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PIKE PLACE MARKETFRONT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Highlights from June 2015 to June 2016. Completion on schedule for January 2017



A worker looks over the first level of open public walkways and housing of the MarketFront project



Historical artifacts recovered from the MarketFront construction area

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The MarketFront continues on schedule with Sellen Construction crews completing the major final concrete deck pour in May. All four levels of the MarketFront underground parking garage are now finished. The garage will provide 300 additional parking spaces and 33 bicycle spaces.

Work continues at or above the height of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The commercial business level and the new low-income housing building, the Alex Jackson House, is taking shape. The Alex Jackson House will provide 40 units of low-income housing. More info: <http://www.pikeplacemarket.org/marketfront>

High resolution photos and time-lapse video available [here](#).

MARKETFRONT CONSTRUCTION BY THE NUMBERS

- 9,000 Cubic yards of concrete placed to create the foundation system and parking garage.
- 2,368 Number of artifacts of “cultural interest” that were found in the MarketFront construction area by the official site archeologist, including an early 20th century doll’s head. The model of the doll was called “Bertha”—no relation to the tunnel boring machine. The artifacts were largely from two populations: a group of early 19th century squatters and the crew that built the Burlington Northern train tunnel that runs beneath the site from 1903-1905. The artifacts currently being archived at the Burke Museum.
- 1,695 Tons of rebar delivered to project site to date. This is for rebar placed in garage decks only.
- 120 Drilled piers supporting the foundation spanning from 37 to 90 feet below the ground.
- \$5.4 Million raised by the Market Foundation’s “Pike Up!” capital campaign. The campaign continues—donors can give to the campaign for an opportunity to leave their name on the MarketFront. www.pikeup.org
- 1 Year of placement of sensitive monitoring equipment beneath the site to determine any shifting or movement around the Burlington Northern train tunnel. All monitors will be removed in June, one year after they were put into place at the start of construction.

Pike Place Market is Seattle’s original farmers market, founded in 1907, and is one of the oldest continuously operating public markets in the U.S. The market operates within a nine-acre historic district and is a bustling neighborhood of hundreds of vendors, residents and businesses, including farmers, craftspeople, independent shops, buskers, and residents, many of whom are low-income seniors, and five social service agencies. www.pikeplacemarket.org

The Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority (PDA) is a not-for-profit, public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle in 1973 to manage the properties in the nine-acre Market Historic District. The PDA is required to preserve, rehabilitate and protect the Market’s buildings, increase opportunities for farm and food retailing in the Market, incubate and support small and marginal businesses, and provide services and affordable housing for low-income people.

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