

# WATERFRONT PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Q4 2019 (October - December)

## Highlights from Q4 2019

- Began construction on Alaskan Way and future Elliott Way.
- Continued electrical, sewer and paving work on Columbia Street transit corridor.
- Began pouring concrete topping slabs on Pier 62.
- Completed plantings at Habitat Beach south of Colman Dock
- Reached 100% design milestone for Union Street Pedestrian Connection.
- Presented appointees and permanent members for the Central Waterfront Oversight Committee to Seattle City Council, with Council voting unanimously to approve all appointments.
- Began interagency coordination and outreach planning for Bell Street and Battery Street Park.
- Worked with Office of Arts and Culture to put out call for artists for Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One.
- Distributed documents for 30% design submittal for Pioneer Square East West Pedestrian Improvements.
- Provided over 15 briefings to stakeholders, with outreach focused on waterfront construction and design for eastwest connections.



Saplings and other plants at Habitat Beach will continue to grow over the coming years.



Construction begins to build the new Alaskan Way.

# Waterfront Program construction progress in Q4 2019

#### **MAIN CORRIDOR**

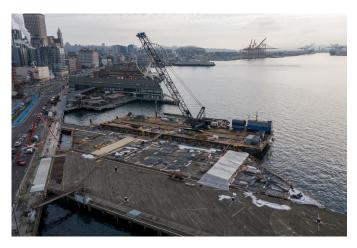
- Began construction on Alaskan Way and on the future Elliott Way, including early fieldwork, removal of viaduct footings and installation of a new sewer pipe for Seattle Public Utilities.
- Continued electrical trenching, sewer installation and paving work on Columbia Street to transform the street into a two-way transit corridor with improved sidewalks, expected to be open to traffic in Q1 2020.
- Completed clean-up of a property acquired on Alaskan Way and transitioned site into a space for construction material storage and staging.

#### **PIER 62 REBUILD**

- Began pouring concrete topping slabs for Pier 62 and continued electrical and plumbing work, with the pier expected to be open to the public in spring 2020.
- Completed plantings at Habitat Beach south of Colman Dock. To preserve the growing young vegetation, Habitat Beach will be closed to the public until Main Corridor construction is complete.

#### **CONSTRUCTION COMMUNICATIONS**

- Conducted extensive door-to-door outreach to prepare local businesses and property owners along Alaskan Way for construction.
- Managed ongoing outreach for future construction sequencing and impacts, including:
  - Coordinated with agency partners about current and upcoming construction and viaduct demolition activities and gathered feedback from key stakeholders on access and operations needs.
  - Provided weekly construction updates to stakeholders via e-newsletter, with 1,000 subscribers, and social media, with over 11,500 followers across three platforms.
  - Updated the construction webpages on WaterfrontSeattle.org and attracted over 4,300 unique views to the construction pages.
- Managed WaterfrontConstruction.org, an online resource for the public with information about current and future central waterfront area construction planned by many agencies through 2024, receiving over 5,350 unique views.



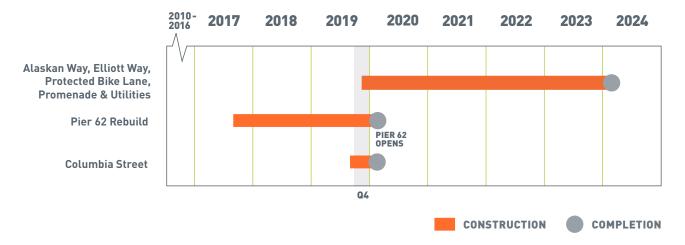
Deck work continues on Pier 62.



Construction continues on the Columbia Street transit corridor.

#### Schedule

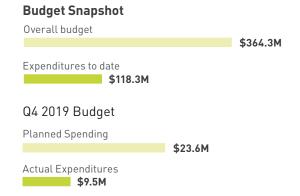
Construction of the Pier 62 Rebuild project is progressing on schedule. Construction on Columbia Street began in August 2019 and is expected to be complete and open to transit in early 2020.



### Waterfront Program progress in Q4 2019

#### MAIN CORRIDOR DESIGN

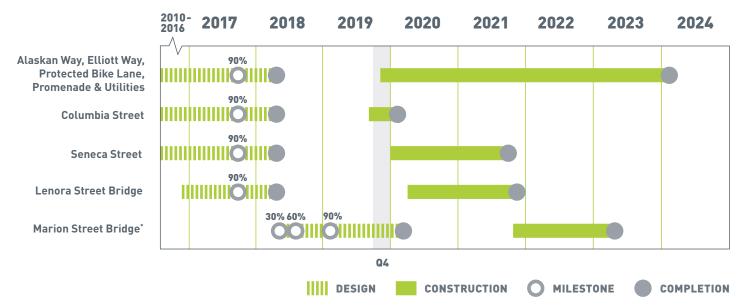
- Coordinated closely with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on schedule for viaduct demolition closeout and transition into Main Corridor.
- Worked with Muckleshoot Tribe and Suquamish Tribe to identify indigenous carvers to work with artist Oscar Tuazon on a large-scale installation along the promenade.
- Coordinated with Washington State Ferries (WSF) to address remaining transition and connections details between the Marion Street Bridge and the new entry building at the rebuilt Colman Dock.



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#### Schedule

Construction on the Main Corridor is currently anticipated to occur between 2019 and 2024.



<sup>\*</sup>Marion Street Bridge is a joint project between the City of Seattle and the State of Washington. Bridge footings will be installed as part of the Main Corridor project starting construction in 2019. However, actual bridge construction is anticipated to start in late 2021, dependent upon coordination with Main Corridor construction schedule and Colman Dock Replacement Project construction schedule.

#### **OVERLOOK WALK AND EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS**

- Distributed documents for 30% design submittal of Pioneer Square East-West Pedestrian Improvements.
- Advanced outreach and design work for Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One project, including:
  - Continued 30% design process and survey work, including areaway inspections.
  - Recruited new members to project sounding board and began planning for meeting in Q1 2020.
  - Worked with Office of Arts & Culture to issue a call for artists for Pike Pine Renaissance, with artist selection expected in Q1 2020.
- Advanced design on Overlook Walk in coordination with Seattle Aquarium, Pike Place Market and other partners, with 60% design submittal expected in Q1 2020.
- Advanced design and public outreach for Union Street Pedestrian Connection, including:
  - Presented Union Street Pedestrian Connection 90% design update to Seattle Design Commission on Sep. 19 and received approval.
  - Worked with representatives from Public Storage Building to resolve building encroachment conflicts at Union Street Pedestrian Connection.
  - Reached 100% design milestone for Union Street on Dec. 13.
- Began interagency coordination, outreach and design process for Bell Street and Battery Street Portal, including:
  - Worked with Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) on a management approach and funding to advance a concept design for a park on the Battery Street Tunnel Portal site.
  - Met with Belltown community leaders to discuss next steps in the process to design and construct improvements.
  - Interviewed design firms and selected Gustafson Guthrie Nichol (GGN) as lead designer for the extension of Bell Street Park between 1st and Elliott avenues, and a concept design process for Battery Street Tunnel Portal.

#### **Budget Snapshot**

Overall budget
\$184.3M

Expenditures to date
\$14.6M

Q4 2019 Budget

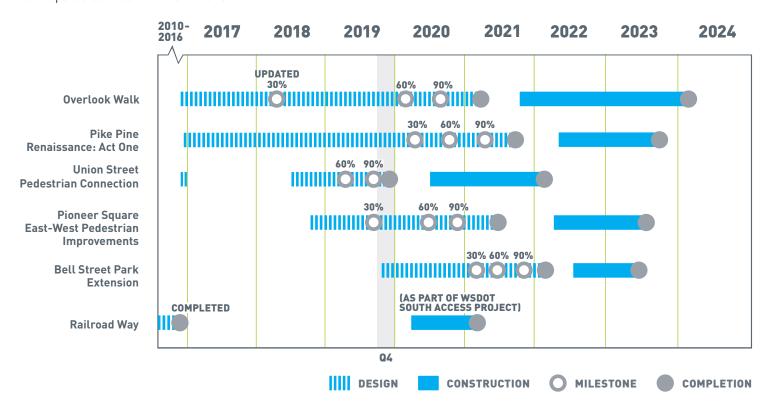
Planned Spending
\$2.3M

Actual Expenditures \$2.0M

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Overlook Walk and the other east-west connections design work will continue in 2020, with construction currently anticipated between 2020 and 2023.



#### **PUBLIC PIERS**

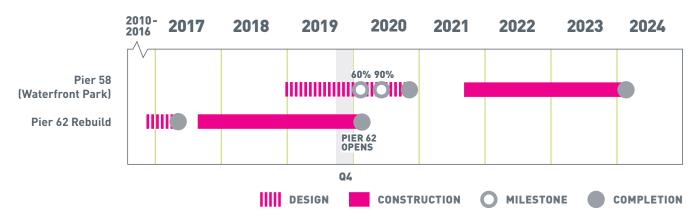
- Pier 62 Rebuild progress updates are listed under Construction on page 2.
- Interagency coordination continued around permitting process for Pier 58 (Waterfront Park), including submitting Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA).
- Met with Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections to review programming and temporary uses on Pier 58.



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#### Schedule

Construction is underway on the Pier 62 Rebuild with expected completion in early 2020. Construction work on Pier 58 (Waterfront Park) is currently anticipated between 2021 and 2023.



#### WATERFRONT OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE

 Worked closely with SPR and Friends of Waterfront Seattle (Friends) to develop a two-year pilot license agreement for the operations and management of Pier 58 and the rebuilt Pier 62, in which SPR will be responsible for all maintenance and Friends will develop and implement the programming and activation on the two piers.

#### LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID)

- Briefed Seattle City Council on LID legislation, an ordinance revising the Seattle Municipal Code and the resolution regarding the LID public hearing, with Council voting to approve the legislation on Nov. 18.
- Fielded questions from property owners in response to formal notice letters sent by City informing property owners of their proposed final assessments and the public hearing scheduled for Q1 2020.
- Managed extensive stakeholder outreach and communications, including:
  - Provided updated resources and information on the LID webpage, which received over 480 unique page views.
  - Provided information about preliminary special benefits and assessments on the online LID Property Search tool, which received over 4,220 unique page views.
  - ° Managed responses to 66 communications.

#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Provided outreach focused on design for east-west connections, waterfront construction sequencing and more by providing more than 15 briefings to stakeholders, including:
  - On the Community of the Control District, Tabor 100, NAACP, Africatown and other community interest to discuss waterfront improvements and WMBE contracting for construction.
  - Presented to Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board on construction plans for Main Corridor.
  - Led a tour of the waterfront for the American Institute of Architect's Urban Design Forum.
- Staffed interactive Waterfront Seattle booths at fairs and festivals, including Día de los Muertos and Greater Seattle Business Alliance (GSBA) Power Connect Mixer.

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

- Briefed Seattle City Councilmembers Juarez and Gonzalez, Council Central Staff, and staff from Councilmember Bagshaw's office on the pilot agreement between SPR and Friends on the operations of Pier 58 (Waterfront Park) and Pier 62.
- Submitted funding agreement and ordinance finalizing the City's contribution to the Seattle Aquarium's planned Ocean Pavilion, with City Council voting to approve the agreement and ordinance on Dec. 9.
- Selected 14 appointees and 5 permanent members for the Central Waterfront Oversight Committee and presented to City Council, with Council voting unanimously to approve all appointments on Dec. 9.