West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Interbay/Ballard Community Advisory Group
5/4/2022
Agenda

- Welcome and review agenda
- Community engagement and collaboration
- CAG member feedback
- Thank you and Next steps
Why we’re here today

• Hear CAG member thoughts on Draft EIS alternative tradeoffs and confirming or modifying the preferred alternative

• Hear CAG member thoughts on the cost savings and refinement concepts
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# Community engagement and collaboration

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

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**Process overview**

- **Community Advisory Groups**
- **Sound Transit System Expansion Committee**
- **Sound Transit Board**

**Draft EIS Public Meetings**

- 1 virtual hearing and 1 in-person meeting
- 3 virtual hearings

**Draft EIS results overview**

- **Draft EIS results deep dive**
- **Draft EIS, cost savings & refinements**

**Consolidating feedback**

- **Draft EIS workshop**
- Confirm/modify preferred alternative

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*Updated May 2022. Meeting dates/topics subject to change.*
External Engagement Snapshot (1/28-4/28)

- 5,000+ Draft EIS comments
- 5 Draft EIS Public Meetings
- 1 online open house engaging more than 19,500 online visitors
- 60+ community briefings, office hours and workshops
- 60+ property owner webinars, office hours and meetings
- 12 Community Advisory Group meetings
- Ads featured on 30 unique radio, digital and print publications
- 38 posts on social media platforms, with 140K+ impressions
- 25+ Fairs, festivals and other tabling events
- 8 email updates and Platform blog posts engaging more than 10,900 subscribers
- 1,200+ posters delivered along the corridor
- 11 Community liaisons engaging more than 200 businesses
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Share your thoughts on the following questions:

- What are your thoughts on issues and tradeoffs between the alternatives?
- What are your thoughts on confirming or modifying the preferred alternative?
- What are your thoughts on the cost saving and refinement ideas?
Draft EIS alternatives Interbay/Ballard
Consolidating feedback

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Cost savings concepts summary

1. Shift Elevated Fauntleroy Station - $200M

2. Eliminate Avalon Station and shift Elevated Fauntleroy Station: - $325M (With Medium Tunnel 41st: - $60M)

3. Consolidate Denny and South Lake Union stations - $575M

4. Potential station entrance refinements - $265M

5. Shift Tunnel 14th Ave alignment - $140M
Other refinement concepts summary

- **Provide access north and south of Andover Street** (a)
- **Shift Seattle Center Republican station west** (c)
- **Midtown station entrance refinement** (b)
- **Connect South Lake Union Harrison to Seattle Center Mercer** (d)
- **Shift tunnel portal south (Mercer)** (e)
- **Consolidate Smith Cove and Interbay stations** (f)

**DRAFT EIS ALTERNATIVES**
- Preferred alternatives
- Preferred alternatives with Third-Party Funding
- Other alternatives

**ROUTE AND STATION PROFILES**
- Elevated
- Tunnel portal
- At-grade
- Retained cut
- Tunnel
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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- **November 2021:** Draft EIS Public Meetings
- **December 2021:** Process overview
- **January 2022:** Station Planning
- **February 2022:** Draft EIS results overview
- **March 2022:** Draft EIS results deep dive
- **April 2022:** Draft EIS, cost savings & refinements
- **May 2022:** Consolidating feedback
- **June 2022:** Draft EIS workshop
- **July 2022:** Confirm/modify preferred alternative

Updated May 2022. Meeting dates/topics subject to change.
Upcoming Community Advisory Groups

Consolidating feedback

Downtown Community Advisory Group
Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm

West Seattle/Duwamish Community Advisory Group
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm

CID/SODO Community Advisory Group
Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm

Advisory group meetings are livestreamed and recorded. For more information and meeting links, visit: wsblink.participate.online
Upcoming Sound Transit Board Meetings

System Expansion Committee WSBLE Workshop
Draft EIS
Friday, May 20, 2022

System Expansion Committee
Confirm or Modify Preferred Alternative
Thursday, July 14, 2022

Sound Transit Board
Confirm or Modify Preferred Alternative
Thursday, July 28, 2022

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For more information and meeting links, visit: https://www.soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/board-directors/livestream-video

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What happens after you comment?

Comments
Public comments shared with Sound Transit Board.

Board action
Sound Transit Board confirms or modifies the preferred alternative.

Final EIS
Sound Transit staff prepares the Final EIS, which responds to comments received on the Draft EIS.

Board action
Sound Transit Board selects the project to be built.

May/June 2022
July 2022
Mid 2022 - 2023
Late 2023

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Thank you for your time and commitment!