Downtown Juneau Seawalk
Bridge to Gold Creek

Construction Updates, 2016
November 16, 2016 Construction Update

Pile driving operations were completed on October 31st. All 68 piles required for the project have been driven with the main steel frames installed soon after each pile group was driven. Most of the decking has been installed between the island and Egan Drive and the island toward shore at the ADFG building.

On November 15th, the highest tide of the year occurred, +20.6 feet just after mid-day.

The public was advised to use caution when traveling on West 8th and 9th Streets in this area and wherever construction vehicles are present. Pedestrian traffic was restricted in specific areas during pile driving and other construction activity. Temporary parking was provided to replace the stalls being used for pile driving operations along the ADFG building shoreline.
October 7, 2016 Construction Update

Pile driving operations continued. As of October 7th, 44 of the 68 piles required for the project had been driven with the main steel frames installed soon after each pile group was driven.

Decking installation began at the island and progress toward shore at the ADFG building.

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September 5, 2016 Construction Update

The whale sculpture was installed on its concrete vault base on August 21st. This welding, along with the attachment of the fins, was performed by Parks Foundry staff from Enterprise, Oregon. On September 3rd, the Whale Committee hosted a public unveiling ceremony at the site attended by the mayor, the artist, committee members and other honored guests.

Pile driving operations continued. As of September 5th, 24 of the 68 piles required for the project had been driven with the main steel frames installed soon after each pile group was driven.

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August 8, 2016 Construction Update

Final inspection for work under the Phase 1 contract took place on July 19th. Minor items were noted and completed within a few days thereafter.

The whale sculpture was trailered from the foundry in Enterprise, Oregon to Bellingham, Washington. It was shipped to Juneau on the Alaska ferry Columbia leaving Bellingham on August 5th. It arrived at the project site on August 8th.

The Phase 2 contractor began mobilizing the week of July 5th and installed a temporary access pad across about the intertidal area for pile driving equipment. Pile driving operations began on July 22nd. As of August 8th, 10 of the 68 piles required for the project had been driven with the main steel frames installed soon after each pile group was driven.

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July 10, 2016 Construction Update

The Phase 1 contractor is nearing completion.

The fill required for the island core is complete. The habitat bench and tide pools have been installed on the south shore of the island. The concrete vault and site piping for the whale fountain have been installed. Final piping work and fill at the park will be completed in the one to two weeks.

At the foundry, the whale sculpture is receiving its final finishes and being prepared for shipment to Juneau. The Phase 2 contractor intends to begin mobilizing the week of July 5th and hopes to start pile driving operations as soon as possible thereafter.

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April 28, 2016 Construction Update

Phase 1 construction has been continuing with the major focus on importing 18-inch minus shot rock fill for the island. The basic footprint for the island is near completion and approximately 50% of the shot rock core has been placed. Because of the mild slopes proposed for the island, its footprint will reduce substantially as its elevation increases.

Fill is nearly complete at Bridge Park. Storm drain piping is being replaced at the park site. Piping for whale pool has arrived and is stockpiled on site. Work on the concrete foundation for the whale will begin in early May. At the foundry, bronze fabrication of the sculpture is near completion and work on the internal supports is beginning.

A preconstruction conference was held on Phase 2 construction, which includes all the elevated seawalk structures across the intertidal area. The contractor, North Pacific Erectors, has placed its first piling order and expects those piles to be in Juneau by July for late summer construction of the pile-supported seawalk from the island to Gold Creek.

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March 30, 2016 Construction Update

Construction is in full swing on the Bridge to Gold Creek section of the Juneau Seawalk. Driving over the bridge, you may observe some of our progress.

Fill is nearly complete at Bridge Park. Soon, the foundation for the whale sculpture will be poured in anticipation for the arrival of the sculpture this summer. Later, piping will be installed across the site to serve the future whale fountain.

Construction crews have also begun building the island using local rock from Stabler’s Rock Quarry. Rock of varying sizes is being tightly layered to form a strong core network of rock to resist the prevailing southeasterly wind and wave action.

Please use caution when traveling on 8th and 9th Streets in this area and wherever construction vehicles are present. Please also use caution when accessing the tidal flats between the Juneau Douglas Bridge and Gold Creek, as this is an active construction zone. Pedestrian traffic may be restricted in certain areas for your safety.