AGENDA

• Waterfront Seattle updates
• Alaskan Way, Promenade, and Overlook Walk (“AWPOW”)
• AWPOW Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS)
• Questions
WATERFRONT SEATTLE CORE PROGRAM

WATERFRONT PHASE 1
1. Alaskan Way + Cycle Track (south of Union)
2. Promenade
3. Overlook Walk
4. Marion Street Ped Bridge (Alaskan ROW to Western)
5. Columbia Streetscape
6. Seneca Restoration (WSUOT 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
RECENT ACTIVITIES

• 60% Design Refinement
  o Agency Comments
  o Refined scope of projects
  o Cost reductions and value engineering

• Utility Design Underway

• Pike Place MarketFront construction underway – groundbreaking 6/24

• Completed Draft EIS – comment period open through August 12th

• Aquarium Master Plan, integrates expansion into Overlook Walk
  o Master Plan legislation to be considered by Council in July

• Parking Mitigation

• ROW Acquisition
MAIN CORRIDOR 60% DESIGN
EARLY PROMENADE
### LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

#### SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

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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
MAP OF AWPOW PROJECTS

Action Alternative
- Project Footprint
- Potential Construction Staging Area

AWPOW Projects
- Main Corridor
- Promenade
- Overlook Walk
- East-West Connections

Parcel Boundary

Building Footprint
WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN AWPOW?

• Waterfront Park
• Pier 62/63
• Pike/Pine improvements
• Projects with separate environmental reviews:
  – Alaskan Way Viaduct Project
  – Elliott Bay Seawall Project
  – Seattle Multi-Modal Terminal at Colman Dock Project
  – Pike Place MarketFront
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
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
• Loss 484 on-street and 189 off-street = 673
• Mitigation includes approximately 250 new spaces as part of MarketFront development
• Net loss approximately 423 spaces
PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Public services could be temporarily impacted by traffic construction and detours during construction
• Potential utility outages during construction would affect businesses, residents and public services
• New facilities built for AWPOW will benefit utility operation and maintenance

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE AWPOW IMPACTS:

• Emergency access to and through construction areas to help reduce response times
• Timely information to services providers
• Coordination with utilities on construction sequencing
LAND USE

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Construction will have temporary impacts to land uses in and near the project area

• Two parcels will be fully acquired and five parcels will be partially acquired

• More accessible waterfront and increased public use and general development; supports goals of state, regional and local land use plans

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE AWPOW IMPACTS:

• Work with property owners, businesses and residents to reduce impacts

• Compensation for property acquisitions
NOISE & AESTHETICS

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Both noise and view impacts from construction activities
• Once AWPOW is completed, elements including the kiosks and Overlook Walk may impact views
• Traffic noise levels are expected to increase by up to five dBA in some locations; and decrease by five to six dBA in other locations

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE AWPOW IMPACTS:

• Minimize noise during construction and comply with Seattle Noise Ordinance and any required noise variances
• Minimize construction lighting; consider views when placing construction fencing
WATER QUALITY, AIR QUALITY, VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Construction could potentially impact water quality, air quality and vegetation
• Improved water quality by diverting and treating stormwater runoff
• May slightly increase native vegetation and habitat availability

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE AWPOW IMPACTS:

• During construction, use best management practices to protect water quality and prevent dust from becoming airborne
• Develop a Tree, Vegetation and Soil Protection Plan; restore and landscape project area
HISTORIC RESOURCES & ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• During construction, short-term impacts to access of historic resources including Pioneer Square and Pike Place Market

• Construction activities may have impacts to known archaeological sites or find new sites of cultural resources

• Completion of the AWPOW projects could alter the historic character of the waterfront

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE AWPOW IMPACTS:

• Protect historic and physical integrity of historical structures; prepare an Inadvertent Discovery Plan

• Urban design approach that enhances historical connections
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & ENERGY RESOURCES

IMPACTS OF AWPOW:

• Construction may encounter or release hazardous materials
• Energy required for AWPOW is a small portion of Seattle’s overall consumption
• After AWPOW is completed, vehicles are expected to operate more efficiently

HOW WE COULD ADDRESS THESE AWPOW IMPACTS:

• Use appropriate procedures to help ensure worker and public safety, as well as proper disposal of any hazardous materials
• Use best management practices, such as reducing idling of construction equipment
QUESTIONS?