

The Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects

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The Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects is responsible for coordinating the City's waterfront improvement efforts, including project management, design, construction, and financial management. The Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects is charged with administering the overall program and ensuring that it is managed efficiently and delivers on the adopted Capital Improvement Program for the Central Waterfront.

The projects that make up the Central Waterfront program are included in SDOT's budget and in the budgets of two other City departments (Seattle Parks and Recreation and Finance and Administrative Services). Although there are multiple funding sources and multiple projects within the waterfront improvement program, the program itself includes all the projects listed below.

Seattle Department of Transportation

- Alaskan Way Main Corridor project (MC-TR-C072)
- Overlook Walk and East/West Connections (MC-TR-C073)
- Waterfront Transportation Infrastructure Maintenance (MC-TR-C109)

Seattle Parks and Recreation

- Parks Central Waterfront Piers Rehabilitation (MC-PR-21007)
- Aquarium Expansion (MC-PR-21006)

Department of Finance and Administrative Services

- Pike Place Market PC-1 North Waterfront Entrance project (complete)
- Waterfront Operations and Tribal Interpretive Center (MC-FA-OWMAINT)
- Local Improvement District Administration

In addition, there are funds budgeted in CIP projects for Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle City Light (SCL) for utility relocations related to the Central Waterfront program. The Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects is leading construction activities for these relocations, which in SDOT's budget are combined in a reimbursable project (MO-TR-R043). The Office of Arts and Culture also has funding from the Waterfront program's 1% for Arts contribution.

The Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects manages two funds that support the administration of the funding related to the projects listed above: the Central Waterfront Improvement Fund, and the Waterfront LID #6751 fund. The Central Waterfront Improvement Fund is a single fund from which multiple departments draw funding resources. The fund tracks the interfund loan and philanthropic funds as well as other revenues. The fund supports certain costs associated with the design and construction of the waterfront improvement program and related costs for City administration, including the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects. Appropriations made by the Central Waterfront Improvement Fund are for these purposes. In 2019, the City Council legislated the Waterfront Local

Improvement District (LID) Fund which holds LID assessment payments and LID bonds and pays for expenditures related to the Waterfront Local Improvement District (#6751). The pre-payment, and LID bond issuance occurred in 2021. For more information on LID and project status, visit the [Waterfront Seattle](#) website.

Changes in the 2023-2024 Adopted Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustments and 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program

The 2023-2024 Adopted Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustments includes several changes including extension of the \$20.3 million interfund loan, funding for servicing a \$25 million bond that will cover costs associated with Concrete Strike Delay on the Alaskan Way Main Corridor project, and a transfer of \$3,713,000 in bond appropriation authority from 2023 to 2024 in two capital projects: Alaskan Way Main Corridor (MC-TR-C072) and Overlook Walk/East West Connections (MC-TR-C073). The Interfund loan extension reflects philanthropic contribution forecasts that remain at the same levels but have been adjusted to reflect changes in collection dates that go into 2025. Regarding Alaskan Way Main Corridor cost escalation, the City is engaging with the State through the legislative process to request their participation in funding costs related to WSDOT scope items. Please see Seattle Department of Transportation section for more budget detail.