



# THE NEW WATERFRONT STARTS NOW

2019 is the year our new waterfront starts to take shape! As we speak, crews are taking down the Alaskan Way Viaduct, opening up views to the Bay and sky, and setting the stage for 20 acres of new parks and public spaces to take its place.



*WSDOT's contractor demolishing the Alaskan Way Viaduct near the intersection of Western Avenue and Blanchard Street in Seattle. Photo credit: WSDOT*

In early February, more than 40,000 people joined us to say “Goodbye” to the viaduct and “Hello” to the new waterfront. We were excited to co-host over 100 artists who turned the viaduct into an elevated art festival and shared the vision for our new waterfront with the community.



*Thousands of people learned more about the vision and design plans for the new waterfront while walking through our shipping container at the viaduct celebration on February 2, 2019.*

## **JOIN US IN PIONEER SQUARE ON APRIL 2**

Work is underway with the Pioneer Square community to design and construct improvements on key east-west streets – portions of Washington, Main, King and Yesler streets. We are partnering with Alliance for Pioneer Square to advance this important work as part of the new waterfront.

Please join us for an open house and walking tour to weigh in on early design concepts and learn more about what's to come.

**Tuesday, April 2, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**AXIS Pioneer Square, 308 1st Ave S**

Walking tour at 4:30 PM

Open house from 5:30 – 7:30 PM (drop in any time)

*Free and open to all.*

Please RSVP if you plan on attending.

### **A PIER APPEARS!**

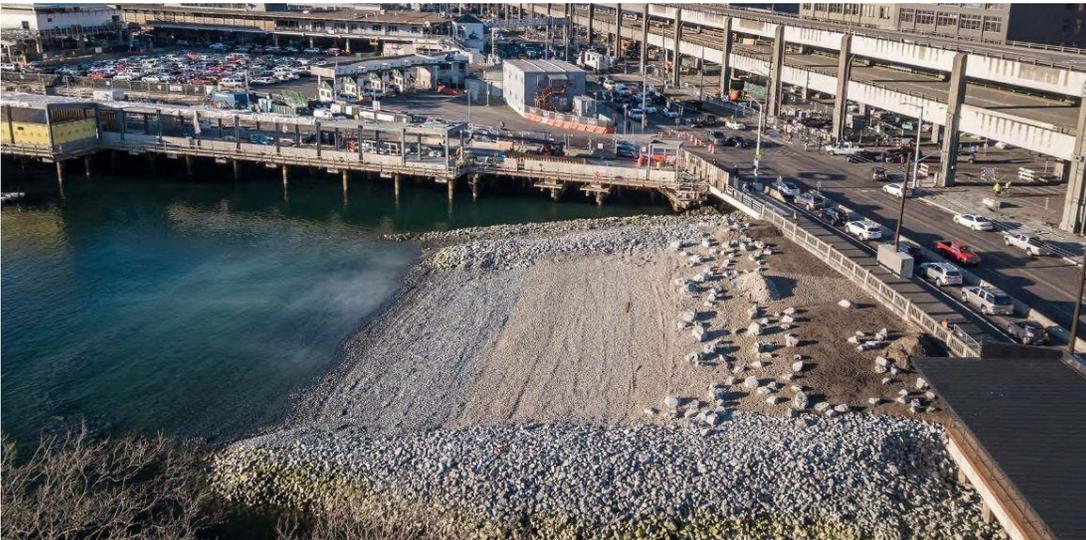
Later this year, the rebuilt Pier 62 park will open as one of the first elements of the new waterfront. Pier 62 will be a flexible park space providing views of Elliott Bay, the Olympics and the Seattle skyline, and will support arts, culture and music. Curious about how things are progressing?



In other construction news, we have completed major construction for the new Pioneer Square Habitat Beach south of Colman Dock and will complete restoration of the Washington Street Boat Landing Pergola later this month. These areas will remain closed to the public while beach material and delicate young plants settle into their surroundings. These elements are expected to open to the public in 2022.



*Pile driving was completed earlier this year. We continue with pile cut-offs in preparation for the new deck!*



*Marine habitat improvements are near completion south of Colman Dock. This spring and fall, we'll be planting various native species.*

## **STREET AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS THIS SUMMER**

Construction on the new Alaskan Way, Elliott Way and park promenade will begin as soon as viaduct removal is complete this summer.

We've developed several resources to help you stay current with progress and know what to expect:

- Be sure to [sign-up for weekly construction email updates](#).
- In cooperation with agency partners, we'll continue to regularly update [waterfrontconstruction.org](http://waterfrontconstruction.org) highlighting all agency projects along the central waterfront.

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