

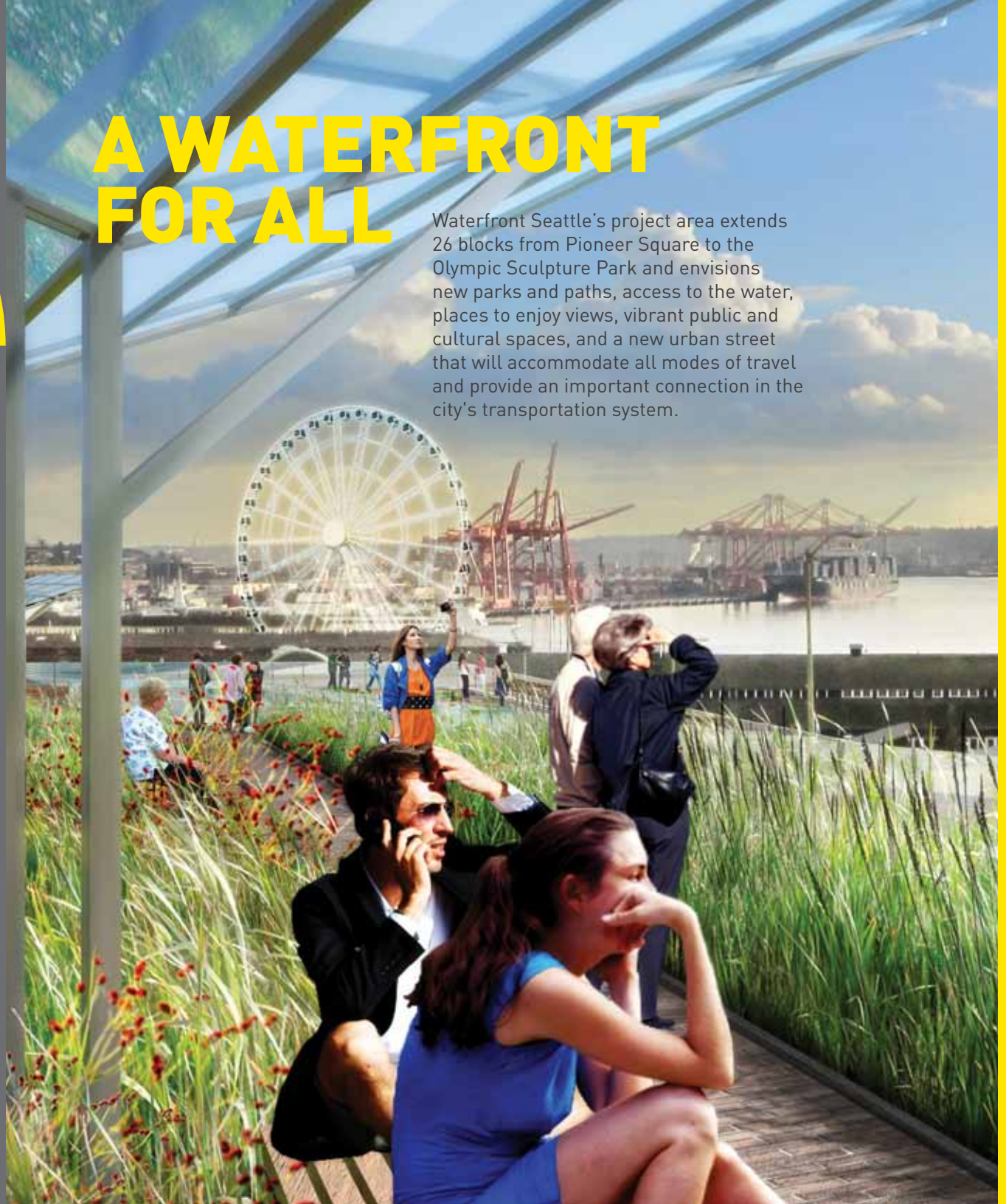


# Waterfront Seattle

Waterfront Seattle is an incredible opportunity to transform our central waterfront. With the removal of the failing Alaskan Way Viaduct and replacement of the deteriorating Elliott Bay Seawall, we have an unprecedented chance to create a new public space and reconnect the city to the waterfront.

## A WATERFRONT FOR ALL

Waterfront Seattle's project area extends 26 blocks from Pioneer Square to the Olympic Sculpture Park and envisions new parks and paths, access to the water, places to enjoy views, vibrant public and cultural spaces, and a new urban street that will accommodate all modes of travel and provide an important connection in the city's transportation system.



# IN IT TOGETHER

Waterfront Seattle is a civic partnership between the City of Seattle and the entire community to create an inviting new public waterfront that is a place for everyone – a waterfront for all that the entire region can enjoy for generations. The project is jointly led by the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Department of Planning and Development and Seattle Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Central Waterfront Committee (CWC). The CWC is made up of a wide range of volunteer community representatives and leaders appointed by City Council. They are charged with broad oversight of design, financing, public engagement, long-term operations and maintenance.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These principles capture the key civic goals and objectives that will shape our future waterfront:

- Create a waterfront for all
- Put the shoreline and innovative, sustainable design at the forefront
- Reconnect the city to its waterfront
- Embrace and celebrate Seattle's past, present and future
- Improve access and mobility (for people and goods)
- Create a bold vision that is adaptable over time
- Develop consistent leadership—from concept to operations



# SHAPING THE DESIGN

Thousands of people have shared their ideas about what makes a great waterfront, which has directly shaped early stages of design. As design continues, so will opportunities for the community to shape the future waterfront.

## JUST SOME OF WHAT WE'VE ASKED

- What makes a great waterfront?
- What would draw you to the waterfront in any weather?
- What activities would you like to do on the waterfront?
- What makes our waterfront unique?
- How can access to the waterfront be improved?

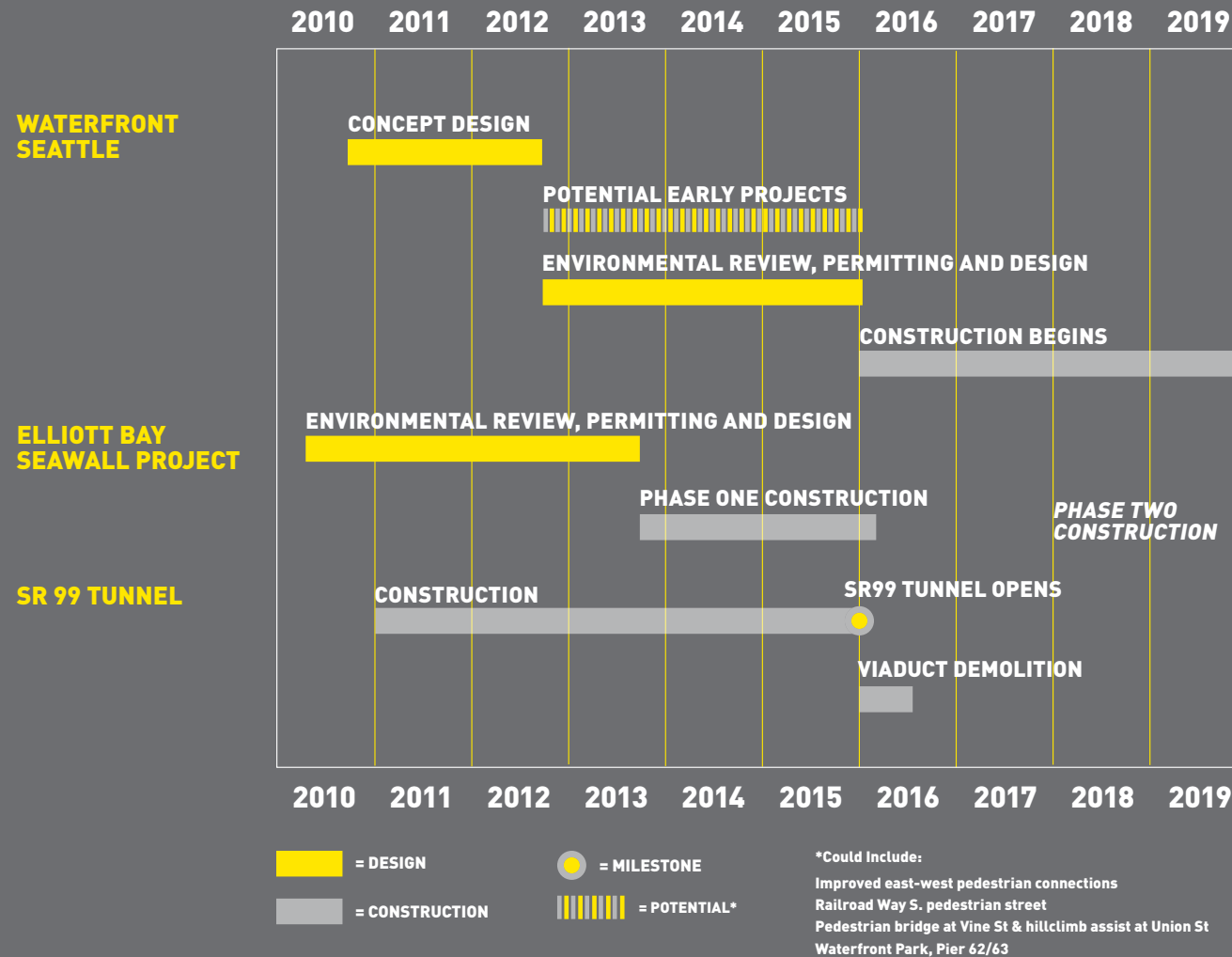
## JUST SOME OF WHAT WE'VE HEARD

- Enhance cherished views of Elliott Bay with elevated overlooks, views between the historic piers, and new opportunities to get near and see the water.
- Focus on connections and movement for vehicles, parking, pedestrians, bicycles and transit.
- Make the waterfront a mix of parks and open spaces to gather and “be quiet,” and places to run, play and be active.
- Create a shoreline with access to beaches, tide pools, and places to walk and sit along the water.
- Create opportunities for a variety of arts and entertainment including outdoor concerts, cafes and picnics, markets and festivals, and public art.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN?

This timeline illustrates the relationship between Waterfront Seattle, the Elliott Bay Seawall Project, and the SR 99 Tunnel Project.



## KEY MILESTONES

**Fall 2010:** Begin waterfront conceptual design

**January 2011 to July 2012:** Robust public engagement and outreach including large civic events, interactive community forums, and briefings and workshops throughout the community

**July 2012:** Complete waterfront conceptual design

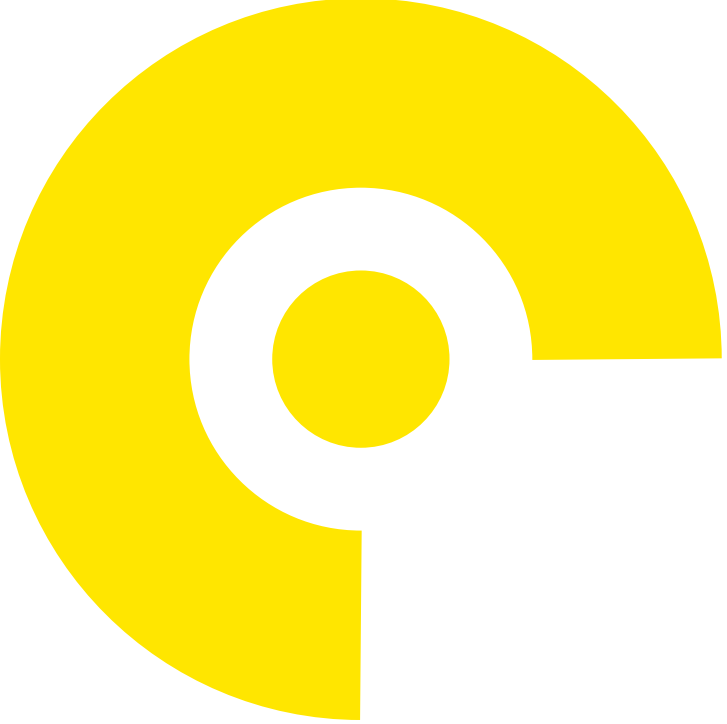
**July 2012 to 2015:** Continue robust public engagement and outreach through design and environmental review

**Late 2013:** Begin construction of Elliott Bay Seawall Phase 1 (Washington to Virginia Streets)

**Late 2015:** SR 99 tunnel opens to drivers

**Early 2016:** Demolish Alaskan Way Viaduct and begin construction of some Waterfront Seattle projects





# TRANSFORMING OUR WATERFRONT

## THE CORE PROJECTS

The Core Projects are the first step in realizing the Waterfront Seattle vision:

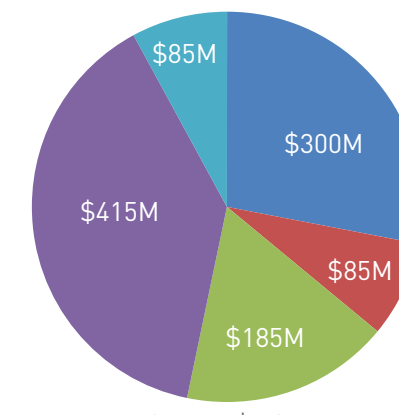
- They can be built now using existing public property within public streets, public piers and the footprint of the Alaskan Way Viaduct.
- They lay a strong foundation including essential elements that must be built first, while leaving open opportunities for future generations to shape waterfront development down the road.
- They are tangible and transformative, providing generous new public parks, pathways, open spaces and recreational opportunities.
- They can be realistically funded through an approach combining private and public sources including center city property owners, philanthropists or other private donors, non-profit partners and public sources that include funds already set aside by the State of Washington.
- They support local partners and institutions such as the Seattle Aquarium, Pike Place Public Market, Colman Dock and the historic piers, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods.

## HOW WE FUND IT

To fund the improvements, Waterfront Seattle will rely on strong and lasting partnerships between the community, civic and private organizations, and government. Funding will be achieved through an approach that combines realistic, viable private and public sources.

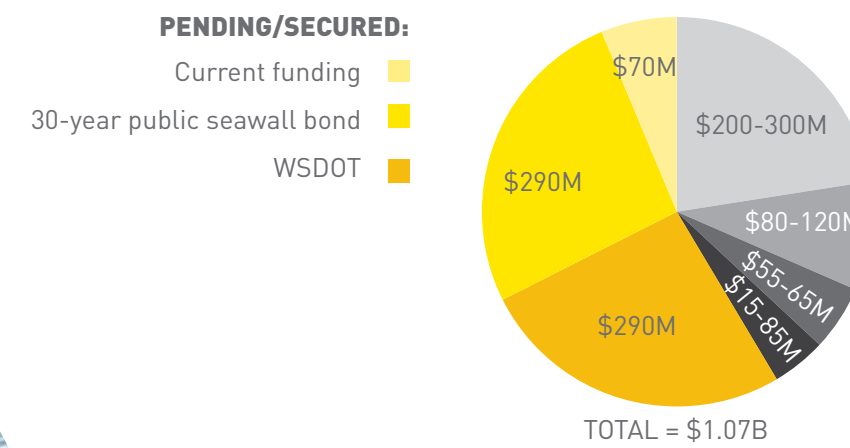
The funding strategy and cost estimates are based on a conceptual (approximately 5-10%) level of design, and will continue to evolve as design progresses.

## COST ESTIMATES



- Seawall replacement
- Replacement of public piers
- New parks and open spaces
- Transportation infrastructure and pedestrian promenade
- City share of partner projects at Pike Place Public Market and Seattle Aquarium

## FUNDING SOURCES

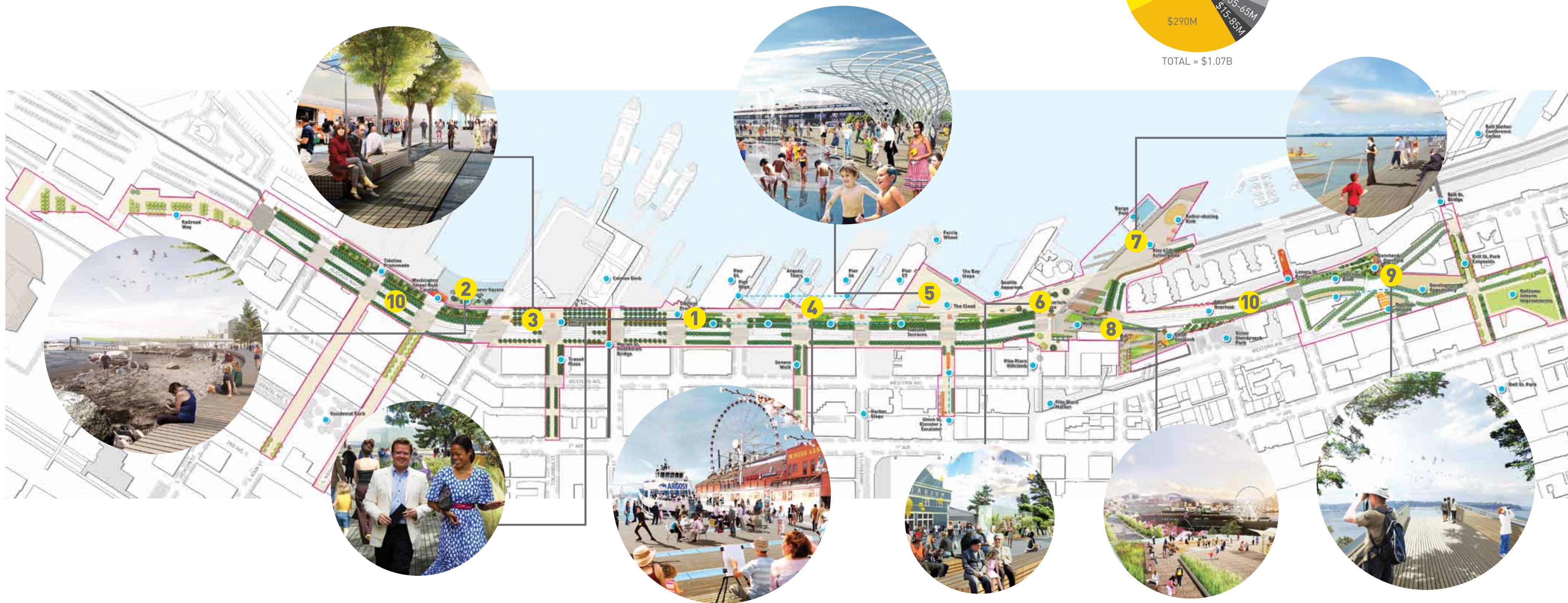


### PENDING/SECURED:

- Current funding
- 30-year public seawall bond
- WSDOT

### FUTURE:

- Center city property owners/Local Improvement District (LID)
- Philanthropy/private sources
- Voter-approved levy or other City source
- City general fund



### 1. Waterfront Promenade

A welcoming pedestrian promenade along the entire length of the waterfront with expanded open spaces to gather, sit and enjoy views, and walk, run and be active.

### 2. Pioneer Square Beach

A pebble beach fronting historic Pioneer Square including views of Elliott Bay, water access and intertidal habitat in coordination with the Elliott Bay Seawall Project.

### 3. Colman Dock Gallery

A connection to this major transit hub including a bustling plaza with generous seating, canopies for weather protection, bicycle parking and more.

### 4. Historic Pier Walk

An inviting walk along these historic piers encourages strolling, sitting, shopping, viewing and gathering.

### 5. Union Street Pier

A reimagined Waterfront Park, becoming a large open space with extensive views and flexible uses such as a children's water feature or a space for events and performances.

### 6. Aquarium Plaza

A plaza connecting the city to this major destination including opportunities for outdoor exhibits as well as public gatherings and activities.

### 7. Pier 62/63

A new life for these public piers as an active, flexible public space for uses such as concerts, a roller-skating rink, kayak launch and a barge swimming pool docked in the summer.

### 8. Overlook Walk

An accessible connection between the Seattle Aquarium and the Pike Place Public Market including gathering places and play areas with dramatic, elevated views of the city and Elliott Bay.

### 9. Belltown Bluff

A series of destinations along a web of streets, stairs, elevators, bridges and overlooks with views to create a lively, safe and accessible connection between Belltown and the waterfront.

### 10. New Alaskan Way and east-west connections

A new surface street serving all modes with signalized intersections and crossings at every block. The street will include transit to move people north and south along the waterfront; options are being studied. Improved east-west connections will make the waterfront easier and more pleasant to get to on foot.







## QUESTIONS

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# GET INVOLVED

Waterfront Seattle is committed to creating a waterfront for all. That means innovative civic engagement that captures many voices, invites open conversations and encourages participation from everyone. Look for us on the waterfront, in your local park or in your neighborhood and stop by to share your ideas!

## Ideas or questions

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## Join the conversation

See our website for a current list of meetings, briefings and events. Meetings of the Central Waterfront Committee and Central Waterfront Stakeholder Group are open to all and we invite you to attend. You can also contact us to request a briefing.

