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Hi Sarah,

Thank you for your response. To answer your question below, SHPO agreed with the definition of the APE without any comments. I look forward to getting any comments you may have.

Thanks,

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**Mark A. Assam, AICP**

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Hello Mark,

This is confirmation that I accept the invitation to be a consulting party. I will follow up with any comments on the APE that we have by the end of this month.

In the meantime, has DAHP submitted any comments on the APE?

Thanks,  
Sarah

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Mark

Thanks again for the below. Historic Seattle would like to be a consulting party. Eugenia Woo, Historic Seattle's Director of Preservation Services will be our point of contact. She is cc'd to this email. Thanks.

Kji

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Hello Mark,

Apologies for the delay in response—the Washington Trust appreciates being invited to consult and looks forward to the ongoing conversation. I will be representing the Washington Trust in this process.

Thank you!

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Dear Mr. Moore:

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Re: Invitation to participate as Consulting Party to Section 106 NHPA process for West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, and comments on the Area of Potential Effect

Dear Ms. Gehrke,

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Alliance for Pioneer Square, formally accepting the invitation to participate in the upcoming Section 106 consultation for the West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Project ("WSBLE"). I, Lisa Howard, will serve as our organization's point of contact for this process.

Alliance for Pioneer Square also wishes to comment at this time on the proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) provided in the maps distributed along with the consultation invitation letter dated August 31, 2020. We request that the Federal Transit Administration and Sound Transit expand the APE to include the following areas:

- The entirety of the Pioneer Square-Skid Road Historic District
- The entirety of the International Special Review District of the Seattle Chinatown International District neighborhood
- Potential haul routes for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension project

Pioneer Square is still in the midst of more than a decade of public mega projects, the impacts of which are comparable to the impacts that can be expected from WSBLE. These include the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project, the Elliott Bay Seawall Replacement Project, the Washington State Ferries Colman Dock expansion, construction of the First Hill Streetcar, and replacement of the water main under First Avenue. Based on our recent experience, we can assure you that the actual effects of WSBLE will include the entire Pioneer Square neighborhood, and given the location of WSBLE, it will affect the entire International District as well. Pioneer Square's ability to

withstand those mega projects has been in significant part a result of impact mitigation that those projects have provided under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and we believe the same will be true for our ability to survive WSBLE.

During Section 106 review for many of the region's mega-projects (those whose overall cost exceeds \$1 billion, as defined by the Washington State Legislature), we have learned the importance of thoroughly investigating the area beyond the immediate construction footprint for potential impacts to historic resources, because the impact of the construction of these projects extends well beyond a construction fence.

Pioneer Square functions as an integrated neighborhood. Long-term maintenance of its historic resources depends upon its historic properties remaining economically viable. For the many properties with street level uses, that requires that customers be able to reach those uses, and that delivery trucks and customers be able to park when they get there. That depends on the transportation system. For properties with office uses in the upper floors, remaining economically viable requires that the employees of the tenants be able to get to work. That also depends on the transportation system. While Pioneer Square looks forward to the completion of WSBLE, with its transportation benefits for Pioneer Square as well as the rest of the region, if transportation to and from Pioneer Square becomes impossible or so arduous that no one chooses to come there for a decade, the risk of building foreclosures, lack of required maintenance, and destruction of the fabric of the historic neighborhood is very real.

The determination of the area of impact needs to consider the facts that:

1) On a good day, the neighborhood has serious access and traffic problems; on one of the  $\pm 100$  days a year when there is an event in the stadium district during rush hour, it is worse.

2) Fourth and Fifth Avenues currently provide one of the major access routes to and from Pioneer Square, as well as through downtown Seattle for regional traffic; the WSBLE project will necessarily prevent full use of those streets for years.

3) There are limited ways that people and commercial vehicles (think trucks delivering art to galleries, food to restaurants, etc.) can get to and through the neighborhood at this time. Impairment of the major routes to and through the neighborhood, including Fourth and Fifth Avenues, will make that access much more challenging.

4) Many of the streets in Pioneer Square have historic areaways within the street right of way, which are part of the historic assets. The Seattle Department of Transportation has recently placed weight restrictions on most of the streets in Pioneer Square, including First Avenue and Jackson Street between Alaskan Way and Second Avenue. The City currently does not have a plan or a budget to repair the areaways, and as a result, those streets are unavailable for additional traffic to be diverted or detoured onto them.

The combination of these factors is the “existing environment” which WSBLE will be impacting. While no one expects construction of a major infrastructure project to be easy, and we recognize the need to accept considerable pain in order to get to the desired end, it is important to also recognize that if appropriate mitigation is not provided, such projects can do lasting damage to the fabric of the neighborhood. The impact of the construction of the existing transit tunnel under Third Avenue through downtown Seattle in the 1980s illustrates that point. A once-thriving Third Avenue business community was destroyed in the course of construction of the Third Avenue transit tunnel, and to this day Third Avenue struggles with high crime, a lack of long-term businesses at street level, streets that empty out at the close of the business day, and areas that most people are warned to avoid. As we said in the beginning, Alliance for Pioneer Square worked hard in the Section 106 process for the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement, in particular, to avoid that consequence, and the mitigation provided through that Section 106 process has thus far prevented a similar fate for Pioneer Square. We hope to work with you to achieve a similar outcome with respect to WSBLE.

Several of the mega projects of the last decade have been located between Pioneer Square and Elliott Bay. WSBLE, by contrast, will be directly between two historic neighborhoods, and the impact of WSBLE on the Chinatown International District will be at least as substantial as the impact on Pioneer Square. Pioneer Square and the International District have also increasingly worked together to enhance pedestrian movement between the two historic districts, so that the parking, festivals, employment and street life of each benefit the other. Construction of WSBLE will potentially sever that connection for years, to the detriment of both. Maintenance of the historic resources within the Chinatown International District is also dependent upon maintaining the economic viability of the properties, so the threat to historic resources in the entire Chinatown International District from the construction impacts of WSBLE is also very real and the Sec. 106 process should be used to mitigate that threat.

Finally, the construction of a tunnel under more than 6,000 lineal feet of downtown Seattle will necessarily require hauling away an enormous amount of dirt, as well as bringing in an enormous amount of steel and concrete. In the very constrained transportation environment of downtown Seattle, it is critical that haul routes be included in the APE. That has precedent. For example, FHWA, WSDOT, and the DAHP concluded early in the process that it was necessary to include in the APE, potential haul routes identified for the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project. The long-term effects of heavy construction equipment and materials regularly traveling by historic properties warranted a closer look at the possible impacts generated by the project. Both Pioneer Square and Chinatown Historic Districts include historic areaways within their borders, resources that are at great risk of being lost to long term neglect and chronic underinvestment in maintenance and repair. Since many of these resources are located in the right of way, and sensitive to use and traffic, the increase in local traffic diversions and construction haul traffic may have substantial and long-term impacts.

Seattle is located in what many consider a transportation bottle neck in the region. The narrow strip of land between Elliot Bay and Lake Washington, dramatically divided by Interstate 5, has few entry and exit points to the Port of Seattle, and to downtown itself.

Pioneer Square and the Chinatown International District neighborhoods are located in one of the most important transportation confluence routes—with exits from I-5 to Dearborn and Yesler Avenues, and gateway-like entry to and exit from downtown Seattle via 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. These roadways are important transportation corridors for regional freight coming from Port of Seattle, and transit and traffic. When the WSBLE project is constructed, it will impact these transportation corridors, and potentially divert traffic through Pioneer Square and Chinatown International District. Years of noise, vibration, and dust could erode the overall cultural environments, and impact nearby historic properties. The two historic neighborhoods have been working to preserve the existing connectivity between them, and where practicable, to improve it while retaining their respective historic character. The anticipated decade-long construction of this project could have serious impacts to these neighborhood efforts, and warrant a more comprehensive look at the effects of construction on the neighborhoods as a whole.

We have the benefit of applied experience from our most recent regional megaprojects to support our requests. The SR 520 program in its tenth year of construction, with as many as eight to go, is continuing work on and alongside important resources like Lake Washington Boulevard, Foster Island, and the Roanoke Park Historic District. These resources were considered in the APE, only after consultation began. As stewards of the historic character and fabric of our neighborhood, we believe the precedent set by other regional projects to consider adjacent districts as a whole, and historic resources in close proximity to a project constrained by geography, is a prudent approach to historic preservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to discussing further, and to participating in this process with you.

*Lisa Howard*

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Re: Consulting Party Invitation to Section 106 NHPA process for WSBLE Project  
Area of Potential Effect Comments

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda) formally accepts the invitation to participate in the upcoming Section 106 consultation for the West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Project. I will serve as our organization's point of contact for this process. This is a brand new process for myself, and I do not believe we have been asked to participate in Section 106 consultation for other projects in at least the last 10 years.

The SCIDpda was established 45 years ago by the City of Seattle as stewards of the Chinatown International District (CID) neighborhood – its people, its businesses, its public realm and those defining elements that make the neighborhood unique. We are not historic preservationists, but were established because investment in its preservation preserves its culture. It is from this perspective that we reviewed the Area of Potential Effect (APE) provided in the maps distributed along with the consultation invitation letter dated August 31, 2020, and request that FTA and Sound Transit expand the APE to include the following areas:

- The entirety of the Chinatown International District neighborhood, as defined by the City of Seattle under the International Special Review District (ISRD), which includes the National Register-listed Seattle Chinatown Historic District
- The entirety of the Pioneer Square-Skid Road Historic District
- Potential haul routes for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension project

We submit the following comments based on our review of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), provided in the maps distributed along with the consultation invitation letter dated August 31, 2020, and request that FTA and Sound Transit expand the APE to include the following areas:

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The CID has been dealing with changes to the use in the transit tunnel throughout the past 3 years, along with changes to traffic on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and South Jackson Street, which followed close along on the construction of the City of Seattle's First Hill Street car and Charles Street Maintenance Center. Through our recent experience, we have learned that traffic impacts like diversion through our Chinatown International District neighborhood are more substantial on our economy and cultural fabric than disclosed or credited in environmental reviews to date. This neighborhood is made up of many generations of families and people that define the cultural context. We have a higher concentration of elderly (25% are 65+ in age) and people living in poverty (34% poverty rate) - as well as those that do not speak English as a first language (over 50%) - than the rest of Seattle. That context is visible on our sidewalks and in our parks where people congregate to play games, talk, and participate in daily life. Culturally, our community does not entertain at home, but instead tends to gather in public places. When traffic diversion pushes more cars through our streets, it creates tension between the calm pedestrian environment, and erodes our ability to congregate publicly. The conflict between people cutting through the neighborhood to get to somewhere – often quickly, often feeling annoyed – and people who live in the neighborhood – often elderly with a walker who moves slower than most – happens frequently. When projects take away parking and access to our streets, it prevents family from visiting their elders. Projects and traffic diversion make it more difficult for small businesses to receive deliveries, and for customers to access those businesses. As we've learned from neighboring Pioneer Square during the decades of megaproject construction in and around that neighborhood—when travel to and from our community becomes so difficult or near impossible that people choose to avoid us, we lose businesses that contribute to our culture and economy, we risk the health of our seniors, and risk further deterioration of our buildings through lack of revenue to fund needed maintenance.

The SCIDpda also requests that the Bush Hotel and New Central Hotel buildings be included in the Section 106 review for the project.

Pioneer Square's ability to withstand more than a decade of public mega projects, including the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project, the Elliott Bay Seawall Replacement Project, the Washington State Ferries Colman Dock expansion, the First Hill Streetcar construction project, and First Avenue water main replacement, is in significant part a result of impact mitigation that those projects have provided under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

During Section 106 review for many of the region's mega-projects (those whose overall cost exceeds \$1 billion, as defined by the Washington State Legislature), we have learned the importance of thoroughly investigating the area around the construction footprint for potential impacts to historic resources. Long term infrastructure projects in the Seattle area, with construction timelines beyond five years' time, come with extended long-term impacts to resources that live outside a construction fence.

For example, FHWA, WSDOT, and the DAHP concluded early in the process that it was necessary to include in the APE, potential haul routes identified for the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV project. The long-term effects of heavy construction equipment and materials regularly traveling by historic properties warranted a closer look at the possible impacts generated by the project. Both Chinatown Historic District and Pioneer Square include historic areaways within their borders in the right-of-way, resources that are at great risk of being lost to long term neglect and chronic underinvestment in maintenance and repair. The increase in local traffic diversions and construction haul traffic may have substantial and long-term impacts on the areaways and foundations of historic buildings.

Seattle is located in what many consider a transportation bottle neck in the region. The narrow strip of land between Elliot Bay and Lake Washington, dramatically divided by Interstate 5, has few entry and exit points to the Port of Seattle, and to downtown itself. Pioneer Square and the Chinatown International District neighborhoods are located in one of the most important transportation confluence routes—with exits from I-5 to Dearborn and Yesler Avenues, and

gateway-like entry to and exit from downtown Seattle via 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. The CID, in addition, is surrounded by prior large transportation projects, with the confluence of rail and transit at the Jackson Hub on the west, I-90 to the south, and I-5 cutting through the neighborhood to the east.

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The pda's mission is to preserve, promote and develop the Seattle Chinatown International District as a vibrant community and unique ethnic neighborhood



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Re: Invitation to participate as Consulting Party to Section 106 NHPA process for West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, and comments on the Area of Potential Effect

Dear Ms. Gehrke and Mr. Assam,

This letter is submitted on behalf of Historic South Downtown, a Community Preservation and Development Authority formed under RCW 43.167 to assist the communities of Pioneer Square and Chinatown-International District (C-ID) in mitigating the impact of large-scale public developments. This letter represents our formal acceptance of the invitation to participate in the upcoming Section 106 consultation for the West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Project ("WSBLE").

Please note, send all future correspondence to Kathleen Johnson via email at [kathleen@historicsouthdowntown.org](mailto:kathleen@historicsouthdowntown.org).

We reviewed the Area of Potential Effect (APE) provided in the maps distributed along with the consultation invitation letter received in the evening hours of September 1, 2020, and request that FTA and Sound Transit expand the APE to include the following areas:

- The entirety of the Pioneer Square-Skid Road Historic District
- The entirety of the International Special Review District of the Seattle Chinatown International District neighborhood
- Potential haul routes for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension project

Historic resources located throughout the South Downtown area of Seattle have been subject more than a decade of public mega projects, including the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project, the Elliott Bay Seawall Replacement Project, the Washington State Ferries Colman Dock expansion, construction of the First Hill Streetcar, the ongoing construction of East Link Lightrail. The ability of many historic resources to withstand those mega projects is in significant part a result of impact mitigation that those projects have provided under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

During Section 106 review for many of the region's mega-projects (those whose overall cost exceeds \$1 billion, as defined by the Washington State Legislature), we have learned the importance of thoroughly investigating the area beyond the immediate construction footprint for potential impacts to historic resources. Long-term infrastructure projects in the Seattle area, with construction timelines beyond five years time, come with extended long-term impacts to resources that live well beyond a construction fence.

In the case of WSBLE, no matter what alignment is selected (4th or 5th), Sound Transit will be building a tunnel through downtown Seattle, and those spoils will have to go somewhere. The tunnel portal and subsequent work area will likely be located in SODO or Chinatown ID. That's a lot of dirt, and a lot of trucks carrying dirt and materials to and from a tunnel portal that will have to find their way through either Chinatown ID or Pioneer Square for the duration of construction. There are limited options to get to and from these neighborhoods—and Sound Transit will likely have to use 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Yesler Avenue, and/or Alaskan Way.

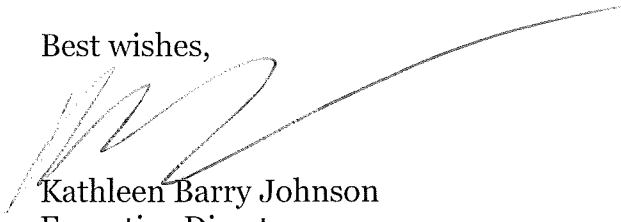
Both Alaskan Way and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues have major transportation function, have intersections that are expected to be at LOS E and F during the construction period, and have gridlock on many occasions, particularly during the days when events in the Stadium District coincide with rush hour. When that happens, accessibility in the entire Pioneer Square and Chinatown ID becomes extremely difficult. So all of those areas are likely to be adversely affected and warrant a full review of the area, not just the project footprint.

In addition to traffic impacts caused by both diversion, and by hauling tens of thousands of truckloads of dirt and materials to and from the portal, we anticipate that

years of noise, vibration, and dust could erode the overall cultural environments, and impact nearby historic properties. The two historic neighborhoods have been working to preserve the existing connectivity between them, and where practicable, to improve it while retaining their respective historic character. The anticipated decade-long construction of this project could have serious impacts to these neighborhood efforts, and warrant a more comprehensive look at the effects of construction on the neighborhoods as a whole.

Historic South Downtown appreciates the opportunity to work with you as a consulting party on the upcoming Section 106 process.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Barry Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kathleen Barry Johnson  
Executive Director  
Historic South Downtown

Yellin, Michelle

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From: Ryan Smith <rsmith@martinsmith.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 9:59 AM  
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)  
Cc: Wardlaw, Dennis; Swift, Lauren; Green, Erin; Stevenson, Alex; Witmer, John; Changhchien, Amy; Costanza, Ann; Barbara Bundy; fta.tro10mail  
Subject: RE: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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September 30, 2020  
Submitted via email to: [mark.assam@dot.gov](mailto:mark.assam@dot.gov)

Linda Gehrke  
Regional Administrator  
USDOT Federal Transit Administration, Region  
X  
915 Second Avenue  
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Seattle, WA 98174

Re: Consulting Party Invitation to Section 106 NHPA  
for West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Martin Smith Inc formally accepts the invitation to participate in the upcoming Section 106 consultation for the West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Project. I will serve as our organization's point of contact for this process.

Martin Smith Inc and it's affiliates own several historic buildings in Pioneer Square and we ask that you expand the Area of Potential Effect (APE) to include the entire Pioneer Square Historic District. The entire Pioneer Square neighborhood will suffer significant impacts from this Project and these impacts need to be considered and mitigated to the extent possible. In addition, I ask that you specifically include the following MSI related properties that will be impacted by this project:

Maynard Building (119 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.)  
Union Trust Building (119 S. Main St.)  
Occidental Mall (308-316 Occidental Ave. S.)  
First & King Building (101 S. King St.)  
Provident Building (568 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.)

I also ask that you include the entire Chinatown International District (CID) neighborhood in the APE as well, given the cultural and economic importance of these rare historic districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you in this important process.

Respectfully,

Ryan Smith  
Martin Smith Inc  
1932 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 1000  
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Subject: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please see the attached Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation letter for the Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project.

Thanks,

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**Mark A. Assam, AICP**

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December 7, 2020

Michael King, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
Southwest Seattle Historical Society  
3003 61st Avenue SW  
Seattle, WA 98116

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Consulting Party Invitation**

Dear Dr. King:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is proposing the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). The Project would extend Link light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction area, and to Ballard's Market Street area, in Seattle, King County, Washington. Sound Transit intends to apply for federal funds administered by FTA for the Project, making it an undertaking subject to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800. This letter invites your organization to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for the Project as a consulting party.

### **Project Description**

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Thank you for your interest in the Project.

Sincerely,

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Linda M. Gehrke  
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December 7, 2020

Derek Lum  
Equitable Development Policy Analyst  
InterIm Community Development Association  
310 Mayard Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
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December 21, 2020

Submitted via email to: mark.assam@dot.gov

Linda Gehrke  
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USDOT Federal Transit Administration,  
Region X  
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Seattle, WA 98174

Request to be Consulting Party to Section 106 NHPA process for West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, and comments on the Area of Potential Effect

Dear Ms. Gehrke and Mr. Assam,

This letter is submitted on behalf of InterIm Community Development Association (ICDA). We would like to participate in the upcoming Section 106 consultation for the West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Project (“WSBLE”).

We reviewed the Area of Potential Effect (APE) provided in the maps distributed along with the consultation invitation letter dated August 31, 2020, and request that FTA and Sound Transit expand the APE to include the following areas:

- The entirety of the Pioneer Square-Skid Road Historic District (PSSRHD)
- The entirety of the International Special Review District of the Seattle Chinatown International District neighborhood (ISR District)
- Potential haul routes for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension project

We would like to emphasize that we own two National Landmark Historic buildings which do not fall within the current boundaries.

- The Eastern Hotel, 506 Maynard Ave South, Seattle WA 98104
- The Northern Pacific Hotel, 306 6<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Seattle WA 98104

Additionally, we have provided consultation services to various other buildings and organizations in the Chinatown-International District over our more than fifty years serving the community. We also provide services to a wide array of residents who live in a wide array of buildings, a vast majority of which are in the Historic District and which are Historic buildings.

There are many public works projects which the historic properties in our district have been subjected to recently. This includes the Colman Dock, SR 520, Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement, First Hill Streetcar, East Link, and more. These historic resources ability to withstand these public projects is because of provided mitigation through Section 106.

Projects of this scale cause much wider effects than the immediate zone of the construction outlined in your maps. Long term infrastructure projects in the Seattle area, with construction timelines beyond five years' time, come with extended long-term impacts to resources that live well beyond a construction fence.

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In closing, we are asking to be included as a Section 106 Consulting Party, and furthermore we are asking that the impacted zone for this project be expanded to include the PSSRHD and ISRD areas. We would like to truly mitigate the harm that will come to historic properties in these historic neighborhoods.

Thank you and I hope to hear back soon,

Derek Lum, MSW

InterIm Community Development Association



Yellin, Michelle

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From: Green, Erin <erin.green@soundtransit.org>  
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 8:29 AM  
To: Yellin, Michelle  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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From: Assam, Mark (FTA) <Mark.Assam@dot.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:26 AM  
To: Stevenson, Alex <alex.stevenson@soundtransit.org>; Green, Erin <erin.green@soundtransit.org>; Swift, Lauren <lauren.swift@soundtransit.org>; Costanza, Ann <acostanza@anchoragea.com>; Barbara Bundy <bbundy@anchoragea.com>  
Cc: Ziglar, Kristine (FTA) <Kristine.Ziglar@dot.gov>  
Subject: FW: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation

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From: Michael King [<mailto:director@loghousemuseum.org>]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 4:38 PM  
To: Assam, Mark (FTA) <[Mark.Assam@dot.gov](mailto:Mark.Assam@dot.gov)>  
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Hi Mark,

I'm just writing to confirm that the Southwest Seattle Historical Society would like to accept the invitation to serve as a consulting party for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension Project. We will follow up with comments very soon.

Thanks again for your help with this.

With best wishes,

Michael

On Mon, Dec 7, 2020 at 4:09 PM Assam, Mark (FTA) <[Mark.Assam@dot.gov](mailto:Mark.Assam@dot.gov)> wrote:

Dear Dr. King:

Please see the attached Section 106 Consulting Party Invitation letter for the Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project.

Thanks,

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**From:** [Assam, Mark \(FTA\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan  
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- Outline the Section 106 consultation process and roles
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**Cc:** [Wardlaw, Dennis](#); [Swift, Lauren](#); [Green, Erin](#); [Stevenson, Alex](#); [Costanza, Ann](#); [Barbara Bundy](#); [Changhchien, Amy](#)  
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**To:** [Michael King](#)  
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**To:** [Wardlaw, Dennis](#)  
**Cc:** [Swift, Lauren](#); [Green, Erin](#); [Stevenson, Alex](#); [Costanza, Ann](#); [Barbara Bundy](#); [Changhchien, Amy](#)  
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Hi Dennis,

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**From:** Assam, Mark (FTA)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:00 AM  
**To:** CONSULTING PARTIES  
**Subject:** Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan

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Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,

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**From:** Assam, Mark (FTA)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:00 AM  
**To:** CONSULTING PARTIES  
**Subject:** Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan

Dear RECIPIENT:

Thank you for accepting the invitation to be a Section 106 Consulting Party for the Sound Transit -

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit plan to hold a virtual kickoff meeting on **March 30, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. The purpose of this meeting is to:

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- Outline the Section 106 consultation process and roles
- Review Consulting Party feedback already received on the Area of Potential Effects (APE)
- Provide Consulting Parties the opportunity to provide additional input or identify concerns regarding the APE

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**From:** [Assam, Mark \(FTA\)](#)  
**To:** [Lewarch, Dennis](#)  
**Cc:** [Wardlaw, Dennis](#); [Swift, Lauren](#); [Green, Erin](#); [Stevenson, Alex](#); [Hayes, Dezerae](#); [Costanza, Ann](#); [Barbara Bundy](#); [Changhchien, Amy](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan  
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**Subject:** Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan

Dear RECIPIENT:

Thank you for accepting the invitation to be a Section 106 Consulting Party for the Sound Transit -

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit plan to hold a virtual kickoff meeting on **March 30, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. The purpose of this meeting is to:

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Please look for an e-mailed meeting invitation from Sound Transit inviting you to attend using a Microsoft Teams link.

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**From:** [Assam, Mark \(FTA\)](#)  
**To:** [Young, Richard](#)  
**Cc:** [Wardlaw, Dennis](#); [Swift, Lauren](#); [Green, Erin](#); [Stevenson, Alex](#); [Hayes, Dezeray](#); [Costanza, Ann](#); [Barbara Bundy](#); [Changhchien, Amy](#)  
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**To:** CONSULTING PARTIES  
**Subject:** Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan

Dear RECIPIENT:

Thank you for accepting the invitation to be a Section 106 Consulting Party for the Sound Transit -



West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit plan to hold a virtual kickoff meeting on **March 30, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. The purpose of this meeting is to:

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**From:** [Assam, Mark \(FTA\)](#)  
**To:** [Valdez, Kate](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Consulting Party Kickoff Meeting Notice and Coordination Plan

Dear RECIPIENT:

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March 25, 2021

Eugenia Woo  
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1117 Minor Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Woo:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is continuing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). The Project would extend Link light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction area, and to Ballard's Market Street area in Seattle, King County, Washington. FTA invited your organization to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for the Project as a Consulting Party, and requested comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) in correspondence dated August 31, 2020. Since that time, the Project design has advanced, and Sound Transit has better defined the proposed station locations, station areas, and other Project elements, which require an amendment to the Project APE. This letter requests comments on the amended APE.

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Thank you for your consultation on the Project.

Sincerely,

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March 25, 2021

Lisa Howard  
Executive Director  
Alliance for Pioneer Square  
P.O. Box 4507  
Seattle, WA 98194

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Howard:

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Sarah Sodd  
City Historic Preservation Officer  
City of Seattle Historic Preservation Office  
P.O. Box 94649  
Seattle, WA 98124-4649

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Sodd:

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Kathleen Barry Johnson  
Executive Director  
Historic South Downtown Community Preservation and Development Authority  
409B Maynard Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98107

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Barry Johnson:

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Derek Lum  
Equitable Development Policy Analyst  
InterIm Community Development Association  
310 Maynard Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Mr. Lum:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is continuing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). The Project would extend Link light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction area, and to Ballard's Market Street area in Seattle, King County, Washington. FTA invited your organization to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for the Project as a Consulting Party, and requested comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) in correspondence dated December 7, 2020. Since that time, the Project design has advanced, and Sound Transit has better defined the proposed station locations, station areas, and other Project elements, which require an amendment to the Project APE. This letter requests comments on the amended APE.

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FTA looks forward to meeting with you to discuss the Project and the Section 106 process. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, if you have any additional comments on the amended APE, please provide them within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If FTA can provide any assistance or additional information which would aid in your prompt reply, please feel free to contact Mark Assam at (206) 220-4465 or mark.assam@dot.gov.

Thank you for your consultation on the Project.

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Meisner:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is continuing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). The Project would extend Link light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction area, and to Ballard's Market Street area in Seattle, King County, Washington. FTA invited your organization to participate in the Section 106 consultation process for the Project as a Consulting Party, and requested comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) in correspondence dated August 31, 2020. Since that time, the Project design has advanced, and Sound Transit has better defined the proposed station locations, station areas, and other Project elements, which require an amendment to the Project APE. This letter requests comments on the amended APE.

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Mr. Smith:

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Winkler-Chin:

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Dr. King:

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Mortensen:

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Allyson Brooks, Ph.D.  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Dr. Brooks:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is continuing consultation with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). The Project would extend Link light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction area, and to Ballard's Market Street area in Seattle, King County, Washington. FTA initiated Section 106 consultation with SHPO in correspondence dated February 25, 2019. On February 12, 2020, in correspondence to SHPO, FTA defined the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and provided a proposed Archaeological Survey and Inventory Plan (Plan). SHPO agreed with the APE definition and the contents of the Plan in correspondence to FTA dated February 25, 2020. Since that time, the Project design has advanced, and Sound Transit has better defined the proposed station locations, station areas, and other Project elements, which require an amendment to the Project APE. This letter requests comments on the amended APE.

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Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, FTA invites your comments on the amended APE within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If FTA can provide any assistance or additional information which would aid in your prompt reply, please feel free to contact Mark Assam at (206) 220-4465 or [mark.assam@dot.gov](mailto:mark.assam@dot.gov).

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The Honorable Jaison Elkins  
Chairman  
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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Area of Potential Effects  
Amendment; and National Environmental Policy Act, Administrative Draft  
Environmental Impact Statement  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Chairman Elkins:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in cooperation with Sound Transit, is continuing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), and its implementing regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and its implementing regulations at 23 CFR Part 771, for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). The Project would extend Link light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction area, and to Ballard's Market Street area in Seattle, King County, Washington. This letter addresses elements of both the Section 106 consultation process, and the NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review process, and provides documentation for your review and feedback. These elements are summarized in the bulleted list below, with additional details and electronic links for accessing online documents provided in the enclosed *Summary of Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Documents*.

Section 106 Consultation

- **Area of Potential Effects (APE) Definition and Proposed Amendment:** FTA invites you to review the summary of the Project APE, and to provide feedback on the proposed APE boundary revision.

- **Cultural Resources Survey and Inventory Plan (Plan):** This Plan was previously transmitted to your Tribe in correspondence dated February 12, 2020. FTA is providing the Plan to you again for review alongside the amended APE, and notes that it has not changed since the February 12, 2020 version.

NEPA EIS Review and Related Updates

- **Administrative Draft EIS:** FTA invites you to participate in an early review of the Administrative Draft EIS and associated technical appendices prior to publication of the documents for widespread agency and public comment.
- **Updated EIS Methodologies:** An updated, comprehensive set of EIS methodologies is being shared with you that reflects comments from Cooperating and Participating Agencies.
- **Updated Agency and Tribal Coordination Plan:** An updated coordination plan is being shared with you that reflects the updated Project schedule.

Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations at 36 CFR Part 800, FTA invites your comments on the APE amendment and Cultural Resources Survey and Inventory Plan within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Pursuant to the NEPA regulations at 23 CFR Part 771, FTA invites your comments on the Administrative Draft EIS within 45 days of receipt of this letter.

If FTA can provide any assistance or additional information which would aid in your prompt reply, please feel free to contact Mark Assam at (206) 220-4465 or mark.assam@dot.gov.

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Enclosure: Summary of Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project Documents, including electronic links to the following materials:

- APE Map Set
- Cultural Resources Survey and Inventory Plan
- Administrative Draft EIS and Technical Appendices
- EIS Methodologies

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The Honorable Robert de los Angeles  
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**Subject: Sound Transit  
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National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Area of Potential Effects  
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SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Chairman de los Angeles:

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Section 106 Consultation

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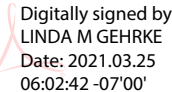
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The Honorable Shawn Yanity  
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March 25, 2021

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
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The Honorable Teri Gobin  
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March 26, 2021

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In future correspondence please refer to:  
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Property: King County\_ West Seattle To Ballard Light Rail Extension  
Re: Revised APE Concur

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHHP) regarding the above referenced project. In response, we have reviewed your description and map of the revised area of potential effect (APE).

We concur with your definition of the revised APE. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Should additional information about the project become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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March 30, 2021  
Honorable Cecile Hansen  
Tribal Chair  
Duwamish Tribe  
4708 W Marginal Way SW  
Seattle, WA 98106

**Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Area of Potential Effect, Cultural Resources Technical Report, Agency and Tribal Coordination plan, and, NEPA EIS Methodologies**

Dear Chairwoman Hansen:

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### InterIm CDA Section 106 Consultation Comments

Dear Mr Assam,

We are writing to you as a part of our consultancy in the Section 106 process of the West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension Project (WSBLE). In a recent meeting you invited consultants to provide feedback on the adequacy of the WSBLE Area of Project Effect (APE). I am writing you to educate you on the historical nature of the buildings outside of the already chosen APE.

This project poses both direct and indirect threats to our historic properties throughout the area. Some of these direct impacts include noise and dust. Some of the indirect effects is customers being driven away from the stores that support these buildings' mortgages. The indirect effects can also include resident's being driven away because of the direct effects mentioned. This could lead to the building losing rents and so further harming the historic properties and their owner's ability to sustain them. Finally, this transportation project will further increase property values in the area and drive further development. These properties could face increased neglect as owners see the property value rise and make plans to neglect long needed repairs in the hopes of selling.

For instance, there are 32 historic buildings that have 116 business tenants in them. Many of the business tenants' customers rely on being able to get to and park in the general area of the shops they would like to patronize. Not being able to do so due to bad traffic or a lack of parking due to WSBLE construction would lose these businesses customers, which would certainly jeopardize the sustainability of the historic properties the businesses are located in. It is important to remember that these customers do have other options, as Chinatown-ID no longer has a monopoly as a source of Asian food.

Amongst the same 32 buildings, there are about 1,261 low to moderate income people living in them. The noise, dust, further lack of parking space for their cars, and additional air pollution both directly and indirectly from construction activity will make the Chinatown-International District a less desirable place for these folks to live during this construction. Some of them will be displaced by this activity, further adding to a log arc of government activities and private

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We expect the FTA to include the attached list of buildings as a part of the APE. They are all historic in nature and damage to them will need to be mitigated as property owners experience sustainability issues from both residents leaving and businesses losing income. Additionally, the risk of increased development would work to further harm some of these historic assets, as property owners potentially neglect long needed repair with the plans of selling soon, or potentially developers redevelop these properties in insensitive ways compared to their historic nature.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My phone number is 206-962-1574 and email is [dlum@interimcda.org](mailto:dlum@interimcda.org).

#### List of historical buildings

| Sub-neighborhood     | Building               |  |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Japantown            | Tinico                 |  |
|                      | Nippon Kan             |  |
|                      | Panema Hotel           |  |
|                      | NP Hotel               |  |
|                      | Jackson building       |  |
|                      | Far East building      |  |
|                      | C and T building       |  |
| Chinatown/Manilatown |                        |  |
|                      | Evergreen building     |  |
|                      | Atlas hotel            |  |
|                      | Milwaukee              |  |
|                      | Todd and Chin building |  |
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|  | Wing Luke Museum       |  |
|  | Louisa Hotel           |  |
|  | Rex Apartments         |  |
|  | Eastern Hotel          |  |
|  | Honeycourt             |  |
|  | Hotel Eclipse          |  |
|  | Gee How Oak Tin        |  |
|  | Chong Wa school        |  |
|  | Golden Hong            |  |
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In future correspondence please refer to:  
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Property: King County\_ West Seattle To Ballard Light Rail Extension  
Re: Revised APE Comments

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced project. In response, we have reviewed your description and map of the revised area of potential effect (APE).

Based upon the documentation provided and conversations with consulting parties, we conditionally concur with your definition of the Revised APE with the understanding that important additional information will be forthcoming. Specifically, the SHPO is requesting information on the extent of vibration impacts to Historic Properties; the proposed haul routes through historic districts; the location of construction activities such as staging areas; traffic diversions, easements, etc.; the involvement and/or delegation of any Section 106 responsibilities to other Federal Agencies such as the U.S Coast Guard, and; all information on responses from Interested Tribes to the initial and subsequent APE submittals.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Should additional information about the project become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment, and Eligibility Determination  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Ms. Woo:

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**Subject: Sound Transit  
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**Subject: Sound Transit  
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Area of Potential Effects Amendment, and Eligibility Determination  
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Area of Potential Effects Amendment, and Eligibility Determination  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

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### How to Access Documents

The documents described below can be accessed via the following link:

- Click on the following link: <https://ftp.anchorqea.com/aq>
- Enter the following username and password (copy and paste recommended)
  - Username: 170036-01.01@170036-01.01
  - Password: S0uND\_2020!
- To download documents, navigate to a folder and tick the box next to each document you wish to download, then click the **Download** icon at the top of the page.

**Note:** The download feature only works for selected *documents* – while it is possible to tick a box next to a folder, the download feature is unavailable.

### Area of Potential Effects Amendment and Map Set

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- Temporary relocation of the King County Metro trolley line in the area of South Jackson Street to South Royal Brougham Way, approximately between Maynard Avenue South and Interstate 5/9th Avenue South, within the Chinatown-International District segment
- Relocation of a 230-kilovolt power line along 6th Avenue South and Diagonal Avenue, south of South Spokane Street, leading to the Seattle City Light Substation within the Duwamish segment

Cultural resources within the areas of the revised APE will be inventoried after the APE amendment has been reviewed by SHPO, Tribes, and additional consulting parties.

FTA also received comments on the APE from additional consulting parties. Many of these comments requested that the Seattle Chinatown Historic District, the Pioneer Square-Skid Road Historic District, and the Seattle Center Campus in their entirety be included within the APE. FTA has decided not to expand the APE to incorporate the entirety of these historic districts or the Seattle Center Campus, as such an expansion would be inconsistent with the methodology used to define the original APE, as disclosed in the Section 106 initiation letters to SHPO and Tribes, and the consulting party invitation letters. This methodology was developed to closely align with the APE definition in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800.16(d), and FTA's Environmental Standard Operating Procedure Number 21 on the Section 106 Process. FTA acknowledges the concerns raised by the consulting parties regarding Project effects on historic buildings in these areas. FTA would like to emphasize that no adverse effects are

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### **Historic Property Inventory Forms and National Register of Historic Places Eligibility**

FTA and Sound Transit appreciate the extensive coordination with the SHPO built environment staff on the Project Historic Property Inventory (HPI) forms and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility evaluations. As shown in Table 1, FTA and Sound Transit provided draft HPI forms for informal SHPO review. SHPO, FTA, and Sound Transit discussed SHPO comments in a series of six workshops, held on May 4, 10, 27, June 1, 10, and 24, 2021. These workshops were conducted primarily with Sound Transit and its consultants, and included FTA. During these meetings Sound Transit documented SHPO comments and how these comments were addressed.

**Table 1. WSBL E HPI Form Informal Review Process and Workshops**

| <b>HPI Form Batch</b>   | <b>Date of Sound Transit Transmittal to SHPO</b> | <b>Date of Informal SHPO Comment</b> | <b>Topics Discussed in Comment Workshops</b>   |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Batches 1–3</b><br>Ballard, Interbay, and Lower Queen Anne   | April 21, 2020                                   | May 6, 2020                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photograph Quality</li> <li>• Data Consistency</li> <li>• NRHP Significance and Integrity Evaluations</li> <li>• Linear Resources</li> <li>• Potential Historic District near Spokane Street</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Batch 7</b><br>Corridor-Wide   | April 27, 2021                                   | May 19, 2021                         |  |

In addition to the informal review of HPI forms, on March 29, 2021, FTA transmitted the *West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Historic Context and National Register of Historic Places Criterion A Eligibility Requirements* document, as discussed with SHPO staff in previous meetings. This document was developed to establish a basis for NRHP eligibility evaluations for all NRHP criteria, and specifically focused on Criterion A.

The website (accessed by the links above) includes 1,291 HPI forms, which have also been uploaded to the Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Database (WISAARD). As discussed with SHPO built environment staff, the HPI forms have been reorganized from the previous “Batch” structure into “Segments” that correspond to geographic Project segments used for discussion in the Project EIS.

### **NRHP Eligibility Map Set**

The NRHP Eligibility Map Set is a series of maps that include a unique property identification number (WSBLE ID # [see below]) and FTA’s formal NRHP eligibility determinations for built environment resources within the March 25, 2021 APE. The Map Set also includes NRHP eligibility information for resources where NRHP status has been established and is not modified by the Project.

### **NRHP Eligibility SHPO Informal Review Tracking Sheet**

This Excel-based tracking sheet includes the history of SHPO review comments on HPI forms provided during the informal review process, including the workshops outlined in Table 1. This tracking sheet is provided as a record of continued consultation and outcomes of that process.

### **NRHP Eligibility Determination and Concurrence Tracking Sheet**

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**WSBLE Batch No.** – Indicates the batch the HPI form was previously grouped within during informal SHPO review.

**Segment** – Indicates the Project segment in which each resource is located

**WISAARD Property #** – Unique property ID as indicated in the WISAARD database

**Parcel #** – County parcel number

**Build Date** – Date a resource was constructed and any dates the resource was modified

**Property Name** – Name of resource as indicated on the HPI form

**Property Address** – Street address for resource



**Eligibility Determination** – Identifies FTA’s NRHP eligibility determination based on research conducted by Sound Transit and their consultant team

**Eligibility Concurrence** – SHPO entry column to indicate concurrence decision: please note here whether you agree with the eligibility determination (i.e., “concur” or “do not concur”)

The tracking sheet includes an individual tab for each Project segment, as well as an “All” tab that includes all resources and a tab labelled “Linear (multiple segments)” that contains information for resources that span multiple Project segments.



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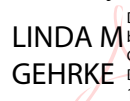
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The Honorable Shawn Yanity  
Chairman  
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington  
P.O. Box 277  
Arlington, WA 98223-0297

**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Area of Potential Effects Amendment, and Eligibility Determination  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457**

Dear Chairman Yanity:

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The Honorable Leonard Forsman  
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Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation  
P.O. Box 498  
Suquamish, WA 98392-0498

**Subject: Sound Transit  
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The Honorable Teri Gobin  
Chairwoman  
Tulalip Tribes of Washington  
6406 Marine Drive  
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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
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The Honorable Delano Saluskin  
Chairman  
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation  
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**Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
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September 20, 2021  
Honorable Cecile Hansen  
Tribal Chair  
Duwamish Tribe  
4708 W Marginal Way SW  
Seattle, WA 98106

**Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project, National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Area of Potential Effect, Historic Property Inventory Forms and NRHP Eligibility Determinations**

Dear Chairwoman Hansen:

I am writing this letter to the Duwamish Tribe on behalf of Sound Transit's Tribal Relations Program and the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Project). Sound Transit is working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on this Project. As you are aware, in February of 2018 Sound Transit invited the Duwamish Tribe to be a participating party in the environmental review and Section 106 process for the Project (please see the attached Project engagement information). This letter is a continuation of the engagement on the project initiated in 2018.

This letter is intended to provide you with updated project specific information and includes:

- 1) **Amendment of the Area of Potential Effects (APE)** – Sound Transit invites you to review the APE and provide feedback on the amended APE defined by the FTA.
- 2) **National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Eligibility Determinations** – Sound Transit has worked with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to develop historic property inventory (HPI) forms for built environment resources within the APE. FTA has made determinations of eligibility for the NRHP on these resources and these determinations are enclosed for your review and comment. There are a total of 290 resources listing on, or eligible for the NRHP within the APE as identified on the enclosed NRHP Eligibility Determination Comment Sheet and NRHP Eligibility Map Set. The areas within the APE amendment addressed in this letter will be subject to survey and NRHP eligibility determinations after the SHPO, Tribes, and additional consulting parties have had an opportunity to comment on the APE amendment.

Additional details and electronic links for accessing online enclosure documents may be accessed at Sound Transit's OneDrive site created specifically for this coordination. This site may be accessed via <https://soundtransit->

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If there are any questions about this transmittal, or if you would like information on the project schedule, please contact me: Dezeræ Hayes – Sound Transit’s Director of Tribal Relations by phone at: 253-509-3806 or via email at: [Dezeræ.hayes@soundtransit.org](mailto:Dezeræ.hayes@soundtransit.org).

Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Sincerely,



Dezeræ Hayes  
Director of Tribal Relations

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cc: Alexander Stevenson, Sound Transit  
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**From:** Hayes, Dezerae <Dezerae.Hayes@soundtransit.org>

**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2021 1:43:26 PM

**To:** Cecile <Cecile@duwamishtribe.org>

**Subject:** Re: West Seattle Ballard Link Extension APE

Thank you. If you would like to set up a briefing or have any questions please let me know :) I am here to help facilitate and ensure our voices are heard as Indigenous people.

Siokwil - Dez

Dezerae Hayes – PhD-ABD

Director of Tribal Relations

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Running rather late and for the record thanks for sharing with the Duwamish Tribal Council. Thank you, Cecile Hansen, Chair

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**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 1:02 PM

**To:** duwamish tribe <duwamishtribe@duwamishtribe.org>; Cecile <Cecile@duwamishtribe.org>; Cecile <Cecile@duwamishtribe.org>

**Cc:** Green, Erin <erin.green@soundtransit.org>; Stevenson, Alex <alex.stevenson@soundtransit.org>

**Subject:** West Seattle Ballard Link Extension APE

Good Afternoon Chairwoman Hansen,

Please see the attached letter for an update regarding the West Seattle Ballard Link Extension Project.

If you would like to meet via zoom – please let me know and I would be happy to do so.

Best – Dez

*Dezerae Hayes - PhD-ABD*

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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director  
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October 5, 2021

Ms. Linda Gehrke  
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In future correspondence please refer to:  
Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457  
Property: King County\_ West Seattle To Ballard Light Rail Extension  
Re: Revised APE Comments

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced project. In response, we have reviewed your description and map of the revised area of potential effect (APE).

Based upon the documentation provided and conversations with consulting parties, we conditionally concur with your definition of the Revised APE with the understanding that important additional information will be forthcoming. Specifically, the SHPO is requesting information on the extent of vibration impacts to Historic Properties; the proposed haul routes through historic districts; the location of construction activities such as staging areas; traffic diversions, easements, etc.; the involvement and/or delegation of any Section 106 responsibilities to other Federal Agencies such as the U.S Coast Guard, and; all information on responses from Interested Tribes to the initial and subsequent APE submittals.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the SHPO in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Should additional information about the project become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis Wardlaw  
Transportation Archaeologist  
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**From:** [Sodt, Sarah](#)  
**To:** [Assam, Mark \(FTA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project - NHPA Section 106 Area of Potential Effects Amendment, and Eligibility Determination  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 6:00:37 PM  
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Hi Mark,

I've reviewed all the documents that you provided. I still have concerns about resources within the haul/detour routes particularly related to the areaways that exist throughout the CID, Pioneer Square and elsewhere in Downtown. It does not appear that areaways have been evaluated inside or outside the currently proposed APE. Can you please confirm that is true, or point me to the evaluation of those resources – perhaps I have missed them?

I've also reviewed each of HPI forms, and one built resource that raised concern for me in terms of the eligibility determination is the Ascona/Alki Hotel at 200 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I would like to understand a bit more about why the consultants determined it not eligible.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment, and I look forward to future convenings of the consulting parties to discuss this further.

Sarah

**Sarah Sodt**  
**City Historic Preservation Officer**

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Dear Ms. Sodt:

Please see the attached Section 106 Area of Potential Effects Amendment, and Eligibility Determination letter for the Sound Transit - West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project. Please note, due to e-mail attachment file-size limitations, the referenced enclosure documents are not attached to this e-mail message. The enclosure documents are described in the attached summary document, and may be downloaded from the following URL:

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October 6, 2021

Linda Gehrke  
Regional Administrator, Region 10  
US Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration

Subject: Sound Transit  
West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension Project  
National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106  
Consulting Party Comments on Revised Area of Potential Effects and Eligibility  
Determination  
SHPO Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457

Dear Ms. Gehrke:

We have reviewed the revised Area of Potential Effect for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (West Seattle/Ballard Link, hereafter), and respectfully submit these comments for your consideration as we continue the Section 106 consulting process. We offer you this context so that you may understand our concerns about the effects of project haul routes and traffic diversion throughout the Pioneer Square neighborhood.

Areaways that were created under the sidewalks when the street elevation of Pioneer Square was raised one story after the Great Seattle Fire are a central reason the Pioneer Square Historic District was created. They are now imperiled, and any increase in traffic through the Pioneer Square neighborhood puts them at greater risk.

In the early 1960s, the destruction of the elegant Seattle Hotel and its subsequent replacement with a parking garage known as the 'Sinking Ship Garage' spawned a grassroots preservation movement to save Pioneer Square from the wrecking ball. A series of newspaper articles piqued curiosity about underground areaways in Pioneer Square, which led to the creation of a tour of the areaways. The tour was created as a means to engage the public in signing petitions for the preservation of the Square. Later the areaways tour, Seattle Underground, became a fixture in the neighborhood by drawing tourists to the area. By 1970, Pioneer Square was Seattle's first Historic District. Eventually, individual buildings, such as the Pioneer Building, received individual historic designations.

With their unique role in the history of the rebuilding of Seattle, areaways have been a defining characteristic of the historic district since it was established. Every year, public and private entities invest hundreds of thousands of dollars repairing Pioneer Square's areaways, replacing the characteristic

glass blocks in the sidewalk that light the underground, and seeking Pioneer Square Preservation Board approval to make improvements, changes, or decommission.

Maintaining areaways throughout our neighborhood is a shared responsibility. The City of Seattle, through Seattle Department of Transportation, is responsible for the streetwall—the wall of the areaway that holds up the street. Private property owners pay fees to the City each year for the privilege of using the space within the areaways, despite its condition, and are responsible for maintaining all other elements of the space, like the floors, and often the “ceiling,” which is the sidewalk above.

But, the areaways are now more than 130 years old. They were built when the heaviest vehicles on the streets held up by their outer walls were horse-drawn delivery wagons. And they are deteriorating, which means that Pioneer Square is at risk of losing these unique spaces.

The City of Seattle, through the Department of Transportation, has long been aware of its responsibility to maintain the streetwalls of the areaways, and from 2004 through 2018, the Capital Improvement Program appropriated money to a program called “Hazard Mitigation Program—Areaways” under the Bridge and Structures organization of the department. The annual funding for that program varied over the 16 years between \$212,000 at its lowest, to \$400,000 at its peak (earliest budget this author could find). It is unclear if the money invested in the program was used to fund a person or persons to maintain a database of the resource, or to perform any real capital work on maintaining or preserving the resource?

Over that 16 years, most municipal improvements to areaways have typically been associated with construction projects like the Alaskan Way Viaduct program, Waterfront redevelopment, the First Hill Streetcar, and various utility and repair projects performed by State and City agencies.

Despite funding a program identified as a “mitigation” program, SDOT and the City of Seattle have failed to maintain the areaways resource as a part of the transportation system, or as part of the historic character of Seattle’s oldest neighborhood.

In 2018, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) started assessing what streets they could relocate buses to while the viaduct was being demolished and Alaskan Way rebuilt. They conducted a structural analysis of the underground areaways in Pioneer Square to determine if the 1st Ave S corridor could accept the additional bus traffic. The analysis highlighted just how bad the areaways situation had become, and SDOT initiated an intense assessment to map critical areaway structural vulnerabilities throughout the neighborhood. It turns out, most areaways in the neighborhood are very vulnerable to damage. So much so, that SDOT has imposed weight restrictions throughout all the main arterials in the neighborhood. Curb lanes all along 1st Avenue South from Cherry Street to King Street, and South Jackson Street from 1st Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South are limited to vehicles weighing 10,000 lbs or less, meaning commercial vehicles delivering goods to businesses, and trucks delivering items to residences must park blocks away from their destinations.

SDOT reports that it will complete its assessment of the structures throughout the neighborhood, determine the work necessary, and begin to create a long-range plan. Currently, SDOT does not have a long-range plan for the areaways. In late 2020, areaways program leads presented to the neighborhood, and indicated that program goals will focus on safety for vehicles and pedestrians, and mobility to reduce restricted load zones throughout the neighborhood. At this time, the neighborhood continues to

suffer from a lack of City investments to maintain its part of the historic resource. It is the extremely delicate condition of the areaways, combined with the necessary restrictions on traffic throughout the neighborhood, which makes us very concerned about the ripple effects of diverted traffic throughout the neighborhood that will necessarily follow the disruption as Sound Transit constructs the new downtown tunnel and the West Seattle line.

1st Avenue South continues to be an important corridor in Pioneer Square, and one of the few arterials that can bring people and goods into and out of downtown Seattle. But increasing traffic on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South will necessarily divert traffic onto other streets in Pioneer Square, where both the condition of the areaways and the existing challenges with commercial deliveries make additional traffic extremely problematic. We encourage the Sound Transit team to closely consider the current deteriorating condition of the existing transportation network, including the critical historic areaways, as they evaluate the effects of the West Seattle/Ballard Link Extensions project, and continue to plan for construction.

We appreciate the partnership with Sound Transit, the Federal Transit Administration, our State Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. Allyson Brooks and her staff at Washington State Department of Archaeologic and Historic Preservation. We look forward to collectively working together to protect our defining historic resources during the planning, construction, and operation of the West Seattle/Ballard Link Extension.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Dixon Howard*

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October 6, 2021

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Dear Ms. Gehrke:

We have reviewed the revised Area of Potential Effect boundaries, and the NRHP eligibility determination and offer the following comments and context for your consideration as we continue the Section 106 process. We offer you the following context so that you understand why we are requesting Sound Transit include the boundaries of the Pioneer Square and Chinatown historic districts, and the haul routes, as part of the Area of Potential effect.

#### CHINATOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT CONTEXT

The Seattle Chinatown Historic District is listed in the National Register of Historic places, and sits within the larger International Special Review District. The Chinatown Historic District has been the center of Seattle's Asian community since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the International Special Review District was established to preserve the area's Asian culture and history and protect it from unwanted development. We rely on robust consideration of the elements identified for protection under various federal, state, and city laws to help protect the place of Chinatown, and the culture of the Chinatown International District neighborhood.

The neighborhood is home to one of the largest groups of intact pre-World War II buildings in Seattle, and these buildings stand to reflect the history and historic architecture of the community. Areaways were created during the regrades to rebuild the City after the Great Seattle Fire of 1889, and during the disruptive Jackson Regrade of the 1900s. These elements are defining characteristics of the historic nature of the neighborhood, and no matter what alternative being studied by Sound Transit for the West Seattle and Ballard project, the project will have a substantial construction footprint right in the middle of these important resources and the existing culture. The project itself will include construction of a new downtown tunnel, and based on our most recent experience with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Bus Tunnel, and the Alaskan Way Viaduct tunnel, we know that settlement and vibrations can have tremendous



impact on surrounding buildings, sidewalks, and streets. Other Section 106 consulting processes throughout the City of Seattle in recent decades have focused on the effects of noise, dust, and vibrations to historic buildings and districts, and have even regarded potentially historic resources only under consideration for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Seattle Chinatown Historic District is a designated resource, and the proposed project being constructed through the heart of the district will undoubtedly have district-wide impacts. It is for this reason that we are requesting, again, that the Seattle Chinatown Historic District be included in its entirety, in the Area of Potential Effect.

The International Special Review District was created to help preserve the culture of the neighborhood, which is oftentimes reflected in the way day-to-day life unfolds in the neighborhood. Indeed, this neighborhood's history of destruction and rebuild and relocation has been a reflection of racist based actions and policies perpetuated over time, that have failed to protect the physical structures that would otherwise visually define the culture we describe, and provide for more clear protections under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Chinatown International District of today reflects the varied and diverse ethnic communities who have been lashed together in this neighborhood space. The small scale and pedestrian nature of the neighborhood is emphasized by the numbers of elders who live and walk in the district every day. The ability for a resident or visiting elder to walk to the grocery, to a park, to a doctor's appointment or other service is a critical function of the neighborhood culture. Our concern is that the disruption caused by the WSBL project planning and construction will create pressures on the local businesses and residents that will increase displacement and discourage new residents and businesses from trying to find their place in our communities. In a community like the Chinatown International District, we are talking about discouraging Asian-Pacific-Islander immigrants from investing in the businesses that define the culture of the C-ID. Our ethnic groceries, Anime and Manga stores, restaurants, traditional herb stores, night clubs and coffee shops are living, breathing expressions of the Chinese/Fillipino/Vietnamese/Japanese and other immigrant experience. Sound Transit needs to consider the full direct and indirect impacts of the project on these day-to-day activities on the cultural fabric, to preserve and protect what defines the district in the context of Section 106, and arguably, in the spirit of Section 106, as well.

## PIONEER SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Here, we are re-emphasizing the points made by our partners at the Alliance for Pioneer Square, about the current vulnerability of the areaways throughout Pioneer Square and the City, and the importance of their historic contribution.

Areaways were created when the City rebuilt itself after the Great Seattle Fire. These structures are made up of streetwalls that hold up the streets throughout the neighborhood, plus the sidewalks and building faces within these underground spaces. Many of them are corridors for underground utilities, as well as storage areas, or extensions of businesses and restaurants.



Areaways, in their role of rebuilding Seattle, are now more than 130 years old, and deteriorating due to chronic underinvestment in maintenance. This means Pioneer Square and Chinatown International District are both at risk of losing these unique spaces. During the construction of the City's latest mega-project, the construction of the Alaskan Way Tunnel, and the demolition of the Alaskan Way Viaduct, the Seattle Department of Transportation started assessing what streets they could relocate bus traffic to while the viaduct was being demolished. They conducted a structural analysis of the underground areaways in Pioneer Square to determine if the 1st Ave S corridor could accept the additional bus traffic. The analysis highlighted just how bad the areaways situation has become, and SDOT initiated an intense assessment to map critical areaway structural vulnerabilities throughout the neighborhood. It turns out, most areaways in the Pioneer Square neighborhood are very vulnerable to damage. So much so, that SDOT has imposed weight restrictions throughout all the main arterials in the neighborhood. Curb lanes all along 1st Avenue South from Cherry Street to King Street, and South Jackson Street from 1st Avenue South to 2nd Avenue South are limited to vehicles weighing 10,000 lbs or less, meaning commercial vehicles delivering goods to businesses, and trucks delivering items to residences must park blocks away from their destinations.

These streets are the very streets that Sound Transit will likely have to use to get construction vehicles to and from the construction site for the WSBL project—anticipated to be 7- 10 years of construction in this area. At this time, the Pioneer Square neighborhood continues to suffer from a lack of City investments to maintain its part of the historic resource. It is the extremely delicate condition of the areaways, combined with the necessary restrictions on traffic throughout the neighborhood, that makes us very concerned about the ripple effects of diverted traffic throughout the neighborhood, and the related construction traffic that will undoubtedly have to travel through the neighborhood, that will necessarily follow the disruption as Sound Transit constructs the new downtown tunnel and the West Seattle line.

Noise, dust, vibration, and increased traffic all will continue to erode the conditions of these areaways, and we request Sound Transit do a more explicit and thorough examination of the effects of the project on these defining historic resources throughout Pioneer Square.

Our requests to include the designated Seattle Chinatown and Pioneer Square historic districts, and project haul routes in the Area of Potential Effect are not new requests to Section 106 review in Seattle. These considerations have become standard practice with major projects in the region, including the SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct program projects, and the SR 520 program projects. We are requesting the same robust Section 106 review consistency that has been applied throughout the City of Seattle in the past two decades.

We appreciate the ongoing collaboration with Sound Transit, and the Federal Transit Administration, and we look forward to collectively working together to meet the needs of our community for the





successful construction and operation of this important, multigenerational, 100-year transportation project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Barry Johnson  
Executive Director

CC: Mark Assam, Lauren Swift, Alex Stevenson, Kristine Ziglar, Amy Changchien, Ann Costanza, Barbara Bundy

# MARTIN SMITH INC

October 7, 2021

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Subject: Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension Project  
Comments on Revised Area of Potential Effects and Eligibility Determination

Dear Mr. Assam:

Martin Smith Inc has reviewed the revised Area of Potential Effect for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (West Seattle/Ballard Link, hereafter), and we submit these comments as we continue the Section 106 consulting process.

First, we echo the context-setting comments that our collaborators at the Alliance for Pioneer Square and Historic South Downtown offered to you in their letters, about the nature of the Pioneer Square and Chinatown Historic Districts. Both these districts are listed historic resources and the project will have a substantial footprint in each, no matter what alternative is selected for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extension project. A new downtown tunnel will require Sound Transit to remove hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of soil from the tunnel portals. Those thousands of truckloads of soil will travel from the portals, to wherever the disposal sites are. Those haul routes will undoubtedly pass around or through the Chinatown and Pioneer Square historic districts. Noise, dust, vibration, and vehicle weight on the streets of these neighborhoods will have direct effects on the district and the contributing resources, including areaways and contributing structures. This is the reason we are requesting Sound Transit include the districts in their entirety and that the project include all potential haul routes as part of the Area of Potential Effect.

Second, in looking for our Pioneer Square historic properties of interest in the HPI forms, we were confused and frustrated by the organization and classification of the forms. Properties are listed by "segment"—which were not easy or intuitive to sort through. This made it difficult to review the volumes of information provided to search for the properties and areas we were looking for.

From our review, it's clear that because you've opted not to include the full district in the APE, nor have you chosen to include the properties we've listed in our initial letter to you, we reiterate our request that you consider adding the following properties to the Area of Potential effect:

Maynard Building (119 1st Ave. S.)  
Union Trust Building (119 S. Main St.)  
Occidental Mall (308-316 Occidental Ave. S.)  
First & King Building (101 S. King St.)  
Provident Building (568 1st Ave. S.)

Through our recent first hand experience with the Alaska Way Viaduct program, and the SR 520 program, we understand that increased truck traffic related to construction, and traffic diversion around and through the neighborhoods from construction activities, results in a direct significant increase of noise, dust, and vibration to historic resources. Our properties will be subject to these potential effects, and we request Sound Transit explicitly evaluate them as part of the Section 106 review.

Thank you for your time and persistence in this process. We look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver this important project, while prioritizing our neighborhoods' historic character and designations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Smith  
President  
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Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director  
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November 9, 2021

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In future correspondence please refer to:  
Project Tracking Code: 2019-02-01457  
Property: King County\_ West Seattle to Ballard Light Rail Extension  
Re: Built Environment Determinations of Eligibility

Dear Mr. Assam:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHPP). The above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. Our review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

We do not concur with several of your determinations of eligibility. It is our opinion that the following historic properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- Property ID: 38453 Auditorium Apartments 605 5th Ave N
- Property ID: 41181 Sunset Electric Co. Warehouse 200 Terry Ave N
- Property ID: 42711 Electrol Oil Burner Corp. 601 Aurora Ave N
- Property ID: 43319 Myers Motor Co. Dealership 4417 Fauntleroy Way SW
- Property ID: 45169 Roosevelt Hotel 1531 7th Ave
- Property ID: 56067 Uwajimaya Store 519 6th Ave S
- Property ID: 337660 Symons Clamp & Manufacturing Company 2437 6th Ave S
- Property ID: 342681 Henry Disston and Sons 1555 4th Ave S
- Property ID: 343204 Wilderman Refrigeration Company 300 Dexter Ave N
- Property ID: 387772 Ranch Duplex 3039 SW Avalon Way
- Property ID: 666424 Industrial Building/Private Garage 706 Taylor Ave N
- Property ID: 719333 Brown Bear Car Wash 1505 NW 52nd St
- Property ID: 719370 Firestone Master Care Service 1145 NW Market St
- Property ID: 719585 Goodyear Tire Center - Ballard 5601 15th Ave NW
- Property ID: 720081 Larry Apple Realty 3050 15th Ave W
- Property ID: 720175 Zeeb Iron Works 3434 16th Ave W
- Property ID: 720527 Popich Sign Company 831 Airport Way S
- Property ID: 720687 Kuney Johnson Company General Contractors Office 235 9th Ave N
- Property ID: 721587 Single-Family Residence 4156 40th Ave SW
- Property ID: 722031 Commercial Building 3440 6th Ave S
- Property ID: 723714 Industrial Building 1121 NW 45th St
- Property ID: 724023 Washington Fish & Oyster Co. Manufacturing Facility 1100 W Ewing St



It is also our opinion that the following historic resources are not eligible for listing in the NRHP:

- Property ID: 338499 Dor Rik Apartments 2655 14th Ave W
- Property ID: 418305 Contemporary Ranch House 4150 32nd Ave SW
- Property ID: 720233 Residence 2246 1/2 15th Ave W
- Property ID: 723016 Madera on Queen Anne Condominiums 3608 14th Ave W

We concur with the remaining determinations of eligibility you have made, and marked the spreadsheet provided noting our concurrence or non-concurrence.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in conformance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800. Also, we appreciate receiving copies of any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes and other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36 CFR 800.4(a)(4). Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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