

Central Waterfront Improvement Program

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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. Organizationally, it is a unit of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), although its director reports directly to the Mayor. 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 Concept Design and Framework Plan for the Central Waterfront as adopted by the City in Resolution 31399.

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

Department of 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)
- 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 design and construction activities for these relocations, which in SDOT's budget are combined in a reimbursable project. The Office of Arts and Culture also has funding from the Waterfront program's 1% for Arts contribution.

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, City Council created the Waterfront LID Fund to pay expenses related to the Waterfront Local Improvement District (#6751). Multiple departments will draw on the resource in this fund, which will be supported by an Interfund Loan (repaid by LID Bonds and LID assessments) until the LID bonds are sold in late 2020 or early 2021.