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Pier 57 red tag lifted and significant progress on Pier 58 removal

SEATTLE (December 14, 2020) – The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) has lifted the red tag on the privately-owned Pier 57 (Miner’s Landing). The City of Seattle temporarily closed Pier 57 in September due to its proximity to the southern end of the failing Pier 58 structure.

SDCI is now able to remove the red tag thanks to significant progress on the removal of Pier 58. Pier 58 is owned by the City and will be rebuilt as part of [Waterfront Seattle](#). Earlier this month, the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects successfully detached a large piece of concrete, known as the southern terrace. Now that this element has been safely removed, the risk to Pier 57 has been mitigated, according to the [City’s structural engineer](#) advising on the project.

“In the midst of a year of unexpected challenges, we discovered that Pier 58, our waterfront park, had dangerously deteriorated and needed to be removed,” said Mayor Durkan. “But today, thanks to the incredible work of the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects, our workers and contractor, and Department of Construction and Inspections, we are able to take a major step forward in the emergency removal of the pier and the revitalization of our waterfront. Even in a year of incredible challenges, the City of Seattle remains focused on building back better – and building a city of the future.”

“The potential hazard to Pier 57 has been eliminated by the successful removal of key portions of Pier 58 immediately to the north,” said Nathan Torgelson, Director of Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. “Our inspectors have coordinated with the City’s engineering consultant and inspected Pier 57 to confirm it can be safely reopened.”

Approximately 90% of Pier 58 has been removed. The timber deck has been fully removed, along with many of the pier piles and the southern portion of the concrete terrace, ramps and stairs. Remaining work includes concrete demolition, pile removal, the salvaging of materials, and removal of elements from the water.

“Removing the southern terrace of Pier 58 and lifting the red tag on Pier 57 are important steps forward for the waterfront,” said Marshall Foster, Director of Seattle’s Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects. “We appreciate the support and understanding of Pier 57, the Seattle Aquarium, and the entire waterfront community as we moved quickly to respond to this emergency.”

With the lifting of the red tag, Miner’s Landing at Pier 57 is looking forward to welcoming the public back to the pier and is making plans for a grand re-opening. “We are excited to welcome everyone



back to Pier 57. We are bringing back staff, re-stocking our restaurants and planning for a fun and safe grand re-opening with more announcements to come,” said Hal Griffith owner of Pier 57.

Design of the [new Pier 58](#) is underway and expected to reach 90% design in early 2021. The new pier will improve access, safety and flexibility. More than 140 kids and families recently shared ideas for a new playground that will be a central element of the new pier. Construction is planned for 2022 and will take approximately two years.