

Seawall construction starts this fall!

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This fall, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will begin construction of the new Elliott Bay Seawall on and adjacent to Alaskan Way. After four years of planning, hundreds of public meetings and outreach activities, the Elliott Bay Seawall Project is ready to come to life. By 2016, there will be a new seawall between Virginia and South Washington streets.

Where to see construction, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

During the first season of construction, SDOT will focus efforts on work between Virginia and Pike streets as well as between Yesler Way and South Washington Street. All of the waterfront will be open for business as usual, including the Seattle Aquarium, where you will see active construction.

Keep an eye out for more information with specific start date details coming in early September.

What can you expect when construction starts?

- The waterfront will remain open to all: residents, employees, visitors, and commuters.
- Construction hours will occur day and night, Monday through Saturday.
- There will be an increase in truck and oversized vehicle traffic along the waterfront as trucks access a haul route adjacent to the work zone.
- To the extent possible, equipment and materials will be stored within the construction area.
- Noise, dust, and vibration will increase. Measures will be in place to minimize those disruptions.
- Tree and signal pole removal on the west side of Alaskan Way (in the sidewalk area).
- Barges will be located on the water at various locations at the beginning of construction; locations will vary over the first season.
- Flaggers will help safely guide the public through the construction area to access businesses on the piers.
- Public parking will be maximized to the extent possible.
- A temporary roadway will be built to allow space for construction along the waterfront, much like the roadway in place between King and Madison streets for SR 99 tunnel construction.



Early work activities on Alaskan Way, May 2013

How can I stay informed?

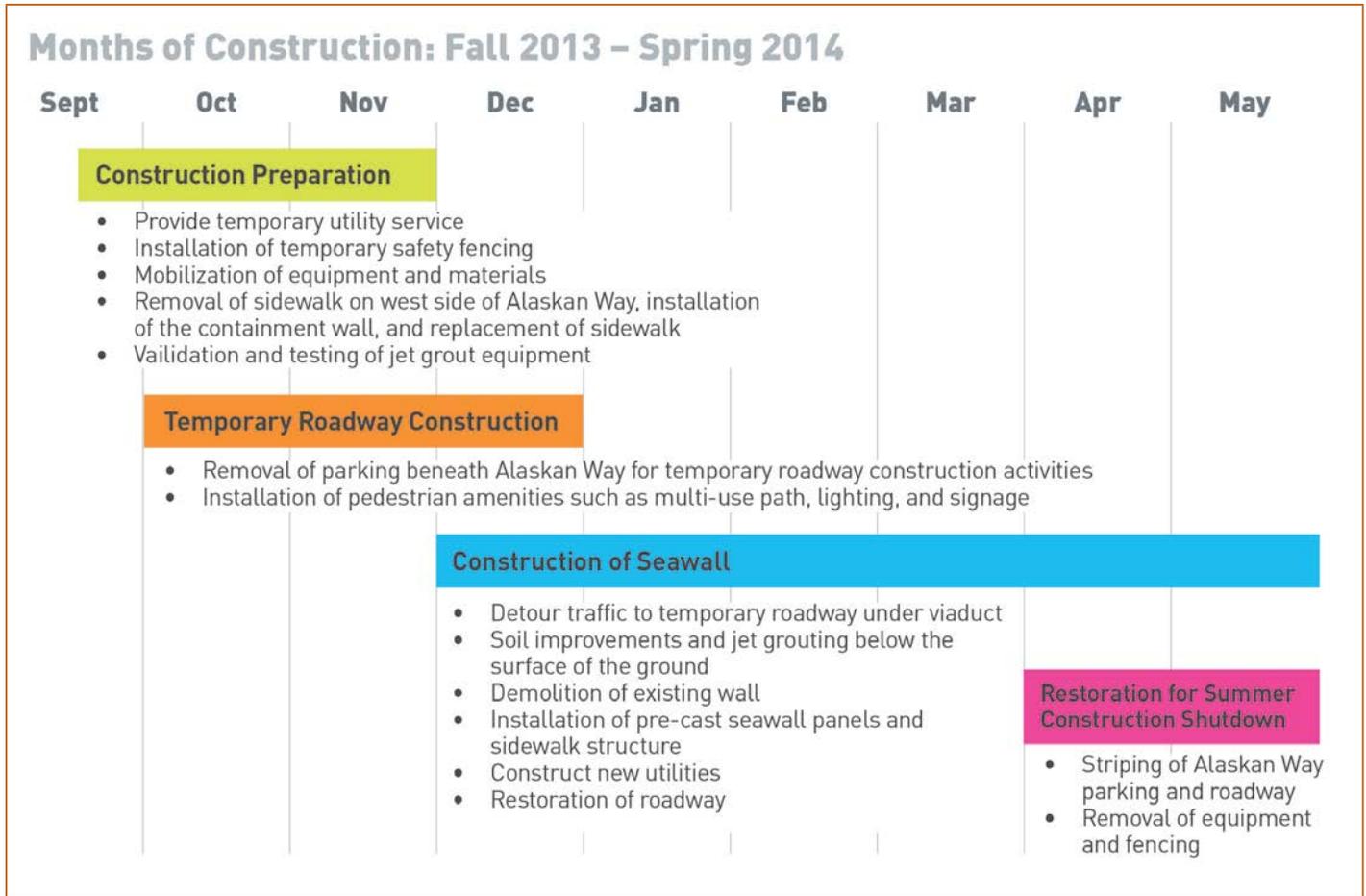
24-hour construction hotline: 206-618-8584

Email: seawall@seattle.gov

Website: www.seattle.gov/transportation/seawall.htm

Construction sequence and schedule

There are many steps involved in building a new seawall. As we move forward, the graphic below highlights how we generally plan to build it:



What is the Elliott Bay Seawall Project?

The Elliott Bay Seawall Project will replace the aging seawall along the waterfront and provide a once in a generation opportunity to improve habitat. Seawall replacement will protect public safety by addressing a structure that is vulnerable to erosive storms and waves, and earthquakes. The new seawall will be built to current seismic standards, designed to last more than 75 years, and is the foundation of Seattle's future waterfront.