



# City of Seattle

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

## Department of Transportation

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May 9, 2014

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Company (if applicable)

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City, State, Zip

Re: Additional Information about the Waterfront Program Property Right Acquisition Process

Dear Property Owner,

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) sent you a letter via certified mail that referenced our need to acquire property rights as part of the City of Seattle's planned improvements to the central waterfront, and notified you of legislation under City Council review that would authorize SDOT to negotiate property acquisition for this public purpose.

We understand that the language in our initial letter may have been alarming to you and other property owners. The purpose of this follow-up letter is to provide additional information about how your specific property may be affected by this legislation, invite you to a drop-in session to help answer questions, and remind you of upcoming City Council meetings related to this legislation.

SDOT does not plan to permanently acquire your specific property and we do not plan to acquire your home or business.

During construction of waterfront improvements, SDOT does anticipate the need to acquire the right to access outdoor areas of your property in order to construct improvements to the adjacent sidewalks and streets (see attached map). This type of property right acquisition is temporary in nature and is commonly referred to as a temporary construction easement. You will be justly compensated for any temporary construction easement in full accordance with the law, and any affected property will be restored. If SDOT determines that additional property rights are needed, we would immediately contact you.

To provide additional information and answer questions, members of the Waterfront Program and SDOT staff will be available on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for two informal drop-in sessions. You are invited to stop by to talk with the team, share comments and get answers to your specific questions. A formal presentation will not be given at the drop-in sessions.

**Location:** Puget Sound Regional Council Conference Room, 1011 Western Ave, Suite 500

**Date:** Thursday, May 15, 2014

**Two sessions will be held:** 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and 4:00-6:00 PM

As a reminder, there are two upcoming Seattle City Council meetings on this topic. Each meeting will include time for public comment to voice any comments or concerns directly to City Council. Meetings are located in the City Council Chambers at 600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Seattle, WA.

- **May 19, 2014 at 2:30 PM:** A currently scheduled vote by the Select Committee on the Central Waterfront, Seawall, and Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program. If the Select Committee approves the draft legislation on May 19, it will then be scheduled for final action by the Full Council.
- **May 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM:** A currently scheduled vote by the Full Council. Approval from the majority of City Councilmembers at this meeting will finalize and put the legislation into effect.

SDOT provided an informational briefing to the City Council Select Committee on the Central Waterfront, Seawall, and Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program on April 28, 2014. Briefing materials and a video of the presentation can be found at [http://www.seattle.gov/council/com\\_assign.htm#viaduct](http://www.seattle.gov/council/com_assign.htm#viaduct).

We hope you will find the attached Frequently Asked Question document and map helpful in answering any other questions. More information about the City's efforts to improve the central waterfront can be found at [waterfrontseattle.org](http://waterfrontseattle.org) and specific information about this process can be found at [waterfrontseattle.org/waterfront/property\\_rights.aspx](http://waterfrontseattle.org/waterfront/property_rights.aspx).

We sincerely hope this additional information will clear up any misunderstandings our previous letter may have created. If you have questions or need additional information, please call me at (206) 684-5150.

Sincerely,



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