

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)

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 (proposed)
- 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 from 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.

New in the 2023-2028 Adopted Capital Improvement Program

The 2023-2028 Adopted Capital Improvement Program also includes \$13 million in LTGO bond funding in 2023 for FAS to acquire and rehabilitate the Integrus (Bakun) Building at 1426 Alaskan Way South, which is located on the new Alaskan Way at the Pike Street Hillclimb (FAS CIP Project "Waterfront Operations and Tribal Interpretive

Center”). Acquisition of the building from WSDOT will fulfill the City's permitting commitments from the Elliott Bay Seawall project to the Muckleshoot Tribe to provide 10,000 square feet in a building along the Waterfront for a Tribal Interpretive Center rent free, in perpetuity.

The Waterfront Operations and Tribal Interpretive Center will also provide space for an operations center for on-going maintenance and operations of the Waterfront Park, which is expected to be assigned to Seattle Center pending approval of legislation in early 2023. This building is centrally located on the new waterfront, and proximate to the new maintenance area being provided under the Overlook Walk for materials and vehicle storage and other maintenance activities. The facility will be updated to current City building standards and could include worksite amenities that would support the Waterfront’s maintenance crews.

FAS, the Office of the Waterfront, and Seattle Center will develop an operations plan for the facility and will coordinate agreements among the building’s multiple user departments and the Muckleshoot Tribe. The operations plan will include details on planned funding resources to meet the ongoing maintenance needs of the facility.

City Council Changes to the Proposed Budget

The Council made no changes to the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget for the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects.