PIONEER SQUARE EAST-WEST STREETS
PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD
March 20, 2019
BRIEFING PURPOSE

• Introduce Project Purpose, Goals, Schedule and Values
• Provide Overview of Current Conditions and Planned Changes Informing the Pedestrian Realm Opportunities
• Share Preliminary Traffic Assessment Opportunities
• Solicit Early Feedback Regarding Design Language Direction
$20 million budget for all project costs (design, environmental, construction, construction management)

Funding primarily from Waterfront Local Improvement District (LID), supported by other City funds
PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

• Connect Pioneer Square to the water and new 20-acre park
• Support renewal and activation of Occidental Park
• Add planting and greenery
• Create opportunities for fronting uses to activate the streets
• Support economic vitality of the Pioneer Square historic district
• Improve access for people with disabilities
PROJECT CHALLENGES

• Aging infrastructure
• Areaways
• Accessibility and ADA access
• New traffic patterns
• Center City Connector coordination
• Passenger and truck loading needs
PROJECT SCHEDULE

• Concept Design -- June 2019
• 90% Design -- July 2020
• Construction start– September 2021
# OUTREACH SCHEDULE

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VALUES

VIBRANT
ACCESSIBLE
COMFORTABLE
RESPECTFUL
EQUITABLE
PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON PORTIONS OF MAIN, WASHINGTON, KING AND YESLER STREETS BETWEEN 2ND AVENUE AND ALASKAN WAY IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE.

THE PRIMARY PROJECT OBJECTIVES ARE:

- **CONNECT** THE CORE OF PIONEER SQUARE TO THE NEW WATERFRONT;

- PROVIDE **SAFE, CONVENIENT, GRACEFUL PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS** AND FOSTER **POSITIVE CITY LIFE AND ACTIVITY** IN KEY PIONEER SQUARE EAST-WEST STREETS.
PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT: QUALITY

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THE EXISTING PUBLIC REALM BY MAKING IT MORE VIBRANT, ACCESSIBLE, COMFORTABLE, RESPECTFUL AND EQUITABLE?
PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT: QUANTITY

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES TO RECLAIM MORE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS?
PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT: QUANTITY

CAN INTERSECTIONS BE KEY PLACES TO MAKE CROSSINGS SAFER AND CREATE CONNECTIONS TO THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PUBLIC SPACES?
CENTER CITY CONNECTOR
TRAFFIC WITH ALASKAN WAY, CCC + 2-WAY MAIN
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

1) CREATE APPROPRIATE WALKING SURFACE, AND
2) CREATE MORE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS?
HARD & LEVEL SURFACE
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INTERESTING MATERIALS
YESLER AND KING STREET

- Arterials with higher traffic volumes
- King Street: large vehicle access route for Stadiums
- Yesler Way: planned protected bike lane
- Surgical opportunities
WASHINGTON AND MAIN STREETS

• Local streets with low traffic volumes
• Wider range of opportunities
• Connect to the district’s most significant public space: Occidental Mall
TRAFFIC WITH ALASKAN WAY, CCC + 2-WAY MAIN
2-WAY WASHINGTON AND MAIN
TWO-WAY WASHINGTON + MAIN OPPORTUNITIES

CONTINUOUS ADA ROUTE OF TRAVEL

STREET TREES

PLANTINGS

CURB BULBS

SEATING

SIDEWALK CAFES
2-WAY WASHINGTON AND MAIN

- Maintains existing traffic patterns
- Calms traffic by narrowing lanes, adding street trees and vegetation
- ADA path of travel on one-side of the street
- Significant planting/tree opportunities
- Reduces on street parking/loading availability
ONE-WAY WA/MAIN COUPLET

- Maintains access to all frontages
- Calms traffic by narrowing lanes, adding curb bulbs and plantings
- ADA path of travel on both sides of the street
- Limited planting/tree opportunities
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TABLED INTERSECTION AT OCCIDENTAL
NEXT STEPS

• Public Open House + Walking Tour: April 2
  • Walking Tour at 4:30
  • Open House at 5:30 at AXIS (First and Main)

• We will soon be back to review concepts and explore a preferred option
DISCUSSION

• Are there opportunities to improve the pedestrian realm we have not considered?

• What is the appropriate design language: Pioneer Square? Waterfront? A gradient between the two?

• Does the board have any preservation concerns related to reclaiming pedestrian space from these east-west streets?