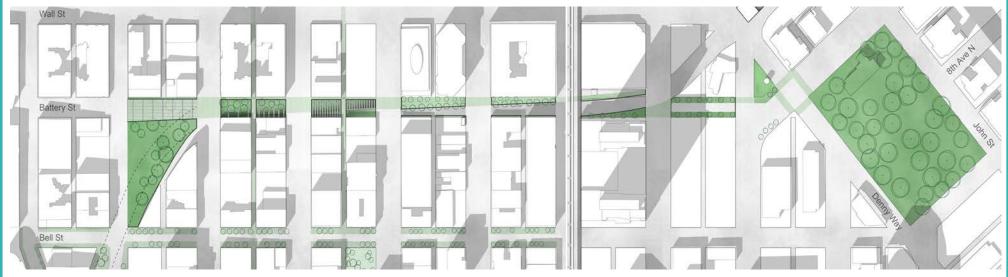
# **Connecting the Central Waterfront to Denny Park**



Three Recommendations for Battery Street Corridor Improvements
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## Concepts for the Battery Street Corridor\*

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## Summary\*\*

The Battery Street Corridor represents a opportunity for a surface connector in the heart of Belltown. This document identifies three (3) achievable improvement opportunities (following the BST decommissioning), while also serving to satisfy a number of the community priorities and objectives already identified by the Recharge the Battery initiative.

## **Battery Park & Community Program (01)**

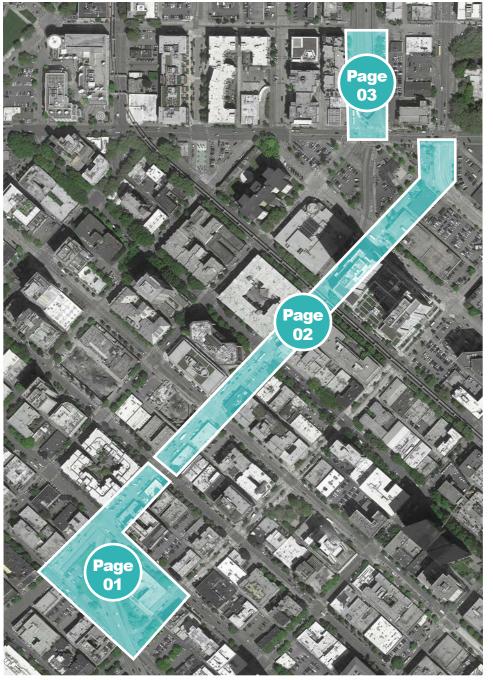
- Develop Battery Park as a continuation of the Central Waterfront plan
- Develop an on site Community House for the Native 'Little Prairies' initiative
- Reclaim the South Portal and integrate into the Battery Park Site
- Extend Battery Park into Neighborhood between Western and 2nd Avenue

### **Battery Street Surface Improvements (02)**

- Accentuate Waterfront to Denny connection along Battery Street Corridor
- Pedestrian / Bicycle Improvements. Green / Water Reclamation provisions
- Bus Priority Lanes and Pedestrian Buffer between 3rd and 6th Avenue
- Intergrate public water reclamation / demonstration window into buffer

## North Surface Street Improvements (03)

- Create green boulevard along Aurora Avenue central median
- Create public water reclamation / demonstration site along central median
- Develop pedestrian/bicycle connections along John, Thomas, Harrison Streets



Recharge the Battery Opportunity Sites / Battery Street Corridor

<sup>\*</sup>Concept for the Battery Street Corridor per the current plan to decommissioning the BST by landfill.

\*\*See pages 01-03 for breakdown of concepts for each component of the Battery Street Corridor.

## **Battery Park & Community Program\***

Battery Street Tunnel to Belltown Connector

#### Summary

The Battery Park & Community Program site envisions Battery Park as a continuation of the Central Waterfront and the preferred site for a Belltown Community House. The Battery Park site also proposes reclaiming the South Portal for limited integration into the BST to strengthen connections with proposed Battery Surface Improvements between 2nd Ave and the Denny Park Connector.

#### **Little Praries Native (1.1)**

Little Prairies Native vision is to incorporate a Native Village into the Battery Park site and to designate and recognize the Seattle Native District that supports native people, art, culture, organizations and businesses into the site as well. (Specific site and location for the Little Praries Community House is TBD)

#### Battery Park (1.2)

The gateway for the Seattle Central Waterfront into Belltown. An public open space park will provide critical green space for the neighborhood at Battery Street Tunnel South Portal Site. An opportunity for a pedestrian extension of Battery Street would provide priceless views of the Waterfront and Mount Rainier – and could serve at the roof structure for a Little Praries Community House (1.1).

# Battery Park Extension (1.3)\*\*

The Battery Park Extension will exist within the decommissioned BST between 1st and 2nd Avenues. The Battery Street surface street will be removed (sidewalks will be preserved) and the Battery Park Extension will consist of a sloping public landscape and water reclamation infrastructure to accentuate the public extension of the Central Waterfront into the Belltown neighborhood.



Battery Park & Community Program / Belltown Connector

<sup>\*</sup>Proposal for Belltown Park site to include reclaiming the BST South Portal and consideration of several preliminary concepts for design evaluation and feasibility review.

<sup>\*\*1</sup>st Ave and 2nd Ave cross streets will remain in-place and unchanged

## **Battery Street Surface Improvements\*\***

Seattle Central Waterfront to Denny Park Connector

#### Summary

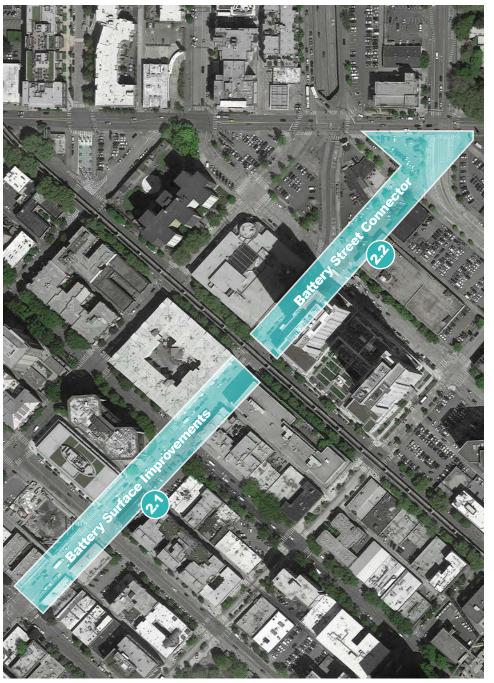
Battery Street Surface Improvements will extend the Central Waterfront to Denny Park through a series of surface street improvements and the innovative connection of the Battery Park Site into the Belltown neighborhood (Page 01).

#### **Battery Surface Improvements (2.1)**

The Battery Street Corridor will become a pedestrian priority green street from 1st Avenue to Denny Park — to complete the extension of the Waterfront plan into the Belltown neighborhood. Specific improvements between 2nd and 5th Avenues will include protected pedestrian zone, expanded sidewalks, bus / bicycle priority lanes, outdoor eateries/streeteries, and water reclamation gardens featuring water reclamation demonstration elements.

#### **Battery Street Connector (2.2)**

The Battery Street Connector will define the Battery Street Corridor between 5th Avenue and Denny Park. This component of the Battery Street Corridor will become a pedestrian priority street with continued bus / bicycle, pedestrian priority and water reclamation gardens to create a green linkage to Denny Park. The northeast triangular zone will become a green connector and the junction between Denny Park, the Battery Street Corridor, and North Surface Street Reconnection.



Battery Street Surface Improvements / Waterfront to Denny Park Connector

<sup>\*\*</sup>Proposal for Battery Street Surface Improvements will require coordination with SDOT and WSDOT BST decommissioning Plan to ensure provisions for integrated surface street design & infrastructure.

## North Surface Street Improvements\*

Green Median and Cross Street Improvements

## **Summary**

The North Surface Street Reconnection Plan will reconnect South Lake Union to the Seattle Center and Lower Queen Anne. Within that plan, North Surface Improvements will create a green boulevard along Aurora Avenue (between Harrison Street and Denny Way) incorporating garden elements into water reclamation medians and providing pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the cross streets.

#### Aurora Avenue Median (3.1)

Green Median along Aurora Avenue will be reconfigured to include green central median for storm water reclamation, street tree integration, and pedestrian sanctuary (when crossing along new cross street connections).

The Aurora Avenue Median will also consist of a combination of hardscape and landscape at the south end along Denny Way – and the junction between Denny Park, the Battery Street Corridor, and North Surface Street Reconnection.

#### John Street & Thomas Street (3.2)

John & Thomas Streets will be reconnected per North Surface Street Reconnection Plan – to include east/west bicycle connection, green infrastructure, and street trees.



North Surface Street Improvements / Green Medians

<sup>\*</sup>North Surface Street Improvements will not interfere with North Surface Street Reconnection Plan