



Major Initiatives Update

December 8, 2025

WOSCA - History

- 2023
 - WOSCA selected by C40 in “Reinventing Cities” competition
 - Competition “invites professional multi-disciplinary teams to transform underutilized sites in cities into beacons of sustainability and resilience”.
- 2024
 - Q1: Stakeholder Group Convened (“Seven Families”)
 - WSDOT, City, Port, Stadia, Teams, Alliance for Pioneer Square, Friends of Waterfront Park
 - Q2: Request for Interest (RFI) issued
 - Q4: RFI submittals due
 - Responses confidential

WOSCA – Current Status

- Focus shifted to World Cup and a potential short-term lease.
- RFQ contingent on legislative authority, likely delayed until 2027.
- WSDOT working on P3 policy implementation (likely necessary for partnership w/private parties)
- As of now, Growth Management Hearings Board decision has not impacted WOSCA process.

Pedestrian Improvement Project

- Dec 2025
 - Contract revisions in progress, executed contract expected early next week.
 - Kick-off meeting later next week
- Feb 2026
 - Design concepts (3) presented to NIF Advisory Group
 - Concept(s) presented at Feb 9 board meeting

Pedestrian Improvement Project

- May 2026
 - Design Completed
 - General Contractor RFP Issued
- August 2026
 - General Contractor Selected
- September 2026
 - Construction Start

West Seattle Ballard Light Rail Extension (WSBLE)

- \$30 billion shortfall, Balducci recommendation to kill downtown tunnel
- New board members being briefed and considering second tunnel
- EIS still on hold, no new publication date issued
- Possible that removing tunnel option invalidates EIS
- DSA/Chamber group advocating for second tunnel and for preservation of mitigation funds
- Couplet is still in the mix

Questions?