



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

2019 - 2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Investing in a City of the Future

To help Seattle seize opportunities for a more vibrant future, Mayor Durkan's budget invests in key priorities that will benefit all Seattle residents and visitors. In addition to building opportunity for young people, Mayor Durkan is investing in a new "Waterfront for All" that reconnects the downtown core to the waterfront; more light rail through Sound Transit 3; and a reimaged Seattle Center, including a new arena.

The Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise levy: If passed, funding would be available to:

- Increase the number of children in preschool;
- Maintain support for K-12 and community investments, including school-based health services and supports for students most in need; and
- Expand access to college with the Seattle Promise College Tuition Program.

New Apprenticeship Pilot to Connect Students with Seattle's Construction Jobs: Mayor Durkan's proposed budget aims to increase building trades apprenticeships for low-wage students enrolled in the College for Working Adults program, a partnership with the Seattle College District. Considering the growth of construction activity in Seattle, especially North Seattle, the pilot is intended to prepare Seattle residents to land these construction jobs.

Creating A New Central Waterfront for All: Mayor Durkan's Proposed Budget would invest nearly \$66 million in 2019 and \$127 million in 2020 to help reconnect downtown Seattle to our waterfront and create a "Waterfront for All" following the permanent closure and demolition of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. These investments will support a number of key projects, including:

- Designing and constructing Alaskan Way and Elliot Way surface streets and adjoining pedestrian promenade following the demolition of the Alaskan Way Viaduct;
- Connecting the downtown core and the waterfront through east-west connections and building a new pedestrian connection, the Overlook Walk, between the waterfront, Aquarium, and Pike Place Market;
- Improving the Waterfront Park and Pier 62/63 to create flexible public recreation and open spaces.

Enhancing and Accelerating Sound Transit 3: Mayor Durkan's budget reflects her commitment to more transit in and around Seattle by enhancing and accelerating Sound Transit 3. To speed implementation, maximize efficiency of public dollars, and support Sound Transit in determining quality locally preferred alternatives, Mayor Durkan's budget would increase Citywide funding to \$2.3 million including support for planning of West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension and Graham Street Station.

Redevelopment of Seattle Center Arena: While the development to reimagine Seattle Center and renovate the Arena protects taxpayers and is privately financed, the proposed budget addresses the financial challenges that Seattle Center will face during the construction period, when there will be no revenue from Arena operations.