

WELCOME!

AT THIS MEETING YOU CAN:

- Learn about scoping and environmental review
- Provide scoping comments

Tonight's meeting is an open house
No formal presentation

Thank you for coming!

ABOUT WATERFRONT SEATTLE

- Extends 26 blocks from Pioneer Square to the Olympic Sculpture Park
- Envisions new parks and paths, access to the water, places to enjoy views, vibrant public and cultural spaces, and a new urban street
- Jointly led by the Seattle Departments of Transportation, Planning and Development and Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Central Waterfront Committee

- The first step in the SEPA EIS process
- Seeks input from the public, interest groups, agencies and affected tribes on the actions, alternatives and environmental impacts proposed to be discussed in the EIS
- Scoping comments help determine which environmental elements are discussed in the EIS

WHAT IS SCOPING?

- **SEPA stands for State Environmental Policy Act**
- **An environmental review process regulated by the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Seattle**
- **Provides a way to identify and study possible environmental impacts of a potential project**
- **Helps decision-makers and the public understand how a proposed project will affect the environment**

WHAT IS SEPA?



WHAT IS TONIGHT'S MEETING ABOUT?

SDOT has begun environmental review for Waterfront Seattle starting with an EIS for Alaskan Way, the pedestrian promenade, and the overlook walk.

Tonight's meeting is an important first step and a chance for you to comment.

Terminology you'll see tonight:

SDOT = Seattle Department of Transportation

SEPA = State Environmental Policy Act

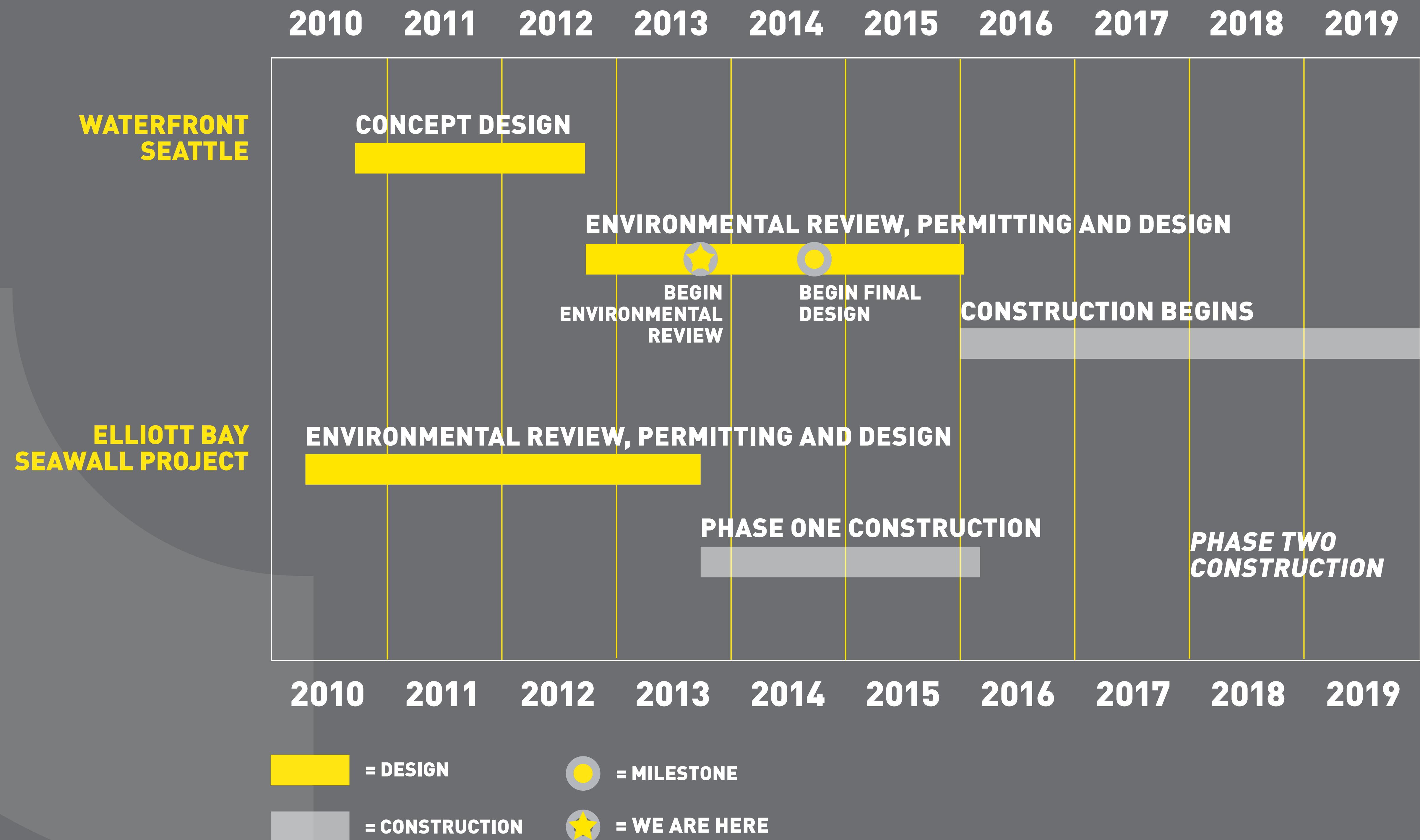
Scoping = First step in the EIS process

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

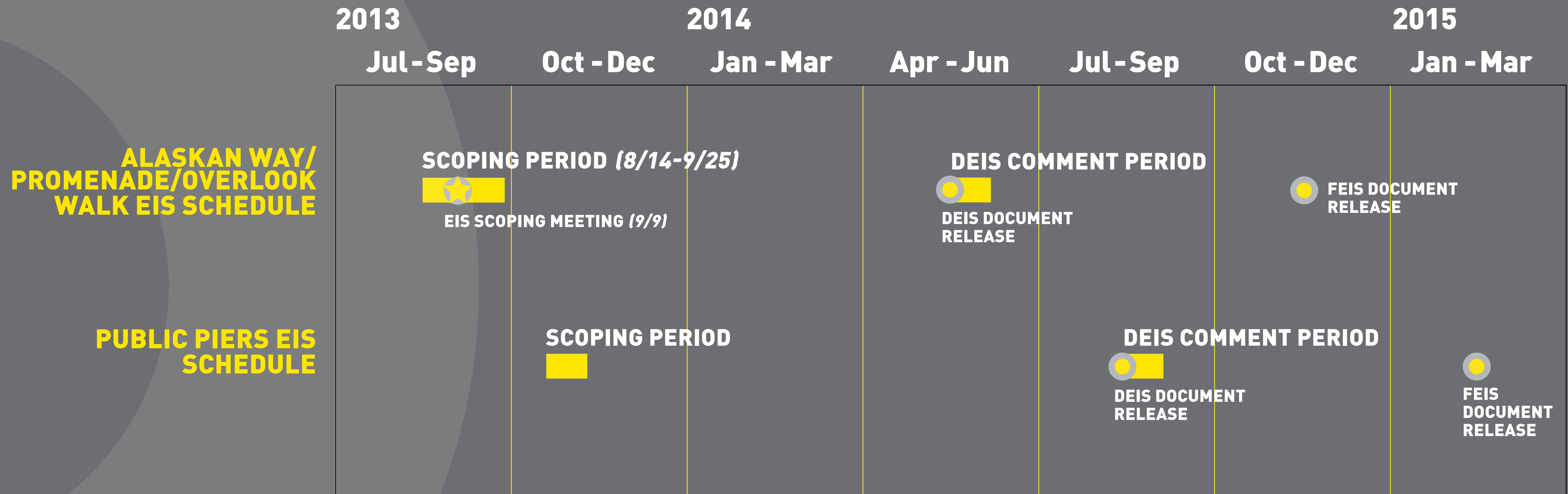
DEIS = Draft Environmental Impact Statement

FEIS = Final Environmental Impact Statement

PROJECT SCHEDULE



EIS SCHEDULE



SDOT will prepare a separate EIS for the two public piers (Pier 62/63 and Union Street Pier). Scoping will begin in October.

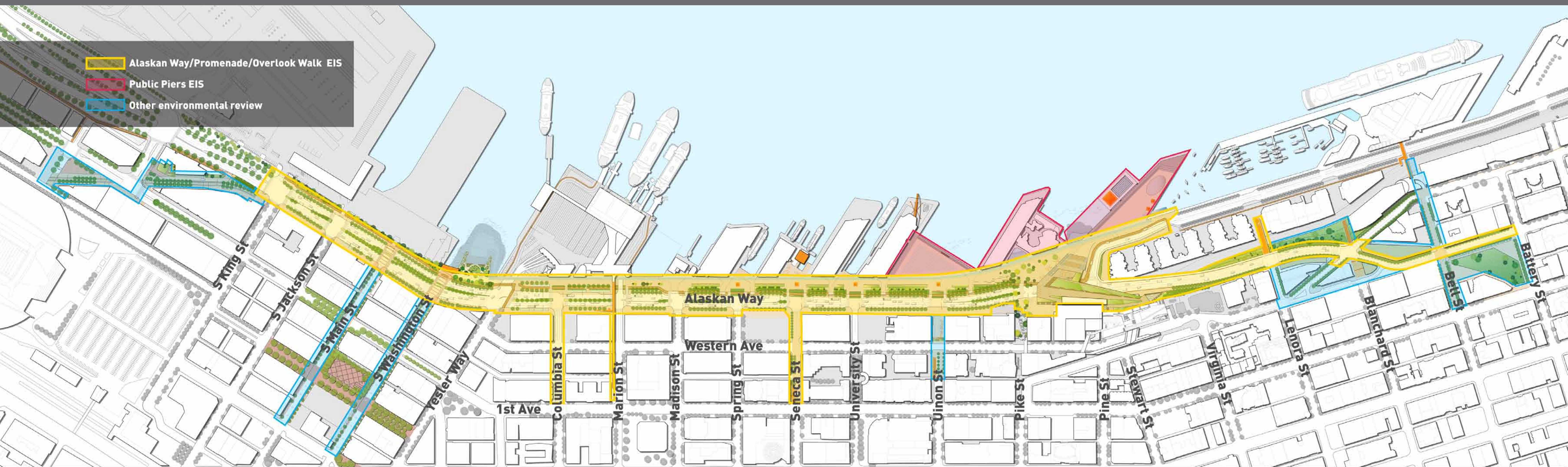
Other project elements will be reviewed by SEPA check list or other environmental document.

● = MILESTONE ★ = WE ARE HERE

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The Waterfront Seattle proposed improvements include:

- New public open spaces and a new roadway between King Street and Battery Street with provisions for bicycle, transit, pedestrian, car and freight traffic and parking
- A promenade adjacent to Elliott Bay from King Street to approximately Virginia Street
- A new structure providing a pedestrian connection between the Pike Place Market and the new promenade
- New local waterfront transit service along the waterfront
- Replacement of or improvements to pedestrian bridges to the waterfront at Lenora and Marion streets
- Improvements to Columbia and Seneca streets between Alaskan Way and First Avenue



PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

During scoping we're seeking input on what to study in the EIS, including these environmental elements:

- **Aesthetics/Light and Glare**
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Historic and Archaeological Resources**
- **Land Use**
- **Noise and Vibration**
- **Public Services and Utilities**
- **Transportation**
- **Vegetation and Wildlife**
- **Water Quality**

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

TONIGHT, PLEASE COMMENT ON POTENTIAL IMPACTS WE SHOULD STUDY IN THE EIS

Aesthetics/Light and Glare

- Views protected by Seattle city code
- Changes to viewpoints in the project area

Hazardous Materials

- Management of contaminated materials during construction
- Potential risk to environment or worker health

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Historic and Archaeological Resources

- Pike Place Market and Pioneer Square historic districts
- Individual historic structures
- City of Seattle landmarks
- Potential archaeological resources

Land Use

- Variety of land uses – retail, commercial, office, recreation, hotel, government and residential
- Changes to type and density of development

Noise and Vibration

- Construction noise and vibration
- Noise impacts from changes to uses or traffic patterns
- Noise from public spaces, such as concerts

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

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Public Services and Utilities

- Changes to public service patterns, such as fire or garbage service
 - Public/private utility relocations and updates
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Transportation

- Operations and safety for traffic, transit, freight, bicycles and pedestrians
- Parking and loading zones
- Access to piers, Colman Dock, Pike Place Market and other waterfront locations

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

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Vegetation and Wildlife

- Effects of construction on upland vegetation and wildlife

Water Quality

- Sediment from construction impacting water quality in Elliott Bay
- Potential for spills or leaks during construction

HOW TO COMMENT TONIGHT

- Handwrite comments
- Use online comment form on laptop provided
- Court reporter

If you need help documenting your comment, talk to a staff member for assistance.

Additional ways to submit comments outside the public meeting can be found on the handout available at the sign-in table.

TIPS FOR COMMENTING

- Identify specific environmental elements, impacts and/or alternatives you believe are important for discussion
- Give specific examples to illustrate your concerns
- Offer solutions or suggestions
- Make your comments easy to read – use headings and/or topic sentences