This proposal envision a new Lake Shore Drive in the form of a graceful arc that extends into the waterfront, enhancing recreation, wildlife, and additional public parkland.

Starting at North Avenue, the roadway extends out into the lake, east of Lake Point Tower, then continues toward Burnham Harbor to link with the existing Drive north of the Field Museum.

New ribbons of bike lanes follow this arc to provide routes that bypass current bottlenecks. The seaward side of the arc is lined closely to its lakefront, with new beaches, piers, and greenspace.

Infill within the arc creates new parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and wetlands. The existing seawall roadway is released to provide serving access into the city, and the city more closely to its lakefront.
Waterfront Seattle is a multi-year program to rebuild the city’s downtown waterfront following the removal of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. It strives to create a dynamic public realm at the water’s edge by building new and improved public spaces with a lively program of activities, an intelligent and efficient transportation corridor to replace the Viaduct and the promotion of smart sustainable economic development in and around the central waterfront.

The program includes a rebuilding of the Elliott Bay Seawall, construction of a new surface street that provides access to and from downtown as well as new parks, paths and bay access.