

# **Project Update**

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Washington State Department of Transportation





# The Alaskan Way Viaduct & Seawall Replacement Program **Program Overview 2007 Activities**

- March 13: City of Seattle advisory vote
- March 14: Governor, King County Executive, Mayor announce moving forward projects and collaborative process for central waterfront





### **Moving Forward Projects**

# **#1 - Repair Viaduct Between Columbia and Yesler**

- Construction started in October to stabilize four footings
- Work includes:
  - Drilling a series of steel rods into stable soil
  - Adding a reinforcing layer of steel and concrete around existing footings
- All lanes are open on viaduct and Alaskan Way

Construction: Oct. 2007 – Spring 2008 Status: In construction



### **Moving Forward Projects**

# **#2 - Relocate Electrical Lines**

# Phase 1:

 South Massachusetts to South King Streets

Construction: 2008-2009

Status: In design

# Phase 2:

- Some lines from South King to Union streets
- Others from South King Street to electrical vaults on South Washington Street and Yesler Way



### **Moving Forward Projects**

# **#3 - Upgrade Battery Street Tunnel**

- Install new sprinkler pipes, fire alarm system, ventilation fan controls and lighting
- Reinforce roof beams and add second emergency exit stairwell
- Close short on- and offramps just south of tunnel

Construction: 2009-2010 Status: In design



### **Moving Forward Projects**

# #4 - Stabilize Viaduct from Lenora to Battery Street Tunnel

• On hold until more is known about central waterfront

Construction: TBD

Status: On hold



### **Moving Forward Projects**

# #5 - Replace Viaduct from South Holgate to South King

- Remove viaduct between South Holgate and South King streets
- Build new section of SR 99
- This work will:
  - Improve local mobility for pedestrians, vehicles and freight
  - Improve access to downtown Seattle

Construction: 4<sup>th</sup> Qt 2009-2012 Status: In design



### **Moving Forward Projects**

# #6 – Transit Enhancements and Other Improvements

WSDOT, King County and the City of Seattle have developed strategies to keep people and goods moving before and after south end construction. These plans include:

- I-5 active travel management
- SR 519 freight connections
- S. Spokane St. improvements
- Increased bus service
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Commuter incentives

Construction: 2008-2012 Status: In design



### **Central Waterfront**

# The Path Forward: Central Waterfront Partnership



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- Old project area addressed only the SR 99 corridor
- New project area includes the regional transportation network from Elliott Bay to I-5, and the surrounding city street grid



### **Central Waterfront**

# **Stakeholder Advisory Committee**

- 30 individuals representing communities, economic interests and cause-driven organizations
- Meet once a month from December 2007 to October 2008
- Review, deliberate on and provide focused comments on technical work for central waterfront replacement
- Not a decision-making body



### **Central Waterfront**

# **Interagency Working Group**



- 14 public agencies
- Meet once a month from February 2008 to October 2008
- Provide technical input
- Not a decision-making body

### **Central Waterfront**

# **Guiding Principles**

- Improve public safety
- Provide efficient movement of people and goods
- Maintain or improve downtown Seattle, regional, the port and state economies
- Enhance Seattle's waterfront, downtown and adjacent neighborhoods as a place for people
- Create solutions that are fiscally responsible.
- Improve the health of the environment







### Program Overview

# **Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program**



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