PIKE PLACE MARKET’S MARKETFRONT
OVERLOOK WALK
SEATTLE AQUARIUM EXPANSION
EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS
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
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 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
• 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

- 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?

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