

Why is the Corps studying the Seawall ?

The City of Seattle asked the Corps of Engineers to assist in their efforts to replace the Alaskan Way seawall. The Corps has expertise in seawall design and construction, and may be able to obtain federal dollars for the seawall replacement.

The Corps study is closely related to efforts to replace the seawall as part of the Alaskan Way Viaduct replacement project, but the Corps study process is separate because we do not have the authority to fund or construct transportation projects. Our study will evaluate the seawall from a storm damage reduction perspective. The seawall will be the primary focus of the Corps analysis, rather than a secondary element of a transportation project.

We are coordinating closely with the Federal Highway Administration, Washington State Department of Transportation, and City of Seattle to share information and reduce duplication of efforts. They have accomplished much of the preliminary engineering for seawall replacement.

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