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Construction of playground and new public space on Pier 58 starting this week

Seattle (September 26, 2022) – The City will begin construction of a new Pier 58 as early as September 26, creating a public space to enjoy views of Elliott Bay, to sit in the shade, or play on an 18-foot jellyfish. Additionally, we plan to begin removal of Pier 63 this Fall.

“The new pier will be at-grade with the park promenade and adjacent piers, making it an accessible and welcoming space for all,” said Angela Brady, Director of the Waterfront Seattle Program. “We are especially excited to be bringing a new and iconic children’s playground to downtown.”

[The pier](#) will include multiple areas to relax and enjoy scenic views of Elliott Bay, including a shaded tree grove and elevated lawn, a plaza and event space that can be used for concerts, outdoor movies and other pop-up events, and a new children’s playground. Thanks to [the hundreds of responses](#) to our playground surveys – including some fun comments, “Space jellies! Fun, unusual, and vaguely space-needley” – the City expects it to draw attention from people near and far. It will have play elements for all ages and abilities and features a jellyfish-inspired climbing structure, a slide with rolling tentacles, and swinging features. After the completion of the pier, it will be managed by a partnership between the Seattle Parks Department and [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#).

Construction of the new pier will primarily take place from the water, limiting impacts to pedestrians and businesses. In-water work will begin with the removal of the last remaining piles, followed by installing approximately 120 new steel piles with the use of a vibratory pile driver, before building the bridge deck and other finishing touches. There will be monitors in place measuring vibration and noise levels, and water quality.

Part of the contract includes the removal of Pier 63, which is planned to begin as early as October and will take several months to complete. It closed in 2017 due to safety concerns and its removal will improve the ecosystem of the nearshore habitat, providing more light for plants to grow and marine life to flourish. Removal of Pier 63 is not expected to impact access at Pier 62 and other adjacent facilities.

Pacific Pile & Marine, LP is the contractor for this project and the construction budget is \$34.5M. The project is expected to be completed in 2025.

Learn more about the new Pier 58 at waterfrontseattle.org or [in this video](#).