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Condos well positioned for new waterfront park

As the Alaskan Way Viaduct is demolished, excitement builds for the new waterfront park and seaside embankment that will redefine downtown Seattle.

One of the best places to witness this transformation is Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue, a 440-foot-tall condominium tower located near Pike Place Market. As part of the project, the city's Market District will connect to the waterfront through a series of pedestrian improvements and open public spaces.

The project is a popular topic of discussion during tours at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue, says Sandy Justen, a community sales associate at Realogics Sotheby's International Realty.

"Nearly everyone who tours asks about that big yellow logo mark that's painted on Piers 62 and 63," she says. "I like to say it's a bull's-eye marking the center of the new waterfront park. In reality, it's the Waterfront Seattle logo. They painted it this summer and placed 20 yellow chairs on the pier as a hint of what's to come. You can see the excitement in their eyes as our prospective buyers become aware of the magnitude of the project."

The design concept and potential impact of the new



park was the central topic on a recent episode of the "Real Estate Today" radio show on 97.3 KIRO-FM. Audio from the program has been posted on the community's website at fifteentwentyone.com, along with links to photo galleries of the proposed waterfront.

Also on the website, there is a video titled "Where Else?" The video, which offers information about Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue and the new waterfront park, will be broadcast this winter on Alaska Airlines' entertainment systems.

"This is a spectacular moment for the city that

opens us up to the water and to spectacular views and promenade opportunities," says Charles Royer, who served as Seattle's mayor from 1978–90. "What we're looking at, of course, is that there's going to be tremendous increase in property values along this waterfront."

Patrick Gordon of the Central Waterfront Committee says downtown business leaders and city planners are hoping for a new atmosphere along the waterfront, one that has a very Seattle-like feel.

"Once and for all, we'll turn westward and think about the bay as kind of a

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front porch into Seattle rather than just a tourist-oriented [stretch] that we have right now,” Gordon says.

Justen says having a seaside park so close to Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue is motivating homebuyers.

“We sold two homes in the past month, and in both cases [the waterfront project] was an important consideration for our buyers to understand before making their final purchase decision,” Justen says. “It’s a lot like our protected view easements and our established market prices. The more they learn, the more they appreciate what an extraordinary community this is.

“I can picture it already — walking barefoot in the grass, meandering walks along the shoreline, enjoying street entertainment, dining alfresco on a warm summer night. The options are endless. The waterfront will no longer be just a transportation corridor, but also a destination for all to celebrate. I simply can’t wait,” she says.

Billed as “a penthouse on every level,” the homes at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue range in size from 1,644 to 4,392



square feet and offer two or more bedrooms. Kitchens feature custom cabinets, granite countertops, and Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances.

Floor-to-ceiling glass and an absence of exterior structural columns ensure views of the city or Elliott Bay from every

home. Exterior balconies were incorporated into the building as “glass rooms” — indoor/outdoor solariums that can be used year-round.

Fewer than two dozen homes remain for sale at Fifteen Twenty-One Second Avenue.