



THE WATERFRONT YEAR AHEAD

2017 – THE YEAR AHEAD

With 2017 in full swing, we have some big milestones on the horizon – several of our partners are completing construction and we're breaking ground on the first elements of our new waterfront. It's shaping up to be a big year!

SR 99 TUNNEL UPDATE: COUNTDOWN TO BERTHA'S BREAKTHROUGH

This spring, Bertha, the SR 99 tunneling machine, will reach the end of her nearly two-mile journey beneath downtown Seattle! Congratulations to our project partners at the [Washington State Department of Transportation](#) (WSDOT) for reaching this milestone! Based on the contractor's latest schedule, the tunnel will open to traffic in early 2019. After it does, WSDOT will begin removing the Alaskan Way Viaduct from the downtown waterfront. This is a major milestone for us, too – as soon as the Viaduct is removed we will begin building the new parks, paths, viewpoints and surface street that make up Waterfront Seattle.

PIKE PLACE MARKETFRONT: GRAND OPENING JUNE 2017

Pike Place Market's [MarketFront](#) is an exciting project – bringing new retail, low-income senior housing and short-term parking to the Market. It is also the first piece of our project's key connection from the Market to the waterfront – the Overlook Walk. Join [Pike Place Marketfront's](#) Grand Opening to celebrate the project's completion on Thursday, June 29. Enjoy performances by local musicians, food from MarketFront vendors and activities to explore the project.

PIKE PINE RENAISSANCE: ACT ONE

As part of the Waterfront Seattle Program, we're partnering with the [Downtown Seattle Association](#) (DSA) to lead the design of [Pike Pine Renaissance: Act](#)

[One](#). The first phase (Act One) of this multi-year effort seeks to improve the pedestrian experience and connect Pike and Pine to the waterfront – from Pike Place Market to Capitol Hill. In January, we held our first open house to kick-off Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One and collect feedback about community priorities. This feedback will inform our concept design, which we'll share with the public at another public meeting this summer. Please stay tuned for more information!



Meeting attendees providing feedback at the January 2017 Pike Pine Renaissance: Act One open house.

PIER 62/63 PHASE 1 REBUILD: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS THIS FALL

In partnership with [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#), we are going to rebuild [Pier 62](#), starting this fall. The rebuilt pier will be a place to stroll, enjoy views, play and once again host events like the “Summer Nights at the Pier” concerts. It also adds a major new feature – a floating dock for public access to the water and short-stay moorage. We anticipate starting construction this fall and completing work by 2019.

SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION WRAPPING UP

[Seawall](#) work is complete up to Pike Street with just a few finishing touches left to be completed, such as landscaping and signage. Seawall replacement north

of the Seattle Aquarium, between Virginia and Pine streets, is anticipated to be complete in fall 2017. Some of the construction area north of Pike Street will remain in place after fall 2017 as we begin rebuilding Pier 62 and installation of water-side habitat improvements adjacent to the seawall.



Seawall construction complete near the Seattle Aquarium – just a few finishing touches remain!

THE SOURCE EVENT SERIES

One of the most popular events of the [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#) 2016 Hot Spot summer season at Waterfront Park was the site-specific dance performance *Bodies of Water*, created by artist [Alice Gosti](#) and produced by [Velocity Dance Center](#). On Thursday, March 16, Gosti gave a presentation at Waterfront Space for The Source: Art, the first event in Friends' annual community open house series, delving into the inspiration, research and the making of the incredible waterfront performance.

Friends' event series continues with The Source: Ecology, featuring salmon-focused non-profit Long Live the Kings, on April 13, and The Source: History, featuring HistoryLink, on May 11. Sign up below for the Friends newsletter to stay in the loop for upcoming events.

Be a Friend! [Click here to be on the list for future events.](#)



Photo of Alice Gosti presenting at The Source: Art. Photo credit: Robert Wade.

FRIENDS OF WATERFRONT SEATTLE

As the non-profit partner established to ensure the success of the future waterfront, [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#) is raising \$8M of the \$29M to rebuild Pier 62. We look forward to Friends partnering with us to program the rebuilt pier when it opens in 2019. Friends led another year of successful waterfront programming in 2016, learn more by viewing their [annual report online](#).

Friends hosts a diverse range of cultural and recreational events along the waterfront and operates [Waterfront Space](#) at 1400 Western Avenue, a community hub where you can learn more about the project. Visit Friends at Waterfront Space Wednesday through Sunday, 12 – 5 PM.



Former player for Sounders FC, Roger Levesque, gets nutmegged at the RAVE Foundation soccer octagon pop-up at Hot Spot. Photo credit: Jordan Monez.

Here's to a big year,

Office of the Waterfront

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