

## **West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions**

DRAFT Stakeholder Advisory Group Charter

February 2018

### **Overview**

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region while the new downtown Seattle Light Rail Tunnel provides capacity for the entire regional system to operate efficiently.

The Sound Transit (ST3) Plan, that voters approved funding for in November 2016, included representative alignments that establish the transit mode, approximate route and general station locations as well as the cost and schedule. **The representative alignments for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions and the downtown Seattle Light Rail Tunnel are the starting points for the alternatives development effort that will lead to identification of a preferred alternative and other reasonable alternatives** to study in an Environmental Impact Statement in April 2019.

*The representative alignment for the West Seattle Link Extension builds light rail from West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood to downtown Seattle primarily on an elevated guideway with a new rail-only fixed span crossing of the Duwamish River. The West Seattle Link Extension will connect to existing East Link service, continuing north to Lynnwood and Everett.*

*The representative alignment for the Ballard Link Extension and downtown Seattle Light Rail Tunnel builds light rail from Ballard's Market Street area through downtown Seattle with both tunneled and elevated alignments and a rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay. These connect to existing Link service, continuing south to Tacoma.*

Sound Transit is committed to involving the public in the development of a preferred alternative for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions. As part of a comprehensive outreach strategy Sound Transit is convening an Stakeholder Advisory Group. The group will provide elected leaders from the areas served by the corridor an opportunity to participate in the development of alternatives.

### **Stakeholder Advisory Group purpose**

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) is a comprehensive group of members of the public that represent their community within the service corridor. The purpose of this group is to reach consensus around key decisions and work through project issues as needed.

The SAG will:

- Make recommendations at key milestones, including:
  - Identifying alternatives to study during environmental review
  - Identifying a preferred alternative
- Highlight specific issues and trade-offs in the corridor
- Present recommendations to Elected Leadership Group

## **Stakeholder Advisory Group term**

The group's effective start date is February 8, 2018. The group is anticipated to meet once a month for 12 to 15 months. Members will be expected to review materials and do some light "homework" in advance of meetings. The Sound Transit Board is anticipated to identify a preferred alternative and other EIS alternatives in April 2019. The work plan and meeting frequency after the preferred alternative is identified is to be determined. Members should try to attend all meetings and participate in briefings and deliberations between meetings as needed.

## **Members**

SAG members were selected by the Elected Leadership Group and represent the neighborhoods and interests along the project corridor.

- **Abigail Doerr**, Transportation Choices Coalition
- **Andres Arjona**, Community Representative - Ballard
- **Becky Asencio**, Seattle Public Schools
- **Deb Barker**, Community Representative –West Seattle
- **Brian King**, Community Representative – West Seattle
- **Bryce Yadon**, Futurewise
- **Colleen Echohawk**, Chief Seattle Club
- **Dave Gering**, Manufacturing Industrial Council
- **Erin Goodman**, SODO Business Improvement Area
- **Ginny Gilder**, Force 10 Hoops/Seattle Storm
- **Greg Nickels**, Former Mayor of Seattle
- **Hamilton Gardiner**, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- **Jon Scholes**, Downtown Seattle Association
- **Julia Park**, Community Representative – Ballard
- **Katie Garrow**, Martin Luther King Labor Council
- **Larry Yok**, Community Representative – Chinatown/ID
- **Maiko Winkler-Chin**, Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation & Development Authority
- **Mark Nagle**, Expedia
- **Mike Stewart**, Ballard Alliance
- **Paul Lambros**, Plymouth Housing
- **Peter Schrappen**, Northwest Marine Trade Association
- **Robert Cardona**, Community Representative - Uptown
- **Ron Severt**, Space Needle
- **Savitha Reddy Pathi**, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience
- **Scott Rusch**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- **Steve Lewis**, Alliance for People with disAbilities
- **Walter Reese**, Nucor Steel
- **Warren Aakervik**, Community Representative - Freight
- **Willard Brown**, Delridge Neighborhood Development Association

### **Membership responsibilities**

Those serving on the group agree to make attendance at meetings a priority and commit to seeing the project through to the identification of a preferred alternative and other EIS alternatives. Specific responsibilities of membership:

- Meeting participation is important; please try to attend all meetings. Continued absenteeism will result in the member being replaced or removed.
- Represent your constituency or constituencies, as appropriate rather than individual opinions.
- Communicate and update your constituencies regarding the work of the SAG in coordination with Sound Transit staff who can assist with your efforts by attending briefings and providing materials.
- Commit to support a process that is open, iterative and transparent, but ultimately leading toward a Sound Transit Board decision.
- Work toward a preferred alternative that can be broadly supported.
- Publicly support the process, even if not in total agreement with certain outcomes.
- Disclose any conflicts of interest with the meeting facilitator.
- If approached by the media, please represent your or your constituency's perspective, not the perspective of the SAG. You may also direct media inquiries to Kimberly Reason at 206-689-3343 or [kimberly.reason@soundtransit.org](mailto:kimberly.reason@soundtransit.org).

### **Operating guidelines**

- Meetings will be led by a facilitator
- Follow instructions given by the meeting facilitator
- Everyone gets their say
- Openly share observations and views
- Be respectful and keep an open mind regarding others' opinions, ideas and viewpoints
- Listen to other members while they are speaking
- Engage in thoughtful discourse
- This group will not be a voting body. The group will strive for consensus; if consensus cannot be reached the group will share minority opinion(s) as part of its recommendation to the Elected Leadership Group.

### **Public comment**

The SAG meetings will be open to the public. Public comments during the SAG will be collected in written form and shared with each member prior to the next meeting. SAG members are expected to read the public comments before the next meeting. Members of the public wishing to provide oral comment will be directed toward project staff or invited to attend an Elected Leadership Group meeting.

### **Meeting documentation**

The meetings will be documented through detailed meeting notes that will memorialize attendance, discussions and any actions or recommendations made by the group. Meeting notes will be distributed with other notebook materials at the following meeting.

### Process framework

Below is a tentative schedule for the alternatives development process for the SAG. The dates and topics are subject to change.

<b>Level 1</b>		
Meeting #1	Feb. 8, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project overview</li><li>• Alternatives development process</li><li>• Community engagement</li><li>• Early scoping</li></ul>
Meeting #2	March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early scoping comment summary</li><li>• Level 1 alternatives</li><li>• Level 1 screening criteria</li><li>• Neighborhood forums</li></ul>
Meeting #3	Early April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary Level 1 screening results</li><li>• Stakeholder/community engagement</li></ul>
Meeting #4	Late April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 1 screening results</li><li>• Level 1 recommendations</li></ul>

<b>Level 2</b>		
Meeting #5	May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 2 alternatives</li><li>• Level 2 screening criteria</li></ul>
Meeting #6	June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary Level 2 screening results</li><li>• Stakeholder/community engagement</li></ul>
Meeting #7	July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 2 screening results</li><li>• Stakeholder/community engagement</li></ul>
Meeting #8	August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 2 recommendations</li></ul>

<b>Level 3</b>		
Meeting #9	Nov. 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 3 alternatives</li><li>• Level 3 screening criteria</li></ul>
Meeting #10	Dec. 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary Level 3 screening results</li><li>• Stakeholder/community engagement</li></ul>
Meeting #11	Jan. 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 3 screening results</li><li>• EIS scoping materials and open houses</li></ul>
Meeting #12	Feb. 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Level 3 recommendations</li><li>• EIS scoping</li></ul>