

# WATERFRONT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Q2 2015 (April - June)

# Highlights from Q2 2015

- On June 24, the City and Pike Place Market broke ground on the MarketFront expansion project, providing new low-income senior housing, 300 stalls of replacement parking, and the first phase connection from Pike Place Market to the waterfront.
- The Waterfront Program released the Alaskan Way, Promenade, and Overlook Walk Draft Environmental Impact statement (DEIS) for public comment on June 29. A public meeting on the DEIS will be held on July 22, and the Final EIS will be released in late 2015 or early 2016.
- On June 16, the Seattle Aquarium published its Draft Master Plan, including potential locations and draft budgets. The Aquarium presented their plans for expansion to the Seattle City Council Waterfront Select Committee and held a public open house on the Draft Master Plan.
- The Waterfront Steering Committee focused on recommendations for the development of a Waterfront Program operations and maintenance plan.
- The Waterfront Program continued its on-going public engagement process, including briefings, workshops and tours for a wide range of community stakeholders such as the City's Commission for People with disAbilities, Historic Seattle, the Suquamish and Muckleshoot tribes and the Cambodian, Mien, Hmong and Laotian communities.



# Seawall Project progress in Q2

# **SEAWALL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION**

- Continued construction from Pike to Madison streets, with key activities including jet grouting, installation of pre-cast elements such as face panels, habitat shelves, zee panels and light penetrating surface sidewalk panels, utility restoration and backfilling.
- Completed major construction adjacent to Waterfront Park at the conclusion of Q2, including backfilling and utility restoration, curbs and pavement, installing movement joint plates, and placing planter boxes and benches.
- Continued construction directly adjacent to Colman Dock, with key activities including sheet pile and back shoring wall installation, excavation and jet grouting.

### **Budget Snapshot**

Overall budget

\$331M

Expenditures to date

\$210.2M

Q2 2015 Budget

Planned Spending

\$47,900,237

Actual Expenditures

\$49,066,208

- Worked closely with Washington State Ferries to remove the Marion Street pedestrian bridge and replace it with a lighter and more moveable temporary bridge to accommodate construction activities.
- Continued monitoring of settlement and vibration adjacent to the project work zone, designing temporary structures to minimize construction effects to private property.
- Began preparations for major Q3 activities, including: the re-opening of the waterfront businesses on July 1, the pause of construction activities between Pike and Madison streets, and continued excavation and jet grouting adjacent to Colman Dock.
- Overall cost projections for jet grout are trending higher than anticipated in Q2. Further updates will be provided in Q3 when more cost information will be available.

# Construction Experience/Public Space Activation

 Continued planning for construction experience and activation elements after Seawall Project opens central waterfront promenade on July 1.

# **Public Engagement**

- Continued hosting free Seawall Project tours to explain construction activities and showcase project accomplishments.
- Provided Seawall Project tours to Mayor Ed Murray,
   SDOT Director Scott Kubly and Councilmembers Jean
   Godden, Tom Rasmussen and Mike O'Brien.
- Attended Classic Weekend at Bell Harbor to provide information about Seawall Project habitat improvements and construction progress.

Environmental Performance Measures				
	Q2 2015	Project to date		
Number of water quality exceedances*	0	3		
Number of work days lost resulting from exceedances	0	0		
Days of marine mammal monitoring	0	112		
Days with work stoppage due to marine mammals	0	2**		

<sup>\*</sup> Exceedances are specific to the Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Partial days

Social Equity Performance Measures (CWA)				
	Goal	Q2 2015	Project to date	
Percent of work force from economically distressed zip codes	15%	16.9%	19.2%	
Percent total project hours performed by Apprentices	15%	14.0%	15.2%	
Percent total project hours performed by women	12%	10.2%	13.2%	
Percent total project hours performed by people of color	21%	24.2%	25.2%	

Safety Performance Measures			
	Project to date		
Total work hours	600,674		
Total recordable injuries	7		
First aid cases	44		
Total days away from work	0		

### **MAIN CORRIDOR DESIGN**

The 2015 Work Plan for the Office of the Waterfront identifies the Main Corridor as the primary focus for design and engineering in 2015.

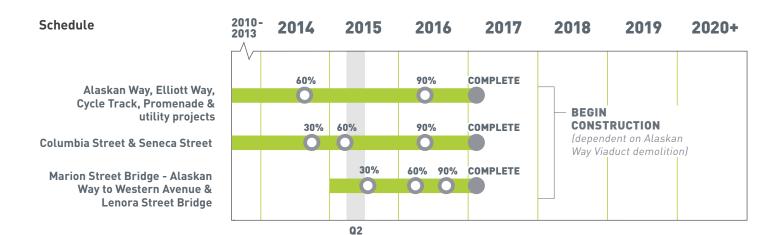
- Presented the 60% kiosk designs for the future Promenade to the Seattle Design Commission, which unanimously voted to approve the design.
- Completed value engineering study on 60% design.
- Developed resolutions to extensive agency comments on technical aspects of 60% design.
- Completed scoping for 60% Cost Estimate Valuation Process (CEVP), WSDOT's standard for reviewing transportation projects.
- Initiated "Practical Design" review consistent with WSDOT policy.
- Seattle City Light completed and submitted for review the 30% design for network relocation.
- Submitted for review the 30% design for the telecommunication duct bank in May.

# **Budget Snapshot**



The quarterly spending and 'Expenditures to date' figures are based on total project spending, rather than the spending by Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project, and therefore may differ slightly from expenditure figures shown elsewhere.

Actual expenditures have lagged planned expenditures significantly. Anticipated work on final main corridor design did not begin in May 2015 as planned due to ongoing coordination with WSDOT.



#### OVERLOOK WALK AND EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS

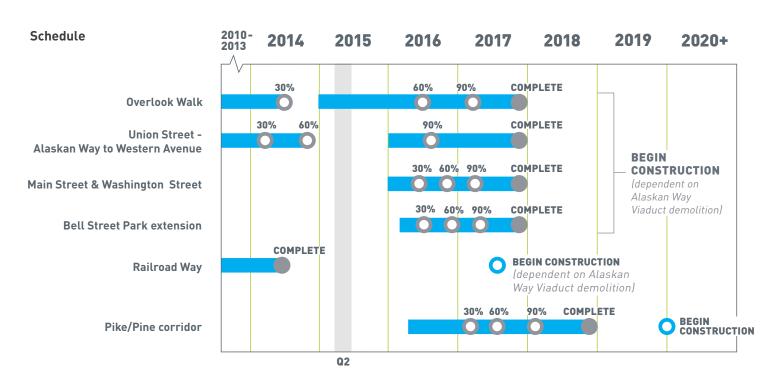
The 2015 Work Plan for the Office of the Waterfront specifies the majority of work on East-West Connections to begin in 2016.

- Began plans to initiate the next phase of design for Pike/Pine improvements with Downtown Seattle Association in 2015 by leveraging an existing SDOT project in the area, making the need to accelerate future CIP funding unnecessary.
- Reviewed location options for potential Aquarium expansion as part of master planning process. Coordinated with Seattle Aquarium Society on master planning process, public engagement and potential integration of an on-land location into the Waterfront Program.
- Modified Overlook Walk design to accommodate potential Aquarium expansion; revised structural plans accordingly and assessed cost impacts of the change.

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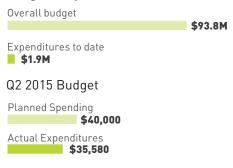


#### **PUBLIC PIERS**

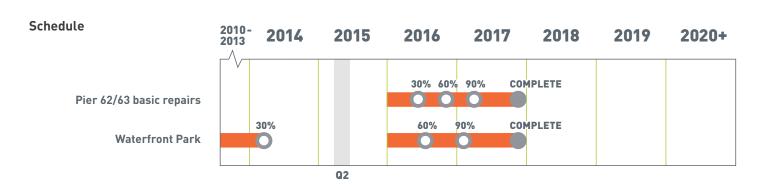
The 2015 Work Plan for the Office of the Waterfront identifies minimal work for the Public Piers in 2015.

- Progressed preliminary structural design for more basic repairs at Pier 62/63, including plans to combine this work with seawall replacement completion north of the Aquarium.
- Completed modifications to Waterfront Park design, relocating children's playground, incorporating a restoration of the Fitzgerald Fountain and simplifying other water features, and adding landscaping and seating areas.

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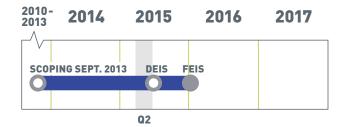


#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The 2015 Work Plan for the Office of the Waterfront identifies development of the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements as core activities for 2015.

- Released the Alaskan Way, Promenade, and Overlook Walk Draft Environmental Impact statement (DEIS) for public comment on June 29. The public can submit comments until August 12.
- Designed and released public notices of the DEIS and comment period via print, online media, email, and mailed postcards to properties located within 200 ft of the project area. The public will be able to access DEIS information and comment conveniently online during the entire comment period by visiting waterfrontseattle.org.
- Scheduled briefings with numerous agencies and key stakeholders throughout the comment period to ensure broad notification regarding how stakeholders and the general public can review and comment on the document.
- Initiated plans for a DEIS public meeting to be held on July 22 and for release of the Final EIS in late 2015 or early 2016.

#### Schedule



### **CITY/WSDOT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

 Prepared to execute an Amendment in Q3 2015 regarding scope and fee associated with designing the Marion Street Pedestrian Bridge.

### PROCUREMENT AND SEQUENCING WORKSHOP

 WSDOT and SDOT completed a practical design workshop and conducted further value engineering evaluation.

#### **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

 Hosted meetings with Downtown Seattle Association, Building Owners and Managers Association, and other key stakeholders to review their feedback on Local Improvement District work to date and outline next steps.

# CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE/PUBLIC SPACE ACTIVATION

 Continued planning for construction experience and activation elements after the Seawall Project opens the central waterfront on July 1.

#### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLANNING**

 Held an operations and maintenance workshop with the Waterfront Steering Committee, including discussion of providing family-wage jobs as part of any future public/private partnership to enhance maintenance of the waterfront.  Operations and maintenance recommendations are expected to come forward for consideration by the Mayor's Office and Seattle City Council in Q3 2015.

#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Briefed the City's Commission for People with disAbilities on April 16 and plan to collaborate with the Lighthouse for the Blind and others on a walking tour for project staff using blindness simulation equipment.
- Led a "mobile workshop" and two panel discussions as a part of the American Planning Association annual meeting the week of April 19, including updates on Seawall construction progress and habitat elements, lessons learned from the Waterfront Program design and public engagement process, and discussion of the City's innovative approach to funding the Waterfront Program.
- Led a site tour for members of Historic Seattle on April 23 at the temporary home of the Washington Street Boat Landing Pergola. The ornate structure has been stabilized, protected and temporarily secured within a tent at the Port of Seattle's Pier 25, awaiting restoration and relocation to its original site.

- Met with leadership from the 'Lake to Bay' project to review their plans for street improvements to Alaskan Way north of Pine Street, as well as Broad and Thomas Streets adjacent to Seattle Center.
- Partnered with the Historic South Downtown and SCIDpda to hold a June 3 Washington Landings community open house on the concept design for Colman Dock and Pier 48. Also held a Washington Landings community outreach workshop with China-International District, on June 22.
- Hosted two events, on May 22 and 29, with the Cambodian, Mien, Hmong and Laotian communities in Seattle, yielding requests for simple amenities that would make the area attractive for large families, such as restrooms, benches and picnic tables.
- Hosted a roundtable luncheon with minority community and business leaders at the Filipino Community Center on June 9, including a discussion of WMBE utilization and how best to engage minority communities moving forward.
- Began the summer Fairs and Festivals season, with an interactive public information booth at the Cinco de Mayo Festival, on May 2; Beacon Hill Festival, on June 7; and Festival Sundiata, June 20-21.

#### **PUBLIC ART**

- Distributed utility-pole posters by photographers and recorded songs by musicians exploring and responding to the waterfront as a part of the Low Res art program.
- Selected Puyallup artist Shaun Peterson to develop a commission honoring Coast Salish history and presence on the waterfront.

#### **WATERFRONT STEERING COMMITTEE**

- Toured the Seawall Project construction site ahead of the June 11 Committee meeting.
- The Waterfront Steering Committee adopted a draft set of Guiding Principles for current operations and maintenance planning, including an amendment to recognize future maintenance employees' "right to organize."

# Coordination with partners in Q2

## FRIENDS OF WATERFRONT SEATTLE

 Friends of Waterfront Seattle provided an update on their work to the Waterfront Steering Committee on April 7.

#### **TRIBAL COORDINATION**

- Hosted a hands-on workshop on June 3 with leadership from the Suquamish and Muckleshoot tribes, focused on specific tribal elements that will be incorporated into the new waterfront.
- Began planning for briefings to the Councils of the Muckleshoot and the Suquamish tribes on the details of Washington Landings.

## PIKE PLACE MARKET'S MARKETFRONT

- Worked with Pike Place Market in May to review and approve the 100% construction documents and final project budget for MarketFront expansion.
- Joined the Mayor's Office at Pike Place Market's June 24 MarketFront groundbreaking event.

## **SEATTLE AQUARIUM MASTER PLAN**

- The Seattle Aquarium presented their expansion plans, focused on the central Overlook Walk location, to the Seattle City Council Waterfront Select Committee.
- The Aquarium published its Draft Master Plan on June 16, including potential locations and draft budgets.
   The Aquarium published the Draft Master Plan on its website and held a public open house on its Draft Master Plan drawing approximately 125 attendees.
- The Waterfront Program continued review of the Aquarium's proposed spending plan to complete schematic design and environmental review.