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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
APE	Area of Potential Effects
BMPs	best management practices
CDs	compact discs
City	City of Seattle
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
DAHP	Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
dB	Decibel
dBA	A-weighted decibel
DPD	Seattle Department of Planning and Development
Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MTCA	Model Toxics Control Act
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
RFFA	reasonably foreseeable future action
SDOT	Seattle Department of Transportation
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
SR	State Route
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TCEs	temporary construction easements
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
WDNR	Washington Department of Natural Resources
WQC	Water Quality Certification
WSDOT	Washington State Department of Transportation

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FACT SHEET

Project Name:

Elliott Bay Seawall Project

Project Description:

The Elliott Bay Seawall Project proposes to reconstruct or replace the Elliott Bay Seawall between S. Washington Street and Broad Street in downtown Seattle. The new seawall will reduce the risks of coastal storm and seismic damage and protect public safety, critical infrastructure, and associated economic activities along Seattle's downtown waterfront. Additionally, the project will improve the degraded ecosystem functions and processes of the Elliott Bay nearshore in the vicinity of the existing seawall. The seawall has been damaged by tidal and storm activity, as well as seismic events, including the 2001 Nisqually earthquake.

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Date of Issue of Final Environmental Impact Statement:

March 14, 2013

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Comment Period:

The comment period will begin on the date the Notice of Availability is published in the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Register. Notice is anticipated to be published on December 16, 2013, and the comment period will conclude on January 22, 2013.

Review Comments and Contact Information:

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Comments can be sent by e-mail to: SeawallSEIS@Seattle.gov

Public Open House:

A public open house to provide project-related information and receive comments from the public and interested parties on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will be held on January 9, 2014, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Bertha Knight Landes Room at Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA. A court reporter will be available to record oral testimony.

Document Availability:

The Final EIS and Draft SEIS are available online at http://waterfrontseattle.org/seawall_project/environmental.aspx.

Printed copies of the Final EIS and Draft SEIS and related appendices are available at the downtown Seattle Public Library, all Seattle branch libraries, and City Neighborhood Service Centers. Printed copies are also available for purchase by e-mailing SeawallSEIS@seattle.gov or calling (206) 618-8584.

Printed copies of the Executive Summary and compact discs (CDs) of the full document are available at no cost. Prices for printed copies are \$25.00.

Permits, Approvals, and Consultations:

- Aquatic Lands Use Approval (Washington State Department of Natural Resources [WDNR])
- Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Washington State Department of Ecology [Ecology])
- Clean Water Act Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction Stormwater General Permit (Ecology)
- Clean Water Act Section 404 (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE])
- U.S. Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 (USACE)
- Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Federal Consistency Determination (Ecology)
- Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service [NOAA Fisheries]; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS])
- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat Consultation (NOAA Fisheries)
- National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation (USACE in coordination with Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation)
- Marine Mammal Protection Act Incidental Harassment Authorization or Letter of Authorization (NOAA Fisheries)
- Private Aids to Navigation Conditional Letter (U.S. Coast Guard)
- Hydraulic Project Approval (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW])
- Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit or Authorization (King County)
- Noise Variance (City of Seattle)

- Pioneer Square Historic District Certificate of Approval (City of Seattle)
- Seattle Landmarks Certificate of Approval (City of Seattle)
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (City of Seattle)
- Building Permit (City of Seattle)

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Date of Issue of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement:

December 16, 2013

Subsequent Environmental Review:

The Final EIS, published in March 2013, evaluated the City's selected Preferred Alternative, along with two other potential build alternatives. This Draft SEIS evaluates proposed changes in project design and construction compared to what was described in the Final EIS and presents an updated Preferred Alternative.

At the conclusion of the Draft SEIS comment period, the lead agency will review and respond to all comments. A Final SEIS containing all comments and responses, as well as any updates to the environmental review, will be published in spring 2014.

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