



THE WATERFRONT YEAR AHEAD

Happy New Year! Last year marked the official start of Waterfront Seattle construction, and this year our focus will be on preparing for the removal of the viaduct. Read on to learn more about our 2017 accomplishments and what's in store for the year ahead.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights from 2017:

- Kicked off the [rebuild of Pier 62](#).
- Completed construction of the [Seawall Project](#), which forms the foundation for the new waterfront.
- Launched the [Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One](#) to improve the pedestrian experience on Pike and Pine streets, connecting the waterfront to Capitol Hill.
- Celebrated the accomplishments of our partner projects, including [Bertha's breakthrough](#) in April and the grand opening of Pike Place Market's [Market Front](#) expansion in June.
- Returned the historic [Washington Street Boat Landing Pergola](#) to its original location. Watch our [video](#) of the restoration work!
- Continued our partnership with [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#), who led activities on the waterfront throughout the summer that included guided kayak tours of the rebuilt Seawall, live music, dance and sports.



Crews remove the aging deck and pilings from Pier 62.

2018 LOOK AHEAD

Waterfront Seattle construction is underway and this year will bring more work! Read below to learn about our plans for 2018.

NEW CONSTRUCTION WEBSITE

A lot of construction will be happening in downtown Seattle over the next several years. Working with our agency partners, we've created WaterfrontConstruction.org to help you stay up to date on current and future construction in the downtown waterfront area.

Visit WaterfrontConstruction.org

2018 CONSTRUCTION

Throughout 2018 we'll continue to rebuild Pier 62 to restore this public park, provide water access and help support the marine environment.

Much of our construction this year will focus on relocating and reinforcing vital utility connections so that as soon as the viaduct is removed, we're ready to begin rebuilding the waterfront in the viaduct's footprint. Utility work will take place at various locations throughout the waterfront. The work is scheduled to start as early as March and be completed by the end of the year.

In the summer, we'll demolish a small building on Alaskan Way near Pier 62/63. This will make space for project staging during construction and, ultimately, for the new

Overlook Walk to connect Pike Place Market to the water. The work will take about two months to complete.

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VIADUCT DEMOLITION

Our partners at [WSDOT](#) anticipate the new SR 99 tunnel will open to drivers as early as fall 2018. This date is dependent on contractor schedules and we'll know more in the coming months. Before the tunnel opens we'll temporarily shift Alaskan Way to the west and then, after the tunnel opens, demolition of the viaduct will begin! This is a major milestone for the Waterfront Seattle Program – once the viaduct is down, we're ready to begin building the new promenade, bike paths, park space and more.



Rendering of downtown after the viaduct is removed and Waterfront Seattle construction is complete.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

One of the key components of the funding strategy for the new waterfront is the formation of a waterfront Local Improvement District (LID). An LID is a funding tool by which nearby property owners financially contribute to a project that will increase the value of their property. [Sign up](#) for our LID email list to stay informed about upcoming informational events for property owners.

AQUARIUM

In 2018, we'll continue to work with our partners at the [Seattle Aquarium](#) on their plans for a new [Ocean Pavilion](#). This expanded exhibit, education and event space is planned as a part of the future waterfront.



FRIENDS OF WATERFRONT SEATTLE

Hot Spot, the park activation pilot project, will continue its third season from July – September, bringing free weekend activities through partnerships with community groups and local artists. Sign up [here](#) for upcoming event details.

In the spring, the Source speaker series at the Waterfront Space will continue, featuring talks from local experts on topics related to waterfront history, ecology and art. Follow Friends of Waterfront Seattle on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for updates.

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