

Community Advisory Group interest form

We are currently studying multiple light rail routes and station locations (called alternatives). The public will have an important opportunity to provide input during a public comment period in fall 2021 when we expect to publish the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and offer a variety of ways to engage, including through public meetings, by phone, mail, email and online.

In addition, Sound Transit is forming Community Advisory Groups (CAGs) to provide another forum to share information and to collaborate with community members around issues and tradeoffs as we work to deliver a project on time and within scope. The feedback from these groups taken together with all the comments received from the public comment period will be provided to the Sound Transit Board before it confirms or modifies the preferred alternative for the WSBLE project early next year.

Structure and membership

We're forming CAGs with a diversity of experiences and perspectives from communities along the project corridor, including but not limited to, income level, race, age, physical and cognitive abilities, and lived experience. Each group will be comprised of 10-15 community members, organized by geographic area.

Members will serve as ambassadors to their communities and bring forth community values, concerns and ideas. Members will receive a stipend for their involvement in meetings, which we expect will involve potentially six virtual meetings starting this fall and continuing through early 2022.

We're looking for people who:

- Live, work and/or volunteer along the project corridor.
- Are a part of or have a deep understanding of one or more of the communities along the corridor.
- Have knowledge and/or interest in public transportation, mobility and how transportation affects the lives of people in the region.

We ask that members be prepared to:

- Act as a community ambassador, willing to share information with community members and bring forth community values, concerns, and ideas.
- Consider the community as a whole and go beyond personal interests.
- Participate collaboratively with group members whose views may be different from their own.
- Attend approximately six-monthly meetings from fall 2021 through early 2022, participating fully in the process.

Never done anything like this before? That's OK! You bring valuable perspectives, and we want to hear from you. People who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color, women, LGBTQ+, immigrant or refugee, low-income, or people with diverse abilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Fill out the form and submit:

- Email: wsblink@soundtransit.org
OR
- Print this form and mail to:
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions
c/o Leda Chahim
Sound Transit
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

For assistance with this form:

- Email: wsblink@soundtransit.org
- Call: 206-903-7229

Submissions will close on 5pm, Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021.

Fill out this CAG interest form!

First and last name:

Street address:

Apt/Suite/Office:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email address:

Phone number:

What neighborhood do you live in?

What neighborhood do you work or volunteer in?

Please answer each of the following questions in a few sentences.

Why are you interested in public transportation?

How are you connected to one or more of the communities along the project corridor?

Tell us about the values, characteristics, and/or strengths that you would bring to the advisory group.

The Community Advisory Groups will likely meet approximately six times during the 6-month period, starting November 2021. The first meeting will take place virtually; future meeting dates and times will be established at the first meeting, though will likely take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in the early evening. There will often be materials to review prior to the meeting and occasionally some follow-up required after the meetings. On average, members can expect to spend between 4 and 6 hours a month.

Are you able to make this type of time commitment?

- Yes
- No

Can you attend a virtual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.? (Regular attendance is very important for participation in a Community Advisory Group.)

- Yes
- No

Are you able to participate in virtual meetings (access to internet, computer or phone)?

- Yes
- No

Do you have additional needs or special accommodations?

Does your experience align with any of the following?

- Affordable housing
- Arts/Cultural organization
- Business
- Community based organization
- Construction
- Education
- Emergency services
- Environmental organization
- Freight/Maritime
- Healthcare provider/services
- Labor
- Life sciences
- Limited mobility
- Major institution
- Manufacturing/Industry
- Service industry
- Social service organization
- Student
- Sports/Event Venue
- Technology
- Transportation
- Self-describe: _____
- Prefer not to answer

Do you think you can provide any of the following perspectives?

- Immigrant/refugee
- LGBTQ+
- Limited mobility
- Non-motorized access (walking, rolling, biking)
- Multi-lingual households/communities
- Multi-generational households (home where individuals from two or more generations reside, such as an elder and a grandchild)
- People with disabilities (physical and cognitive)
- Renters
- Transit rider
- Young adults/students
- Seniors/elders
- Self-describe: _____

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In order to determine whether we are bringing together a diverse set of lived experiences, we would appreciate it if you would fill out the following demographic survey, to the extent you are comfortable doing so.

I identify my race or ethnicity as (you may select more than one):

- African American
- Asian
- Hispanic
- Indian sub-continent
- Latinx
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Self-identify: _____
- Prefer not to answer

Gender:

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Self-identity: _____
- Prefer not to answer

Age:

- Under 25
- 25-40
- 40-60
- Over 60

What is your housing situation?

- Own your home
- Rent your home
- Other (please specify): _____
- Prefer not to answer

What languages do you speak at home?

How long have you lived in the Seattle area?

- Less than 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years

What was your primary mode of transportation prior to COVID?

- Car
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Public Transportation
- Other: _____

What is your current primary mode of transportation?

- Car
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Public Transportation
- Other (please specify): _____

How often do you use transit?

- Almost never
- 1-2 times a month
- Once a week
- 2-3 times a week
- For the workweek
- Daily

Income:

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$124,999
- \$125,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000 or more
- Prefer not to answer

Thank you for your interest in a Community Advisory Group for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project and for taking the time to engage with us. We expect to announce membership the week of November 8. We look forward to connecting with you! If you have any questions, please email wsblink@soundtransit.org or call 206-903-7229.