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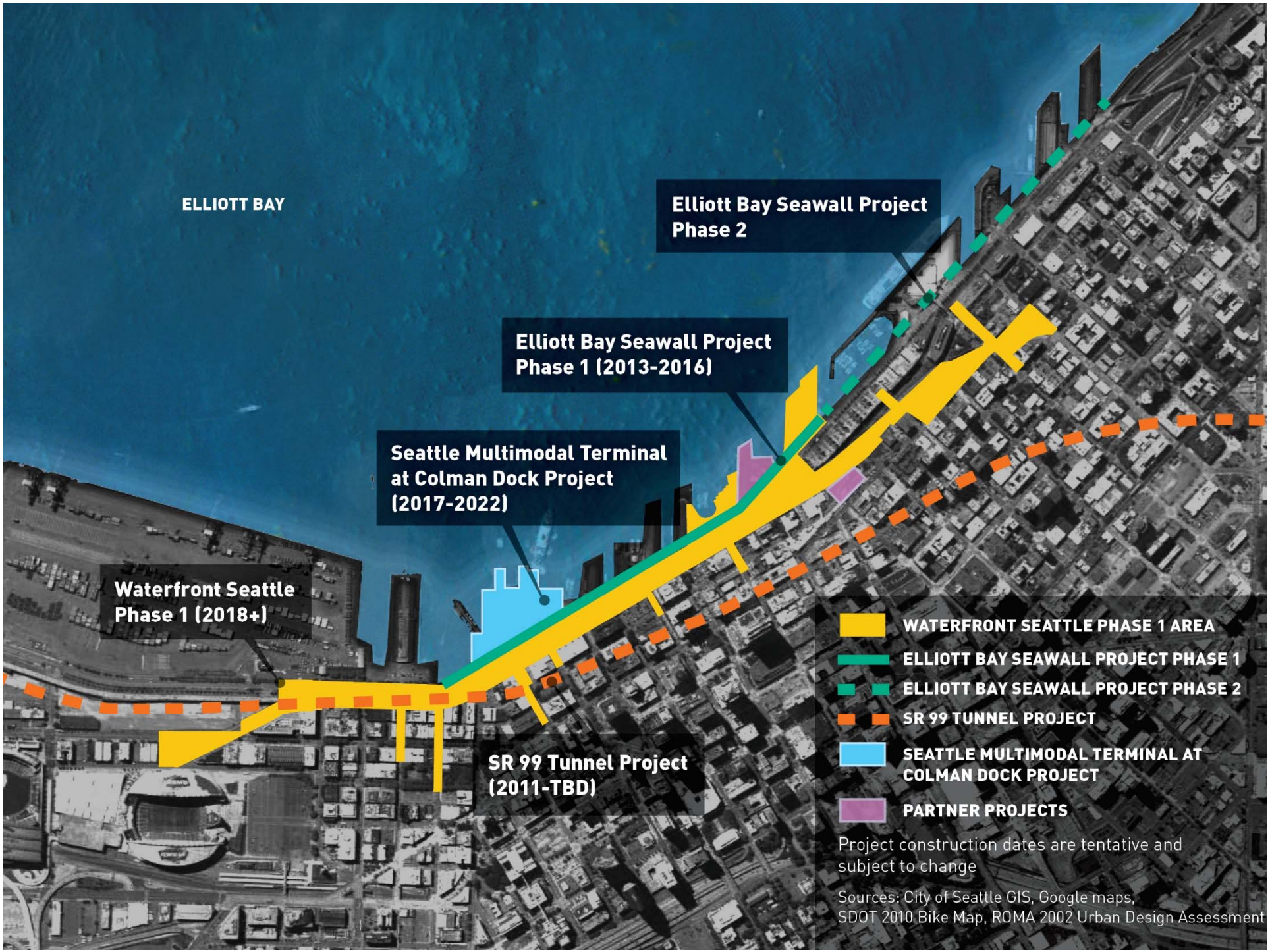
WEST SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION COALITION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Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock Project (2017-2022)
Waterfront Seattle Phase 1 (2018+)
SR 99 Tunnel Project (2011-TBD)
WATERFRONT SEATTLE PHASE 1 AREA
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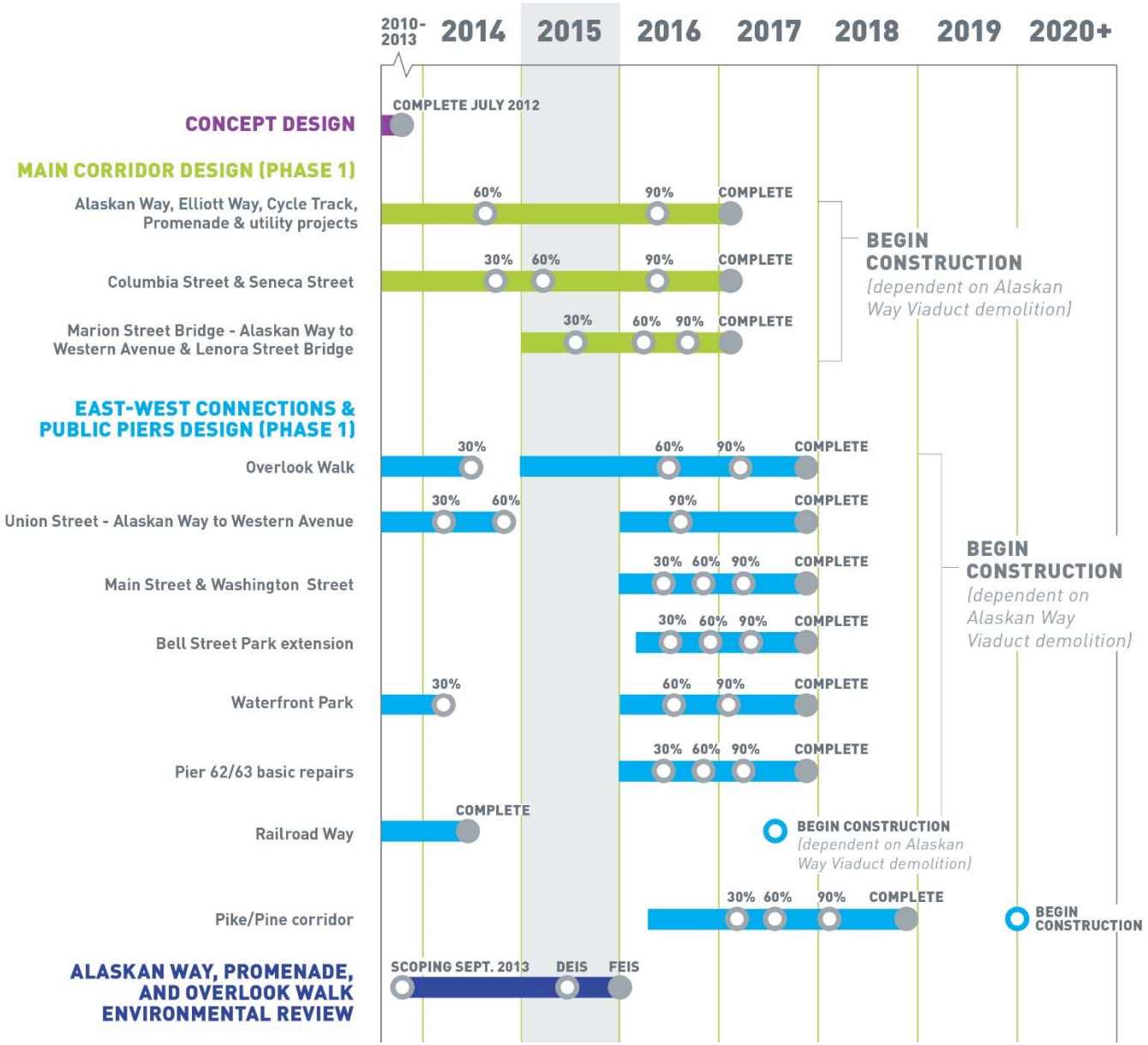
SR 99 TUNNEL PROJECT
SEATTLE MULTIMODAL TERMINAL AT COLMAN DOCK PROJECT
PARTNER PROJECTS
Project construction dates are tentative and subject to change
Sources: City of Seattle GIS, Google maps, SDOT 2010 Bike Map, ROMA 2002 Urban Design Assessment

WATERFRONT SEATTLE
CORE PROGRAM

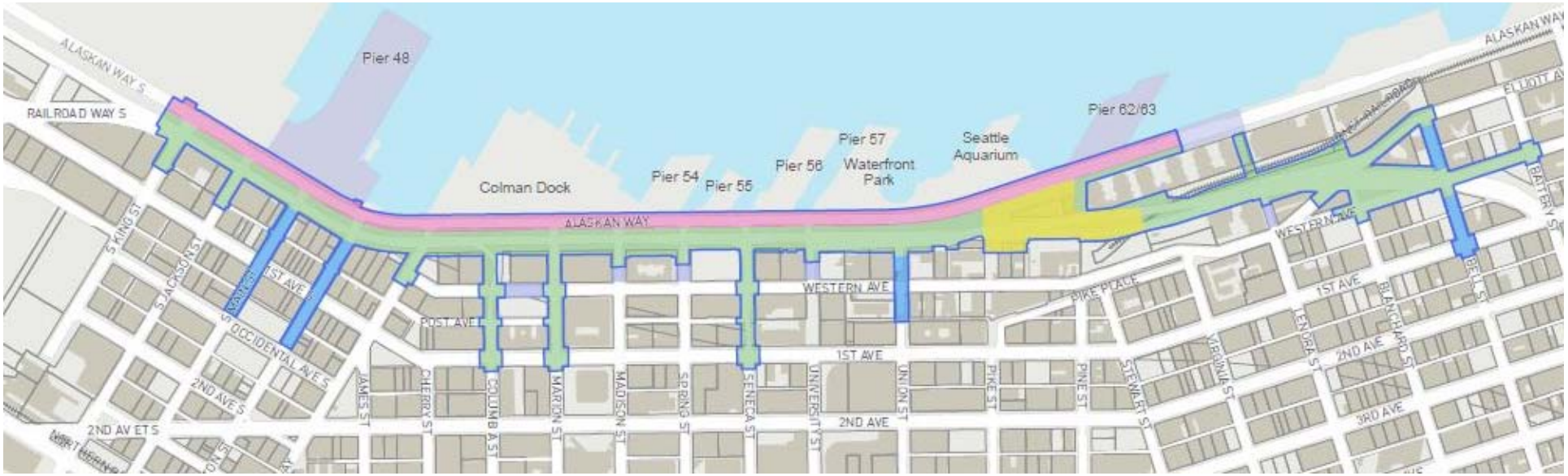
PROJECT SCHEDULE



DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR AWPOW PROJECTS

- 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 THE DRAFT EIS?

- 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

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

PARKING

- 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

QUESTIONS?