West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Fall 2019 Neighborhood Forums and Online Open House Summary

April 3, 2020

Overview

Sound Transit held a series of neighborhood forums during the environmental review phase of the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project to inform communities about the alternatives included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), share what happens during environmental review and discuss priorities related to light rail station planning. This was the fourth series of neighborhood forums since the beginning of the project in 2017. The feedback we received will be shared with the project team, particularly the station area planning team, and agency stakeholders and the public in 2020.

Process and Outcomes

Each in-person neighborhood forum began with a presentation covering the following topics:

- Project overview and background
- Schedule and status update
- Details about the environmental review process
- Topics studied in the Draft EIS
- A description of station planning and the unique roles and responsibilities between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit

Following the presentation attendees engaged in a conversation with eight to 10 of their peers focused on their station of interest and provided feedback on key destinations within the station area, how they foresee traveling to/from the station in the future and by which mode (foot, on-wheels, transit or driving). Answers to those questions are shared below.

Neighborhood Forums Schedule

Event	Location	Schedule
Downtown Seattle	Seattle Public Library	Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
West Seattle	Alki Masonic Center	Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-8 p.m.
Chinatown-International District Station	Union Station	Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Ballard-Interbay	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Thursday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m.
Delridge Station	Delridge Community Center	Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Online Open House	Online	Available Nov. 19 – Dec. 16, 2019

Online Open House

Running concurrently to the in-person events, an online open house provided an opportunity for people to learn similar information to that presented at the neighborhood forums, as well as provide feedback on similar questions that were asked at the in-person events.

The survey instructed users to select a station of interest and share what they valued about their station area today and how a future station could best serve their community. Participants were asked to identify their top three choices based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback during Phase 1, also known as alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write in their own answers.

The online open house included an interactive mapping tool where users could mark key destinations in their communities, draw routes they use to get around the neighborhood and define which mode of transportation they would use to get to and from a future light rail station.

The online open house was made available for four weeks (Nov. 19 – Dec. 16, 2019).

Results at-a-glance

- 1,959 online open house users
- 2,473 online open house sessions
- 311 online surveys completed
- 93 additional comments
- 136 key destinations pinned
- 37 on-foot routes mapped
- 16 on-wheels routes mapped
- 23 transit routes mapped
- 5 driving routes mapped

Community Feedback

Feedback from the in-person open houses and online open house is summarized below. Summaries are by station area and then by questions asked at each event.

Ballard Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Walkability
- Vibrancy
- Small scale, historic neighborhood center
- Mix of industrial, residential and commercial uses
- Night life
- Diversity
- Maritime industry

Question: How could the Ballard station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Optimizes bus and rail along Market Street and 15th Avenue NW.
- Serves Ballard core and surrounding new development.
- Accommodates future light rail expansion.
- Provides a safe and welcoming environment for all users.
- Provides for future development and affordable housing.
- Honors the area's history and architectural character.
- Preserves and supports economic vitality, industrial and maritime jobs.
- Connects to bike network.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Ballard station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Ballard Historic District and Farmers Market
- NW Market Street businesses
- Ballard Blocks and PCC
- Fred Meyer, Trader Joe's, Cash & Carry
- Brewery District: Reuben's, Stoup, Obec
- Safeway, Ballard Market, QFC
- Swedish Hospital, Ballard Campus
- Ballard Commons Park and Ballard Library
- Ballard High School
- Seattle Gymnastics Academy, Ballard
- Ballard Locks
- Gemenskap Park, Gilman Playground
- Ballard Community Center
- St. Luke's Urban Garden (SLUG)
- Arcadia Seattle
- Nordic Heritage Museum
- Joann Fabric and Craft Store
- Ballard Post Office
- Target
- Burke-Gilman Trail
- UW Medicine, Ballard Clinic
- Olympic Athletic Club, Ballard Health Club

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	17th Ave NW, 22nd Ave NW, Leary Ave NW, 24th Ave NW, 28th Ave NW, NW Dock Pl, NW 53rd St, NW 58th St, NW Market St
On foot (walking, running)	NW Lone Pl, NW 53rd St, NW 54th St, NW Market St, NW 56th St, 9th Ave NW, 11th

	Ave NW, 14th Ave NW, 17th Ave NW, 20th Ave NW, 22nd Ave NW, 24th Ave NW
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	NW Market St, NW 65th St, 8th Ave NW, 14th Ave NW, 15th Ave NW, Leary Ave NW, 24th Ave NW
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 15, 17, 18, 40, 44, D Line

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Dec. 5, 2019 Ballard-Interbay Neighborhood Forum.

- Streets surrounding the station and leading to the station are very walkable.
- There is a mixed-use environment around the station, including industrial, residential and commercial.
- Sidewalks are well-lit on nearby streets, especially north of Ballard High School.
- There is a connected wayfinding system that guides people to destinations once they leave the station.
- Iconography, so you know where the station is located.
- An easy crossing environment for bikes and pedestrians at 15th Avenue NW.
- An improved urban design on 14th Avenue NW.
- Retail establishments inside the station.
- Station area is well integrated with multiple modes of transportation.

Interbay Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Mix of industrial, residential, commercial and recreation
- Affordability
- Density
- Opportunities for development
- Close-knit community
- Preserve connections to maritime industry and freight network

Question: How could the Interbay station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Optimizes bus-to-rail, bike and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods.
- Supports an enhanced mix of industrial, residential, commercial and recreational users.
- Encourages development along Thorndyke Avenue W north of the Interbay Golf Course.
- Provides public amenities.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Interbay station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Seattle Pacific University
- D-Line Bus Stop
- Fishermen's Terminal
- Business offices, apartment complexes, restaurants
- Magnolia, Fremont, Queen Anne, U-District, Ballard, Downtown
- Fred Meyer, QFC
- Interbay Golf Course, Sports Complex
- Ballard Senior Center

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	20th Ave W, Gilman Ave W, W Nickerson St
On foot (walking, running)	14th Ave W, 20th Ave W, W Dravus St, W Emerson St, W Barrett St, Thorndyke Ave W
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	11th Ave W, 12th Ave W, 13th Ave W, 14th Ave W, 15th Ave W, 16th Ave W, 17th Ave W, Thorndyke Ave W, W Bertona St, W Nickerson St, W Dravus St
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 29, 31, 32, D Line

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Dec. 5, 2019 Ballard-Interbay Neighborhood Forum.

- Streets surrounding and leading to the station are very walkable and are an improvement of what is there today.
- Station area is well integrated with multiple modes of transportation, especially connections to bus lines.
- Station area is vibrant and integrated with the community, not isolated.
- Area surrounding the station includes amenities for the community, like:
    - Coffee shops
    - Retail and commerce
    - Apartments
    - Open space
    - Water fountain
    - Casual restaurants
- Development minimizes loss of existing industrial and commercial land uses.

Smith Cove Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Jobs
- Freight and commuter mobility
- Bike connections
- Tourism
- Industry

Question: How could the Smith Cove station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Provides transit access for future employees and residents.
- Improves connections to and between public spaces and to the waterfront.
- Improves bike connections to the Elliott Bay Trail.
- Accommodates and connects to potential future development.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Smith Cove station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Golden Gardens Park, Kinnear Park
- Expedia, Expedia Transit Center, Elliott Bay Park, Seattle Waterfront
- Whole Foods
- Queen Anne, Ballard, Downtown, Magnolia, North Interbay
- Seattle Armory
- Pier 91, Smith Cove Cruise Terminal, Elliott Bay Marina

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	16th Ave W, Elliott Ave W, Magnolia Bridge, Alaskan Way W, W Galer St, Elliott Bay Trail
On foot (walking, running)	16th Ave W, Elliott Bay Trail, Magnolia Bridge, W Galer St
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	15th Ave W, Elliott Ave W

Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 15, 17, 18, 19, 24, 32, 33, D line

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?
The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Dec. 5, 2019 Ballard-Interbay Neighborhood Forum.

- Station is accessible to people coming from all directions, including the Expedia campus and over the BNSF track or other roadways.
- A shuttle service is provided between the station and the cruise terminal.
- Development around the new station encourages more residential and business development, while minimizing impacts to historical buildings and homes.
- There is minimal visual impact due to the station and guideway.
- Station area should be well integrated with multiple modes of transportation.

Seattle Center Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?
Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Accessibility
- Safety and comfort
- Denser development
- Art and culture
- Economic vitality
- Vibrancy
- Historic neighborhood character

Question: How could the Seattle Center station best serve your community?
Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Integrates pedestrian, bicycle, bus and rail connections.
- Station entries serve the Uptown neighborhood in addition to Seattle Center destinations like Key Arena.
- Supports what will exist in 2035, not what exists today.
- Maintains existing tree canopy and green spaces.
- Helps to improve wayfinding and access through Seattle Center and surrounding neighborhoods.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?
Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Seattle Center station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Key Arena
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Space Needle, Armory, MoPOP
- Olympic Sculpture Park, Counterbalance Park
- Seattle Housing Authority
- McCaw Hall, Seattle International Film Festival Uptown, KEXP
- QFC, Safeway
- USPS Post Office
- Elliott Bay Trail
- LaMarzocco Café

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	W Mercer St, W Harrison St, Thomas St, Denny Way, Broad St, 3rd Ave, 3rd Ave W
On foot (walking, running)	W Mercer St, Roy St, Broad St, Denny Way, 2nd Ave N
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	Mercer St, Aurora Ave N
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 1, 8, 32, D Line Seattle Center Monorail

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum.

- A connected wayfinding system that guides people to destinations once they leave the station.
- Retail establishments inside the station.
- Secure bike storage and bike covered parking near the station.
- Well-designed pathways that help pedestrians access the station and/or exit the neighborhood quickly after large events.
- A single escalator from the underground station to the street level.

South Lake Union Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Walkability
- Accessibility
- Denser development
- Sense of place
- Business, tech and life sciences hub

Question: How could the South Lake Union station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Supports reliable and frequent transit options.
- Promotes activity outside of typical business hours.
- Improves pedestrian, bike, bus and rail integration.
- Supports what will exist in 2035, not what exists today.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the South Lake Union station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Seattle Center, MoPOP
- Denny Park, Cascade Community Playground, Cornish College
- Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)
- Capitol Hill
- Amazon Spheres
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- McDonald's
- Downtown offices, gyms and retail

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	Harrison St, Dexter Ave N, 8th Ave N, 9th Ave N
On foot (walking, running)	Denny Way, Westlake Ave, Thomas St, Harrison St, John St, Dexter Ave N, 5th Ave N, 7th Ave N, 8th Ave N, 9th Ave N
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	Aurora Ave N
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 5, 26, 28, 62, E Line

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum.

- "Manhattan-style" station entrances.
- Bike pathways that do not intersect with the Seattle Streetcar tracks.
- A station with working elevators and escalators.

Denny Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Walkability
- Accessibility
- Denser development
- Sense of place
- Business, tech and life sciences hub

Question: How could the Denny station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Supports reliable and frequent transit options.
- Promotes activity outside of typical business hours.
- Improves pedestrian, bike, bus and rail integration.
- Supports what will exist in 2035, not what exists today.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Denny Union station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Seattle Center, MoPOP
- Denny Park, Cascade Community Playground
- Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)
- Capitol Hill
- Amazon Spheres
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- McDonald's
- Downtown offices, gyms and retail

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	Bell St, Pontius Ave N, Denny Way
On foot (walking, running)	Denny Way, Westlake Ave, Thomas St, Dexter Ave N, Yale Ave N, Fairview Ave N, 5th Ave, 6th Ave, 7th Ave
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	Aurora Ave N
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 8, 40, C Line

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?
The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum.

- "Manhattan-style" station entrances.
- A comfortable road for people biking and walking on Denny Way, including wider sidewalks and less bus and car traffic.
- A station with working elevators and escalators.

Westlake Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?
Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Walkability
- City center
- Accessibility to key destinations
- Transit hub

Question: How could the Westlake station best serve your community?
Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Enables easy connections between modes and supports vision for downtown mobility hubs.
- Maintains green space.
- Serves as a gateway to retail and services both in the station and in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Improves bike infrastructure to minimize pedestrian and car conflicts.
- Provides multiple station entrances for easy access from the neighborhood.
- Creates opportunities for integration with affordable development.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?
Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Westlake station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Pike Place Market, Seattle Waterfront, Harbor Steps
- Westlake Park & Center, Pacific Place
- YMCA, Washington Athletic Club
- Convention Center
- Ferry Terminal, Seattle Streetcar
- South Lake Union, Ballard, Capitol Hill, Seattle Center
- St. James Cathedral
- Northwest School, Seattle Central College, O'Dea High School
- Seattle Central Library

- Seattle Art Museum, Benaroya Hall, Frye Art Museum, 5th Avenue Theatre, Town Hall Seattle
- Freeway Park, City Hall Park, First Hill Park, Denny Dog Park, Plymouth Pillars Park, Union Square
- Seattle Municipal Tower, King County Buildings, City Hall
- Virginia Mason Hospital and Seattle Medical Center, Swedish Hospital, Polyclinic, Bloodworks Northwest, Cabrini Medical Tower, Harborview Medical Center
- Columbia Tower, F5 Tower
- 5th & Madison Condos, Landes Apartments, Horizon House
- Whole Foods, Target, Trader Joe's, QFC

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	2nd Ave, 3rd Ave, 5th Ave
On foot (walking, running)	Pine St, Pike St, 2nd Ave
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	N/A
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Bus stops on 3rd Ave, 4th Ave and 5th Ave, Link light rail, Seattle Center Monorail

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum.

- Station area is well integrated with multiple modes of transportation.
- Retail establishments inside the station.
- Mixed use environment around the station, including commercial, residential and retail.
- A staffed information booth during peak hours to assist tourists.
- Iconography so you know where the station is located.

Midtown Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Walkability
- City center
- Accessibility to key destinations
- Transit hub

Question: How could the Midtown station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Enables easy connections between modes and supports vision for downtown mobility hubs.
- Maintains green space.
- Serves as a gateway to retail and services both in the station and in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Improves bike infrastructure to minimize pedestrian and car conflicts.
- Provides multiple station entrances for easy access from the neighborhood.
- Creates opportunities for integration with affordable development.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Midtown station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Pike Place Market, Seattle Waterfront, Harbor Steps
- Westlake Park & Center, Pacific Place
- YMCA, Washington Athletic Club
- Convention Center
- Ferry Terminal, Seattle Streetcar
- South Lake Union, Ballard, Capitol Hill, Seattle Center
- St. James Cathedral
- Northwest School, Seattle Central College, O'Dea High School
- Seattle Central Library
- Seattle Art Museum, Benaroya Hall, Frye Art Museum, 5th Avenue Theatre, Town Hall Seattle
- Freeway Park, City Hall Park, First Hill Park, Denny Dog Park, Plymouth Pillars Park, Union Square
- Seattle Municipal Tower, King County Buildings, City Hall
- Virginia Mason Hospital and Seattle Medical Center, Swedish Hospital, Polyclinic, Bloodworks Northwest, Cabrini Medical Tower, Harborview Medical Center
- Columbia Tower, F5 Tower 5th & Madison Condos, Landes Apartments, Horizon House
- Whole Foods, Target, Trader Joe's, QFC

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	N/A
On foot (walking, running)	Seneca St, Madison St, Cherry St
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	5th Ave, 6th Ave

Transit (bus, streetcar)	Bus stops on 3rd Ave, 4th Ave and 5th Ave, Link light rail

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?
The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum.

- Mixed use environment around the station, including commercial, residential and retail.
- Streets surrounding the station and leading to the station are very walkable and accessible.
- An easy crossing environment for pedestrians coming from north of I-5.
- Retail establishments, bathrooms and showers inside the station.
- Well-lit and secure underground station.
- Iconography so you know where the station is located.

Chinatown-International District Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?
Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Rich culture and history
- Small, neighborhood businesses
- Intergenerational, multilingual residential and business communities
- Accessibility, walkability and connections
- Affordable housing and breadth of community services
- Economic vitality
- Enables easy connections between modes and supports vision for downtown mobility hubs

Question: How could the Chinatown-International District station best serve your community?
Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Supports convenient and reliable transfers between all modes.
- Fosters an integrated, multi-modal and cultural hub around Union Station and King Street Station.
- Improves connections along Jackson Street between neighborhoods.
- Activates station and surroundings; ideas include more greenery and open spaces, culturally reflective art, restrooms and local vendors.
- Creates a safe, pedestrian-friendly and welcoming station accessible to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- Improves access to local businesses, residences, services and attractions.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Chinatown-International District station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- City Hall Park, Waterfall Garden Park, Hing Hay Park, Donnie Chin International Children's Park, Kobe Terrace
- Fortson Square, Occidental Square, Pioneer Square, Chinatown Gate
- Kaname Izakaya and Shochu Bar, Bush Garden, Dynasty Room, Honey Court, Jade Garden, Fuji Bakery, Ironsteak, Einstein Bagels, Hot Pot King
- Hirabayashi Place, Bush Hotel, Yesler Terrace, Louisa Apartments, other residential buildings
- Wing Luke Museum, Smith Tower
- Panama Hotel and Tea Bar, Tamarind Tea, Seattle's Best Tea
- Greyhound Station, Union Station, King Street Station, Bolt Bus Stop, Colman Dock
- Viet-Wah Supermarket, Lam's Seafood Market, Hau Hau Market, Dong Hing Market, Uwajimaya
- Harborview Medical Center
- City Hall, King County buildings, International District/Chinatown Community Center, Seattle Public Library International District/Chinatown Branch, Employment Center
- CenturyLink Field
- Daiso Japan, Bartell's, Pacific Rim Center, Salvation Arm

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	2nd Ave Ext S, S Jackson St
On foot (walking, running)	1st Ave S, Occidental Ave S, S King St, S Jackson St, S Main St
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	S Jackson St, S Dearborn St, 7th Ave S
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Bus stops on S Jackson St, S Main St, Yesler Way, S Washington St, 2nd Ave Ext S, 4th Ave, 5th Ave, Link light rail, Sounder, Seattle Streetcar, BoltBus, Greyhound

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum and the Dec. 3, 2019 Chinatown-International District Station Neighborhood Forum.

- Streets around the station are safe for people walking and include wide sidewalks and safer street crossings. Alleys are improved to provide additional connections for people walking.
- New and existing family housing remains affordable and new development is in partnership with community organizations.
- New mixed-use developments include affordable commercial space for local businesses.
- Station and area surrounding the station includes the following:

    - Covered areas at street level
    - Green space and landscaping
    - Small retail (newsstand, convenience store, to-go food)
    - Seating
    - Restrooms
    - Cultural art that reflects the neighborhood
    - Good lighting
- Transfers between light rail lines are easy to understand and navigate.
- Station platform is easily accessible by working escalators and large elevators.
- Signage is in multiple languages and includes easy to understand pictures.
- Connections from the station to Amtrak, bus stops and the streetcar are easy.

SODO Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Evolving
- Mix of activities, uses and employment opportunities
- Working neighborhood
- Transit and bike trail connections
- Free parking
- Stadiums

Question: How could the SODO station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Improves pedestrian, bike, bus and rail integration, especially to large employment centers.
- Includes intuitive transfer connections through station design and signage.
- Provides an open and well-lit station to increase safety and visibility.
- Integrates with Metro service, improving transit mobility in the area and preserving SODO busway function needs into the future.
- Supports transit-oriented development opportunities.
- Uses art, landscaping and architecture to create a space for people; embraces industrial character of the area.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the SODO station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility, King County Ryerson Base
- Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Police Department
- US Post Office Distribution Center
- Water Quality Lab
- T-Mobile Park, CenturyLink Field
- Starbucks Headquarters, Living Computers Museum + Labs, Office Depot
- Evergreen Treatment Center
- Derby Restaurant

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	SODO Bike Trail
On foot (walking, running)	4th Ave S, 6th Ave S, S Lander St, S Holgate St
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	4th Ave S, S Lander St, S Holgate St, Edgar Martinez Dr S
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Bus stops along the SODO busway, Link light rail

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 20, 2019 Downtown Neighborhood Forum.

- Transfers between the two light rail lines is easy and convenient.
- The SODO bike trail is maintained.
- The station contributes to vibrancy, future development and increased foot traffic in the area.
- The station and station area are safe for everyone.
- The stations are elevated to minimize pedestrian crossings of light rail tracks.

Delridge Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Nature, parks, open space and Longfellow Creek
- Transit service, bus trails, walkable streets
- Mix of ages, incomes and housing types
- Affordable homes
- Proximity to area destinations and downtown

- Small-town feel and single-family homes
- Views and varied topography
- Small businesses

Question: How could the Delridge station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Minimizes potential neighborhood effects (property, visual, traffic, construction).
- Provides excellent bus-rail integration.
- Provides safe and efficient access for everyone (peds, bikes, etc.).
- Creates a safe and inviting station area at all times of day.
- Accommodates community amenities and equitable development.
- Maintains neighborhood scale, character and views.
- Reflects neighborhood culture, history and art.
- Is accessible for people of all ages, abilities and background.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Delridge station area. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- Nucor Steel
- Alaska Junction, Alki, Admiral Junction
- Pathfinder K-8 School, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, Northwest Wine Academy, South Seattle College
- West Seattle Golf Course, West Seattle Stadium, Delridge Skatepark, Delridge Playfield Mode Music Studio, Avalon Glassworks
- Dragonfly Garden and Pavilion, Longfellow Creek, West Duwamish Greenbelt
- PCC, Trader Joe's, QFC, Safeway, Westwood Village, Whole Foods
- Uptown Espresso, Delridge Deli, Pecos Pit Bar-B-Que, Chelan Café, Ounces Taproom and Beer Garden, Skylark Café, Luna Park Café
- West Seattle Health Club, West Seattle Family YMCA
- Delridge Public Library

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	Harbor Ave SW, West Seattle Bridge Trail, SW Avalon Way, SW Yancy St, SW Andover St, Delridge Way SW, 26th Ave SW, 30th Ave SW

On foot (walking, running)	SW Nevada St, SW Yancy St, Delridge Way SW, SW Alaska St, 23rd Ave SW, 25th Ave SW, 26th Ave SW
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	West Seattle Bridge, SW Andover St, Delridge Way SW, SW Genesee St, SW Avalon Way, Harbor Ave SW, SW Yancy St, SW Admiral Way, 21st Ave SW, 23rd Ave SW, 25th Ave SW, 26th Ave SW
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Buses: 21, 37, 50, 55, 120, 125, 773, C Line

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 21, 2019 West Seattle Neighborhood Forum and Dec. 7, 2019 Delridge Neighborhood Forum.

- Increased density around the station area with public-private partnerships for development.
- Convenient connections to the existing park-and-ride lot under the West Seattle Bridge.
- Adequate lighting for safety, though minimize light pollution to the surrounding area.
- A lower-height station that is closer to street level for better retail integration and easier access.
- Grocery store and corner store, restaurants, coffee shops, daycare and retail for everyday purchases.
- Bus to train transfer is convenient and close.
- Traffic on arterials near the station is flowing, including the movement of freight.
- Improved access for people walking to and from Pigeon Point.
- Public art and park and open space is incorporated into the station and station area.
- Area surrounding the station feels safe and welcoming for everyone.
- Space for bus circulation and improved pedestrian safety.

Avalon Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Walkability
- Neighborhood character
- Convenience
- Safety
- Small, local businesses
- Farmers market and festivals
- Family-friendly
- History

Question: How could the Avalon station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities for the Avalon and Alaska Junction stations based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in

Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Balances existing neighborhood character with increased density; integrates station with community.
- Minimizes potential neighborhood effects (property, noise, visual, etc.).
- Creates safe, pleasant and intuitive area for pedestrians, bikes and transit.
- Serves residents in the urban village and provides better access and visibility for small businesses.
- Accommodates future light rail expansion to the south.
- Preserves landmark buildings in the Junction.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Avalon and Alaska Junction station areas. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- West Seattle High School, Fairmount Park Elementary School
- Trader Joe's, QFC, Safeway, Whole Foods, PCC, West Seattle Farmer's Market
- West Seattle Athletic Club, West Seattle Family YMCA, LA Fitness
- Husky Deli, Bakery Nouveau, Jones BBQ, West Seattle Brewing Company, Taco Time, Pecos Pit Bar-B-Que, Buddha Ruksa, Realfine Coffee, Rudy's Barbershop
- Admiral Junction, Alaska Junction, Alki, Water Taxi Dock
- West Seattle Stadium, West Seattle Golf Course, Camp Long, Colman Pool
- Schmitz Preserve Park, Lincoln Park, Fairmount Park
- True Value, Petco, Rite Aid, Tom's Automotive, West Seattle Nursery, West Seattle Bowl
- Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Post Office
- Swedish Clinic, Senior Center of West Seattle

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations around the Alaska Junction and Avalon stations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	SW Edmunds St, SW Alaska St, Erskine Way SW, SW Yancy St, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Avalon Way, Delridge Way SW, Glenn Way SW, West Seattle Bridge Trail, 26th Ave SW, 28th Ave SW, 35th Ave SW, 36th Ave SW, 37th Ave SW, 42nd Ave SW, 44th Ave SW, 45th Ave SW
On foot (walking, running)	SW Oregon St, SW Edmunds St, California Ave SW, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Alaska

	St, SW Genesee St, Erskine Way SW, SW Hudson St, SW Brandon St, 32nd Ave SW, 35th Ave SW, 36th Ave SW, 38th Ave SW, 39th Ave SW, 40th Ave SW, 41st Ave SW, 42nd Ave SW
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	SW Alaska St, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Edmunds St, SW Avalon Way, SW Genesee St, SW Oregon St, SW Charleston St, SW Andover St, SW Dakota St, California Ave SW, Erskine Way SW, West Seattle Bridge, 35th Ave SW, 36th Ave SW, 37th Ave SW, 38th Ave SW, 41st Ave SW, 42nd Ave SW, 45th Ave SW
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Bus stops along California Ave SW, SW Alaska St, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Avalon Way, SW Genesee St, Delridge Way SW, 35th Ave SW, 44th Ave SW and routes along the West Seattle Bridge

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 21, 2019 West Seattle Neighborhood Forum.

- Increased density around the station area, including commercial uses.
- Traffic on arterials near the station is flowing.
- Station acts as a gateway to West Seattle.
- Nearby streets are walkable with safe and easy connections to the station, especially for those transferring from a bus.
- Station entry locations minimize crossings of busy streets for people walking.
- The station is underground to reduce impacts to street congestion.

Alaska Junction Station Area

Question: What do you value about your community today?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three values based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose the existing values or write new ones. Below are the most popular values in descending order.

- Neighborhood character
- Walkability
- Small, local businesses
- Convenience
- Safety
- Farmers market and festivals
- Family-friendly
- History

Question: How could the Alaska Junction station best serve your community?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked to identify their top three priorities for the Alaska Junction and Avalon stations based on an extensive list that was developed from community feedback in Phase 1, alternatives development. Participants could choose from the existing list or write something new. Below are the values with the most responses.

- Balances existing neighborhood character with increased density; integrates station with community.
- Minimizes potential neighborhood effects (property, noise, visual, etc.).
- Creates safe, pleasant and intuitive area for peds, bikes and transit.
- Accommodates future light rail expansion to the south.
- Serves residents in the urban village and provides better access and visibility for small businesses.
- Preserves landmark buildings in the Junction.

Question: What are key destinations in your community? Where do your daily activities take you?

Below is a table of key destinations provided by in-person and online participants around the Alaska Junction and Avalon station areas. The below list highlights a variety of destinations shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

- West Seattle High School, Fairmount Park Elementary School
- Trader Joe's, QFC, Safeway, Whole Foods, PCC, West Seattle Farmer's Market
- West Seattle Athletic Club, West Seattle Family YMCA, LA Fitness
- Husky Deli, Bakery Nouveau, Jones BBQ, West Seattle Brewing Company, Taco Time, Pecos Pit Bar-B-Que, Buddha Ruksa, Realfine Coffee, Starbucks
- Downtown, Admiral Junction, Alaska Junction, Alki, Water Taxi Dock
- West Seattle Stadium, West Seattle Golf Course, Camp Long, Colman Pool
- Schmitz Preserve Park, Lincoln Park, Fairmount Park
- True Value, Petco, Rite Aid, Tom's Automotive, West Seattle Nursery, West Seattle Bowl, Easy Street Records
- Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Post Office
- Swedish Clinic, Senior Center of West Seattle

Question: How do you move around the area to these destinations?

Participants, both in-person and online, were asked how they move around the community to reach their key destinations around the Alaska Junction and Avalon stations. In-person participants used maps and highlighters to share their commonly used streets, routes, bus lines, etc. Those online, used an interactive map. The table highlights a variety of routes shared through the process but is not comprehensive.

On wheels (such as, wheelchairs, bikes, skateboards)	SW Edmunds St, SW Alaska St, Erskine Way SW, SW Yancy St, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Avalon Way, Delridge Way SW, Glenn Way SW, West Seattle Bridge Trail, 26th Ave SW, 28th Ave SW, 35th Ave SW,

	36th Ave SW, 37th Ave SW, 42nd Ave SW, 44th Ave SW, 45th Ave SW,
On foot (walking, running)	SW Oregon St, SW Edmunds St, California Ave SW, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Alaska St, SW Genesee St, Erskine Way SW, SW Hudson St, SW Brandon St, 32nd Ave SW, 35th Ave SW, 36th Ave SW, 38th Ave SW, 39th Ave SW, 40th Ave SW, 41st Ave SW, 42nd Ave SW
Drive (personal vehicle, rideshare)	SW Alaska St, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Edmunds St, SW Avalon Way, SW Genesee St, SW Oregon St, SW Charleston St, SW Andover St, SW Dakota St, California Ave SW, Erskine Way SW, West Seattle Bridge, 35th Ave SW, 36th Ave SW, 37th Ave SW, 38th Ave SW, 41st Ave SW, 42nd Ave SW, 45th Ave SW
Transit (bus, streetcar)	Bus stops along California Ave SW, SW Alaska St, Fauntleroy Way SW, SW Avalon Way, SW Genesee St, Delridge Way SW, 35th Ave SW, 44th Ave SW, and routes along the West Seattle Bridge

Question: In the future, when you get to the station, what is included at and near the station?

The following thoughts were provided by participants at the Nov. 21, 2019 West Seattle Neighborhood Forum.

- Station includes parks and open space.
- Nearby streets are safe for people biking and the station includes bike parking.
- Nearby streets are safe for people walking and crossing the street.
- Station includes multiple entrances to minimize street crossings for people walking.
- Bus to train transfer is convenient and close.
- Station includes clear signage, neighborhood wayfinding signage and restrooms.
- Station is smaller scale and fits within the existing neighborhood character.
- Increased housing and redevelopment around the station.
- Station feels safe and welcoming for everyone.
- Pick-up and drop off areas are convenient to the station.
- The station is underground to reduce impacts to streets and existing businesses.
- Station area includes bus stops that connect to other West Seattle destinations including Admiral Junction, the Water Taxi and Fauntleroy Ferry Dock.

Appendix A: Notifications

West Seattle Yancy/Andover Mailer

The project team sent a mailer to approximately 2,200 households in West Seattle regarding the Yancy/Andover elevated alternative, a new alternative that was picked up late in the alternatives development process.

Key messages included:

- Introduction to project
- Introduction to new Yancy/Andover alternative to be studied in DEIS
- Timeline for EIS process, including when property owners will be contacted
- Invitation to the neighborhood forums
- Website address and phone number

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

November 2019

Light rail is coming to your neighborhood

We are reaching out to you about the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project because you live or work near the routes currently being studied.

In October 2019, the Sound Transit Board identified an additional route alternative for further study in West Seattle. This route includes an elevated Delridge station serving Youngstown and elevated guideway along the Yancy/Andover corridor connecting to a station near SW Genesee Street, SW Avalon Way and 35th Avenue SW (see map). This alternative is in addition to two others in the area the Board identified for study in a Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) in May 2019.

What's an Environmental Impact Statement?

It's a report that analyzes potential impacts of route and station alternatives to the natural and built environment, and it identifies potential mitigation for unavoidable impacts.

When will Sound Transit know the final route and station locations?

The Draft EIS will be published in early 2021. At that time the public will be invited to review and provide comments on the Draft EIS during a 45-day comment period. The Draft EIS will identify potentially affected properties for all routes being studied. We'll reach out to potentially affected property owners before the Draft EIS is published.

Based on the findings of the Draft EIS and public feedback, the Sound Transit Board will confirm or modify the preferred alternative for the Final EIS. The Final EIS will include Sound Transit's responses to comments received from the public and agencies during the Draft EIS comment period. The Final EIS is anticipated to be published in 2022, then the Sound Transit Board will select the route and stations to be built.

SOUNDTRANSIT

How can you learn more?

We're hosting neighborhood forums in West Seattle this fall.

We will share information about the alternatives we're studying in the Draft EIS, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay informed. There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities where you can share insights unique to your neighborhood and discuss how that relates to future light rail stations.

West Seattle stations

Thursday, Nov. 21 // 6 – 8 p.m.
Alki Masonic Center
4736 40th Avenue SW, Seattle
(This event focuses on Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction stations)

Delridge station

Saturday, Dec. 7 // 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Delridge Community Center, 4501 Delridge Way SW, Seattle

If you're not able to attend in person, there will be opportunities to participate and learn more online, starting as early as November 18:

wsblink.participate.online

Questions? Contact us

Sound Transit Community Outreach:

wsblink@soundtransit.org or (206) 903-7229

Information in other languages

Para información acerca del proyecto llame al: 1-800-823-9230.

要瞭解項目資訊，請致電：1-800-823-9230.

ስለ ፕሮ ክቱ ጥሪ መረጃ ለማግኘት: 1-800-823-9230.

Để biết thông tin về dự án, hãy gọi: 1-800-823-9230.

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

About the project

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region, adding 11.8 miles of service and 10 new stations. In addition, a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel will provide capacity for the entire regional system to operate efficiently.
soundtransit.org/wsblink

West Seattle to downtown

- Adds 4.7 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood.
- Includes 4 new stations between SODO and Alaska Junction.

Ballard to downtown

- Adds 7.1 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to Ballard's Market Street area, including a new downtown Seattle rail-only tunnel.
- Includes 9 stations between Chinatown-International District and Market Street.

SOUNDTRANSIT

Flyers

The project team developed multiple flyers advertising the neighborhood forums and distributed them to businesses and organizations in underserved neighborhoods along the project corridor. For Chinatown-International District, the flyer was translated into Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese. For Delridge, the flyer was translated into Spanish and Vietnamese. Flyers were distributed to the following:

Delridge:

- Pho Aroma
- Olympia Pizza & Pasta
- Super 24 food store
- Shell
- Seattle Public Library
- Southwest Early Learning Preschool
- Delridge Food Mart
- Youngstown Coffee
- Combat Arts Academy
- Pearls Coffee
- Allstate
- Hoist Architecture
- Uptown Espresso
- Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
- Ounces Taproom and Beer Garden
- Skylark Café

Chinatown-International District:

- The Louisa
- The Publix
- Hood Famous
- Great State Burger
- Moksha
- Seattle Pinball Museum
- Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda)
- International Community Health Services (ICHS)

Pioneer Square:

- Seattle Fitness
- We Work (Hawk Tower)
- Office of Arts and Culture
- General Porpoise Donuts
- Klondike Gold Rush Nat'l Historic Park
- Salumi
- Flora and Henri
- Seattle Art Dealers Association
- Spaces.
- Callus Coffee
- Copal
- Alliance for Pioneer Square

Front

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

November 2019

Chinatown-International District Station Neighborhood Forum

Get project updates, learn about the environmental review process and talk to us about light rail at the Chinatown-International District station neighborhood forum.

Family-friendly event with food. Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese interpreters provided.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Union Station (Great Hall), 401 S Jackson St. Seattle

Learn more and RSVP

wsblink.participate.online

Contact us

Email: wsblink@soundtransit.org // Phone: 206-903-7229

To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, information in alternate formats such as braille or large print, or to request an interpreter, contact project staff 48 hours in advance of public meetings at (206) 903-7229/TTY Relay: 711 or email wsblink@soundtransit.org.

Para información acerca del proyecto llame al: 1-800-823-9230.
Để biết thêm thông tin về dự án này, hãy gọi: 1-800-823-9230.
要瞭解項目資訊，請致電：1-800-823-9230.
要了解项目咨询，请致电：1-800-823-9230.
ስለ ፕሮጀክቱ ተጨማሪ መረጃ ለማግኘት፣ በ 1-800-823-9230 ይደውሉ።
Чтобы узнать подробнее о проекте, звоните: 1-800-823-9230.
Para sa impormasyon tungkol sa proyekto, tumawag sa: 1-800-823-9230.

SOUNDTRANSIT // Powering progress

Back

October 2019: This map shows route and station location options the Sound Transit Board has identified for further study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).*

Front

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

November 2019

Delridge Light Rail Station Neighborhood Forum

Get project updates, learn about the environmental review process and talk to us about light rail at the Delridge station neighborhood forum.

Family-friendly event with food. Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters provided.

Saturday, Dec. 7 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Delridge Community Center, 4501 Delridge Way SW, Seattle

Learn more and RSVP
wsblink.participate.online

Contact us
Email: wsblink@soundtransit.org // Phone: 206-903-7229

To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, information in alternate formats such as braille or large print, or to request an interpreter, contact project staff 48 hours in advance of public meetings at (206) 903-7229/TTY Relay: 711 or email wsblink@soundtransit.org.

Para información acerca del proyecto llame al: 1-800-823-9230.
Để biết thêm thông tin về dự án này, hãy gọi: 1-800-823-9230.
要瞭解項目資訊，請致電：1-800-823-9230.
要了解项目咨询，请致电：1-800-823-9230.
ስለ ፕሮጀክቱ ተጨማሪ መረጃ ለማግኘት፡ በ 1-800-823-9230 ይደውሉ።
Чтобы узнать подробнее о проекте, звоните: 1-800-823-9230.
Para sa impormasyon tungkol sa proyekto, tumawag sa: 1-800-823-9230.

SOUNDTRANSIT // Powering progress

Back

October 2019: This map shows route and station location options the Sound Transit Board has identified for further study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).*

Posters

A poster advertising all events was distributed along the project corridor. More than 300 copies of the poster were hung in the following neighborhoods:

- Ballard – 25 posters
- Interbay – 10 posters
- Smith Cove – 10 posters
- Delridge to White Center – 55 posters
- West Seattle – 55 posters
- Downtown – 80 posters
- South Lake Union – 55 posters
- SODO – 15 posters

A poster advertising only the Chinatown-International District Station Neighborhood Forum was distributed around Chinatown-International District and Pioneer Square. This poster was translated into Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese. Locations included:

Pioneer Square:

- Cone & Steiner General Store
- Impact Hub Seattle
- Starbucks (Yesler Way)
- The Pioneer Collective
- The Lodge
- Compass Housing Alliance
- Real Change News
- Merchants Café
- The Globe Bookstore
- Ebbets Field Flannels
- Seattle Fitness
- We Work (Hawk Tower)
- King Street Center – King County Building
- E Bike Seattle
- The London Plane
- Starbucks – Occidental
- Intrigue Chocolate Bar
- Galvanize
- Jackson Street Tattoo
- Zeitgeist Coffee
- Stonington Gallery
- Beyond Threads
- Café Umbria
- Office of Arts and Culture
- King Street Center
- The Florentine
- Temple Billiards
- E Cobb Architects

Chinatown-International District:

- Kobo
- Momo
- New An Dong
- 85°C Bakery Café
- Ambrosia Café
- Dong Sing Market
- Eastern Café
- Evergreens
- Fuji Bakery
- Go Poke
- Hing Hay Coworks
- Jade Garden
- King Noodle
- Thai Curry Simple
- Vital Tea Lounge
- World Pizza
- Yummy House Bakery
- Fuji Bakery
- Musashi's
- Pacific Café
- The Louisa
- The Publix
- Blackball
- Fortune Garden
- Fort St. George
- Young Tea
- Pho Hoa
- My Favorite Cake House
- Iron Steak
- Hood Famous
- Joe's Bar and Restaurant

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

Expanding light rail in Seattle

Get project updates at a neighborhood forum

Downtown stations
(Seattle Center, South Lake Union, Denny, Westlake, Midtown, Chinatown-International District and SODO)
Wednesday, Nov. 20
Central Seattle Public Library
5:30–7:30 p.m.

West Seattle stations
(Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction)
Thursday, Nov. 21
Alki Masonic Center // 6–8 p.m.

Chinatown-International District station*
Tuesday, Dec. 3
Union Station // 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Interbay/Ballard stations
(Smith Cove, Interbay and Ballard)
Thursday, Dec. 5
St. Luke's Episcopal Church // 6–8 p.m.

Delridge station*
Saturday, Dec. 7
Delridge Community Center
10 a.m. –12 p.m.

Event details and RSVP at:

wsblink.participate.online

Questions?
wsblink@soundtransit.org
or 206-903-7229

To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, information in alternate formats such as braille or large print, or to request an interpreter, contact project staff 48 hours in advance of public meetings at (206) 903-7229/TTY Relay: 711 or email wsblink@soundtransit.org. // Para información acerca del proyecto llame al: 1-800-823-9230 // 要瞭解項目資訊，請致電：1-800-823-9230 // ስለ ፕሮጀክቱ ጥሪ መረጃ ለማግኘት: 1-800-823-9230 // Để biết thông tin về dự án, hãy gọi: 1-800-823-9230.

***Event will build upon the community engagement and collaboration approach outlined in the Racial Equity Toolkit. Interpreters will be available.**

SOUNDTRANSIT // Powering progress

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

Chinatown-International District Station

Neighborhood Forum

Learn more and RSVP
wsblink.participate.online

Tuesday, December 3 // 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Great Hall, Union Station
401 S Jackson St.

Food provided. Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese interpreters available.

SOUNDTRANSIT // Powering progress

Learn about the alternatives we're studying in your neighborhood and help shape your future light rail station

Sound Transit is planning a new Link light rail station that will connect Chinatown-International District and Pioneer Square to more destinations throughout the city and region. Join us to learn about which routes and station locations we're studying during environmental review and how to stay engaged as the project moves forward. There will also be small group activities to discuss how your neighborhood priorities relate to future light rail stations and routes and share your feedback on how the new station might best serve your community.

Contact us

Email: wsblink@soundtransit.org // Phone: 206-903-7229

To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, information in alternate formats such as braille or large print, or to request an interpreter, contact project staff 48 hours in advance of public meetings at (206) 903-7229/TTY Relay: 711 or email wsblink@soundtransit.org.

// Para información acerca del proyecto llame al: 1-800-823-9230. // 要瞭解項目資訊，請致電：1-800-823-9230.// ስለ ፕሮጀክቱ ጥሪ መረጃ ለማግኘት: 1-800-823-9230. // Để biết thông tin về dự án, hãy gọi: 1-800-823-9230.

Chinatown-International District Door-to-door Outreach

Door-to-door outreach was conducted with the accompaniment of interpreters in Chinatown-International District. Locations include:

- New An Dong
- Dong Sing Market
- Eastern Café
- Hing Hay Coworks
- King Noodle
- Musashi's
- The Louisa
- Blackball
- Fortune Garden
- Fort St. George
- Young Tea
- Pho Hoa

Advertisements

Digital ads were placed on news websites linking to the online open house. Radio ads were aired on two stations targeting the Chinatown-International District and the Delridge neighborhoods.

Publication	Targeted Forum	Format	Duration
RADIO ADS			
Chinese Radio Seattle	Chinatown-International District	30 second ad, 2x daily	4 weeks
El Rey 1360 AM	Delridge	30 second ad, 2x daily (total of 20x)	3 weeks
ONLINE PUBLICATIONS			**TOTAL:**
The West Seattle Blog	West Seattle	Tile	15 days
Westside Seattle	West Seattle/Ballard	Tile	30 days
MyBallard.com	Ballard	Banner	1 month
NW Asian Weekly	Chinatown-International District	Banner	
PRINT PUBLICATIONS			
NW Asian Weekly	Chinatown-International District	1/8 page	1 week

Radio ads

The following text was translated into Mandarin and Cantonese and aired on Chinese Radio Seattle:

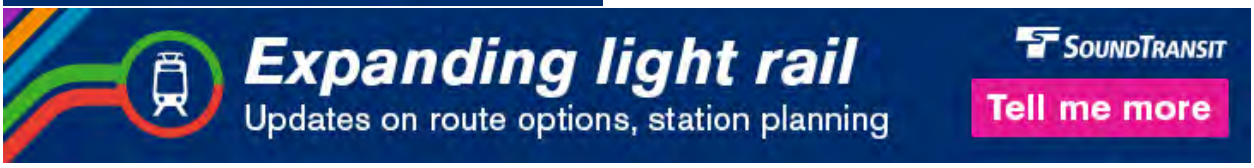
"Sound Transit is hosting a free, family-friendly, community event to discuss the future Chinatown-International District light rail station. Come learn about the route and station location options on 4th and 5th avenues and share your ideas about how the new underground station could enhance your neighborhood. Interpreters and food will be provided. Join us on Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Union Station, 401 S Jackson Street in Seattle. For more information or to sign-up, please visit wsblink.participate.online or call 206-903-7229."

The following text was translated into Spanish and aired on El Rey 1360 AM:

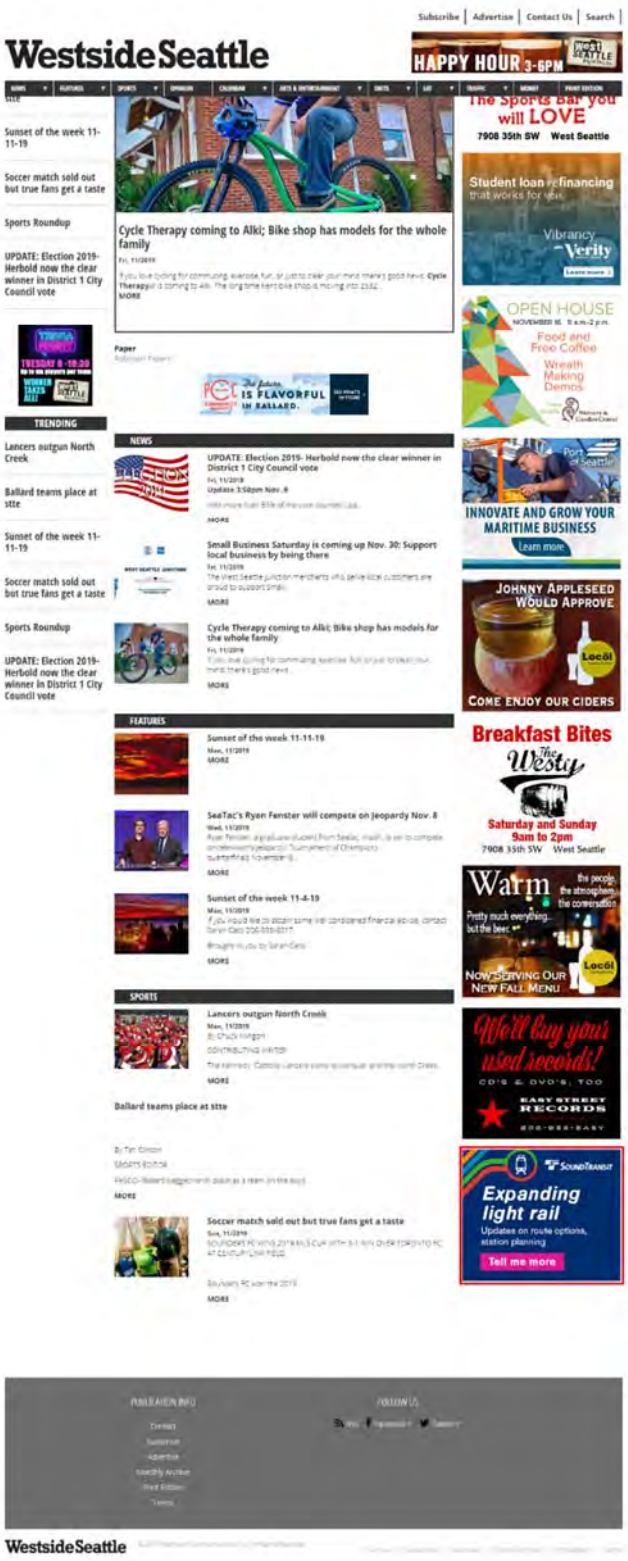
"Sound Transit is hosting a free, family-friendly community event to discuss the future Delridge light rail station. Come learn about the route and station location options and share your ideas about how the

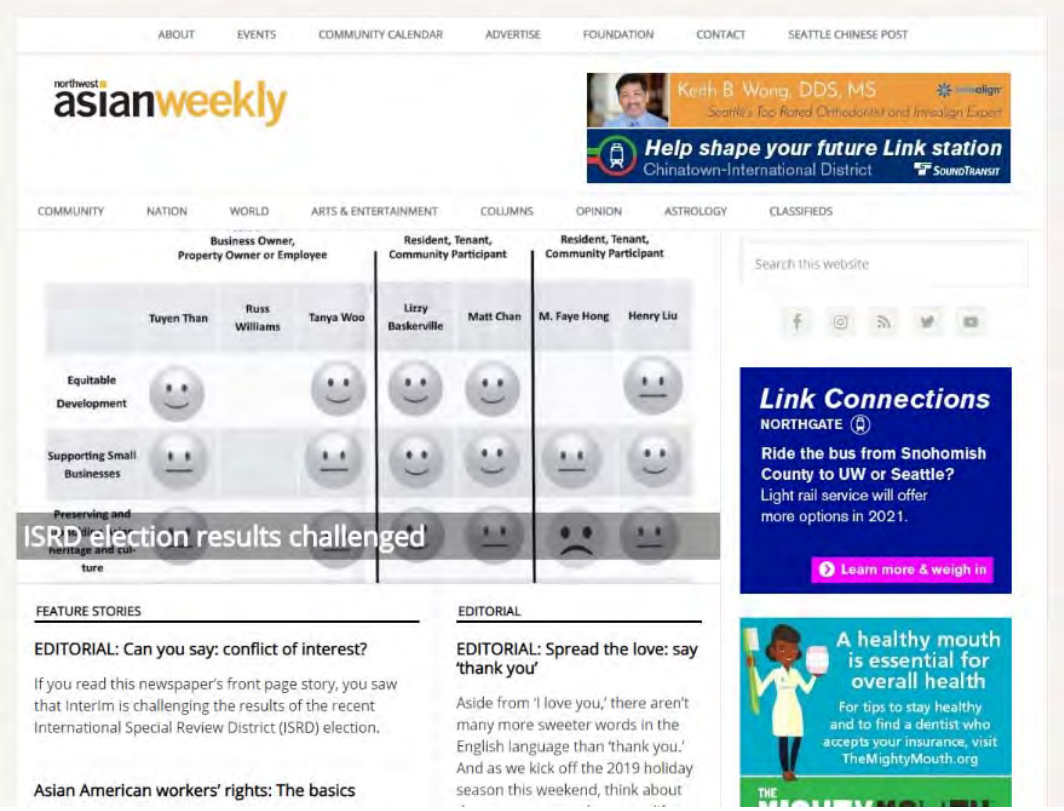
Online publications

Three different ads were published on websites.



Sample screenshots





Print publication

Community Calendars

Event notices were placed in the calendar sections of community-based organizations' websites. Postings were categorized as All events, Downtown event, West Seattle event, Chinatown-International District Station event, Ballard event and Delridge Station event.

All events description (full text):

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region and add a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel to add more capacity for the entire regional system.

Join us for fall neighborhood forums to learn more about the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged! There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

RSVP today at https://wsblink.participate.online

Read more about the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions here:
https://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/west-seattle-and-ballard-link-extensions

All events description (250-character limit):

Attend the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions fall neighborhood forums. RSVP today:
https://wsblink.participate.online

Organizations contacted

- Cascade Bicycle Club
- City of Seattle
- City of Seattle DOM
- Eventful
- Feet First
- King5.com
- KNKX
- KUOW
- NW Asian Weekly
- Q13 Fox
- Seattle Chamber
- Seattle Globalist
- Seattle Green Drinks
- Seattle Met
- Seattle Networking Guide
- Seattle Public Library
- The Seattle Times
- The Stranger
- Tu Decides

Downtown neighborhood forum description

Event title: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Downtown Neighborhood Forum
Shortened Event title: Downtown Neighborhood Forum (Sound Transit)
Event logistics:
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Seattle Central Library, Washington Mutual Room | 1000 4th Ave., Seattle
Contact: Sound Transit, 206-903-7229 (general project line), wsblink@soundtransit.org
Event price: $0/free

Event description (full text):
The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region and add a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel to add more capacity for the entire regional system.

Join us for fall neighborhood forums to learn more about the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged! There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

One of our events will take place Downtown at the Seattle Central Library on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP today at https://wsblink.participate.online

Read more about West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions here:
https://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/west-seattle-and-ballard-link-extensions

Event description (250-character limit):
Attend the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions neighborhood forum Downtown at the Seattle Central Library on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Come hear project updates and share ideas. Visit https://wsblink.participate.online to RSVP.

RSVP: https://wsblink.participate.online

Organizations contacted

- Bellwether Housing
- Cascade People's Center
- Center for Wooden Boats
- Chinatown-ID Business Improvement Association (BIA)
- Commute Seattle
- Discover South Lake Union
- Downtown Emergency Service Center
- Downtown Residents Alliance
- Ethnic Business Coalition
- FareStart
- Friends of Little Saigon
- Gates Foundation
- Hing Hay Coworks
- Impact Hub
- Interim CDA
- Japanese Cultural and Community Center of WA
- Mary's Place
- MOHAI
- Puget Sound Keeper Alliance
- Seattle Public Library
- SLU Chamber of Commerce
- SODO BIA
- Transportation Choices
- The Sanctuary at Denny Park
- Uptown Alliance
- Uwajimaya

West Seattle neighborhood forum description

Event title: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions West Seattle Neighborhood Forum
Shortened Event title: West Seattle Neighborhood Forum (Sound Transit)
Event logistics:
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 | 6 – 8 p.m.
Alki Masonic Center | 4736 40th Ave. SW, Seattle
Contact: Sound Transit, 206-903-7229 (general project line), wsblink@soundtransit.org
Event price: $0/free

Event description (full text)

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region and add a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel to add more capacity for the entire regional system.

Join us for fall neighborhood forums to learn more about the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged! There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

One of our events will take place in West Seattle at the Alki Masonic Center on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

RSVP today at https://wsblink.participate.online

Read more about West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions here:
https://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/west-seattle-and-ballard-link-extensions

Event description (250-character limit)

Attend the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions neighborhood forum in West Seattle at the Alki Masonic Center on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Come hear project updates and share ideas. Visit https://wsblink.participate.online to RSVP.

RSVP: https://wsblink.participate.online/

Organizations contacted

- All About South Park
- West Seattle Herald
- White Center Blog
- White Center CDA

Chinatown-International District Station neighborhood forum description

Event title: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Chinatown-International District Station Neighborhood Forum
Shortened Event title: Chinatown-International District Station Neighborhood Forum (Sound Transit)
Event logistics:
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Union Station, Great Hall | 401 S Jackson St., Seattle

Contact: Sound Transit, 206-903-7229 (general project line), wsblink@soundtransit.org
Event price: $0/free

Event description (full text)

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region and add a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel to add more capacity for the entire regional system.

Join us for fall neighborhood forums to learn more about the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged! There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

One of our events focuses on the Chinatown-International District Station and will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Union Station.

RSVP today at https://wsblink.participate.online

Read more about West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions here:
https://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/west-seattle-and-ballard-link-extensions

Event description (250-character limit)

Attend the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions neighborhood forum that focuses on the Chinatown-International District Station on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Union Station. Come hear project updates and share ideas. Visit https://wsblink.participate.online to RSVP.

Organizations contacted

- Downtown Emergency Service Center

Ballard neighborhood forum description

Event title: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Interbay-Ballard Neighborhood Forum
Shortened Event title: Ballard Neighborhood Forum (Sound Transit)
Event logistics:
Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 | 6 – 8 p.m.
St. Luke's Episcopal Church | 570 22nd Ave. NW, Seattle
Contact: Sound Transit, 206-903-7229 (general project line), wsblink@soundtransit.org
Event price: $0/free

Event description (full text)

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region and add a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel to add more capacity for the entire regional system.

Join us for fall neighborhood forums to learn more about the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged! There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

One of our events will take place in Ballard at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

RSVP today at https://wsblink.participate.online

Read more about West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions here:
https://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/west-seattle-and-ballard-link-extensions

Event description (250-character limit)

Attend the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions neighborhood forum in Ballard at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Come hear project updates and share ideas. Visit https://wsblink.participate.online to RSVP.

RSVP: https://wsblink.participate.online/

Organizations contacted

- Ballard Food Bank
- Central Ballard Residents Association
- MyBallard.com
- NSIA
- PhinneyWood.com
- Queen Anne News & Magnolia News
- Uptown Alliance

Delridge Station neighborhood forum description

Event title: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Delridge Station Neighborhood Forum
Shortened Event title: Delridge Station Neighborhood Forum (Sound Transit)
Event logistics:
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Delridge Community Center, Gym | 4501 Delridge Way SW, Seattle
Contact: Sound Transit, 206-903-7229 (general project line), wsblink@soundtransit.org
Event price: $0/free

Event description (full text)

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region and add a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel to add more capacity for the entire regional system.

Join us for fall neighborhood forums to learn more about the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged! There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

One of our events focuses on the Delridge Station and will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Delridge Community Center.

RSVP today at https://wsblink.participate.online

Read more about West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions here:
https://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/west-seattle-and-ballard-link-extensions

Event description (250-character limit)

Attend the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions neighborhood forum that focuses on the Delridge Station on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Delridge Community Center. Come hear project updates and share ideas. Visit https://wsblink.participate.online to RSVP.

RSVP: https://wsblink.participate.online/

Organizations contacted

- Downtown Emergency Service Center
- White Center Blog
- All About South Park
- West Seattle Blog
- West Seattle Herald
- White Center CDA

Email

Targeted emails

Targeted emails were sent to community-based organizations and individuals along the project corridor as an invitation to the neighborhood forums. Each targeted email had similar messaging highlighting the different events.

From: Gunn, Cecelia <cecelia.gunn@soundtransit.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 8:56 AM
To:
Subject: Join Sound Transit for upcoming Neighborhood Forum

Hello,

I wanted to introduce myself as one of the community outreach leads for Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project. As you know, this project will deliver light rail connections to West Seattle and Ballard with stations in between. This project will also include a new light rail station in Delridge that will serve riders from Delridge and others connecting from buses such as the future RapidRide H line or route 125. I hope that you'll share this information with students and staff at South Seattle College.

The Sound Transit Board identified multiple route and station options to study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS is the next step in the environmental review process, where we will evaluate potential impacts and benefits of the alternatives on the natural and built environment, and identify potential mitigation measures. The Draft EIS is anticipated to be released in early 2021 for public review and comment.

As part of our continuing commitment to engage communities and future riders, we're hosting five Neighborhood Forums to share the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft EIS, what happens next in the environmental review process and how communities can stay engaged. There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

I hope you'll be able to join us for one of these events! The event details are below:

- West Seattle (Includes stations at Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction)
  Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 | 6 – 8 p.m.
  Aiki Masonic Center
  4736 40th Avenue SW, Seattle

- Delridge Station (Includes the Delridge station only*)
  Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  Delridge Community Center (Gym)
  4501 Delridge Way SW, Seattle

*Event will build upon the community engagement and collaboration approach outlined in the Racial Equity Toolkit. Interpreters will be available – see RSVP link for more details.

Learn more and RSVP today

If you're not able to attend in person, we'll have opportunities to participate online and learn more, starting as early as November 18.

Thank you for your participation in this important effort — we hope you will engage and share your thoughts. The best way to get the latest project updates is to sign-up for our email updates. Please reach out to us if you have questions about the project or if you'd like to discuss how we can better engage students and staff at the College.

Thank you,

Cecelia Gunn
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions
Sound Transit
tel 206-903-7229

Connect with us
soundtransit.org/wsblink
facebook.com/SoundTransit
twitter.com/SoundTransit

SOUNDTRANSIT

Project email updates

Email updates were sent to the project listserv announcing the neighborhood forums. Reminder email updates were also sent a day or two before each forum.

- October 21, 2019 – “Join us at fall neighborhood forums”
- October 30, 2019 – “Board identifies additional route and station options for further study”
- November 19, 2019 – “Reminder: Neighborhood forums start this week”
- November 26, 2019 – “Neighborhood forums continue next week!”
- December 10, 2019 – “Didn’t attend one of our neighborhood forums? There’s still time to participate online!”

Below is a screenshot of the October 21, 2019 email update “Join us at fall neighborhood forums.”

SOUNDTRANSIT

West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

Project update

Join us at fall neighborhood forums

Are you interested in learning more about the alternatives we're studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and what happens next in environmental review? Join us at an upcoming forum in your neighborhood! We'll share the latest project information and break out into small groups to talk about how your community vision and values relate to your future light rail stations.

Invite your neighbors, coworkers and friends to RSVP today!

I'm interested

Thanks for your feedback

Thank you to all who reviewed the results of the initial assessment alternatives and provided feedback. We summarized your comments and shared them with the System Expansion Committee on October 10 and will next share them with the Board of Directors on October 24. The Board will then identify if any of the additional alternatives will advance to the Draft EIS for further study.

What's being considered?

More project info: soundtransit.org/westlink
Get in touch: westlink@soundtransit.org or 206-903-7229

RSVP reminder notifications

Reminder notifications were sent to guests who RSVPed to the neighborhood forums.

From: WSB Link <wsblink@soundtransit.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 1:38 PM
To: WSB Link <wsblink@soundtransit.org>
Subject: Sound Transit's Downtown Neighborhood Forum: See you tomorrow!

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your RSVP to the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions **Downtown Neighborhood Forum**!

Just a reminder to meet us at the **Central Seattle Public Library**, 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA, **tomorrow on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019**. We'll begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. with a presentation at 5:45 p.m. and then wrap up at 7:30 p.m. Light snacks will be provided.

For travel, there are many King County Metro and Sound Transit routes that will bring you to the library. Some of these routes include: 2, 12, 101, 102, 150, 177, 178, 190, 268, 303, 312, 522, 545 and 630. If you drive, paid parking is available in the library garage on Spring Street and in surrounding lots and buildings.

If you're unable to attend this open house in person, you can visit the online open house and share your comments at any time.

To request accommodations for persons with disabilities, call 1-800-201-4900/ TTY Relay: 711 or email accessibility@soundtransit.org.

Again, thank you for your interest in the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions and we'll see you soon!

Sincerely,

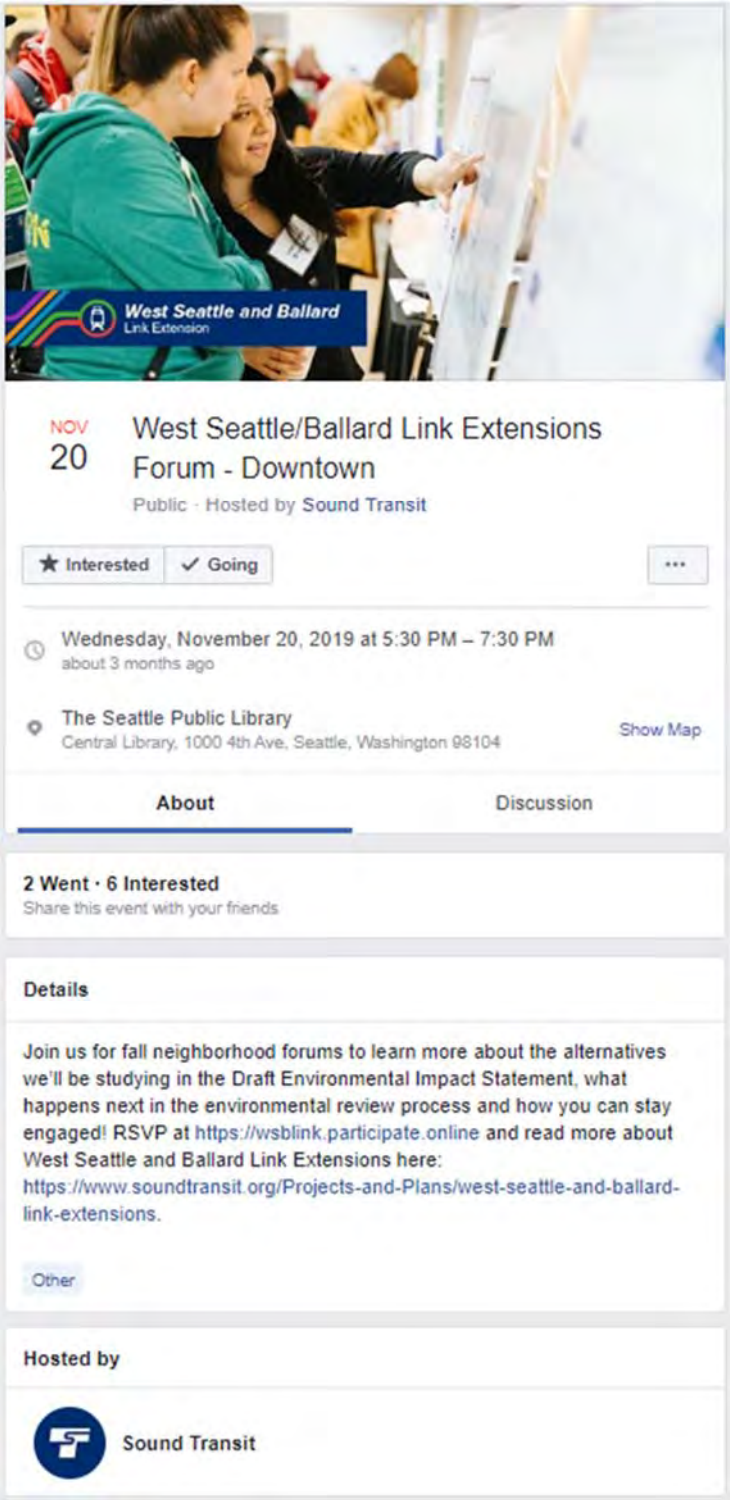
The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Team
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions
Sound Transit
tel 206-903-7229

Connect with us
soundtransit.org/wsblink
facebook.com/SoundTransit
twitter.com/SoundTransit

SOUNDTRANSIT

Facebook

Neighborhood forums were posted as events on Sound Transit's Facebook page, each resembling the post below (Downtown neighborhood forum).



West Seattle and Ballard
Link Extensions

RapidRide H listserv email

The following is an excerpt from the City of Seattle's Department of Transportation RapidRide H (Delridge) newsletter advertising the neighborhood forums and linking to the project's online open house.

Sound Transit wants to invite you to a Delridge Station Neighborhood Forum

Given your interest in the RapidRide H project, Sound Transit wanted to share an invitation from Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project. To receive future information about Sound Transit's project, please sign-up for their email updates.

Sound Transit will deliver light rail connections to West Seattle and Ballard and neighborhoods in between. This project will also include a new light rail station in Delridge. The new station will serve riders from Delridge and others connecting from buses such as the future RapidRide H line.

Sound Transit will share the alternatives we'll be studying in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged. There will also be opportunities to participate in small group activities to share your unique neighborhood context and discuss how that might relate to future light rail stations.

Delridge Station Neighborhood Forum

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 | 10 AM – noon

Delridge Community Center (Gym)

4501 Delridge Way SW, Seattle

Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters will be available. This event is free and family friendly.

Questions? Contact Sound Transit at wsblink@soundtransit.org or 206-903-7229.

To stay updated on project progress, sign-up for Sound Transit's email updates.

Department of Neighborhoods listserv email

The following is an excerpt from the City of Seattle's Department of Neighborhoods newsletter advertising the neighborhood forums and linking to the project's online open house.

OTHER CITY NEWS

Weigh in on Scooter Pilot Program: *Seattle Department of Transportation wants to know what you think a successful scooter pilot program would look like. Attend a public meeting on October 30 or share your thoughts via online survey.* (more)

Join Seattle's Environmental Justice Committee: *If you are committed to centering community needs in the City's environmental work and improving environmental, health and economic conditions for our communities, apply to the Environmental Justice Committee.* (more)

Get Ready for Tunnel Tolls: *Tolling in the SR 99 tunnel will begin on Saturday, November 9. Rates in the tunnel will range from $1 to $2.25 with a pass.* (more)

Attend a Sound Transit Neighborhood Forum: *Attend a neighborhood forum to learn more about the alternatives being studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions, what happens next in the environmental review process and how you can stay engaged!* (more)

Apply for the Technology Matching Fund: *The Technology Matching Fund offers matching funds of up to $25,000 to community-led Seattle-based projects that increase digital literacy and access to free or low-cost broadband and provide technology support to underserved communities.* (more)

Plastic Bags and Plastic Wrap No Longer Allowed in Recycling: *Beginning January 1, 2020, plastic bags and plastic wrap will no longer be accepted in curbside recycling bins.* (more)

Free Extra Yard Waste Pickup in November: *Seattle Public Utilities provides free extra yard waste pick up for household customers in November. Just set out your extra yard waste next to your food and yard waste cart on your collection day.* (more)

Appendix B: Materials

PowerPoint Presentation

The following presentation was shared with forum participants at each of the five neighborhood forums and posted on the project website.

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Neighborhood Forum

Nov. 20, – Dec. 7, 2019

SOUNDTRANSIT

Event schedule

5:30 p.m. **– View materials and share your input**

Q: What do you value about your community?
Q: How could a station best serve your community?

5:45 p.m. **– Presentation**

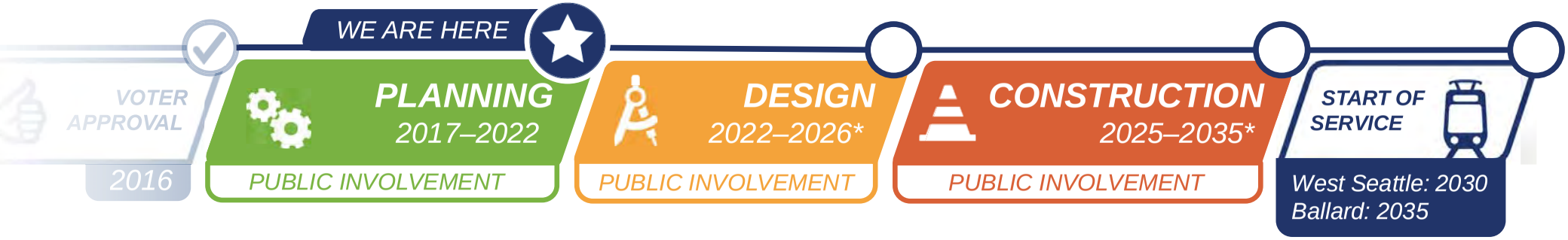
6:25 p.m. **– Small group conversations**

7:30 p.m. **– Event ends**

What we'll cover

- **Timeline and background**
- **What routes and stations we're studying**
- **What happens in environmental review**
- **Upcoming station planning work**

Project timeline



***West Seattle** Design: 2022–2025 // Construction: 2025–2030
***Ballard** Design: 2023–2026 // Construction: 2027–2035

VOTER APPROVAL

2016

PLANNING

DES

2017–2019

Alternatives development

Feb–March 2018: Early scoping

Feb–April 2019: Scoping

May–Oct 2019: Board identifies preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019–2022

Environmental review

Early 2021: Publish Draft EIS

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2022: Publish Final EIS

Board selects projects to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

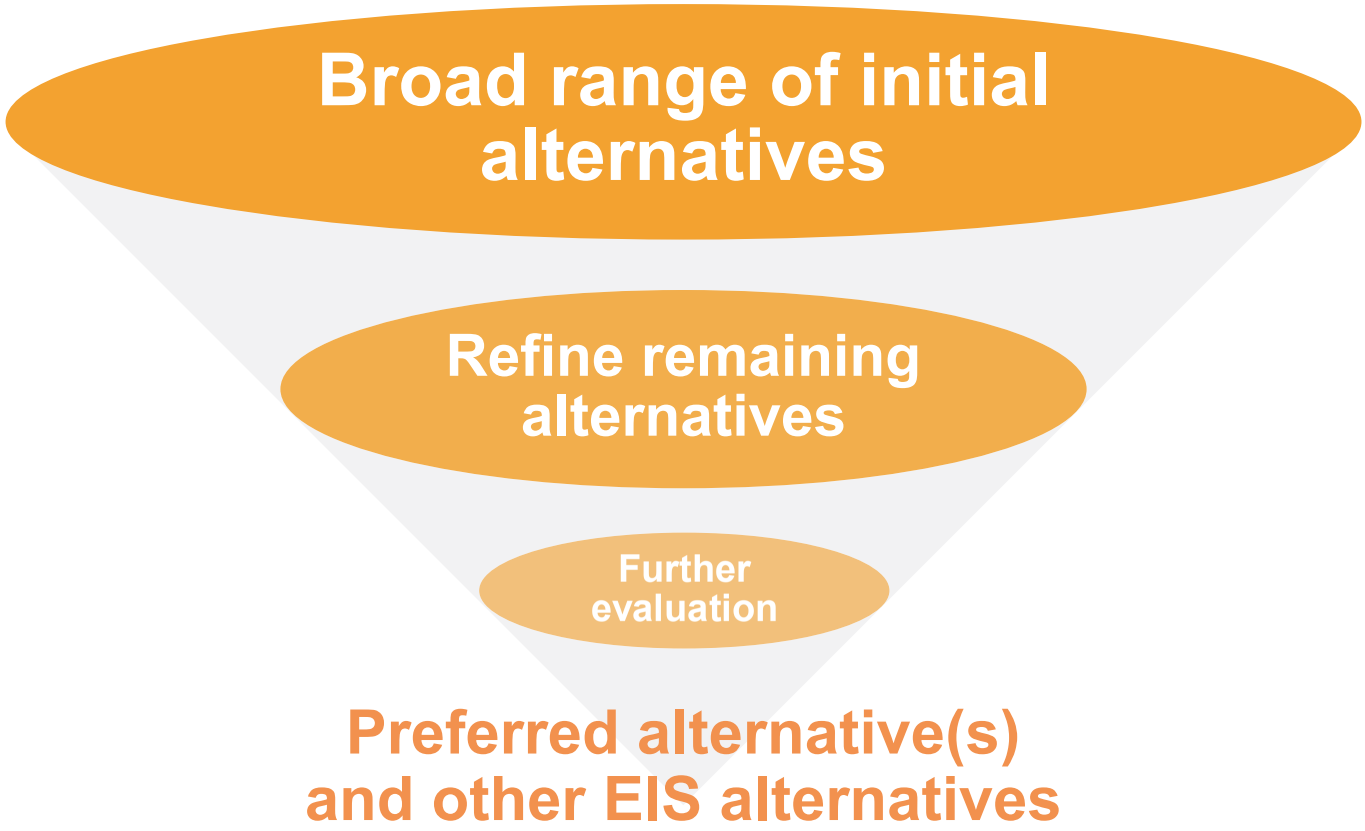
SOUNDTRANSIT

Public outreach and involvement

Alternatives development phase: Jan 2018 – April 2019

- **5,600+** responses to your comments and questions
- **189** presentations to local community groups
- **26** neighborhood fairs and festivals visited
- **25** email updates sent to our subscribers
- **21** stakeholder and elected leadership group meetings facilitated
- **17** open houses and workshops held in your neighborhoods

Alternatives development screening process



VOTER APPROVAL

2016

PLANNING

DES

2017–2019

Alternatives development

Feb–March 2018: Early scoping

Feb–April 2019: Scoping

May–Oct 2019: Board identifies preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019–2022

Environmental review

Early 2021: Publish Draft EIS

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2022: Publish Final EIS

Board selects projects to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

SOUNDTRANSIT

VOTER APPROVAL

2016

PLANNING

DES

2017–2019

Alternatives development

Feb–March 2018: Early scoping

Feb–April 2019: Scoping

May–Oct 2019: Board identifies preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019–2022

Environmental review

Early 2021: Publish Draft EIS

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2022: Publish Final EIS

Board selects projects to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

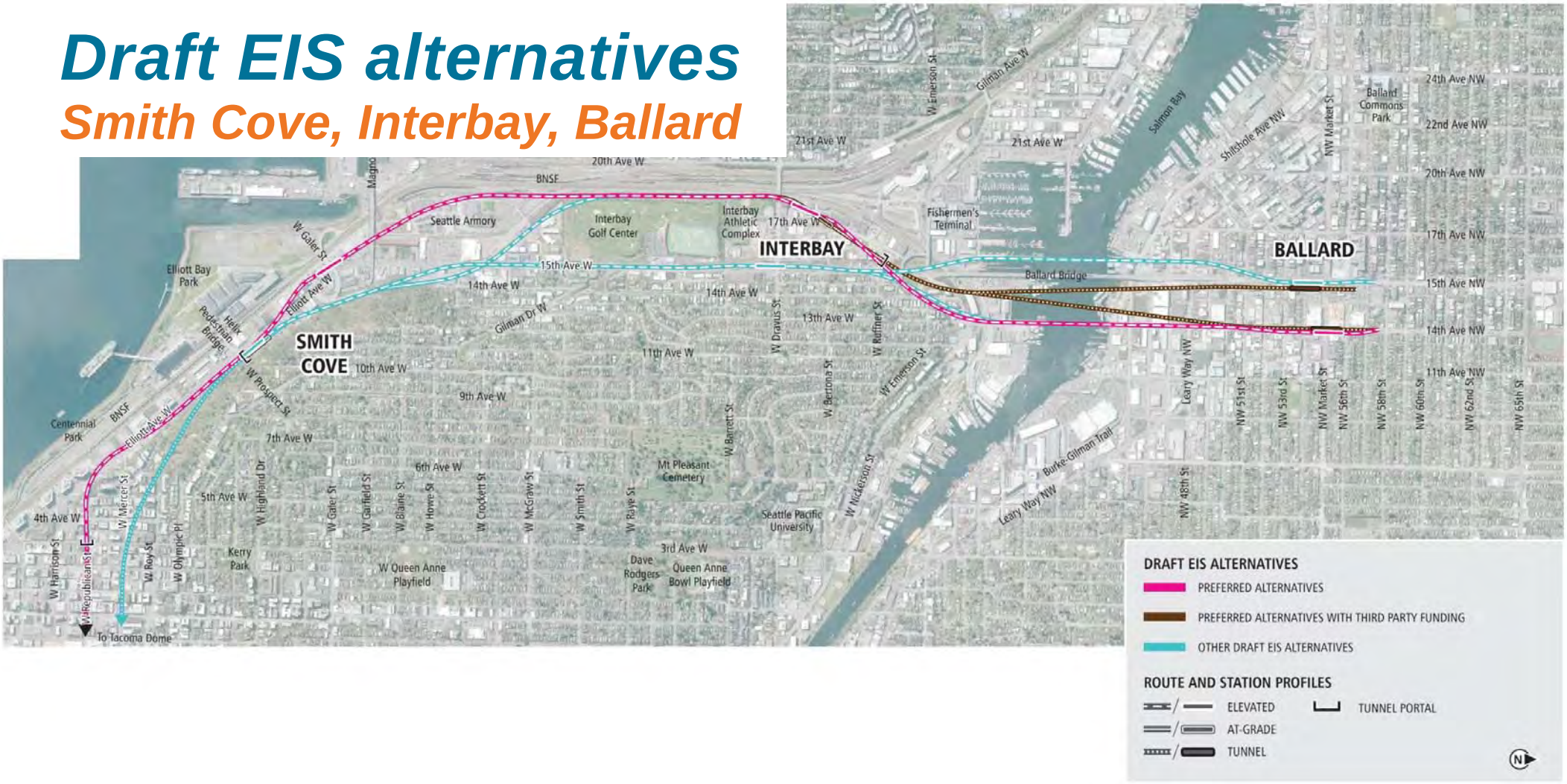
SOUNDTRANSIT

What we're studying in this phase

- Preferred Alternatives
- Preferred Alternatives with Third-Party Funding
- Other Draft EIS alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives

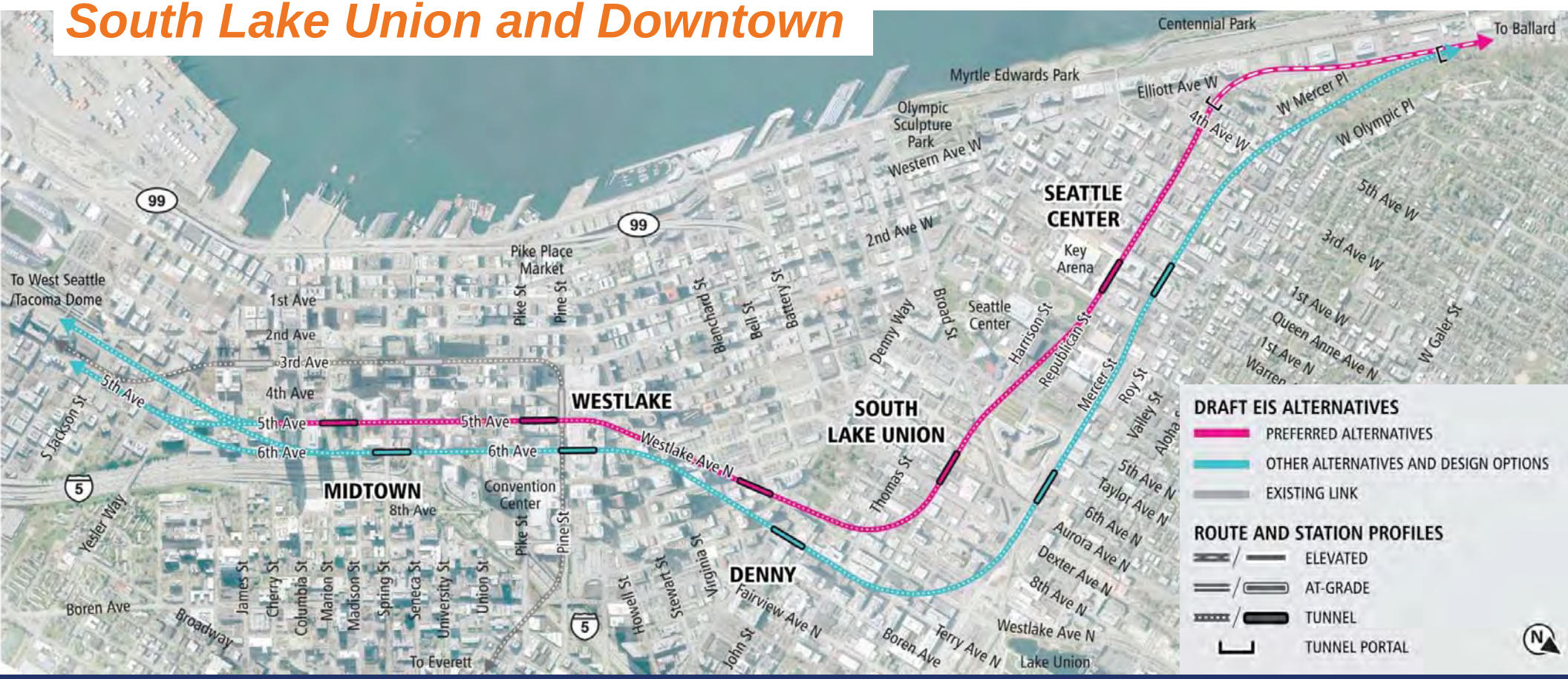
Smith Cove, Interbay, Ballard



SOUNDTRANSIT

Draft EIS alternatives

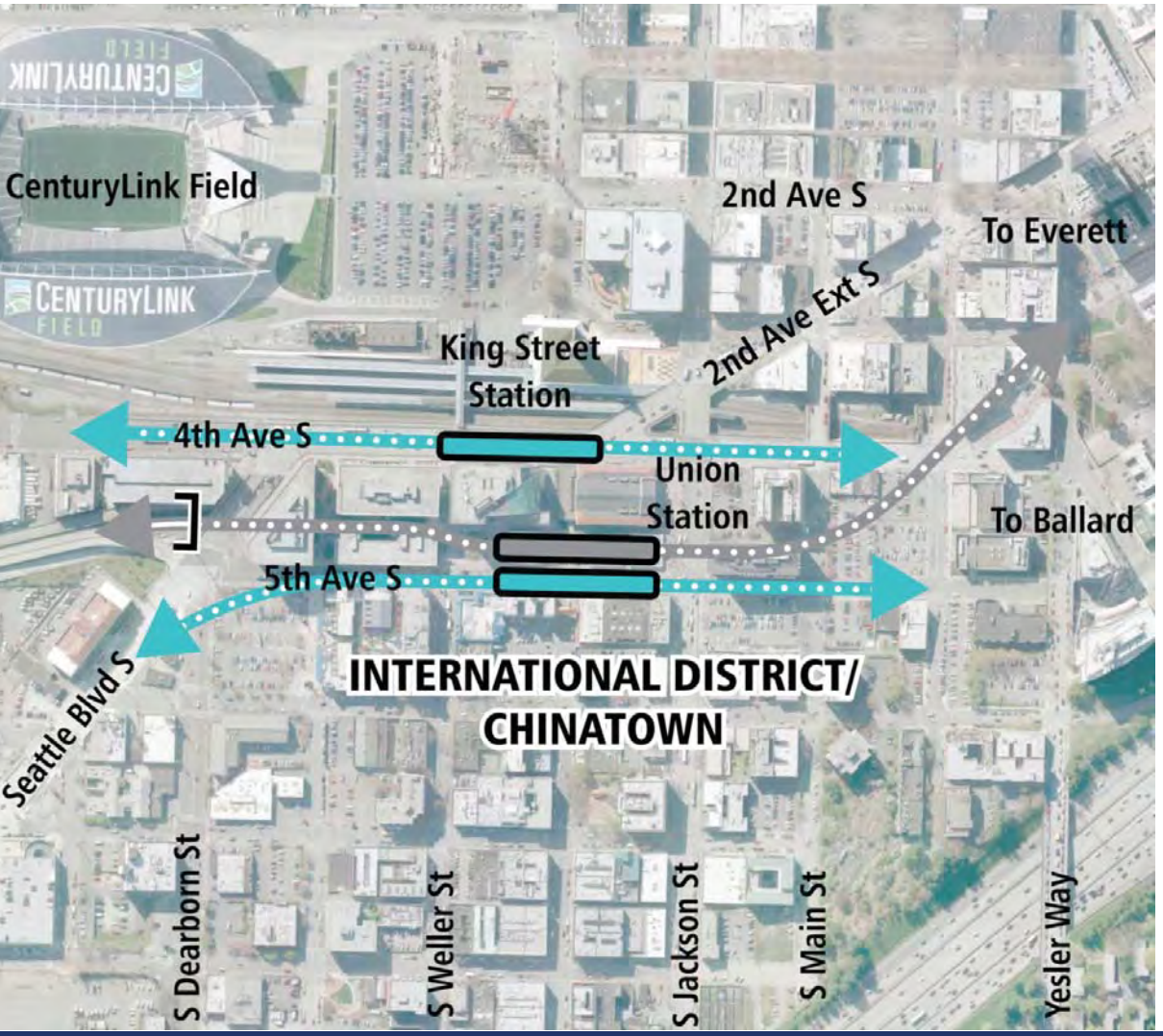
South Lake Union and Downtown

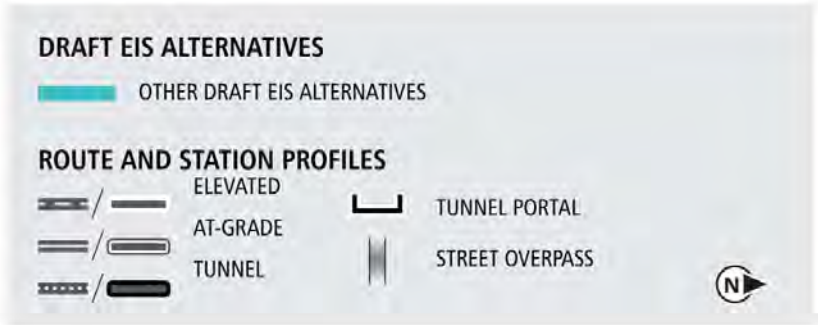


SOUNDTRANSIT

Draft EIS alternatives

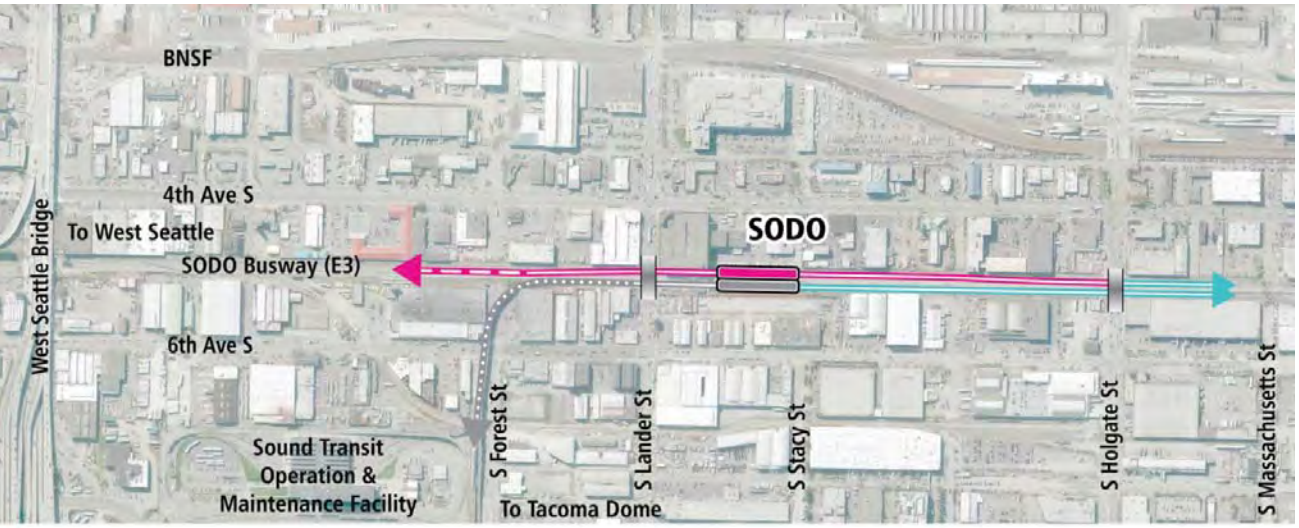
Chinatown-International District station

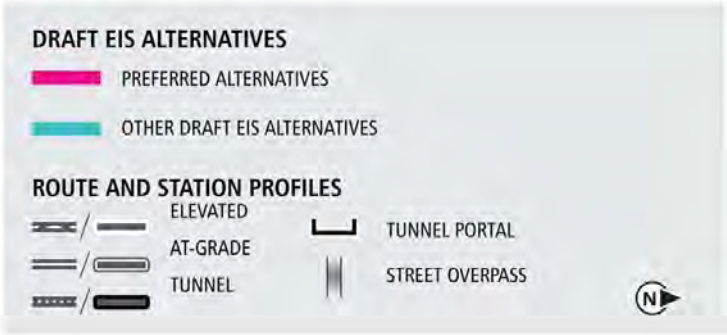




Draft EIS alternatives

SODO

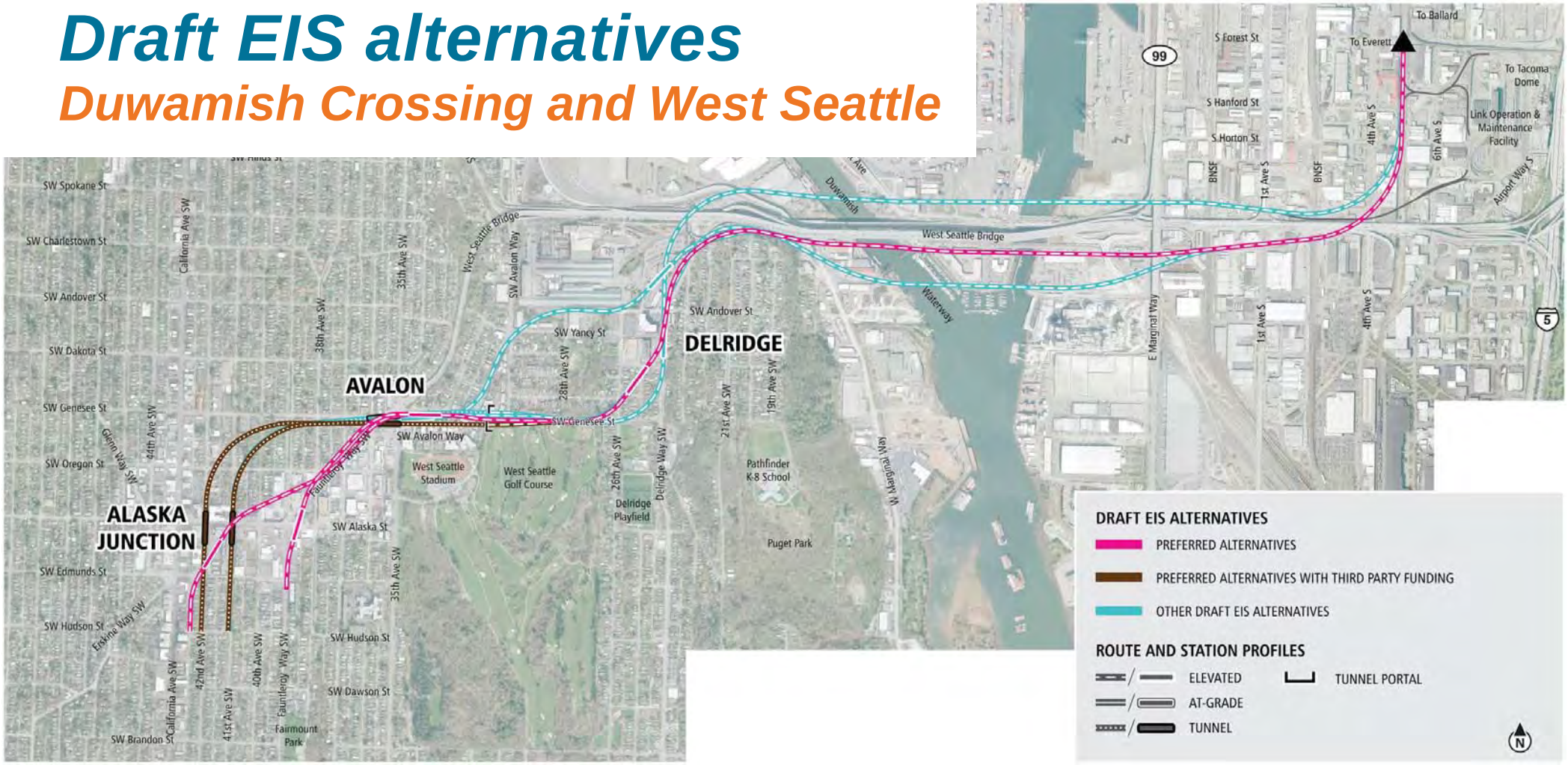




SOUNDTRANSIT

Draft EIS alternatives

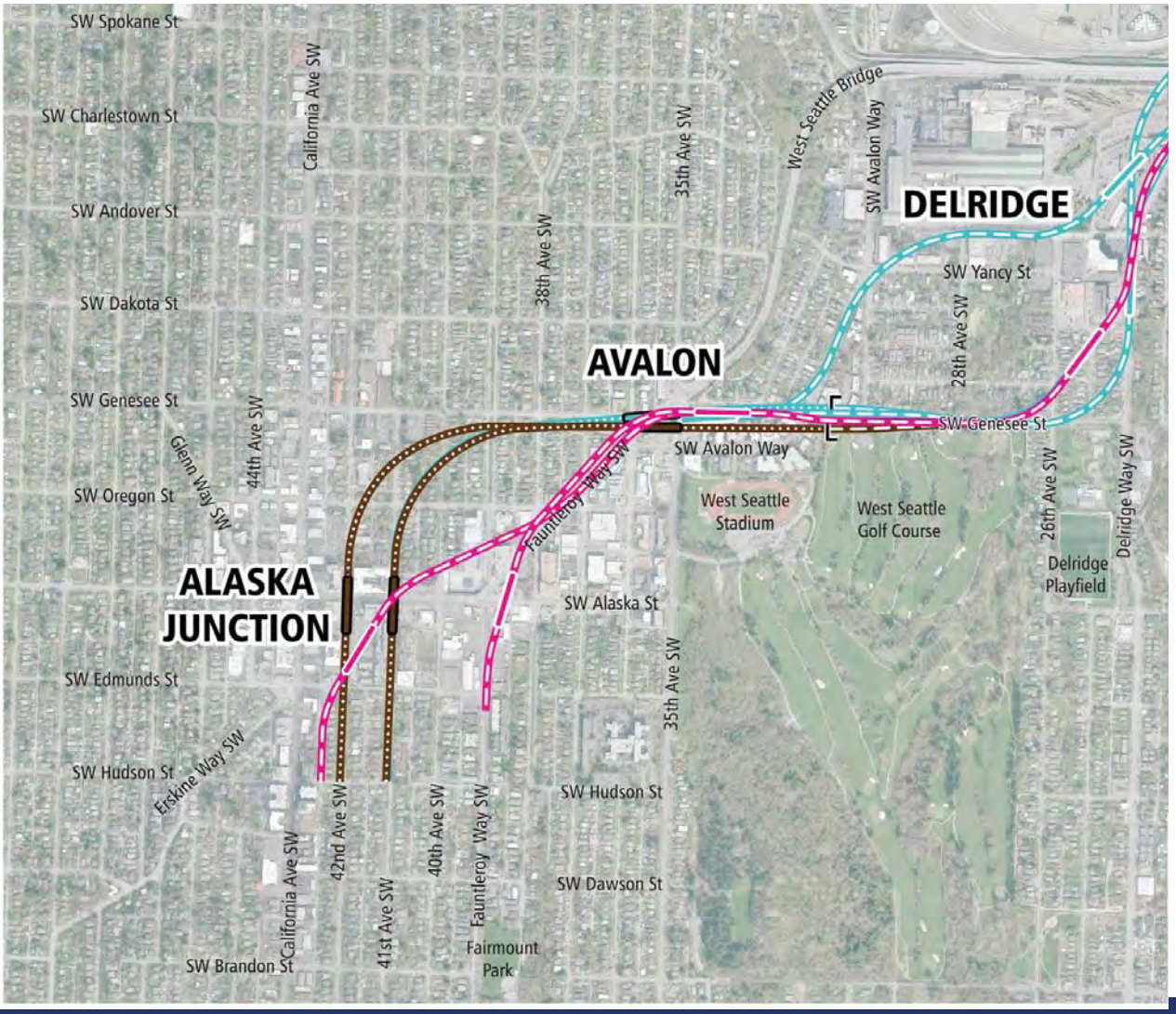
Duwamish Crossing and West Seattle



SOUNDTRANSIT

Draft EIS alternatives

West Seattle



DRAFT EIS ALTERNATIVES

- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES
- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES WITH THIRD PARTY FUNDING
- OTHER DRAFT EIS ALTERNATIVES

ROUTE AND STATION PROFILES

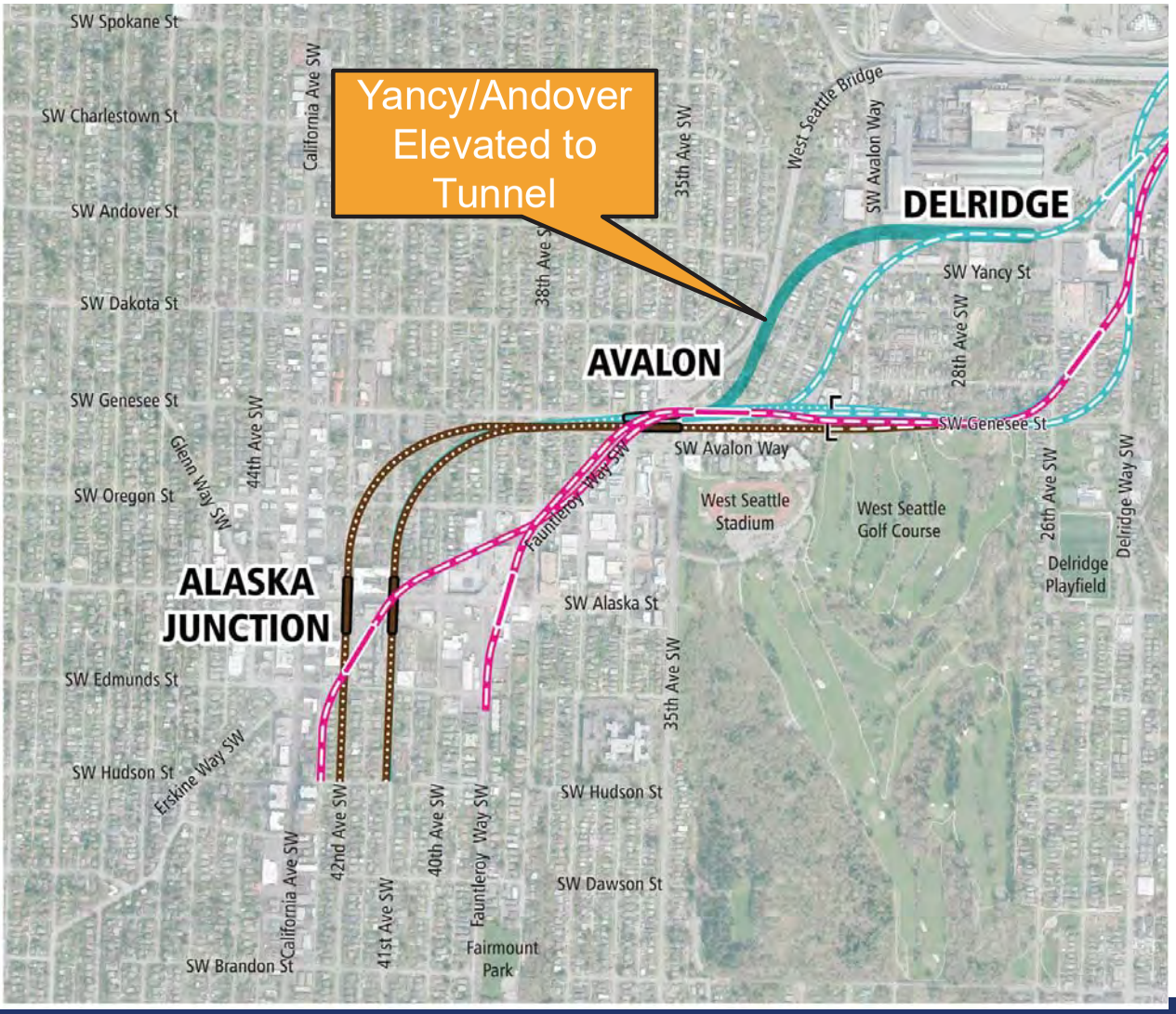
- ELEVATED
- AT-GRADE
- TUNNEL
- TUNNEL PORTAL

N

SOUNDTRANSIT

Draft EIS alternatives

West Seattle



DRAFT EIS ALTERNATIVES

- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES
- PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES WITH THIRD PARTY FUNDING
- OTHER DRAFT EIS ALTERNATIVES

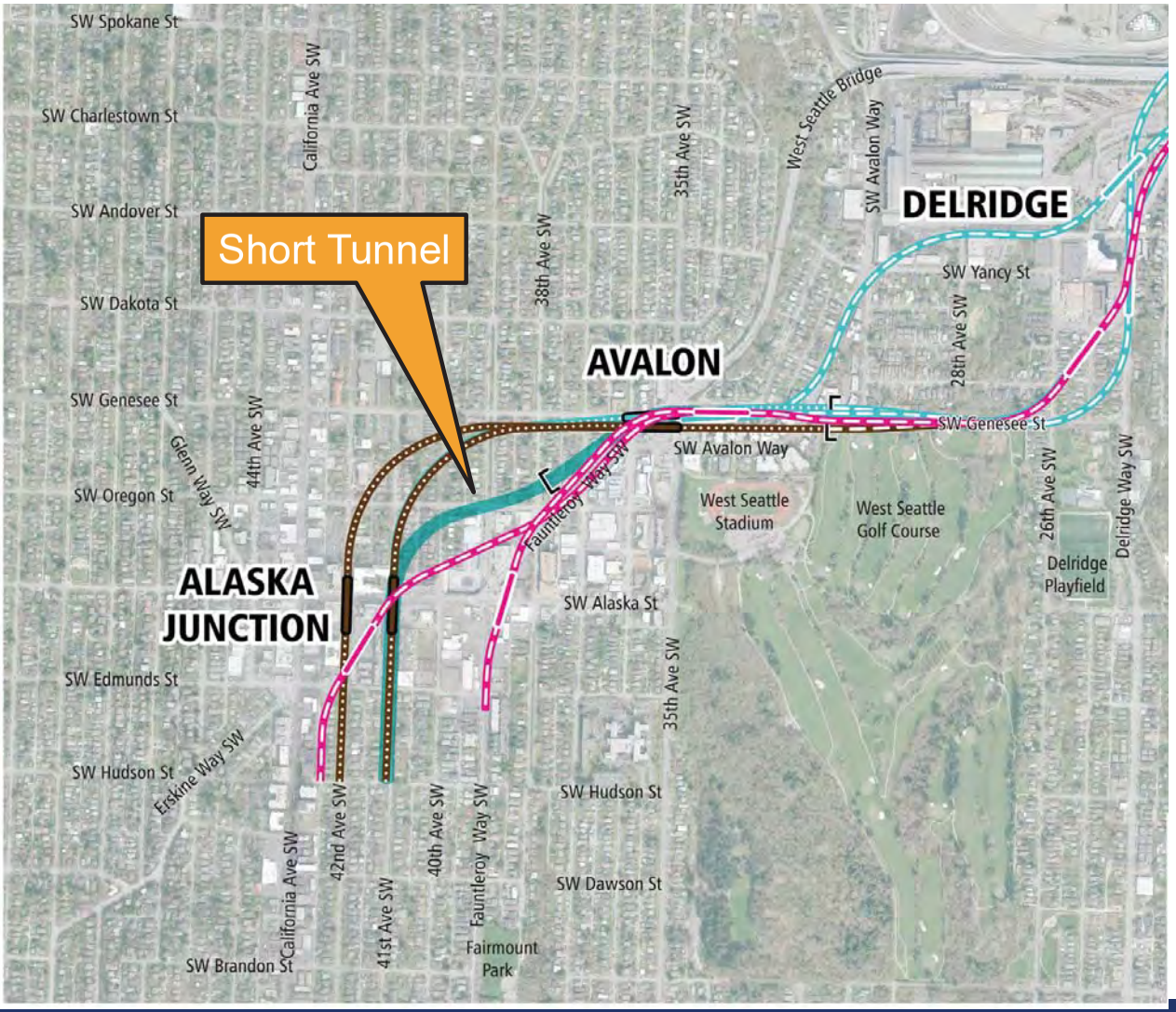
ROUTE AND STATION PROFILES

- ELEVATED
- AT-GRADE
- TUNNEL
- TUNNEL PORTAL

SOUNDTRANSIT

Draft EIS alternatives

West Seattle



SOUNDTRANSIT

Environmental review

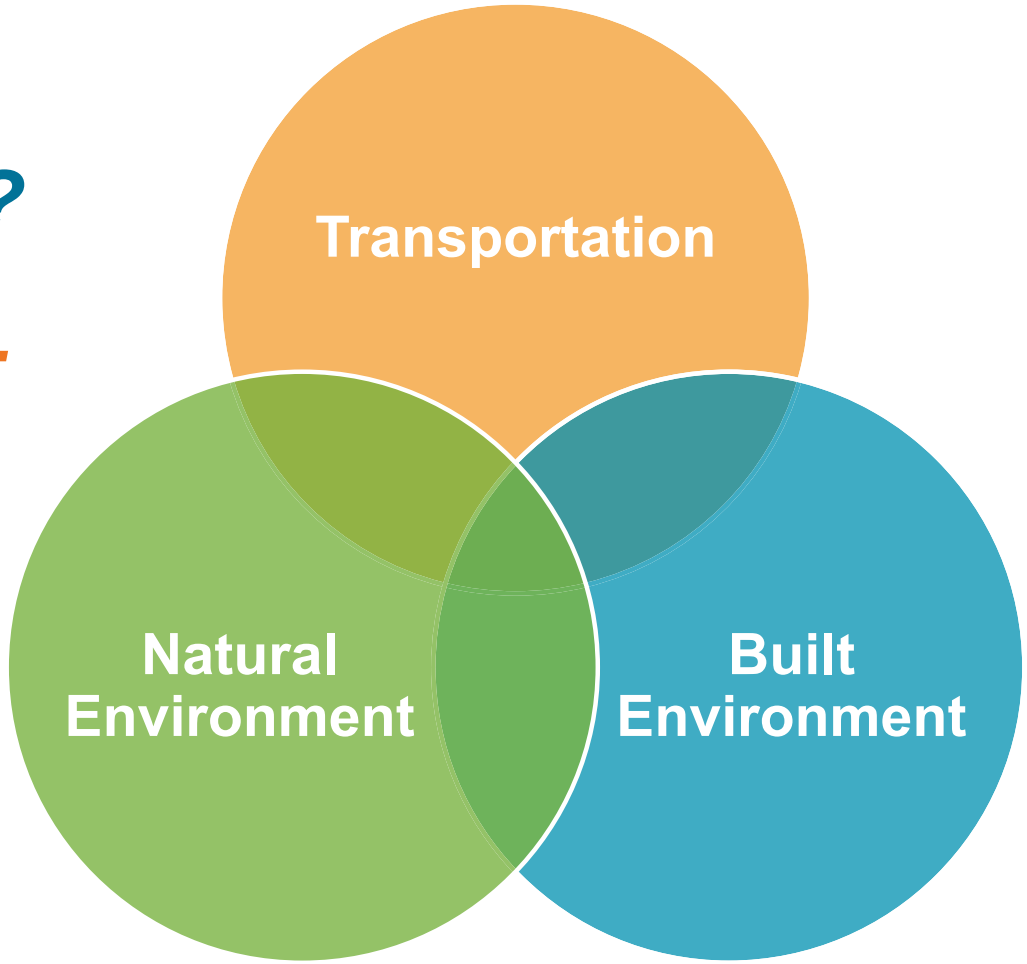
So, what's an Environmental Impact Statement?

Or, "EIS" for short.

Provides agencies and the public an understanding of environmental consequences and assists in decision-making.

What is typically studied in an EIS?

How a project affects…



EIS studies:

Transportation impacts

- Ridership
- Transit operations
- Regional and local traffic
- Non-motorized facilities and modes
- Freight movement
- Marine navigation
- Parking

EIS studies:

Natural environment impacts

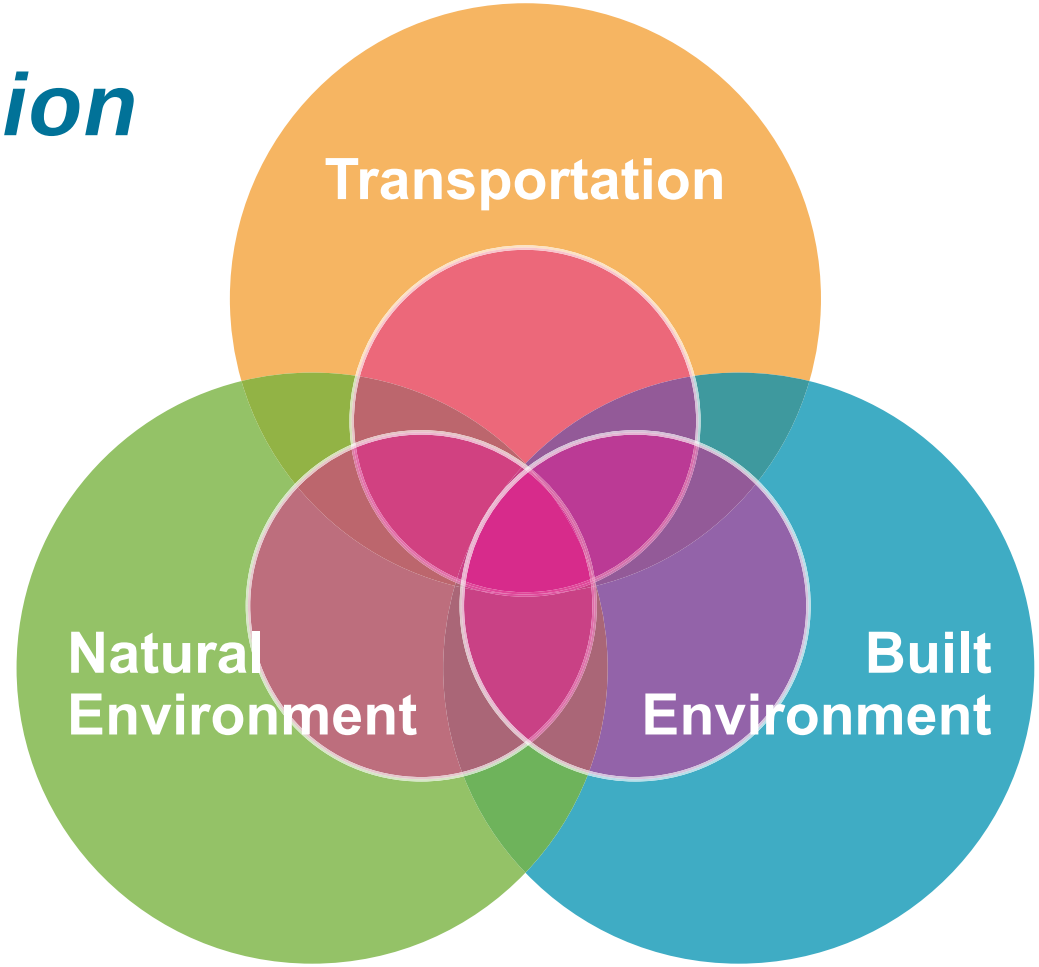
EIS studies:

Built environment impacts

- Noise and vibration
- Economic effects
- Visual resources
- Parks resources
- Land use
- Acquisitions, displacements and relocations

Equity and inclusion

Environmental justice focus within each area of the EIS



EIS studies:

Built environment impacts

- Energy use
- Hazardous materials
- Public services / utilities
- Impacts on low income and minority populations
- Cultural, historic and archaeological resources
- Neighborhoods and community facilities

EIS studies:

Environmental justice

- Describes demographics
- Evaluates whether project disproportionately impacts minority and low-income communities
- Considers potential project benefits such as improved access to opportunity
- Documents what we hear from outreach efforts

VOTER APPROVAL

2016

PLANNING

DES

2017–2019

Alternatives development

Feb–March 2018: Early scoping

Feb–April 2019: Scoping

May–Oct 2019: Board identifies preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019–2022

Environmental review

Early 2021: Publish Draft EIS

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2022: Publish Final EIS

Board selects projects to be built

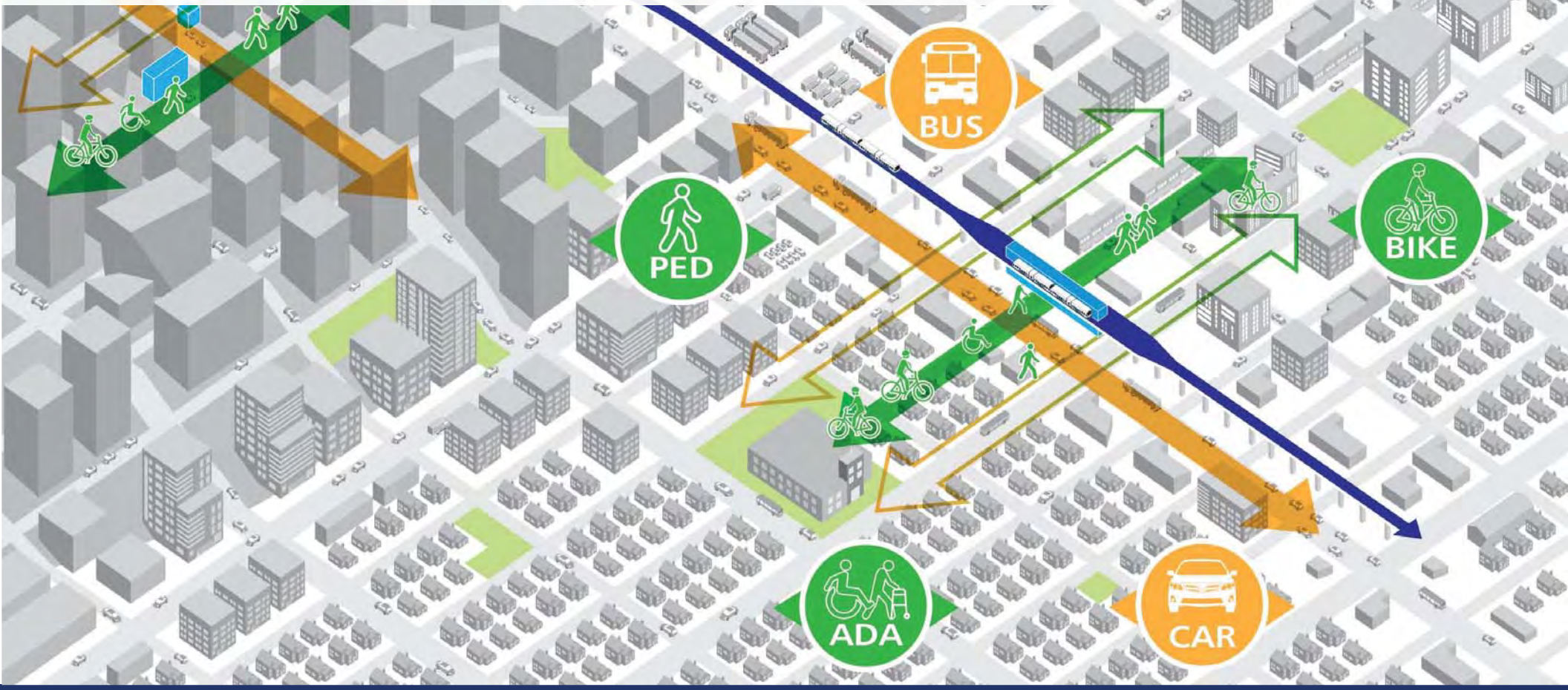
Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

SOUNDTRANSIT

Station planning

Stations serving communities



SOUNDTRANSIT

Core responsibilities

SOUNDTRANSIT

- Routes and station locations
- Light rail guideway and station design
- Environmental review

City of Seattle

- Community planning and station access
- Land use and zoning
- Street and right-of-way use

Core responsibilities

SOUNDTRANSIT

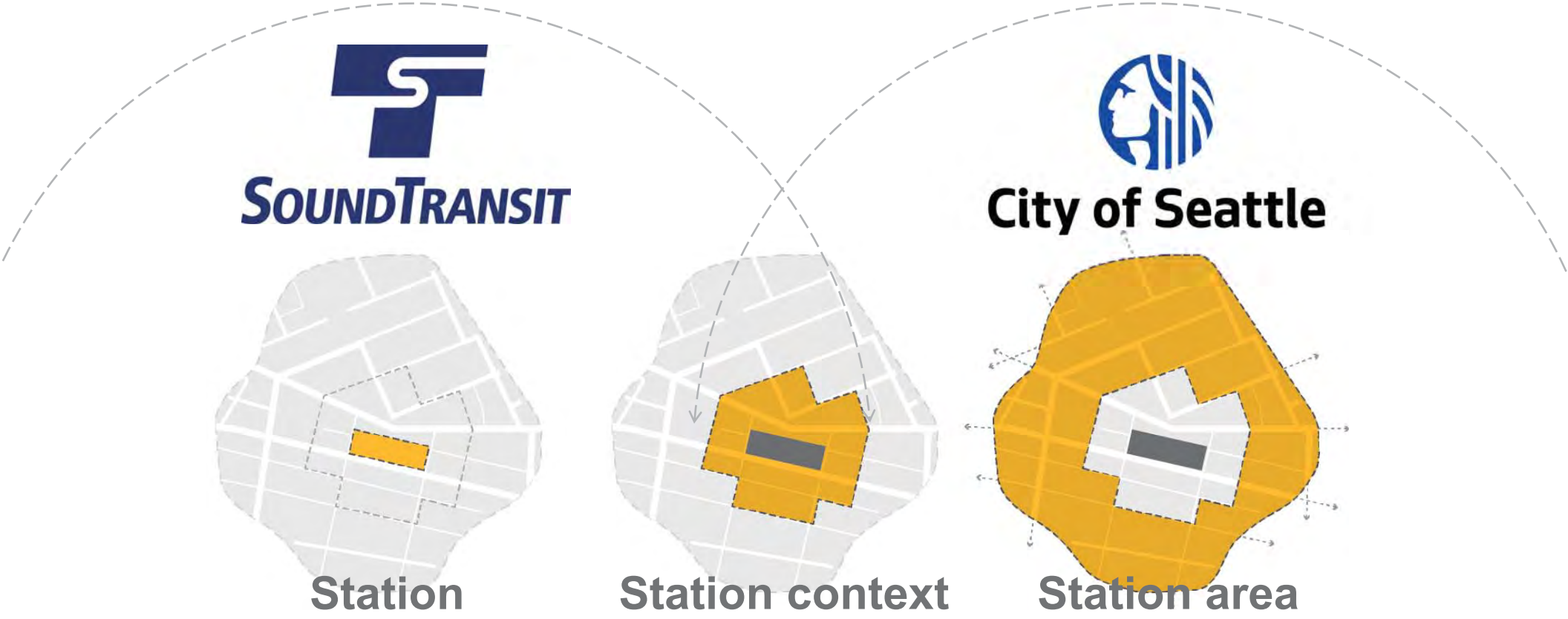
- Routes and station locations
- Light rail guideway and station design
- Environmental review

Co-planning stations *with* communities

City of Seattle

- Community planning and station access
- Land use and zoning
- Street and right-of-way use

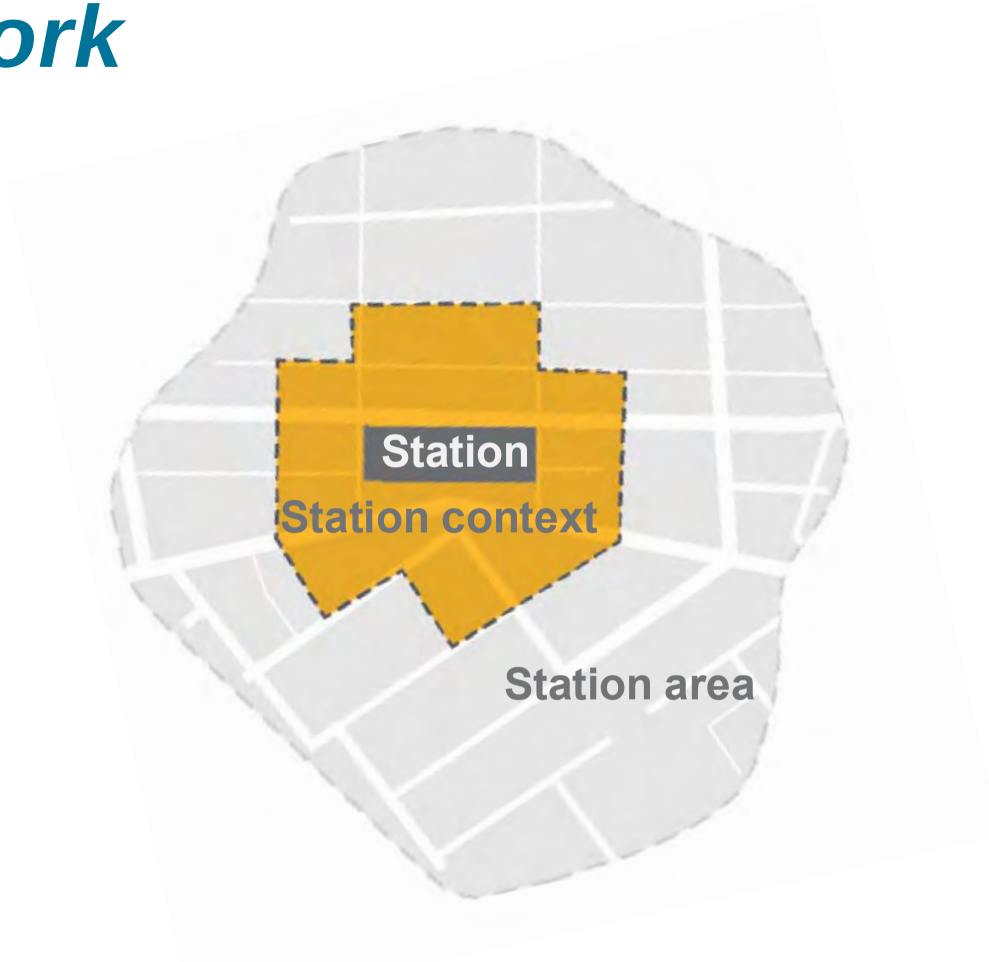
Partnership focus



Station context framework

Scope

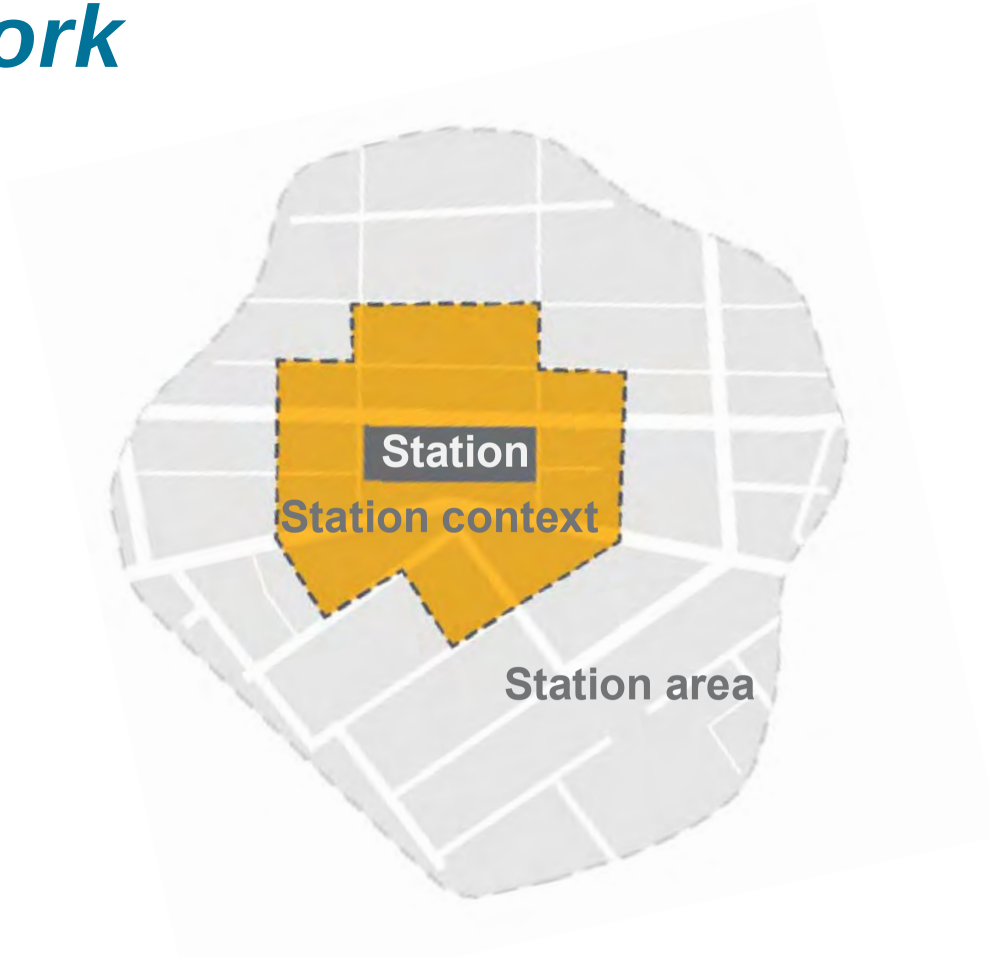
- Planning framework encompassing station footprint and adjacent blocks
- Guides access, circulation and relationship of station to surrounding community



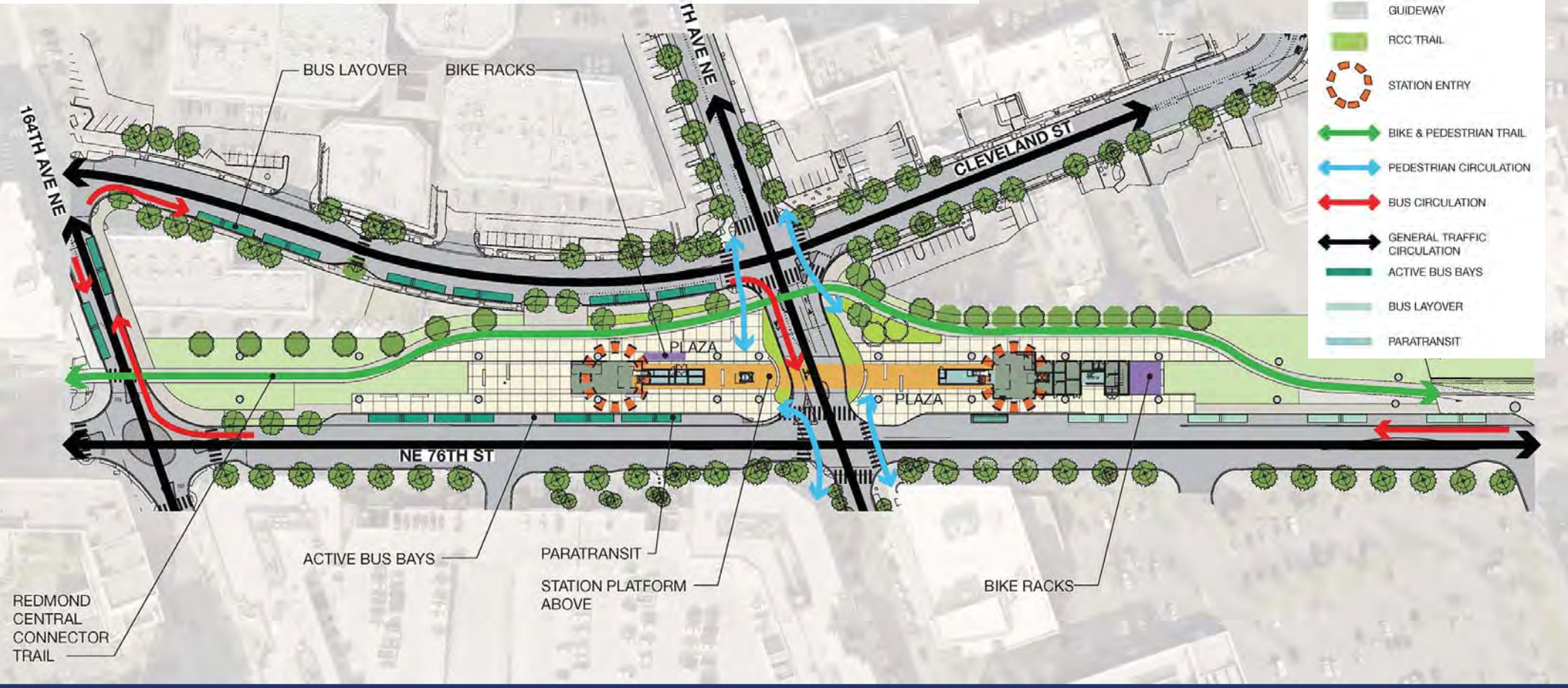
Station context framework

Purpose

- Identify and resolve design issues earlier through collaboration with communities
- Clarify zones of responsibility between agencies for station area investments
- Contribute to streamlined permitting and project delivery

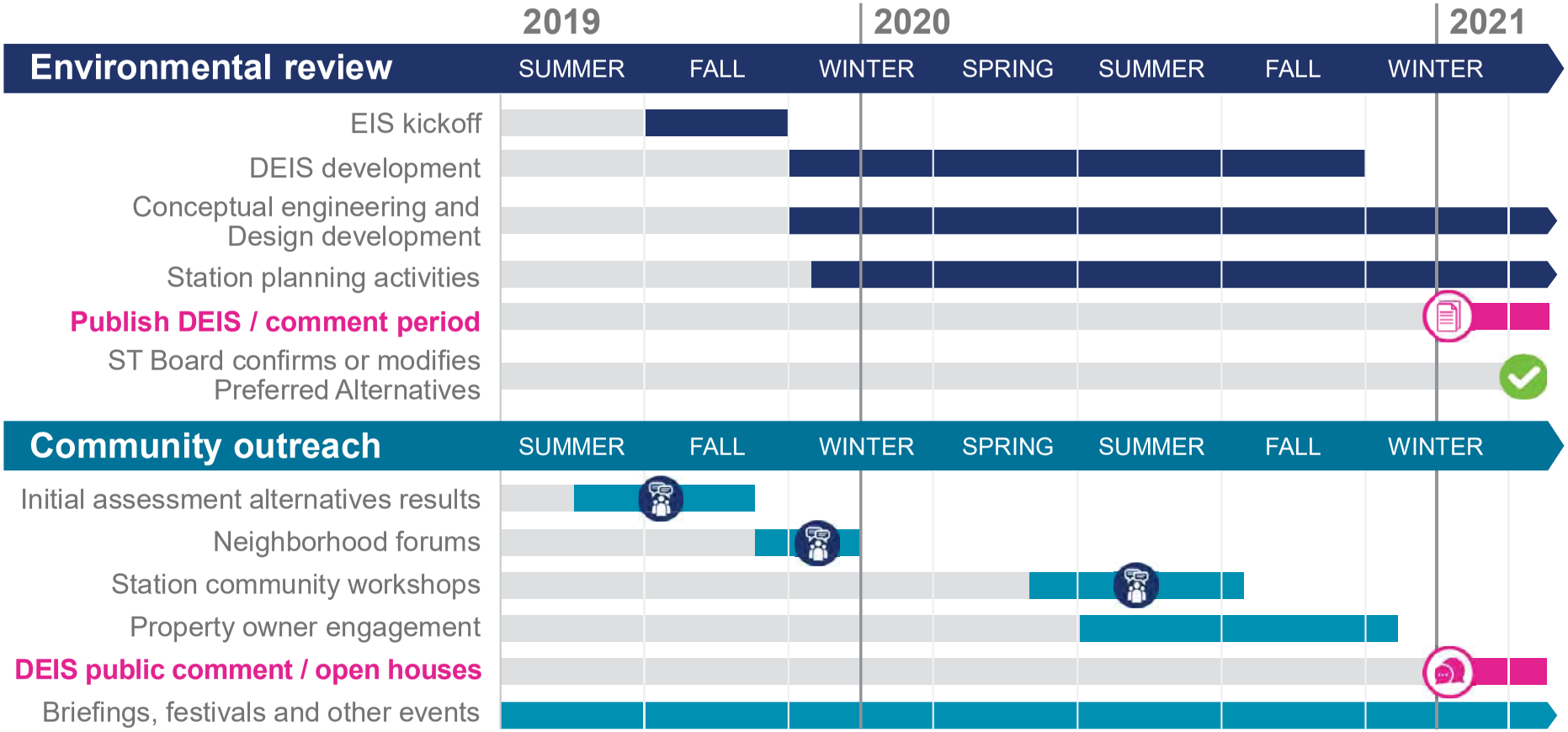


Station context framework



SOUNDTRANSIT

Community outreach and collaboration



SOUNDTRANSIT

Share with your group

Q: What are the important places in your neighborhood?

Q: How do you travel around the area today?

Q: How could stations best serve your community?

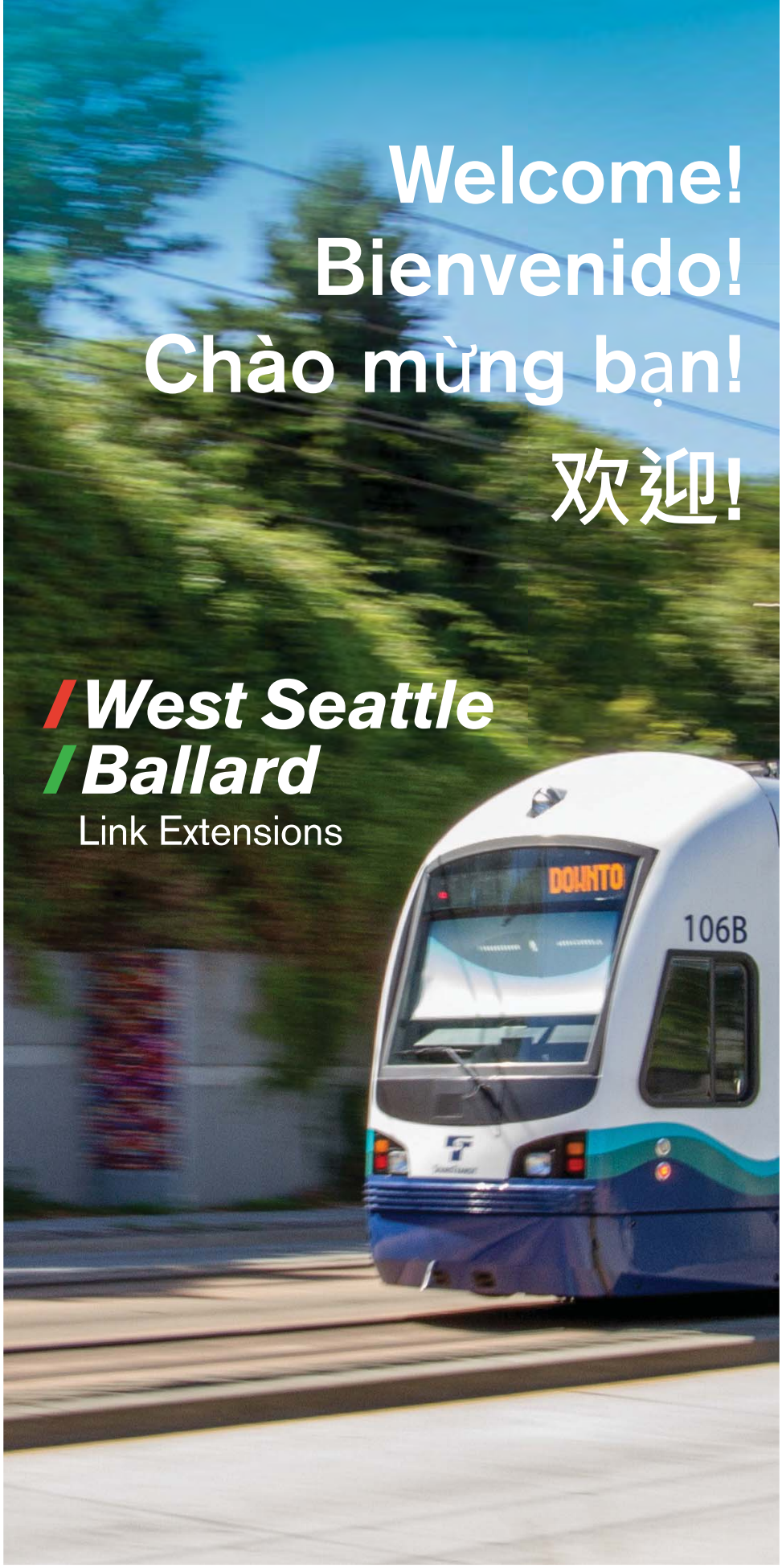
wsblink@soundtransit.org
(206) 903-7229

SOUNDTRANSIT

soundtransit.org/wsblink

Display Materials

The following display boards were printed and placed around each of the neighborhood forum venues for participants to visit at their own pace.



Welcome!
Bienvenido!
Chào mừng bạn!
欢迎!

West Seattle
Ballard
Link Extensions

SOUNDTRANSIT // Powering progress

WHO IS SOUND TRANSIT?

Sound Transit plans, builds and operates regional transit systems and services to improve mobility in urban areas of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

Link light rail

Link light rail runs between Angle Lake and the University of Washington. Construction is underway to extend light rail to Northgate in 2021, to Redmond's Overlake neighborhood in 2023, and Lynwood, Federal Way and downtown Redmond in 2024. Link light rail service is offered seven days a week and trains run every 6, 10, or 15 minutes depending on the time of day.

Sounder commuter rail

Sounder trains travel between Lakewood and Seattle (making stops in South Tacoma, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila) and between Everett and Seattle (making stops in Mukilteo and Edmonds). The Sounder regularly runs weekday mornings and afternoons with weekend service for major events.

ST Express bus

ST Express bus routes serve urban centers in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. The 28 routes provide fast service between major cities and job centers, and allow convenient transfers to train service and local buses. Sound Transit bus service is offered seven days a week for many routes.

Example BRT bus pictured.

Bus Rapid Transit
Coming 2024

The BRT system will be designed for fast arrivals and departures with features such as off-board fare payment and multiple-door entry and exit. Transit improvements such as new business access and transit lanes and bus queue jumps will help riders avoid traffic congestion and enjoy more frequent and reliable service.

Our Board

Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member Board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The Board establishes policies and gives direction and oversight.

Funding

The system plan is paid for with a combination of voter-approved local taxes, federal grants, farebox revenues, borrowed funds and interest revenues. By 2026, system operating costs will be paid for with local taxes, farebox revenues, interest earnings, private sources and federal operating assistance.

SoundTransit

FUTURE SERVICE

Sound Transit is:

- Building a 116-mile network extending regional light rail from Tacoma to Everett, and from densely developed Seattle neighborhoods to Redmond and Issaquah, and extending Tacoma Link.
- Establishing Bus Rapid Transit to the north, east and south of Lake Washington.
- Expanding Sounder south line capacity and service, adding two new stations.
- Improving access and expanding parking at Sounder stations.

PROJECT MAP

SOUNDTRANSIT

WEST SEATTLE AND BALLARD LINK EXTENSIONS

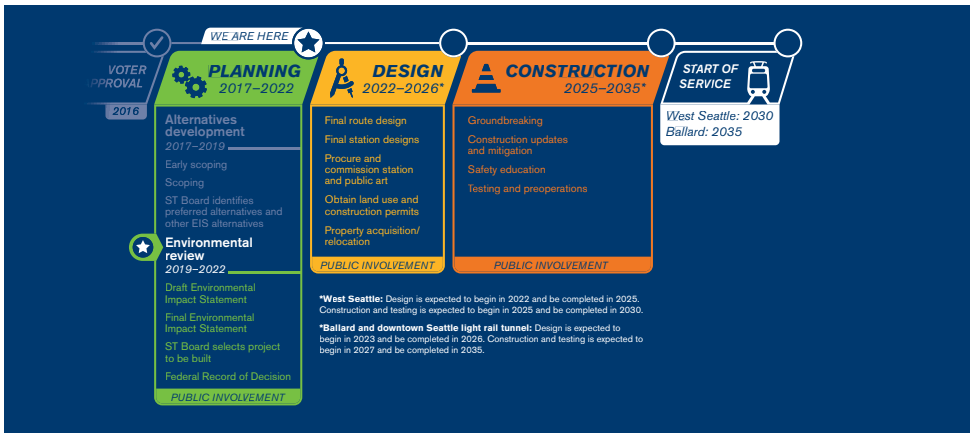
The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions are part of the regional ST3 package that voters approved funding for in November 2016.

These separate extensions will provide:

- Fast, reliable light rail connections to residential and job centers between West Seattle and Ballard.
- A new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel.

These extensions reflect years of study and public engagement, and are in the project planning phase.

Schedule



We heard you … "Build it quickly"

Public input provided during the development of ST3 underscored the importance of getting light rail extensions in service faster.

In response to community feedback, we are engaging the public early and more frequently to build these projects more quickly. Sound Transit established aggressive planning and environmental analysis timelines that rely on early and lasting community consensus on a preferred alternative.

We want your help

Your feedback during alternatives development informed the project's Stakeholder Advisory Group and Elected Leadership Group. These groups provided recommendations to the Sound Transit Board, who identified preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement earlier this year.

A final decision as to which project is built will be made by the Board after the Final EIS is published in 2022.

SOUNDTRANSIT

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

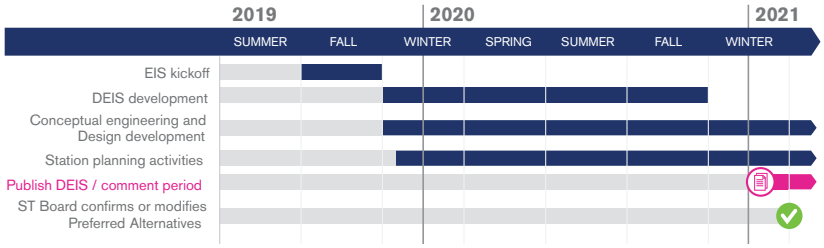
Preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the next step in the environmental review process. The Draft EIS will evaluate potential impacts and benefits of the project on the natural, built and social environment and identify potential mitigation measures.

Topics to be studied in the Draft EIS:

- Acquisitions, Displacements and Relocations
- Air Quality
- Economics
- Ecosystems
- Electromagnetic Fields
- Energy
- Environmental Justice
- Geology and Soils
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic and Archaeological Resources
- Land Use
- Noise and Vibration
- Parks and Recreational Resources
- Public Services, Safety and Security
- Social Impacts, Community Facilities and Neighborhoods
- Transportation (traffic, freight, navigation, transit, non-motorized)
- Utilities
- Visual and Aesthetics
- Water Resources

An EIS evaluates proposed project alternatives to identify potential impacts and mitigation measures to inform decision makers, the public and agencies.

Environmental review



ACQUISITION/RELOCATION PROCESS

Late 2020

Before Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) publication

- Sound Transit contacts potentially affected property owners.

Early 2021

After DEIS publication

- Sound Transit Board confirms or modifies preferred alternative.

2022

After Final Environmental Impact Statement publication

- Sound Transit Board selects project to be built.

2022-2026

During final design*

- Sound Transit identifies full/partial acquisitions.
- Sound Transit Board authorizes property purchases.
- Sound Transit will prepare an appraisal to determine fair market value of property needed for the project.
- Sound Transit will provide full relocation services to people and businesses displaced by the project, including referrals to comparable properties and payment of moving costs.
- Throughout this entire process, Sound Transit staff are available to support property owners and tenants.

*West Seattle: Design is expected to begin in 2022 and be completed in 2025.
Ballard and downtown Seattle Light Rail Tunnel: Design is expected to begin in 2023 and be completed in 2026.

SOUNDTRANSIT

Community Priority Boards

The purpose of the community priority boards was to better understand the top neighborhood priorities of forum participants and visitors to the online open house. Forum participants were given three dot stickers to place in the box that corresponds with their answers to the questions: 1) *What do [you] value about [your] community today?* and 2) *How could a station best serve [your] community?* Attendees were also invited to write-in other priorities if theirs wasn't listed. The list of priorities was developed from Phase 1 public feedback.

Each station had a set of priority boards. Boards developed for the Chinatown-International District Station were translated into Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese. Boards developed for the Delridge Station were translated to Spanish and Vietnamese.

Avalon & Alaska Junction Stations

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Balances the existing neighborhood character with increased density; integrates station with community
- Minimizes potential neighborhood effects (property, noise, visual, traffic, etc.)
- Creates stronger connection between California Ave SW and Fauntleroy Way SW
- Serves residents in the urban village and provides better access and visibility for small businesses
- Accommodates future light rail expansion to the south
- Creates safe, pleasant and intuitive area for pedestrians, bicycles and transit
- Supports the Junction as a growing hub of employment
- Preserves landmark buildings in the Junction
- Includes green space and gathering space at stations

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Avalon & Alaska Junction Stations

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Neighborhood character
- Walkability
- Convenience
- Safety
- Family-friendly
- Small local businesses
- History
- Farmers market / festival street

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Delridge Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Maintains neighborhood scale, character and views
- Minimizes potential neighborhood effects (property, visual, traffic, construction, etc.)
- Serves gathering spaces at SW Genesee St
- Provides safe and efficient access for everyone (pedestrians, cyclists, etc.)
- Creates a safe and inviting station area at all times of day
- Accommodates community amenities and equitable development (such as small businesses, grocery, child care and affordable housing)
- Provides excellent bus-rail integration
- Is accessible for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds
- Reflects neighborhood culture, history and art

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Delridge Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Mix of ages, incomes and housing types
- Affordable homes
- Nature / parks / open space / Longfellow Creek
- Views and varied topography
- Small businesses
- Transit service, bike trails, walkable streets
- Small-town feel / single-family homes
- Community gathering spaces
- Proximity to area destinations / downtown

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

SODO Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Contributes to a safe and welcoming neighborhood
- Provides an open and well-lit station to increase safety and visibility
- Supports the future vision for SODO
- Integrates with Metro service, improving transit mobility in the area and preserving SODO busway function needs into the future
- Supports transit-oriented development opportunities
- Improves pedestrian, bike, bus and rail integration, especially to large employment centers
- Maintains freight corridors and industrial land uses
- Includes intuitive transfer connections through station design and signage
- Creates a place for people using art, landscaping and architecture; embraces industrial character of the area
- Improves connections between SODO and downtown core

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

SODO Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Mix of activities, uses and employment opportunities
- Evolving
- Working neighborhood
- Transit and bike trail connections

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Chinatown-International District Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Fosters an integrated, multi-modal and cultural hub around Union Station and King Street Station
- Improves access to local businesses, residences, services and attractions
- Provides clear, culturally responsive and multilingual signage
- Maintains intergenerational, multilingual residential and business community
- Activates station and surroundings including Union Station; ideas include more greenery and open spaces, culturally reflective art, restrooms, local vendors
- Improves connections along Jackson Street, connecting neighborhoods from Little Saigon to the Waterfront
- Enhances sense of security through better lighting and visibility
- Creates a safe, pedestrian friendly and welcoming station accessible to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds
- Supports convenient and reliable transfers between all modes (Sounder, Amtrak, Light Rail, bus, streetcar)

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Chinatown-International District Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Rich culture and history
- Affordable housing and breadth of community services
- Economic vitality
- Small, neighborhood businesses
- Intergenerational, multilingual residential and business communities
- Accessibility and connections

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Westlake and Midtown Stations

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Serves as a gateway to retail and services both in the station and in the surrounding neighborhood
- Locates station entries for convenient access to key destinations like the Convention Center
- Enables easy connections between modes and supports vision for downtown mobility hubs
- Improves bike infrastructure to minimize pedestrian and car conflicts
- Maintains underground parking
- Maintains green space
- Provides easy-to-read and accessible signage to orient people to destinations nearby
- Provides multiple station entrances for easy access from the neighborhood
- Creates opportunities for integration with affordable development

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Westlake and Midtown Stations

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Walkability
- City center
- Accessibility to key destinations
- Transit hub

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Denny and South Lake Union Stations

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Supports what will exist in 2035, not what exists today
- Promotes activity outside of typical business hours
- Supports reliable and frequent transit options
- Integrates and serves development happening in the neighborhood
- Improves pedestrian, bike, bus and rail integration
- Provides easy-to-read and accessible signage to orient people to destinations nearby
- Provides station entries in convenient locations to major employer destinations

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Denny and South Lake Union Stations

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Denser development
- Walkability
- Business, tech and life sciences hub
- Accessibility
- Sense of place

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Seattle Center Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Supports what will exist in 2035, not what exists today
- Maintains existing tree canopy and green spaces
- Integrates pedestrian, bicycle, bus and rail connections
- Complements iconic local institutions and historic architecture
- Serves the Uptown neighborhood, while also serving Seattle Center destinations like the Key Arena
- Provides multiple station entries to connect with Seattle Center and Uptown neighborhood
- Helps to improve wayfinding and access through Seattle Center and surrounding neighborhoods

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Seattle Center Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Denser development
- Safety and comfort
- Economic vitality
- Accessibility
- Vibrancy
- Art and culture
- Historic neighborhood character

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Smith Cove Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Improves bike connections to the Elliott Bay Trail
- Provides transit access for future employees and residents
- Accommodates and connects to potential future development
- Improves connections to and between public spaces and to the waterfront

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Smith Cove Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Freight and commuter mobility
- Tourism
- Industry
- Jobs
- Bike connections

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Interbay Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Encourages development along Thorndyke Avenue W north of the Interbay Golf Course
- Optimizes bus-to-rail, bike and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods
- Supports an enhanced mix of industrial, residential, commercial and recreational uses
- Provides public amenities

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Interbay Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Affordability
- Density
- Opportunities for development
- Close-knit community
- Connections that support maritime industry and freight network
- Mix of industrial, residential, commercial and recreation

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Ballard Station

How could a station best serve your community?

What we've heard...

- Optimizes bus and rail along Market Street and 15th Avenue NW
- Connects to bike network
- Serves Ballard core and surrounding new development
- Provides for future development and affordable housing
- Offers views with an elevated alignment and bridge crossing
- Honors the area's history and architectural character
- Acknowledges and preserves the mix of diverse people
- Preserves and supports economic vitality, industrial and maritime jobs
- Accommodates future light rail expansion
- Provides a safe and welcoming environment for all users

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Ballard Station

What do you value about your community today?

What we've heard...

- Vibrancy
- Diversity
- Walkability
- Small scale, historic neighborhood center
- Night life
- Mix of industrial, residential and commercial uses
- Maritime industry

Pick your top 3, or add other ideas below.

Small group activities

Following the forum presentation, people selected a breakout table to join with approximately eight to 10 other participants. There were several activities, including an 11x17 worksheet with a map of the station area. The map included major landmarks in the neighborhood. Attendees were invited to add other landmarks and destinations they frequent and draw how they get there. An example of the SODO worksheet follows.

After participants filled out their individual worksheets, the group had a conversation and transferred their frequently visited destinations to a larger, group map. Destinations were marked by a star, asterisk, or circled, while modes of travel were indicated by tracing along streets with highlighters in pre-determined colors (blue for “on wheels,” green for “drive/rideshare,” pink for “on foot” and orange for “transit”). Online open house participants were able to do the same on an interactive map. The maps for the in-person forums can be found after the SODO worksheet.

Share your travel experiences

Avalon and Alaska Junction Stations Area

Share your travel experiences

Delridge Station Area

Share your travel experiences

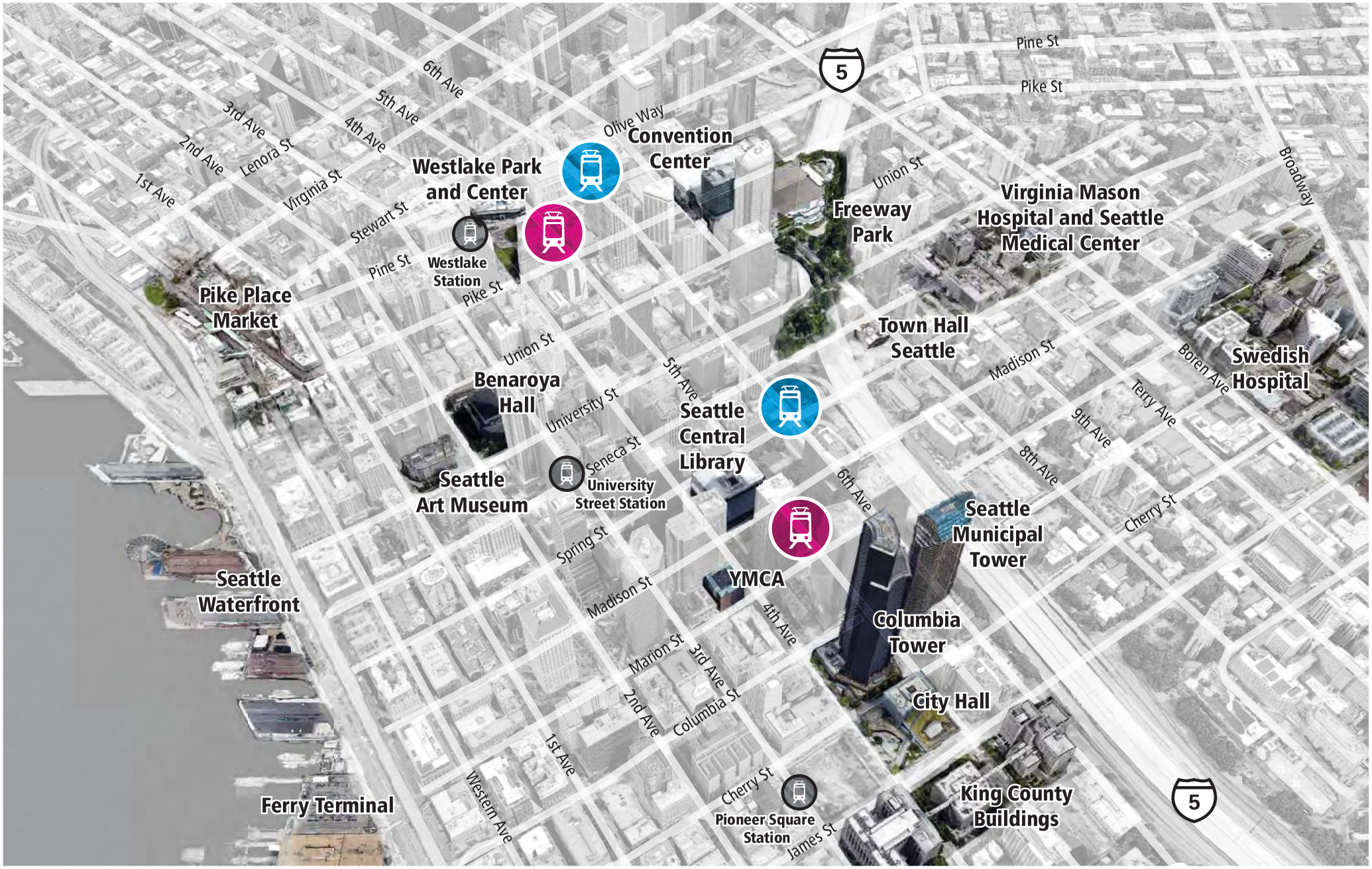
SODO Station Area

Share your travel experiences

Chinatown-International District Station Area

Share your travel experiences

Westlake and Midtown Stations Area



Share your travel experiences

Denny and South Lake Union Stations Area

Share your travel experiences

Seattle Center Station Area

Share your travel experiences

Ballard Station Area

Share your travel experiences

Interbay Station Area

Share your travel experiences

Smith Cove Station Area

Appendix C: Online Open House

Following are screenshots of the online open house and survey.

West Seattle and Ballard

Sound Transit

Welcome

Sign up your small business, or your family, or take a pic of planning your community involvement to make sure we're responding to community needs as we plan.

What are the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions?

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will expand light rail service and connections for people across residential and job centers in Seattle. Together, in phase one, downtown Seattle light rail tunnel will connect to Ballard and regional centers to operate efficiently. There have separate paths to completion, with the regional EIS package that orders approved funding for a Ballard station.

Stay engaged!

Get upcoming project news and public involvement opportunities.

Email Address

Submit

We want you... "Build it easier"

Public input provided during the scoping period

Analysis and the experience of other agencies building light rail in dense urban areas helped us develop alternatives for study in response to public input. We are also engaging the public early and more frequently to build these projects faster and better. Sound Transit has established aggressive planning and implementation goals to deliver these projects faster and sooner, and community connections in a pandemic alternative.

Project overview

Expanding light rail in Seattle

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project will provide fast and reliable light rail service to Seattle's growing population and employment centers, such as SODO, Chinatown International District, Downtown, South Lake Union, Smith Cove and Interbay.

In November 2016, voters approved the regional ST3 package, which included a representative alignment for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions. Sound Transit's Board of Directors (Board) adopted a set of Guiding Principles that include design, project schedule, number of stations and general station locations. It also referenced the project cost, schedule and future operating subsidy.

Fast facts

West Seattle to downtown (Start of service: 2030)

- Within 2 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to Delridge
- Operates in dedicated tunnel for most of the route
- Includes 2 new stations between SODO and Alaska Junction

Ballard to downtown (Start of service: 2036)

- Within 2 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to Ballard's Market Street area, including a new downtown Seattle serving tunnel
- Includes 3 new stations between Chinatown International District and Ballard Station

Timeline

Project timeline

How did we get here?

From 2017 to 2019, project staff conducted a robust alternatives development process. This phase consisted of technical analyses of many alternatives, community feedback, two official comment periods and recommendations from the Sound Transit Board's Citizen Oversight Panel and Leadership Groups. The result: the Sound Transit Board identified preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Check out the project archive to view maps and evaluation results of the Board's preferred alternatives, and other alternatives studied during the alternatives development phase of the project.

Project archive

- Alternatives Development Level 1
- Alternatives Development Level 2
- Alternatives Development Level 3
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Public outreach and involvement (Jan. 2018 – April 2019)

What's next?

The Draft EIS is the next step in the environmental review process, where we will evaluate potential impacts and benefits of the alternatives on the environment and use such environment and benefits to prepare mitigation measures.

Sound Transit will prepare the Draft EIS, followed by a public and agency comment period in early 2020. The project team will then prepare a Final EIS, which will include responses to comments received on the Draft EIS, an evaluation as well as public and agency comment. The Final EIS is anticipated to be released in early 2021, after which the Board will select a project to be built and seek a Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration.

Alternatives

Current route and station alternatives

Preferred alternatives and other alternatives included in the Draft EIS

Interbay/Ballard alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives - Interbay/Ballard segment - November 2019

Click to enlarge

Downtown alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives - Downtown segment - November 2019

Click to enlarge

West Seattle alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives - West Seattle segment - November 2019

Click to enlarge

SODO alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives - SODO segment - November 2019

Click to enlarge

Chinatown International District alternatives

Draft EIS alternatives - Chinatown International District segment - November 2019

Click to enlarge

Alternatives previously considered

The alternatives development process consisted of three levels, where alternatives were refined and studied. Sound Transit's Citizen Oversight Advisory Group and Elected Leadership Group reviewed the Board's recommendations and alternatives advanced for further study.

Check out the project archive to view maps and analysis of the alternatives development phase.

- Level 1 alternatives (January – April 2018)
- Level 2 alternatives (May – August 2018)
- Level 3 alternatives (September 2018 – April 2019)

Environmental review

What's an EIS?

An environmental review process, or an EIS for short, provides agencies and the public with information about environmental consequences and assists in decision making.

The project is now in environmental review and preliminary design. During this phase, technical experts will collect data out in the field and perform analysis to understand how the project may affect the environment and how to minimize impacts on the natural, built and social environment and identify potential mitigation measures. In early 2020, this information will be published in a draft environmental impact statement (Draft EIS) for public review. The Draft EIS will address potential impacts and mitigation measures for a wide range of topics, including air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, noise and vibration, parks and public and agency comments will inform the Sound Transit Board's selection of the project to be built in 2021.

Topics to be studied in the Draft EIS

- Ecosystems, depositories, and conservation
- Air quality
- Economics
- Energy
- Electromagnetic fields
- Energy
- Environmental justice
- Geology and soils
- Hazardous materials
- Historic and archaeological resources
- Land use
- Noise and vibration
- Parks and recreational resources
- Public services, safety and security
- Social impacts, community facilities and displacement
- Transportation and freight
- Vegetation, wildlife and habitat
- Visual and aesthetics
- Water resources

Environmental review

The Environmental Review process. Click to enlarge.

How to stay engaged

Throughout the environmental review process, there will be opportunities to provide comments on the project and environmental review process. Check out will learn more about doing the project comment and provide online opportunities to collect comments on the Draft EIS.

Check out our upcoming events Check out for relevant updates to stay engaged.

Planning future stations

Making connections

Building light rail isn't just about moving people from place to place. It's also about connecting people to their jobs, their homes, their communities. Sound Transit's station planning team uses a robust design development. It's our goal to identify opportunities that best align with your neighborhood priorities and connect more people to more places.

We find transit-oriented uses (neighborhood priorities at several workshops and community meetings) and transit-supportive uses (such as bike and walk access and critical connections from buses to light rail, access that fit into the neighborhood and connections to other transit modes).

As we continue to develop the preliminary design of stations, we want to hear from you! Based on the station location and the stations in the Draft EIS, what are your neighborhood priorities for your future light rail station?

Take our survey

Tell us what you care about your community today and how a new station could serve your neighborhood. Then, visit the map to flag your neighborhood destinations and share what you will get out of your future station.

Step 1 of 2: Neighborhood Priorities Survey

Contact Information

First Name | Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

What is your home ZIP code?
- My ZIP code is (please write in here)
- Other

Currently participating in some ZIP code
- I don't know
- I'd prefer not to

What's your neighborhood station for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project? *Future light rail route has (check all that apply)*

- Ballard
- Interbay
- SODO/Lower
- Seattle Center
- Chinatown/ID
- Denny
- South Lake Union
- Midtown
- Chinatown International District*
- SODO*
- Delridge
- Alaska Junction

Are you willing to tell us a little more about yourself so we can better serve the communities we work in? All questions are optional.

- Yes
- No

Yes, Remind with Alerts / Yes, Not in the Year

Step 2 of 2: Key Destinations and Routes Map

For optimal mobile viewing or if the map does not appear below, view the map on Social Pinpoint.

Map of key destinations and routes

Anything else you'd like to share?

Submit

Thank you

Stay in touch!

Thanks for your interest and sharing your feedback. Your input will be shared with our project team and will help us make the decision on how we will develop the preferred alternatives and other alternatives in the Draft EIS. We hope you stay engaged in the project process moving forward.

Stay tuned for upcoming events. We hope to see you there!

Project timeline - updated November 2019

Project and community outreach updates will be posted on our project pages and Sound Transit's website.

Check in frequently!

Get involved at any time

- Request a briefing
- Call the project team to speak with an Outreach Specialist (206) 903-7220
- Email westsideballardlink@soundtransit.org with questions, concerns or comments

General questions? Contact us:
Sound Transit Customer Relations
Phone: 206-398-5000
Email: customer@soundtransit.org
Web: soundtransit.org/contact-us

Project information online at or on in-person meetings:
Accessible Alternatives
Phone: 206-220-4800, TTY Relay 711
Email: accessible@soundtransit.org
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

Additional resources:
Interpreter services
Phone: 206-398-5000, TTY Relay 711
Email: customer@soundtransit.org
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

Call or text Security: 206-398-5285

soundtransit

Share this site with others

Follow us

Copyright © 2019 Soundtransit

participate.online