

1.2 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Environmental Review

Implementation will include advancing the street and promenade design to provide the more detailed information needed for environmental review and permitting. The public, agencies and stakeholders will be informed and involved as each project moves forward. This approach allows flexibility to move projects forward and ensures each improvement will have appropriate, detailed review.

Construction

Implementation will include refinement of the construction phasing strategy, due to the complex series of projects underway along the waterfront over the next several years. The Seawall will be replaced in 2013-2016, in advance of Alaskan Way Viaduct removal. Once the SR 99 Bored Tunnel opens in late 2015, the Alaskan Way Viaduct will be demolished in 2016. Once the Viaduct is removed, the new Alaskan Way, Elliott Way and pedestrian promenade will be constructed in 2016-2019.

Funding

Implementation will include securing the funds identified in the 2012 Strategic Plan's funding strategy, which includes the State of Washington's committed funding for the new Alaskan Way and Elliott Way, and a mix of public and private funding sources for the pedestrian promenade.

Long-Term Stewardship

Implementation will include development of an operating strategy and dedicated funding for maintenance, operations and programming of the waterfront's public spaces. The level of investment in and expected use of the waterfront's public spaces will require a high standard of long-term operations and maintenance. This will require strong partnerships and collaboration between the City of Seattle and waterfront organizations, businesses and property owners. A dedicated, non-profit organization will be needed to take on some of the long-term stewardship responsibilities associated with these public spaces.



View of Downtown Seattle, Looking Southeast