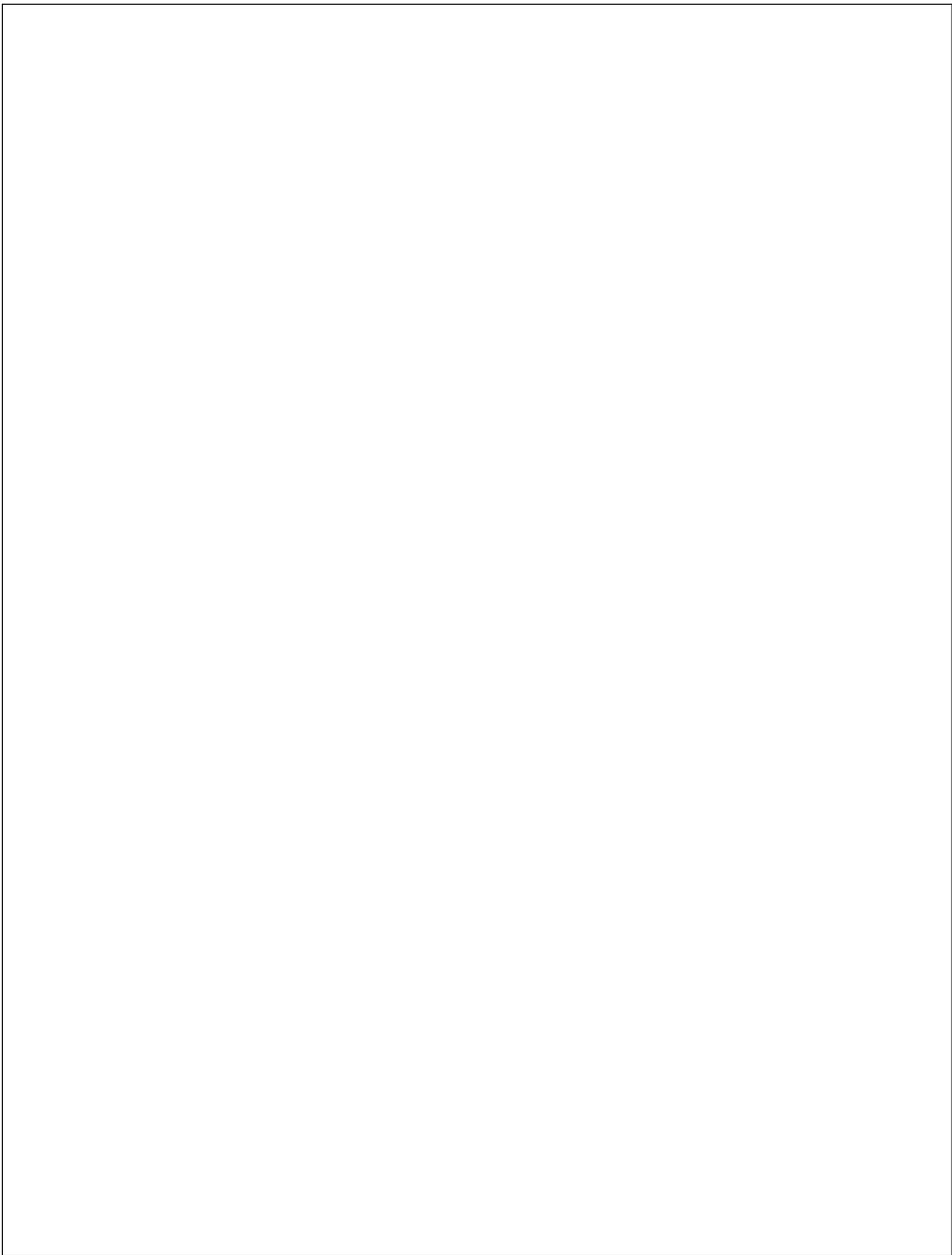


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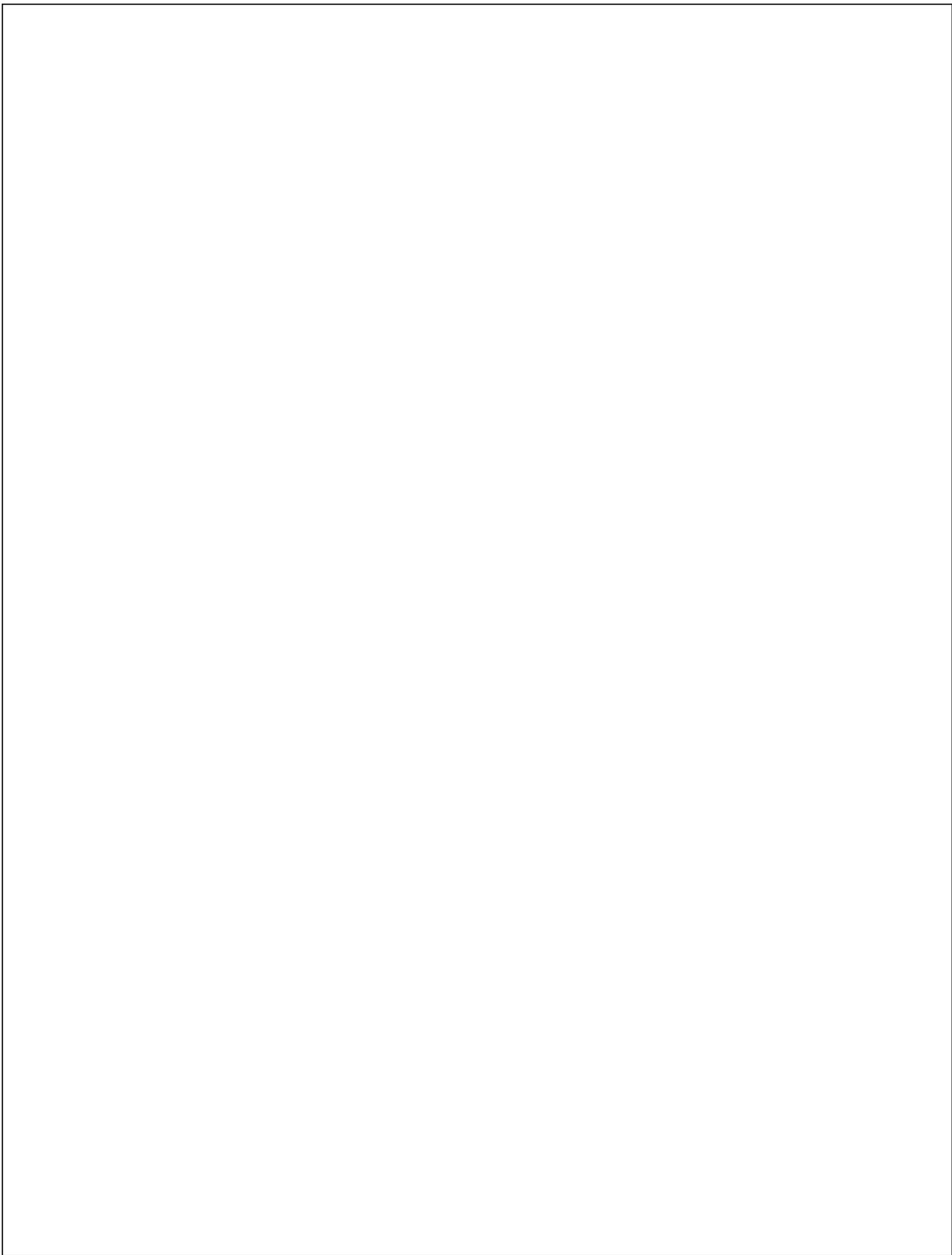
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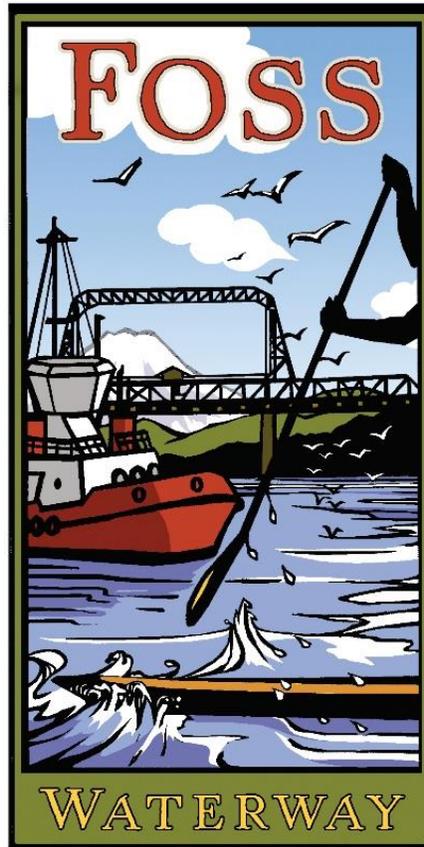
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Introduction

The following information is compiled in accordance with the Third Operating Agreement between the Foss Waterway Development Authority (FWDA) and the City of Tacoma (the City). The current report summarizes FWDA's activities for both the 2018 and 2019 calendar years and provides financial statements for each year. FWDA's outlook for 2020 is also included.

FWDA Guiding Principles

- Attracting successful PRIVATE INVESTMENT projects with a mix of uses that will activate the waterfront and retail.
- Ensuring PUBLIC ACCESS on the Westside of the Foss that connects the community to the shoreline, the water and provides gathering space for events and activities.
- Improve INFRASTRUCTURE to benefit public access, initiate successful development and connect the waterfront to the downtown core.
- Maximize external FINANCIAL RESOURCES both public and private through grants and partnerships.
- Promote STEWARDSHIP on the Waterway

Executive Summary

Since 1996, the FWDA has been working diligently to promote an active maritime core centered on mixed uses throughout the downtown waterfront neighborhood. FWDA's recent work includes developing new tourism components such as cruise ship visits and programming the esplanade with summertime family activities. Two parking lots under the 509 Bridge have been placed under managed parking to provide FWDA with increased revenues and lights have been installed in those lots to increase nighttime safety measures. FWDA continues to manage approximately twenty leases, professional service contracts and other agreements to ensure that the shoreline and its properties are well taken care of. The Development Authority has been addressing challenging issues associated with negotiations for a proposed mix-use development project that has prevented the marketing of an adjacent parcel. FWDA anticipates being able to move forward on that parcel once the issues have been resolved. Due to the lack of property sales, FWDA's operating budget has been impacted. 2019 marked the first time in the agency's history that funding from the City was requested to supplement the operating budget. By the end of 2019, approximately \$74,000 in City funds will have been provided to support the operating budget. In addition, FWDA had over \$510,992 in available liquid assets as of November 30, 2019. Strong interest from the development community in the Tacoma market is expected to benefit future land sales along the Thea Foss Waterway, once FWDA managed properties can be placed on the market again.

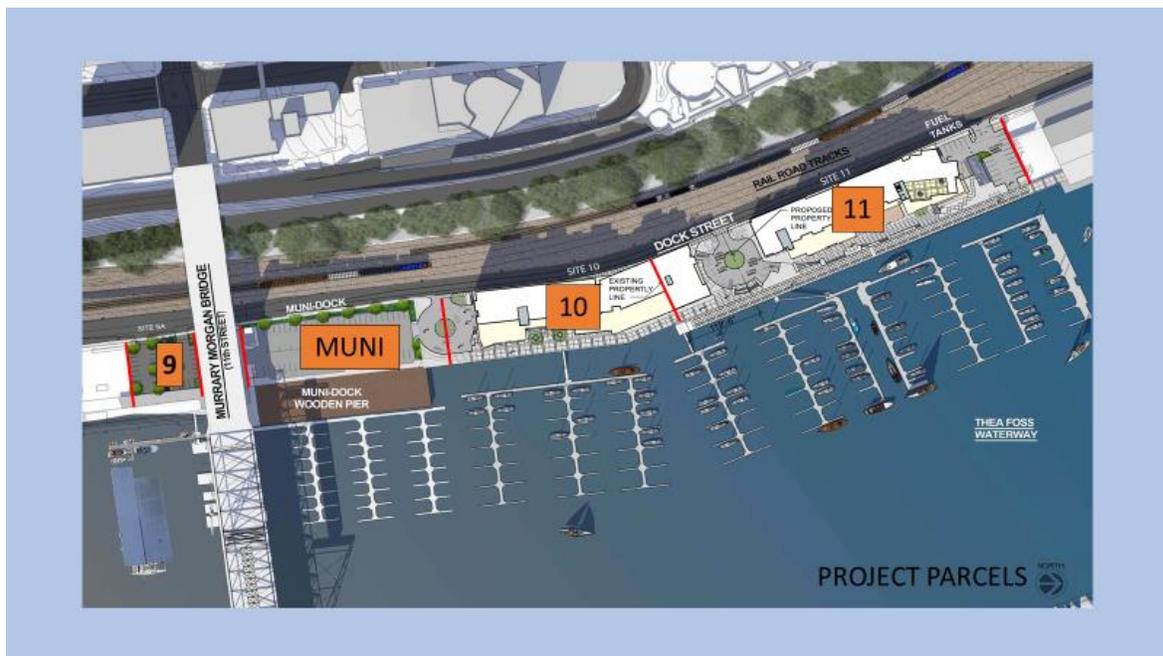
The Authority has been actively undertaking infrastructure improvement projects along the Thea Foss shoreline to maintain shoreline integrity and improve public access along its length. The City and the Development Authority have been collaborating on sourcing funds for infrastructure upgrades. This has included over \$3 million in City funds being provided for seawall replacements currently taking place north of the 11th Street Bridge. A \$600,000 State grant that FWDA was awarded in 2019 will enable the 45-year-old 15th Street transient moorage facility to be replaced in 2020. FWDA continues to be successful in raising private and public sector funds to construct two new parks along the waterway with a combined price of \$11.6 million. One of these parks, a unique children's park is planned to start construction in 2020.

2018 and 2019 have seen both positive changes and difficult challenges for FWDA. The one constant heading into 2020 is that FWDA will continue to be the primary steward and advocate for the Thea Foss Waterway, the city's downtown waterfront neighborhood.

Real Estate Development

The FWDA is chartered by the City of Tacoma to undertake redevelopment of FWDA and City owned properties along the Thea Foss Waterway. FWDA facilitates redevelopment through the sale or long-term lease of these properties. Developer(s) of properties are selected through a two-stage competitive selection process. In carrying out this function, FWDA follows the Foss Plan as well as a Master Redevelopment Strategy that specifies uses for each property

2018 and 2019 saw a continuation of negotiations begun in 2016 with Foss Harbor LLC (FH) for residential and marina related uses. Foss Harbor is seeking ownership of two parcels and a long-term lease on a third parcel. In 2018, the developer presented concept drawings for a 325-unit residential apartment development called The Village at Foss Harbor. In January 2019, FH indicated they planned to sell the project to another company to develop. The scope of negotiations then changed and FWDA began negotiations with the new company to sell them Site 10 shown below. FH was also negotiating to sell their adjacent parcel to the company. Negotiations between the company and FWDA began in February 2019 and were nearly complete when in August, FWDA was informed by the buyer that the project was not economically viable for them and they withdrew. FWDA, FH and the City are currently discussing next steps.



- Site 9
 - This property is located adjacent to the south side of the 11th Street Bridge. A portion of the property shown above is proposed to be sold to Foss Harbor LLC for use as a marina parking lot and a marina support facility. The facility will contain washrooms/showers and a garbage area for tenants of the adjacent marina. As required for all new developments along Dock Street, a concrete pedestrian esplanade will also be constructed along the shoreline. The developer has also proposed to construct a pathway under the 11th Street Bridge to connect with the temporary Municipal Dock asphalt walkway installed measure in August 2019.

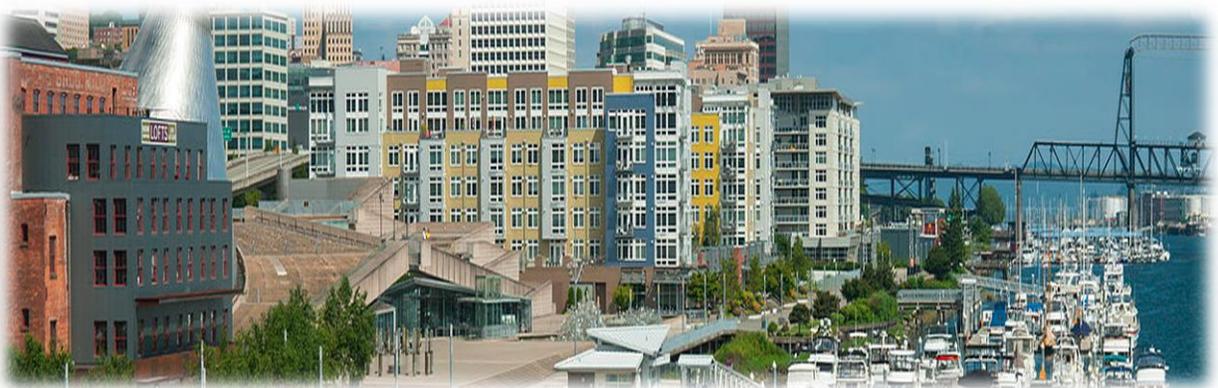
- Municipal Dock
 - In 2017, FWDA undertook a short plat to divide this property into two lots. A long-term lease with Foss Harbor LLC is proposed for one lot to provide parking for up to 66 vehicles. The remaining lot along the shoreline will remain in City ownership as required. The temporary asphalt walkway will remain in place until the property is developed sometime in the future.

- Site 10
 - This property is adjacent to the north side of the Municipal Dock property. As part of the Village at Foss Harbor proposal, 175 residential rental apartments are to be constructed along with 8,820 square feet of commercial space. 307 parking stalls for both residential and commercial use are to be constructed underground and in the first two stories of a seven-story building constructed above. An onshore concrete esplanade is also proposed to be constructed, connecting Site 10 to the existing pedestrian esplanade north of the site and the Municipal Dock walkway to the south.

- Site 11
 - This property is adjacent to the north side of Site 10 and extends north to the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum property. It was previously sold in in 2001 by FWDA to Foss Harbor LLC (FH) through a development agreement that still exists. FH has over the years explored several scenarios for residential development. The site is currently proposed to have 150 rental apartment units and 7,240 square feet of retail / commercial space. Parking for 197 vehicles is proposed along with 150 residential apartments and ground floor commercial in a seven-story building.

- Site 4
 - This property was sold to Tacoma Waterway LLC and is often referred to as the “hotel site.” The 2013 amended redevelopment agreement with the FWDA requires the property to be developed with a hotel component. No timeframe for development was included in that agreement. According to the developer, this site will be developed in phases.

The final development agreements for both Site 4 and Site 11 did not include timeframes for development or re-acquisition clauses. Economic factors during the housing crisis made these difficult to include for Site 4. However, with the economy improving, the FWDA Operating Agreement with the City of Tacoma was modified in 2010 to require timeframes for development and reacquisition clauses in all future Development Agreements.



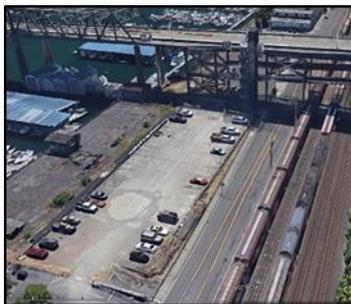
Property Management

The FWDA serves as the manager of certain City property, including the pedestrian esplanade, the aquatic lands area, the right-of-way under the SR 509 bridge on both sides of the waterway, development parcels both City owned and FWDA owned, and the Balfour Docks Building, home of the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum. Management activities involve entering into and administering leases; undertaking service and maintenance contracts; and working with local and state agencies on permits, licenses and fees. Additionally, the FWDA complies with CC&R's (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) that apply to properties under its purview. Short-term leases are month-to-month and are intended to generate revenue for FWDA's operating budget until such time as the properties can be placed on the market for sale and development into higher and better uses.



Short-Term Month-to-Month Leases and Agreements

- **Site 8** -The vacant building on Site 8 shown in the photo above was determined by the City of Tacoma to be unsafe for occupancy and is vacant. Preliminary costs to remove the building have been obtained and include asbestos abatement. The building contains old growth timber that if sold, may mitigate demolition costs. The surface parking lot to the left of the building currently provides public parking for 64 vehicles and is managed for FWDA by Reef Parking (formerly Republic Parking).
- **Site 9** – The property to the right of the building above is leased to Foss Harbor LLC for marina parking. The property is proposed to be divided into two. Property adjacent to the building will be absorbed into Site 8. A 120-foot-long parcel adjacent to the 11th Street Bridge is proposed to be sold to Foss Harbor LLC. They propose to install 30 parking stalls along with a marina washroom, shower and garbage facility.



- **Municipal Dock Lot**– This 66-vehicle stalls parking lot is leased to Foss Harbor LLC for marina parking. The month-to-month lease is currently proposed to be replaced with a long-term lease that includes options for the site to be placed on the market for future development.



- **Site 12** - This surface parking lot is managed for FWDA by Reef Parking. The lot provides a total of 112 parking stalls. 77 are for the general public, including visitors to the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum and the north transient boating moorage. 20 stalls are provided for the 535 Dock Street office tenants and 15 stalls are provided for the Rock The Dock Restaurant.

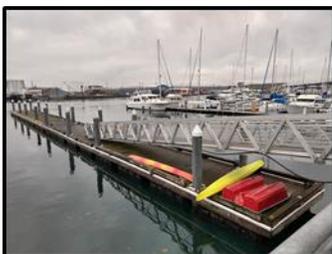


- **Waterway Park Site** – This property located at the south end of the Thea Foss Waterway is leased to the Berg Scaffolding Company. A small portion is also provided through a caretaker agreement to the Kikaha outrigger canoe club for canoe storage in exchange for their maintaining the shoreline. Construction over the entire site for a public park is planned to begin in 2022. Berg Scaffolding will relocate before then.

Long-Term Leases and Agreements:

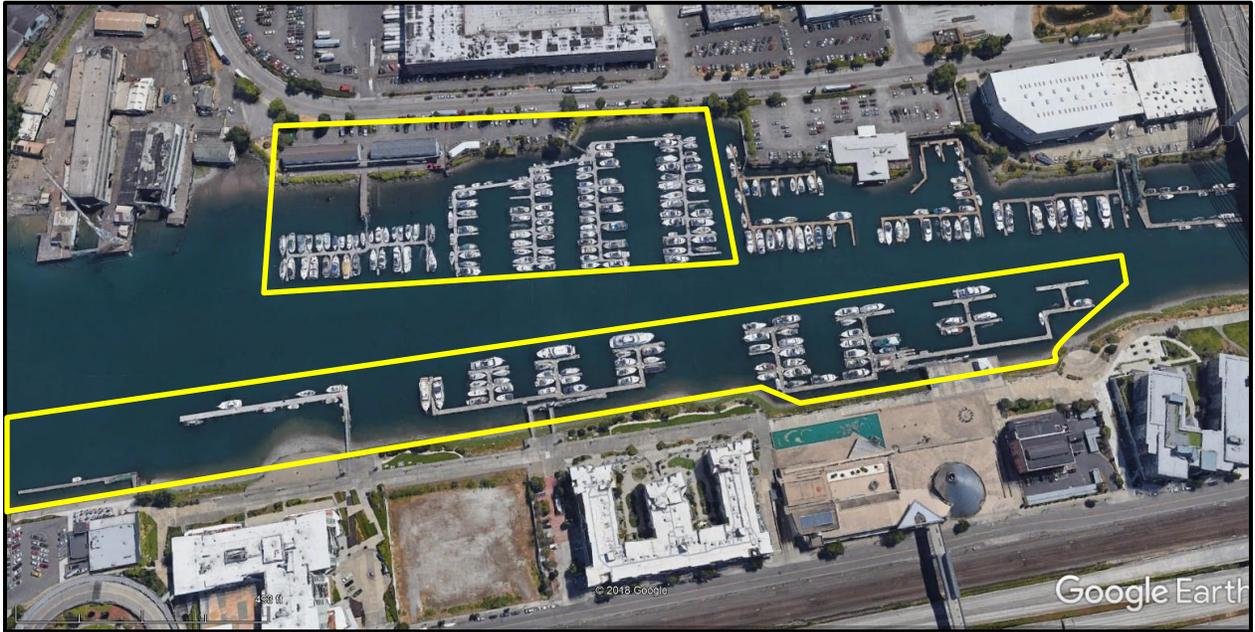


- **Foss Waterway Seaport Museum**
The historic Balfour Dock Building is leased to the museum until 2062 under a lease that requires certain public improvements be made and public benefits to be provided. 80% of the land the building sits on is owned by FWDA. The Port of Tacoma owns the remaining 20%. The building is listed on both the State and National Historic Register.



“A” Dock

- **“A” Dock & North Transient Moorage** – The Foss Waterway Seaport Museum manages the boat moorage at the mouth of the Thea Foss Waterway for FWDA under a Dock Supervision Agreement. The museum manages both moorages and provide minor maintenance of them in exchange for their keeping moorage fees collected from transient vessels. Boats can stay for up to 14 days at the North moorage. Metro Parks Tacoma currently utilizes “A” Dock for their Thrive program that provides disadvantaged school children with a kayaking experience over several weeks each year.



- ***Delin Docks / Dock Street Marinas*** – In 2015, the existing lease with Foss Waterway Management LLC (FWM) was extended by FWDA through 2065. The lease is for the operation of the Dock Street Marina located on the west side of the Thea Foss Waterway and the Delin Docks located on the east side. FWM has made substantial investments in these two award winning marinas. Delin Docks Marina contains 143 boat slips and Dock Street Marina has 57 slips. In addition to monthly boat slip rentals there is also a transient guest moorage located at Dock Street Marina’s south end. It serves as an outstation for the Tacoma Yacht Club, other groups and individuals. FWM also cleans and maintains the human-powered watercraft float at the Waterway Park site as part of their lease. Both marinas are generally full during boating season and have waiting lists for their use. Under the terms of the lease, a portion of marina revenues will be applied yearly to the maintenance of the Parks on the Foss, beginning in 2026.
- ***Shorelands Lease*** – FWDA pays a monthly Aquatic Lands Lease fee to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for shoreline water properties owned by FWDA and the City along the Thea Foss Waterway. FWDA is reimbursed for these fees by the tenants occupying the respective land lease areas.

Stewardship

Since its creation in 1996, FWDA has provided stewardship for the Thea Foss Waterway. FWDA’s staff and Board have worked with many stakeholders along the Foss over the years to develop effective working relationships and to address issues of concern in a timely manner. Being a small and nimble organization has enabled FWDA to usually respond quickly to stakeholders needs.

- ***Foss Waterway Owners Association*** – All properties along the west side of the waterway either currently owned or previously owned by the FWDA are required to participate in a homeowner’s association. Current property owners pay monthly assessment fees to the Foss Waterway Owners Association (FWOA) and are represented by a Board of Directors that meets quarterly. The Board currently has a contract with HOA Community Solution Inc to manage the HOA. They oversee the daily maintenance needs of the shoreline pedestrian esplanade, both completed and uncompleted. Landscaping, lighting, garbage removal, painting, cleaning, graffiti removal, and other activities such as special events permitting are managed by the FWOA. The FWDA

provides frequent guidance to the FWOA and its vendors to assist them in meeting the daily needs of the shoreline neighborhood.

The last real estate development project along Dock Street, the Henry, opened in 2015. The lack of additional development since then has impacted the ability of the FWOA to meet the demand for services. Assessments new projects would bring are not there and FWOA has found itself struggling at times to meet unexpected maintenance needs. These include replacing stolen wire from multiple esplanade lights that occurred in 2017 and again in 2018. In both these instances, the FWDA stepped in to pay for the wiring repairs. The FWDA also provides \$5,000 yearly to FWOA to help offset costs associated with the maintenance of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. Park. In 2018, the City agreed to assist the FWOA by providing \$114,000 in funding to pay for most of the public esplanade electrical needs during the 2019-2020 biennium. This assistance has helped the FWOA achieve a positive balance and develop an adequate budget for 2020. Continued City assistance for lighting will be required in the 2020/21 budget to maintain this.



- ***Bridge of Glass and Grand Staircase*** – The Bridge of Glass and Grand Staircase provide pedestrian access from Pacific Avenue to the shoreline esplanade adjacent to the Museum of Glass. The bridge and staircase are owned by the City and maintained by FWDA per its operating agreement with the City. In the fall of 2018, FWDA hired a new maintenance vendor who has painted the bridge benches, replaced missing skateboard prevention cleats, repaired the floating decking and kept this important pedestrian connection in excellent shape.



- ***Seaplane Float*** – FWDA operates a seasonal float for seaplanes and coordinates its use with Kenmore Air, other commercial operators and private pilots. It is located at the mouth of the Thea Foss Waterway and is usually placed into service in April and taken out of service in November, depending upon the weather. 2018 saw an increase in use over 2017. However, seaplane traffic throughout Puget Sound was down in 2019. The FWDA office overlooks the float and is alerted by Kenmore Air and other carriers prior to landings, enabling FWDA to post signage warning fishermen to stay off the float due to seaplane arrivals or departures.



- ***Derelict and Abandoned Vessels*** – Boats are left at the 535 Dock St. transient moorage, sometimes on a frequent basis. FWDA then follows State of Washington procedures to notify vessel owners and eventually take custody of vessels to dispose of them when owners do not respond. FWDA works in partnership with the Tacoma Harbor Master in these efforts which can be costly.

- **Community Involvement** – Each year, FWDA provides its support to non-profit organizations along the Thea Foss Waterway. This often includes a \$250-\$500 financial contribution to support youth and educational activities offered at the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum, Marine Youth Foundation, Tacoma Boat Builders, and through the Tacoma Waterfront Association.

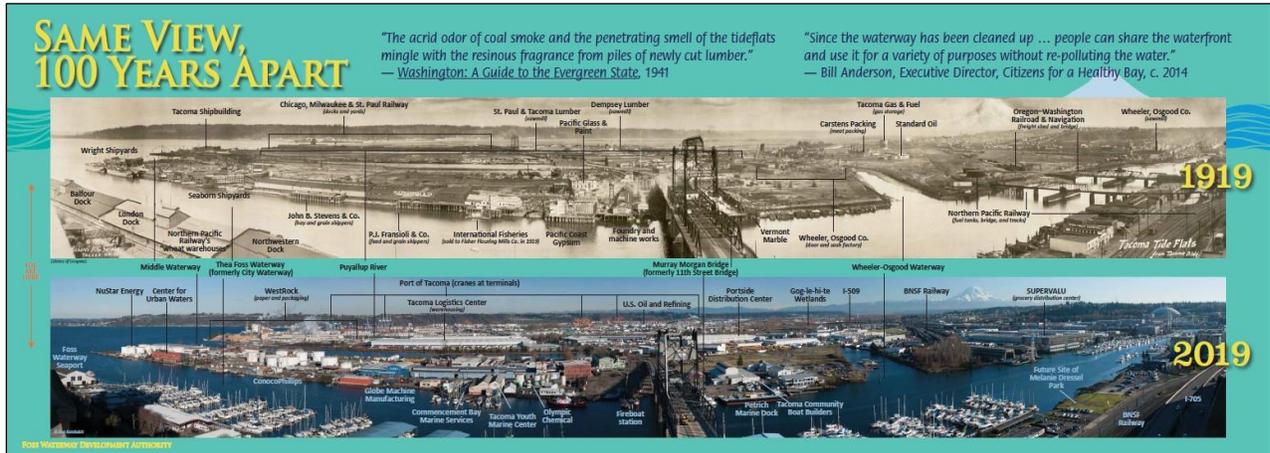
In 2018, FWDA was instrumental in organizing the Friends of the Foss, a volunteer group of the Tacoma Waterfront Association that organized four free summer concert festivals in 2018 and four in 2019 at the Thea Foss Amphitheater. Prior to this, the amphitheater had not been used for entertainment in at least 10 years. The concerts are family friendly and offer musical entertainment, vendors and children’s activities on one Sunday each month from May thru August. FWDA provides equipment, supplies and serves free hot dogs for kids. In December 2019, a \$10,000 Tacoma Creates grant was awarded to the group to apply to its 2020 concerts.

The Executive Director is active in promoting FWDA to the community. This includes speaking to local clubs, associations and professional groups. Tours of the waterway are also provided to groups such as Downtown on the Go. In 2018, the Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand heard about the environmental cleanup and subsequent development activities along the Foss. She brought a delegation to tour the waterway and borrow ideas from it that they could apply.

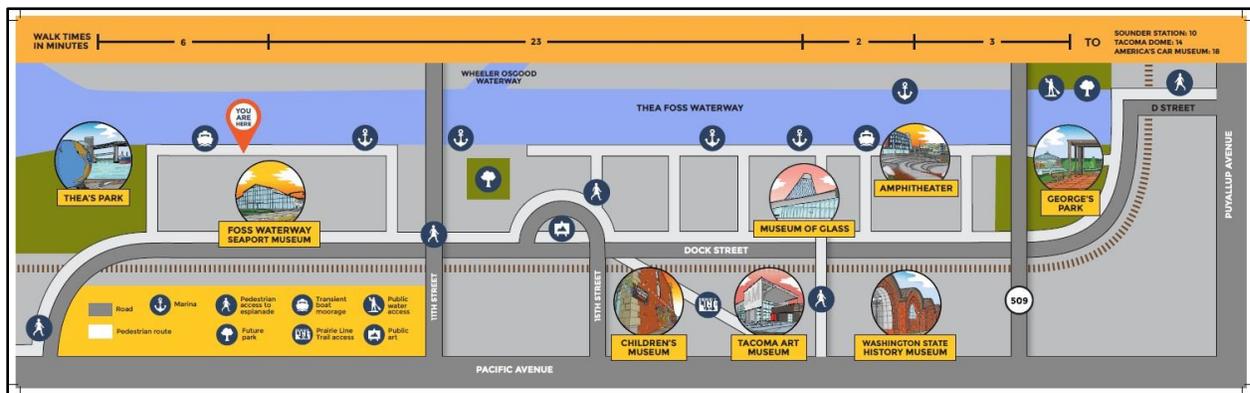
- **Tourism** - The 175-passenger cruise ship American Constellation began making Tacoma a port of call in 2018. Three 3-day visits were made that year and five visits were made in 2019. In order to facilitate this tourism component, FWDA held meetings in 2018 that included Foss Waterway Seaport Museum staff that manage the 535 Dock St. moorage and the engineers that designed the docks, to determine the moorages structural capabilities and to establish strict rules for docking. 5 visits are now planned for 2020.



- **Wayfinding and Interpretation –**



One of seven interpretive panels FWDA created in 2019 and installed along the wood wharf at 535 Dock St. Panels present a timeline and history of the waterway ranging from Native American habitation to today’s commercial activities that the viewers can see from the wharf.



Wayfinding map developed for FWDA in 2019 by Side x Side Creative. The map shows access points, cultural institution locations and walk times. The map is designed for display at pedestrian access points from downtown, the Dome District and along the Thea Foss shoreline esplanade. The graphic style complements the pole banners along the esplanade installed in 2017 by FWDA.

Parks on the Foss

Since 2005, FWDA has expended \$2,395,260 to purchase two properties along the Thea Foss Waterway for park land, undertake environmental remediation on them and dedicate funds for their long term maintenance. Beginning in 2018 and continuing thru today, FWDA has been leading a public and private sector fundraising campaign called “Parks on the Foss” to raise \$11.6 million dollars to construct the parks. FWDA will be transferring the property ownerships to Metro Parks Tacoma (Metro). Metro will also be constructing and managing the parks.

During stakeholder interviews in 2017 that helped shape the campaign strategy, prospective donors indicated they would donate if public sector entities also provided funding. As a result, FWDA reached out to public sector agencies before beginning private sector donor requests. Public sector funders now include Pierce County, Port of Tacoma, City of Tacoma, Metro, and the State of Washington. Private sector donor requests began in June 2018 with the entire FWDA Board of Director and staff making

individual contributions. Private sector donors also include other individuals, companies and family foundations. All donor requests are made through FWDA. In 2017, FWDA entered into an agreement with the non-profit Greater Tacoma Community Foundation (GTCF) for them to hold private sector contributions until such time as funds are needed by Metro for construction.

Since Metro will not accept the parks without a dedicated funding stream for maintenance, FWDA placed \$500,000 into a GTCF investment fund in 2015. At the end of 2019, this fund which can only be used for maintenance has grown to \$625,522.



- **Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park**
 - Children's Play Park includes climbing wall, tower slide, community room and more
 - \$3,040,000 construction cost (2018 estimate)
 - Late 2020 construction start planned
 - 6 to 8-month construction schedule



- **Waterway Park**
 - Regional rowing and paddle sports facility
 - Programs for both youth and adults through Metro Parks and local clubs
 - Neighborhood park with off-leash dog run
 - \$7,300,000 phase I construction cost (2018 estimate)
 - 2022 construction start planned

Business Development

Businesses contemplating investment along the Thea Foss Waterway often meet with FWDA to learn about the neighborhood, obtain feedback about their plans and discuss regulatory issues that may affect them. In 2018 this included the new owners of Johnny's Restaurant and Marina to discuss their plans for the property. It also included over the past two years, brokers and their clients with an interest in purchasing the former Martinac Shipyards property. Conversations with FWDA also contributed to Marine Hardware's recent decision to purchase property along the Thea Foss's east side for a new haul-out facility for large boats.

Grants and Capital Projects

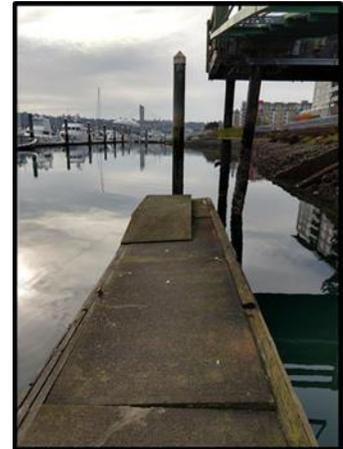
15th Street Transient Moorage - In November 2018, FWDA applied for a \$598,337 grant from the State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to replace the 15th Street transient moorage facility located at the base of the Prairie Line Trail. The forty-five-year-old facility is deteriorated and is required by the State Department of Natural Resources to be replaced or removed by January 31, 2022. In June 2019 RCO approved the grant application. The City is providing the required 25% matching funds of \$199,446. Public Works is now managing this project for FWDA and is expected to complete construction in November 2020.



Current Conditions

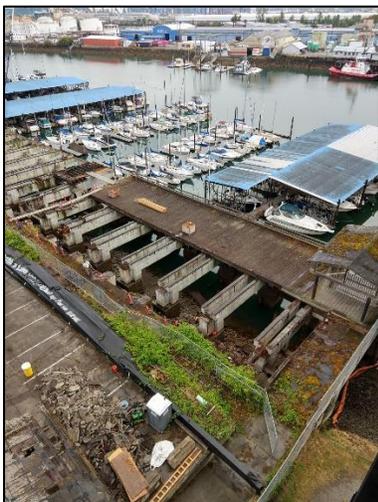


Wharf has 1,000 lb. weight limit



City Seawall Replacements

In 2015, an above water and underwater inspection of the shoreline facilities north of the 11th St. Bridge was undertaken for FWDA by Collins Engineers, Inc. It found that a portion of the Municipal Dock seawall and the entire seawalls on two other parcels were in critical condition. It also found structural issues with the entire Municipal Dock wood wharf and a portion of the 535 Dock Street wood wharf. FWDA undertook structural repairs to the 535 Dock Street wharf in 2016 just prior to the Festival of Sail event so that the wharf could safely hold event goers. FWDA also made a funding request to the City of approximately \$4 million dollars to repair the downtown seawalls. That request was approved for the 2018-19 budget cycle. In the fall of 2019, removal of all the wooden structures on the Municipal Dock and the wooden walkways north of it was completed. Additional engineering assessments were made, and plans revised so that seawall work could begin in 2020. The work will involve installation of sheet-pile walls and riprap. Public Works Department is managing the project.



Planning

Boat Launch Feasibility Study

Currently, only two public facilities provide trailered boat launch access from the mainland between Seattle and Tacoma. One is at Tacoma's Point Defiance and the other is in Des Moines. Pierce County has identified a demand for facilities for trailered vessels to provide additional access to south Puget Sound and the Puyallup River. They are interested in locating a facility in the vicinity of the Thea Foss Waterway. In 2019, the County developed a partnership with the City of Tacoma and the Port of Tacoma for this initiative, including funding to undertake a feasibility study. FWDA has also been involved and was asked to take the lead in coordinating a study that focuses on locating suitable launch sites within the vicinity of the Thea Foss Waterway. In December, FWDA issued a request for proposals to undertake the study and will review consultant submittals in January 2020. FWDA will then contract with the selected firm and supervise its work. Additional funding for a second phase that may include developing site plans and construction documents will be provided by the partnership. It is anticipated that an agency other than FWDA will lead the second phase which is expected to extend into 2021 and take place once a location has been identified and secured.

Harbor Line Adjustment

FWDA led a joint effort in 2018 and 2019 to obtain a 20-foot adjustment to the Outer Harbor Line that extends along the length of the Thea Foss Waterway. This harbor line separates Federally Navigable Waters from leasable lands often used for marinas and other commercial businesses. Marinas were unintentionally renting moorage space at their pier ends that straddled this line. This was in violation of Federal and State regulations and dated back to the environmental cleanup when marinas were temporarily relocated for the cleanup and then put back in place afterward. The recent realization of this issue resulted in an application being made to the State Harbor Line Commission to move the line so that vessels would no longer straddle the Outer Harbor Line. The other option was to permanently remove the moorage space which would result in economic losses for the marinas. In late 2019, the State Harbor Line Commission approved the application.

The 20-foot adjustment of the outer harbor line is toward the middle of the waterway along portions of the east and west sides of the Thea Foss Waterway. FWDA made the request to the State Harbor Line Commission in collaboration with Foss Waterway Management LLC and Foss Harbor Marina. Updating marina surveys and Washington Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Lands leases will be required as a result of this adjustment.



Operating Agreement

The FWDA was established by Charter in 1996 by the City of Tacoma. The Charter indicates that FWDA is to be guided by a Board of Directors whose purpose is to “provide an independent legal entity... to undertake, assist with and otherwise facilitate the redevelopment of property within and along the Thea Foss Waterway.” In addition to the Charter, the operations of FWDA are guided by an Operating Agreement, also approved by the City. The current operating agreement, FWDA’s third, extends thru December 31, 2020.

In June of 2019, FWDA held a Board workshop at the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum to discuss the Operating Agreement and options for the agency. Discussion about the guiding documents took place at the workshop and has since been a part of the monthly FWDA Board meetings.

On October 7, 2019, FWDA was notified by Mayor Woodards that the Operating Agreement would not be extended beyond December 31, 2020. It was indicated that a Transition Agreement between FWDA and the City would be developed to guide transitioning of FWDA’s responsibilities over to the City.

Priorities for 2020 – Looking Ahead

- ***FWDA Operating Agreement*** – A transition agreement is expected to be presented to the FWDA board by the City in the 1st quarter for review. It is expected that roles and responsibilities, tasks and timelines will be included in the proposed agreement to transfer FWDA operations to various City departments. FWDA will close its office and cease operations by December 31, 2020.
- ***Seawalls*** – Replacement of the seawalls is fully funded, and construction is planned to begin in the 2nd quarter.
- ***15th Street Transient Moorage Replacement*** – Replacement of the moorage adjacent to the Fish Peddler Restaurant is expected to begin in May and be completed toward the end of the year.
- ***Boat Launch Feasibility Study*** – FWDA will undertake a feasibility study to determine locations in the vicinity of the Thea Foss Waterway for a public boat launch. A FWDA review committee with City, County and Port representatives will review submitted proposals and select a consultant to begin the study in the 1st quarter. The study is being funded by the County and Port.
- ***No Wake Sign*** – No wake violations are a persistent problem at the mouth of the Thea Foss Waterway. In November, the FWDA Board approved funding to have a sign designed and installed on a piling at the 535 Dock Street moorage. Sign installation is planned for the 1st quarter.
- ***Summer Concert Series*** – FWDA will continue to be a lead sponsor and organizer of the Friends of the Foss Summer Concerts held at the Thea Foss Waterway Amphitheater. This will be the third year for the concerts which are held in May, June, July and August on one day each month.
- ***Parks on the Foss*** – Construction of Melanie Jan LaPlant Dressel Park is expected to get underway in the 4th quarter by Metro Parks Tacoma. Fundraising for Waterway Park will continue through 2020 and beyond. Metro Parks will assume the fundraising role after 2020.
- ***Esplanade Expansion Joint Grout Repairs*** – Repairs to the concrete walkway between the Museum of Glass and George H. Weyerhaeuser Jr. Park will be made. Public Works will be coordinating this work which is funded by FWDA.



Photo courtesy of Seventy48 Race. This yearly race is held at the end of May with human-powered watercraft racing 70 miles to Port Townsend in 48 hours. Teams and individuals from across the country launch from the Waterway Park site. Over 100 entry's competed in the first race held in 2018.

