



Ballard Link Extension

Q1 2025 EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

January/February/March 2025



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Activities snapshot



21 comments and questions from inbox and voicemail



16 community briefings and property owner / tenant meetings



2 fairs and festivals engaging 1,286 community members



3 email updates engaging 12,000+ subscribers



Ongoing fieldwork activities¹ throughout the project corridor



The Ballard Link Extension (BLE) will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the Chinatown-International District (CID), Downtown, Interbay, and Ballard neighborhoods.

¹ Sound Transit is in the planning phase for the Ballard Link Extension project. As part of this phase, Sound Transit is coordinating with property owners throughout the corridor to collect and analyze information necessary to plan and design potential light rail alignments to be studied in the environmental review process.



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Stations: Chinatown-International District, Midtown, Westlake, Denny, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, Smith Cove, Interbay, and Ballard



Fairs and festivals

In the BLE project corridor, we attended two events to share about the project with the community:

- **Tet in Seattle Center**
 - Date: Jan. 25 and 26 | Visitors: 922
- **Lunar New Year Celebration**
 - Date: Feb. 22 | Visitors: 364



Email updates

During the reporting period, the project team sent three email updates to more than 12,000 subscribers. These emails included an overview of engagement in 2024, a recap of the scoping comment period from last fall, and an invitation to the South Downtown Hub open house.



Common questions and comments

The following is a summary of questions and comments obtained through property owner / tenant meetings, community briefings, emails, and voicemails to the project inbox.

- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline for property acquisition and tenant relocation.
- Comments about ideas for uses at Union Station.
- Question about project alternatives, project schedule, development near new stations, and upcoming fieldwork.
- Opportunities for future community and tabling events.
- Feedback regarding timeline of the project and infrastructure needs in Ballard.
- Question about the South Downtown Hub area.
- Question about zoning near the project area.
- Feedback regarding travel times, transfers, and regional network impacts for the proposed stations.
- Request for project briefing.