The Road Ahead: Politics and Planning

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Process to Date

2001 Nisqually Earthquake shook Puget Sound

2004 Draft EIS released; Tunnel selected as preferred alternative

2007 Make final determination of tunnel vs overhead vs. boulevard Release final EIS

Waterfront Plan Key Stakeholders

- Environmental
- Civic
- Waterfront Property and Business Owners
- Neighborhood
- City and State
- Transportation
- Design



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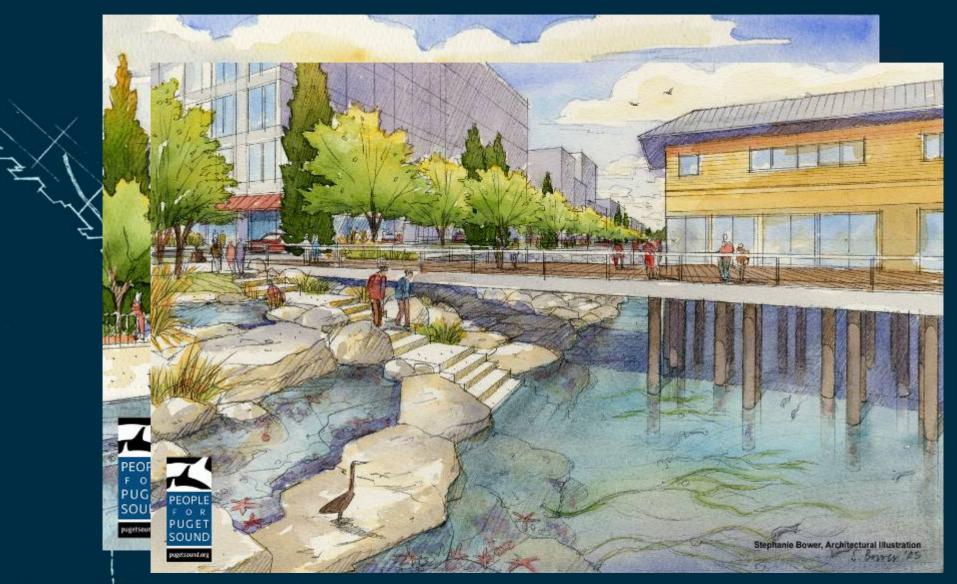
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Creating the Waterfront Plan



The Vision





Central Waterfront Plan

Five Lessons

- Meaningful participation of all stakeholders early on in the process
- Identify existing assets
- Zoning should be based on comprehensive plan

Five Lessons (continued...)

 Community planning is an iterative process that embraces discovery, change, and seizes opportunities.

• People must come before profits

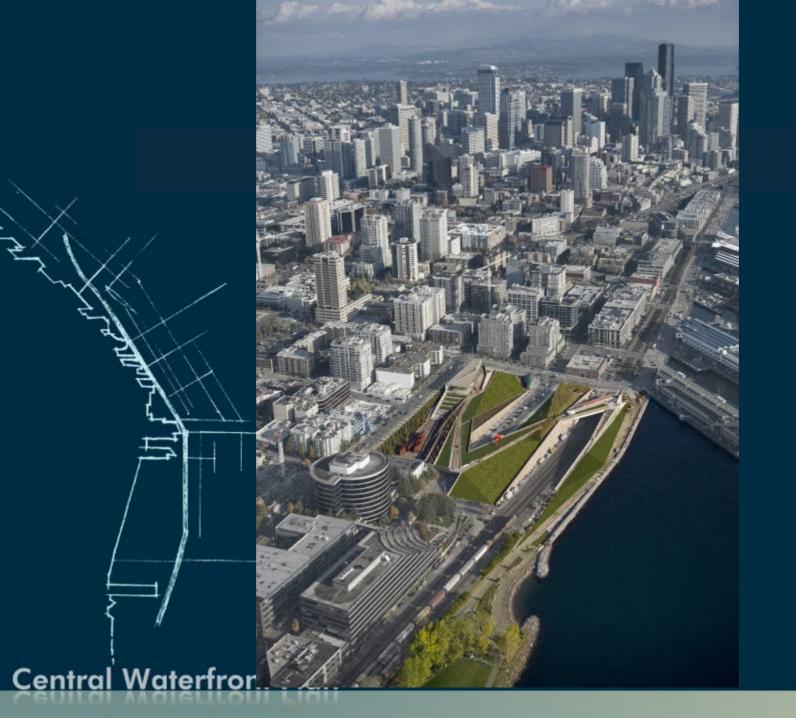
Political Crisis

- Conflicts regarding costs of tunnel vs. new overhead highway
 - Approximately \$1billion difference
- Governor, State Legislature forcing a decision
- Advisory Ballot passed by Council in February, vote on March 13.

Olympic Sculpture Park Site



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Olympic Sculpture Park



Thank you!

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