• East-West Connections: Improve key east-west pedestrian connections between waterfront and downtown
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
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
ACCESS STRATEGIES

- East-west pedestrian connections, including Overlook Walk
- Cycle track
- Transit: Local on Alaskan Way, Center City Connector on First Avenue, Colman Dock transit hub, Madison Street rapid transit
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

- Total of 10,746 on- and off-street spaces in study area
- Loss of 673 spaces (484 on-street and 189 off-street)
- Mitigation includes approximately 250 new spaces as part of MarketFront development
- Net loss approximately 423 spaces
QUESTIONS?