5. THE CORE PROJECTS

- Seawall Beach
- Occidental Park
- Century Link Field
- Railroad Way
- Marion St.
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Columbia St.
- Transit
- Alaskan Way
- Elliott Bay Trail
- 2nd Ave. S.
- S. Jackson St.
- 1st Ave. S.
- S. Main St.
- Improvements
- S. Washington St.
- Improvements
- Port of Seattle
- Colman Dock Ferry Terminal
- Colman Retail Gallery
- Columbia St. Transit
- Cap S. Waterfront Project
- S. Main St.
- Improvements
- S. Washington St.
- Improvements
- Marion Station
- Western Ave.
- 1st Ave.
- 2nd Ave.
- S. Washington St.
- Improvements
- Western Ave.
- 1st Ave.
CONTINUOUS ELEMENTS: STREET AND PROMENADE

At the heart of the new waterfront are a great urban street and pedestrian promenade. As the spine of the waterfront, they connect existing shopping, dining, boating and cultural activities to each other, to new waterfront destinations and to the city beyond.

Once the Alaskan Way Viaduct is demolished, the new surface street will be built in its footprint. The current surface street, east of the Viaduct, will be removed to open up space for the new waterfront promenade. The new waterfront promenade will link Pioneer Square to Olympic Sculpture Park and provide opportunities for sitting, strolling, jogging, bicycling, and viewing the bay.

The waterfront is marked by the effects of shifting tides and topographical changes. These physical processes inspire an organizational framework for the site. The "Tidelines" are then translated tectonically into the design elements that make up the waterfront.
THE CORE PROJECTS

WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

The waterfront promenade is punctuated by new public destinations. Averaging 60’ in width, it will expand between piers to create destinations, where people can gather to experience great views of the water and enjoy a variety of activities. Where possible, the public realm will be elevated on “Folds” to allow for unobstructed views over Elliott Bay.

New destinations will link to a network of existing destinations both inland and out on the piers, building journeys along, as well as to and from, the waterfront. These waterfront journeys will revitalize and energize the city center and bring new life to the waterfront. Proposed waterfront destinations are described in the following pages.
WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

PIioneer Square

The Pioneer Square neighborhood is the southern anchor of the waterfront. Fronting a portion of the historic district of Pioneer Square, a pebble beach will extend into Elliott Bay between South Washington Street and Yesler Way. Designed in coordination with the Elliott Bay Seawall Project, this beach will provide intertidal habitat areas and open views to Elliott Bay. Its character will evoke a native Pacific Northwest beach and will include a boardwalk, native shoreline planting, large boulders and logs. The historic Washington Street Boat Landing will be restored and integrated as a destination, potentially serving as moorage for small boats.

As a future project, Pier 48 is conceived as a Festival Pier, with slopes tilted towards the port and the bay, suitable for concerts, festivals, and large gatherings. Aligned with South Main Street, Pier 48 acts as a conceptual extension of the Pioneer Square neighborhood. In addition to activities on the pier, there would be opportunities to get closer to the water, on catwalks snaking through old pier pilings and at docks along the pier’s south edge. Another future project includes an extension of the seawall beach south to South King Street and a landing at South Jackson Street.
SEAWALL BEACH AND BOARDWALK

FUTURE PROJECT CONCERTS AT THE AMPHITHEATER

FUTURE PROJECT PIER DISCOVERY WALK

FUTURE PROJECT EXTENDED PIONEER SQUARE BEACH
WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

COLMAN DOCK

Colman Dock is a major transit hub, carrying thousands of passengers to and from the waterfront each day, and linking the city to the islands and towns around Elliott Bay and Puget Sound. Today Colman Dock has shoreline public access and in the future the terminal has the potential to become a destination reminiscent of its original design. Colman Gallery, a transit plaza and gateway to the Ferry Terminal, will be filled with generous seating, canopies for weather protection and bicycle parking for the Colman Dock’s shoppers and commuters.

In the future, a retail building will front the plaza, activating its western edge. Additional projects may include a new elevated deck extending from a remodelled Colman Dock Ferry Terminal which would provide elevated views of the ferries, bay and mountains beyond. Passenger-only ferries could potentially move to a new slip, between Colman Dock and the waterfront Firehouse.

Core Projects
1. Colman Gallery
2. Marion St. Bridge
3. Canopy Shelters
4. Columbia Street Improvements
5. Transit/ Access to Marion St. Bridge
6. Bike Path

Partner Projects
7. Colman Dock/ Colman Dock Ferry Terminal
8. Colman Dock/Extended Marion St. Bridge
9. Colman Dock/Passenger-Only Ferries
10. Colman Dock/ Firehouse Slip
11. Colman Dock/ Retail
12. Colman Dock/ Ferry Deck and Open Space
COLMAN GALLERY AND RETAIL FRONTAGE

FUTURE PROJECT COLMAN DOCK FERRY DECK
WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

HISTORIC PIER WALK

Privately-owned and historically-designated landmark structures, Piers 54, 55, 56 & 57 each have their own distinct character and uses. The Historic Piers are a major commercial destination on the waterfront, hosting shopping, eating, drinking, working and touring programs.

The promenade will front the Historic Piers and encourage strolling, sitting, and informal gathering to complement the nearby commercial uses. The pier slips, re-oriented towards the bay, offer opportunities to rest in "town square"-like spaces and watch the activities of the working waterfront and bay beyond.

The buildings along the east-side of Alaskan Way offer opportunities for active commercial and retail frontages. Seneca Street will be improved with pedestrian-friendly street design, and an elevator and covered escalator to reach First Avenue. Along with the Harbor Steps at University Street, Seneca will provide clear access between the Waterfront, Furniture Row and downtown.

In the future, the promenade could potentially extend out onto the piers, wrapping the edges in a continuous walk to draw visitors to the ends of the piers for the great views of the bay, boats and mountains.

Core Projects
1. Tideline Promenade
2. Bike Path
3. Argosy Slip Improvement
4. Terrace Gardens
5. Seneca St. Improvements
6. Seneca St. Elevator/Escalator

Seawall and Partner Projects
1. Historic Piers/ Pier Slips
2. Historic Piers/ Ferris Wheel
3. Historic Piers/ Pier Walk
Design Summary

TIDELINE PROMENADE

GARDEN TERRACES

PIER SLIP

PARTNER PROJECT PIER WALK
Today, Waterfront Park sits between the Historic Piers and Seattle Aquarium, sunken below Alaskan Way at the foot of Union Street. This large open space will be redesigned as Union Street Pier—raised to the level of the promenade and oriented perpendicular to the adjacent piers. It will be a flexible, open and vibrant space with unobstructed views of the bay, used for a variety of activities from kids play to programmed events and performances.

A large in-ground fountain and get-down steps at the water’s edge will support daily program activities, complement the new waterfront ferris wheel and provide a venue for a variety of cultural events including outdoor movies and live performances. A new set of escalators and elevators on Union Street will connect pedestrians on First Avenue to the Union Street Pier. This destination is also the potential future home of a Seattle Aquarium Expansion.
Design Summary

WATER PLAY

MIST CLOUD

ART INSTALLATION

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
The Seattle Aquarium occupies two piers on the waterfront. Through exhibits, events, education and conservation, it brings the ecology of the Puget Sound to life at the heart of Seattle. A plaza devoted to the Aquarium will occupy the large open space between the piers and Alaskan Way—celebrating the Aquarium’s presence on the bay and signaling its location to visitors on the waterfront. Filled with large specimen trees, ample seating and display cases, the plaza will be an inviting entry to the Aquarium.

The north edge of the plaza will be fronted by the Overlook Walk, with building activities and cafe seating spilling out onto the plaza.

**WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS**

**AQUARIUM PLAZA**

Core Projects

1. Aquarium Plaza
2. Aquarium Entrance Area
3. Cafe Seating/ Building “C” Entry
4. Display Cases
5. Fix/Madore Plaza

Partner Projects

6. Seattle Aquarium/ Future Expansion Area
WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

PIER 62/63

Pier 62/63 is well-known for its former life as a performance pier that brought together people, music and sunsets over Elliott Bay. Now in need of structural repair, Pier 62/63 will be a primary public space on the waterfront. The Pier’s design remains open and flexible to allow for a wide variety of activities and events to take place but also includes amenities for active recreation on the waterfront, such as a roller-skating rink, grandstand seating with south-facing views of the port and bay, and a kayak launch. During the warm months of the year, a barge swimming pool will be docked at the pier, giving Seattleites an opportunity to swim on the bay. The pool can also be covered and used as a stage for outdoor concerts and performances at the pier.

Core Projects

1. Pier 62/63
2. Concession
3. Roller Skating Rink
4. Grandstand
5. Barge Pool
6. Habitat Floats
7. Kayak Launch
A highlight of the new central waterfront will be the Overlook Walk—a series of human-scaled connections that will invite people to Pike Place Market from the waterfront and Aquarium, provide dramatic and elevated views of the bay, and create a focal point for public life on the waterfront.

The Overlook Walk will host many activities and programs including: play slopes offering families entertaining and active ways to traverse the steep topography near Pike Place Market; a train overlook with views looking north toward the BNSF railroad; a new mixed-use building activating the Walk at all times of day; gardens offering quiet space to enjoy views of the bay; and amphitheater steps connecting to Pier 62/63 and the waterfront.

WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

OVERLOOK WALK

Core Projects

1. Overlook Walk
2. Train Overlook
3. Overlook Gardens
4. Proposed Building
5. Bay Balcony
6. Overlook Deck
7. Amphitheater Steps
8. Stage
9. Fix/ Madore Plaza

Partner Projects

10. PC-1/ Pike Place Market PDA
The removal of the viaduct and construction of the new Elliott Way present an opportunity to design a lively, safe and accessible connection between Belltown and the waterfront. Belltown Bluff is conceived as a series of small destinations within a web of streets, stairs, elevators, bridges, overlooks and vegetation. The bluff leverages the existing steep topography to overcome the barrier of the BNSF railroad. The Belltown Bluff also includes a new open space created by the decommissioning of the Battery Street Tunnel.

Future projects in this area include a boardwalk along Bell Harbor, which would widen the promenade to allow for generous seating and viewing of marine activity, and the Belltown Balcony, a community-focused neighborhood destination at the former Battery Street Tunnel site.

**Core Projects**
1. Elliott Way
2. Bluff Terraces
3. Blanchard Overlook
4. Blanchard Playground
5. Development Sites
6. Bell St. Improvements
7. Belltown Interim Improvements

**Partner Projects**
1. Lenora St. Bridge

**Future Projects**
1. Bell Harbor Boardwalk
10. Half-Mile Promenade
11. Pier Slip
12. Belltown Balcony
BLANCHARD OVERLOOK

FUTURE PROJECT BELL HARBOR BOARDWALK
WATERFRONT DESTINATIONS

THE NORTH END

Beyond Bell Harbor, the North End runs a half-mile along the waterfront, connecting to the Olympic Sculpture Park, Myrtle-Edwards Park, and further Bay Ring destinations. Visitors to this section of the waterfront will enjoy strolling, biking, jogging and taking in views of the bay at the pier slips. At the intersection of Alaskan Way and Broad Street, the promenade culminates at Lake-to-Bay Square, where there may be kayaking and fishing along with an entrance to the parks and the Elliott Bay Trail.

Future Projects

1. Half-Mile Promenade
2. Pier Slip
3. Lake-to-Bay Square
4. Vine Street Bridge
5. Connection to Elliott Bay Trail
6. Connection to Lake-to-Bay Trail