West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Downtown
Community Advisory Group

January 6, 2022

SoundTransit



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- Welcome and introductions
- Station Planning: Background
- Midtown and Westlake Stations
- Denny and South Lake Union Stations
- Seattle Center Station
- Next steps and next meeting

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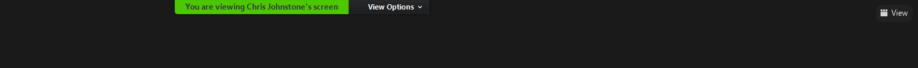














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West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project timeline







2016



PLANNING



2017-2019

Alternatives development

- Feb-March 2018: Early scoping
- Feb-April 2019: Scoping
- May-Oct 2019: Board identified preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019–2023

Environmental review

Early 2022: Publish Draft EIS

Public comment period

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2023: Publish Final EIS

Board selects projects to be built

Federal Record of Decision



Ballard < 2037-2039* **Interbay** Lake 2037 **Seattle South Center Lake Union** Smith Cove Denny **Link** light rail Westlake West Seattle and Ballard Midtown **Link Extensions** Preferred alternatives Preferred alternatives with Int'l District/ Puget third-party funding Sound Chinatown Other Draft FIS alternatives Stadium Route profiles Flevated route Tunnel route Surface route SODO 🕹 Delridge Junction **Marian**

Draft EIS alternatives

What we're studying in this phase

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

*Dates reflect an affordable schedule based on current financial projections and cost estimates, and a target schedule.



Community Advisory Groups

Build understanding and common ground around key project decisions.

Highlight specific issues and trade-offs as Sound Transit works to deliver a project on the target schedule and within scope.

Share feedback with the Sound Transit Board before they confirm or modify the preferred alternative.



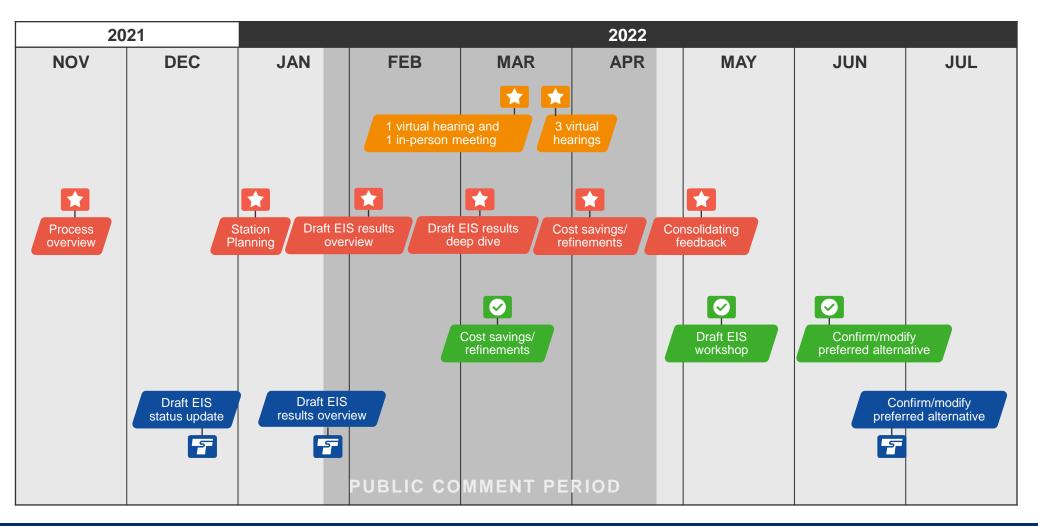
Community engagement and collaboration Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)













Why we're here today

- Learning about the stations and station concepts
- Posing questions for you to think about, beginning a conversation about station planning

Introductions

Please share briefly:

- 1) Your name,
- 2) Pronouns, and
- 3) Please share which WSBLE station you are most interested in.

Downtown CAG members

Alex Hudson

Amy Worthington

Edward Swanson

Elizabeth Archambault

Jacqueline Gruber

John Stilin

Keith Daly

Kylie Rolf

Matthew Curry

Nathan Lilje

Sabrina Villanueva

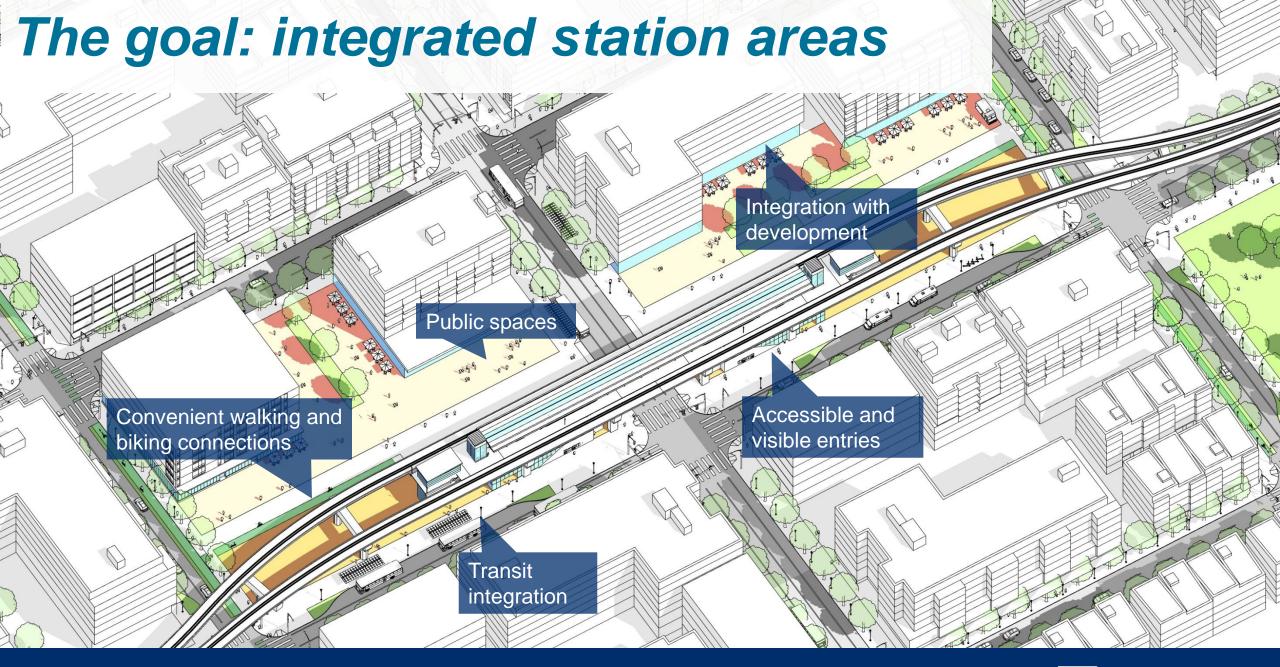
Sascha Sorenson

Steve Lewis



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Co-planning partnership



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

Centering racial equity

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Co-planning stations with communities



City of Seattle

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



Racial Equity Toolkit (RET): Outcomes

- Advance environmental and economic justice to improve economic and health outcomes for communities of color.
- > Enhance mobility and access for communities of color and low-income populations;
- Create opportunities for equitable development that include expanding housing and community assets for communities of color;
- Avoid disproportionate impacts on communities of color and low-income populations;
- Create a sense of belonging for communities of color at all stations, making spaces where everyone sees themselves as belonging, feeling safe, and welcome; and
- Meaningfully involve communities of color and low-income populations in the project.



Co-planning focus: the "Station Context"

- ➤ 1-3 blocks surrounding the station, which will see the most direct physical change from station construction and operations
- Area of shared responsibility;
 geography encompasses Sound
 Transit, City, and others' investments
- Work to align existing and planned investments in service of community priorities and accessibility needs

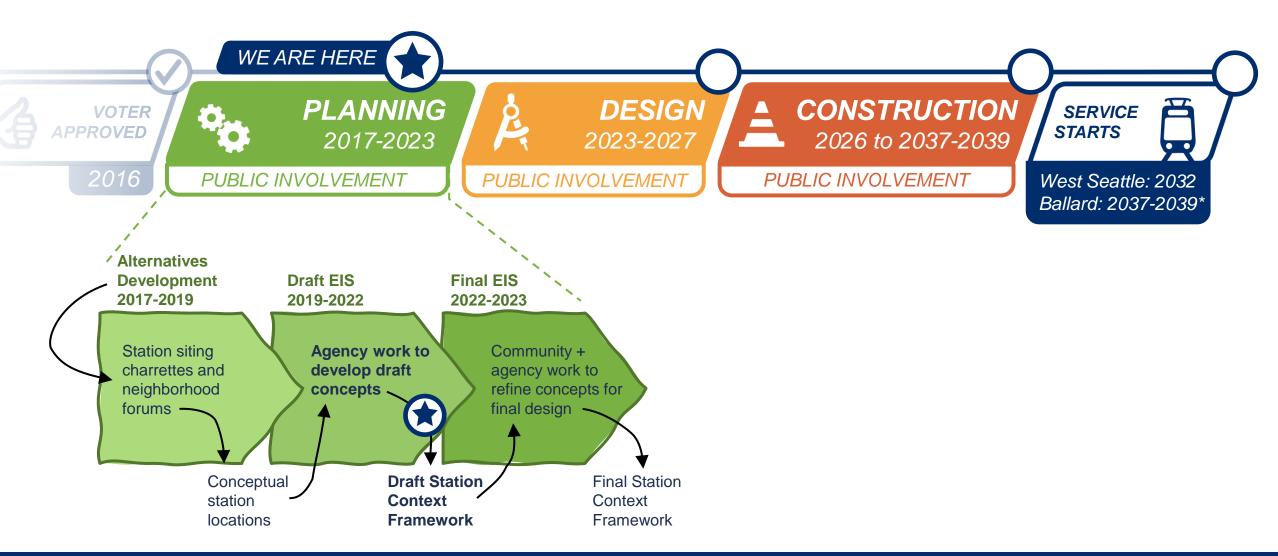


Station Context Framework

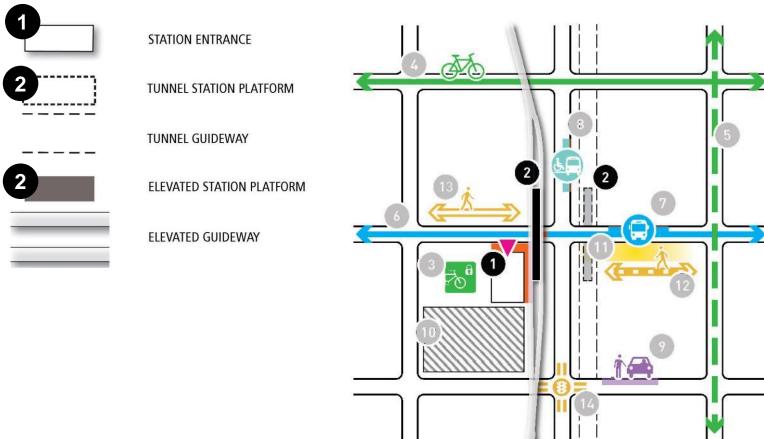
- Presents a concept for urban design of the station and station context
- Shows how access, circulation, and public spaces work together, and highlights opportunities for adjacent or joint development
- Raises up issues for community to weigh, along with potential refinements to carry into final design



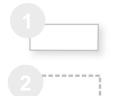
How we got here (and what's next)



Orientation to the station context plans



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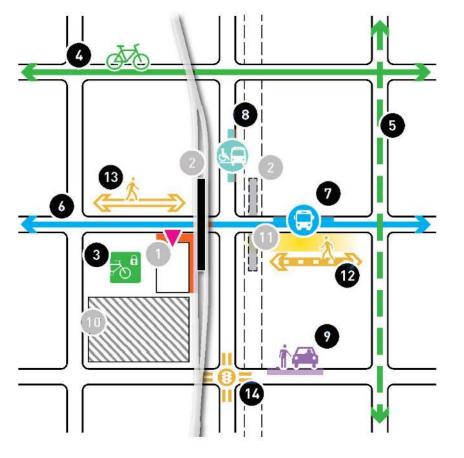
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ELEVATED STATION PLATFORM

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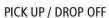




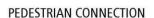










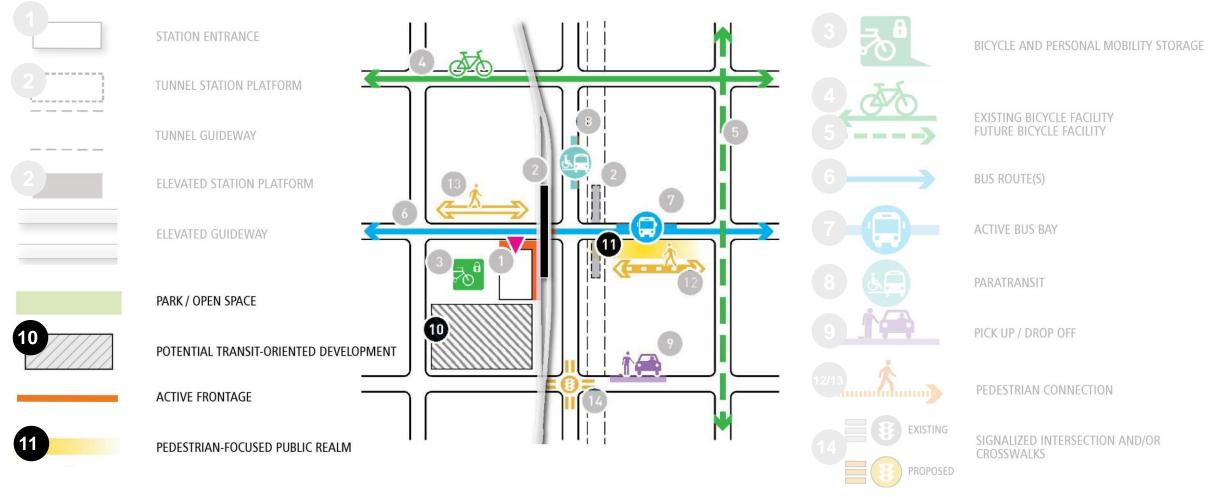








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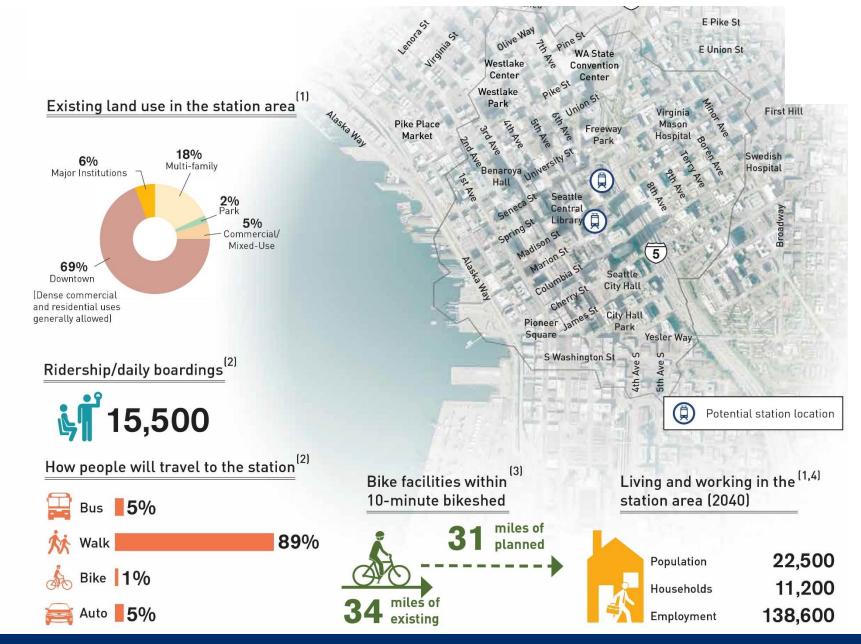
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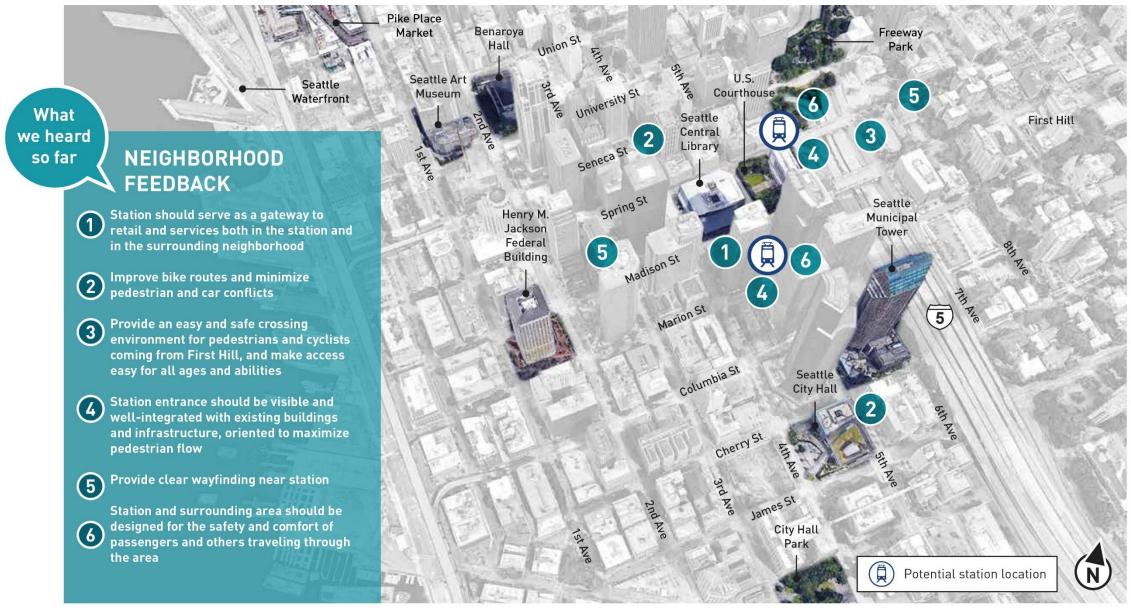


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Preferred alternative

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ACTIVE FRONTAGE



PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED PUBLIC REALM



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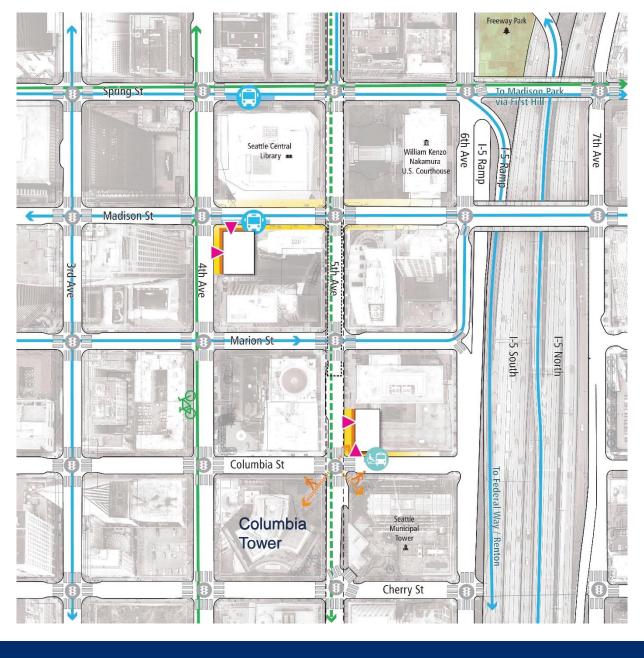
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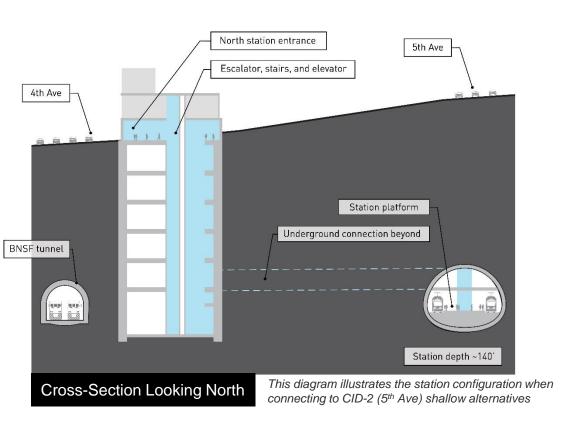




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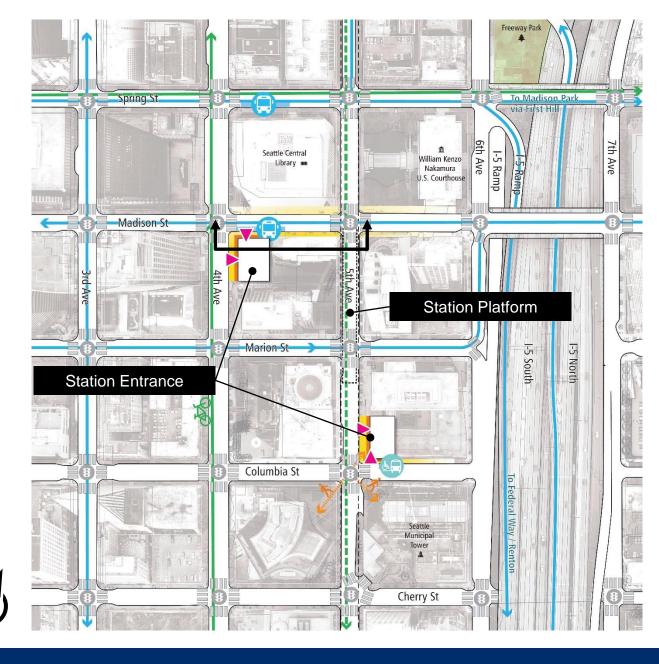


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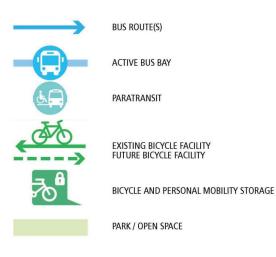


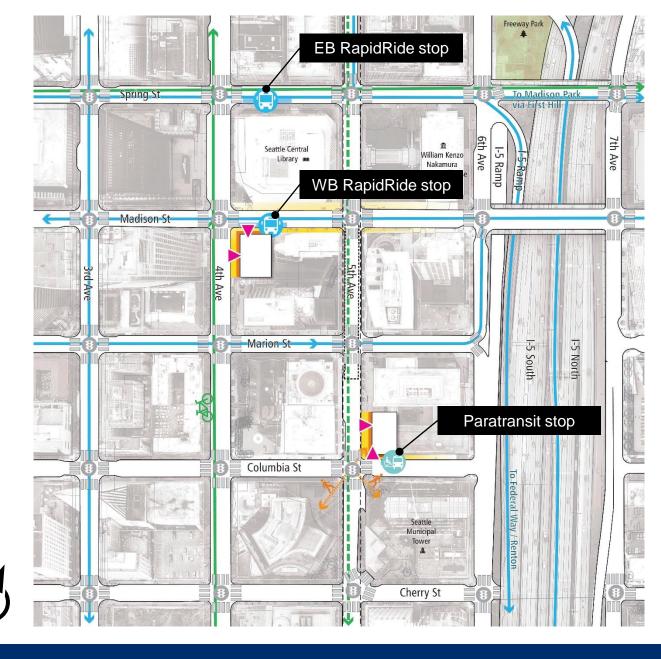
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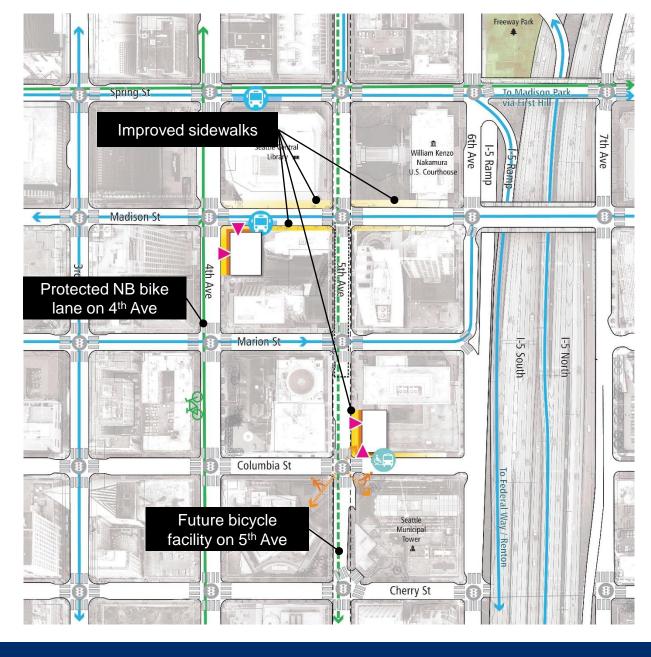
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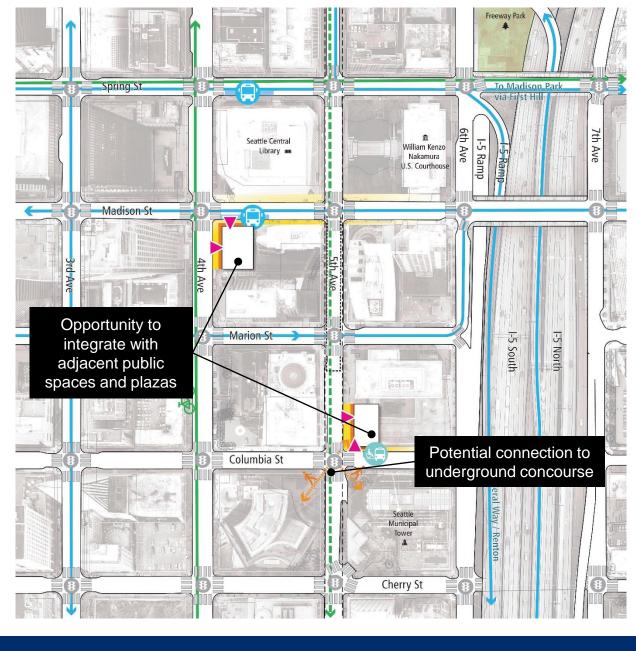
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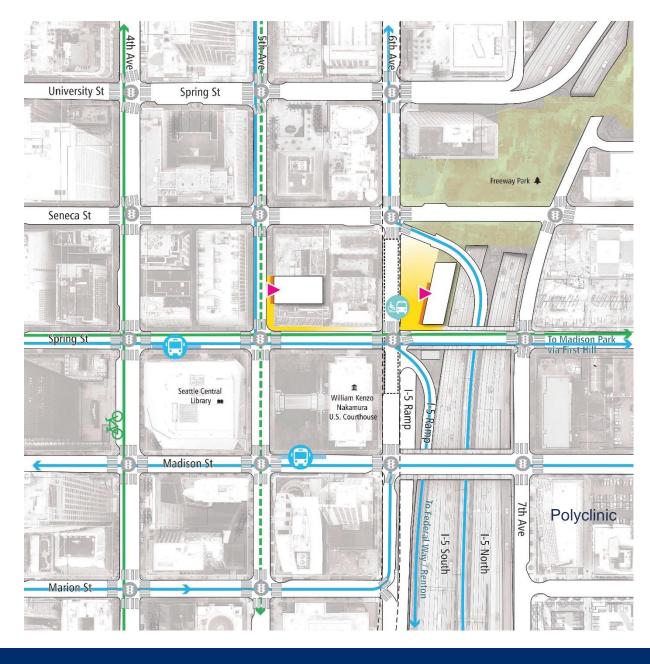


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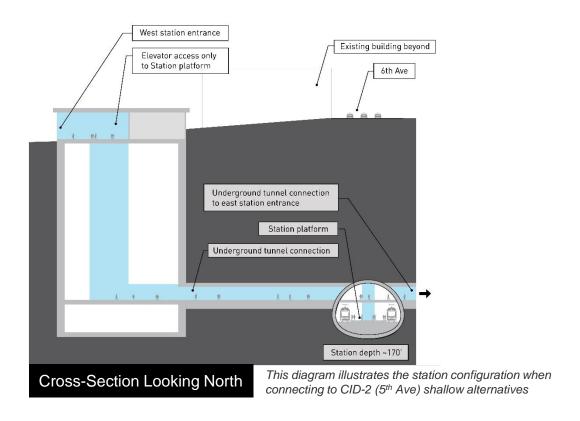
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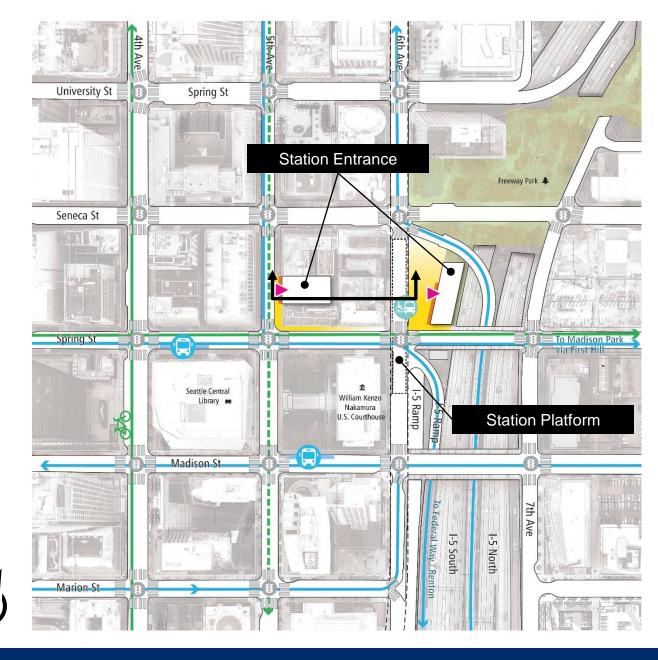














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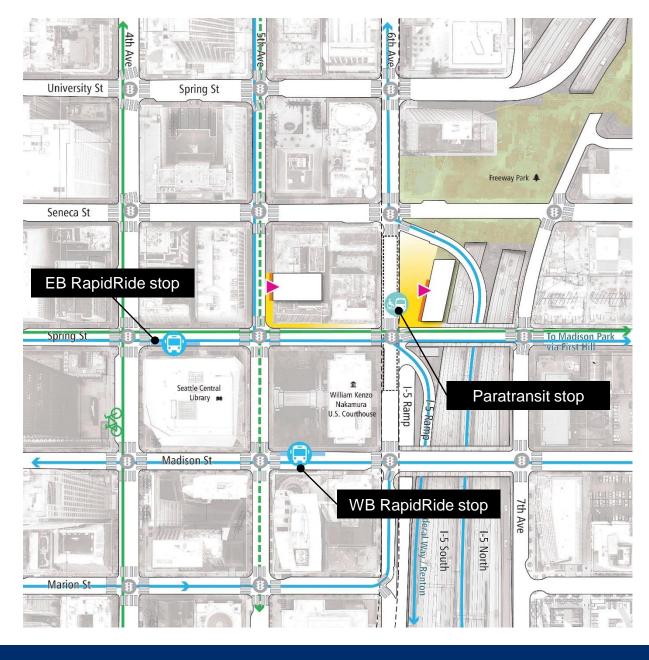


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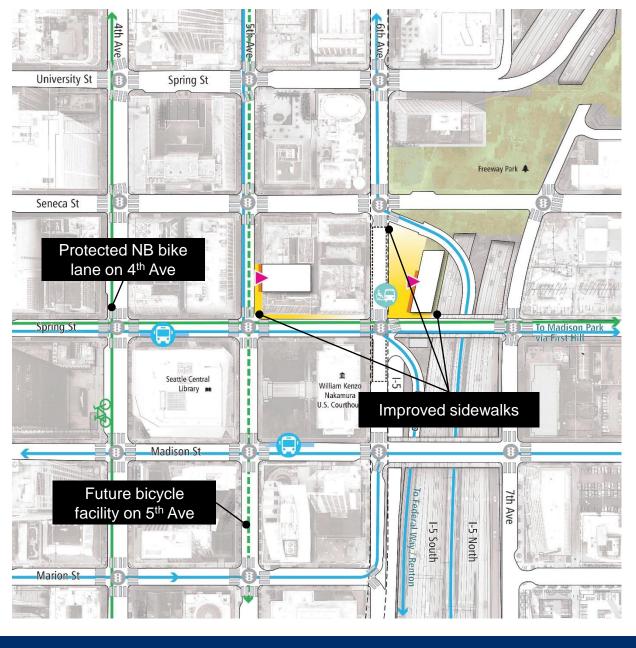
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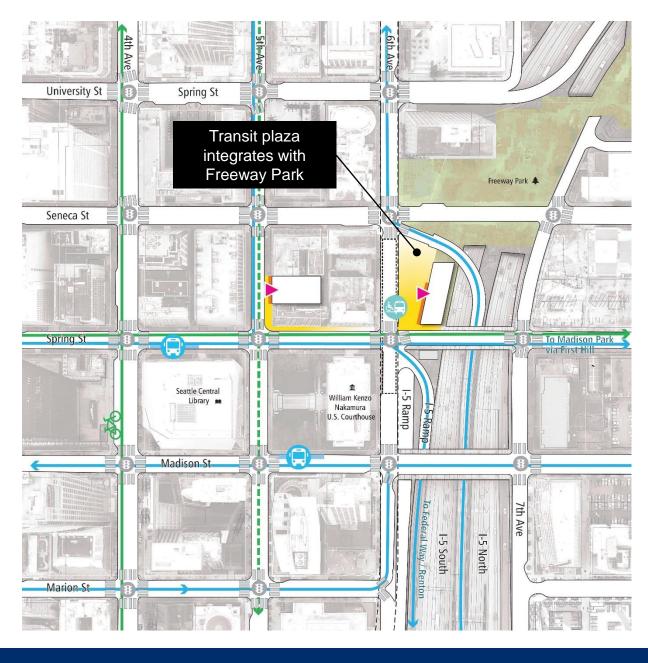


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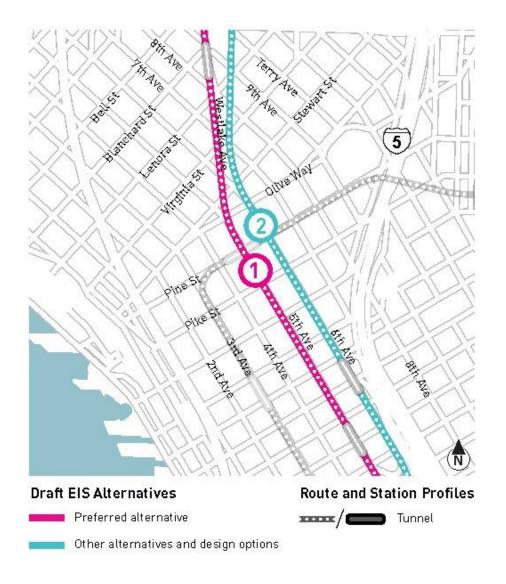






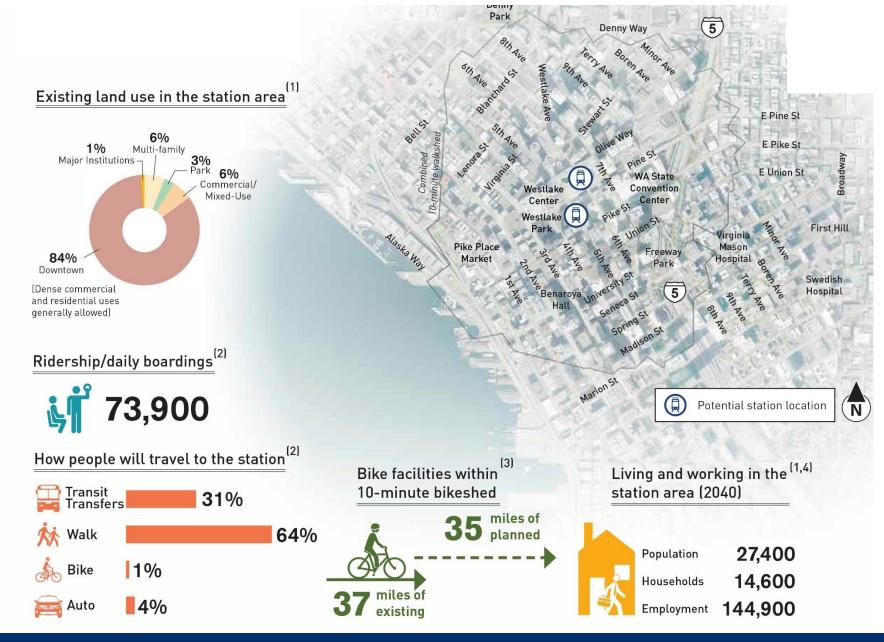


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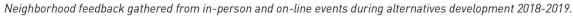


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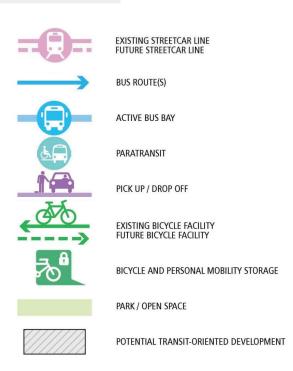






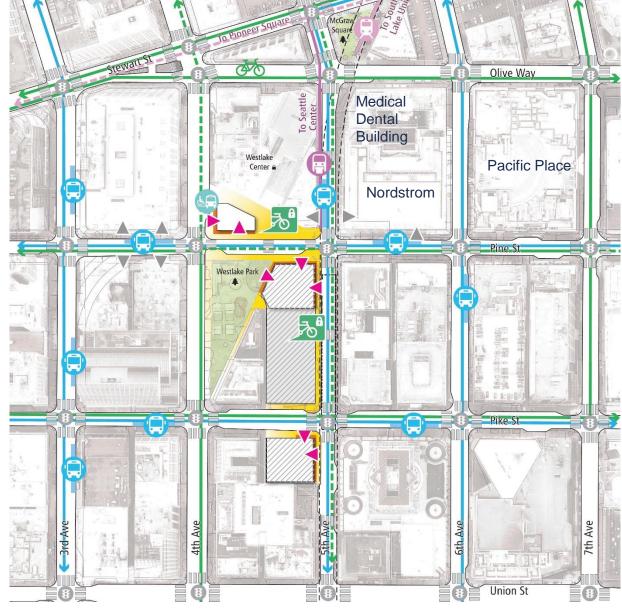
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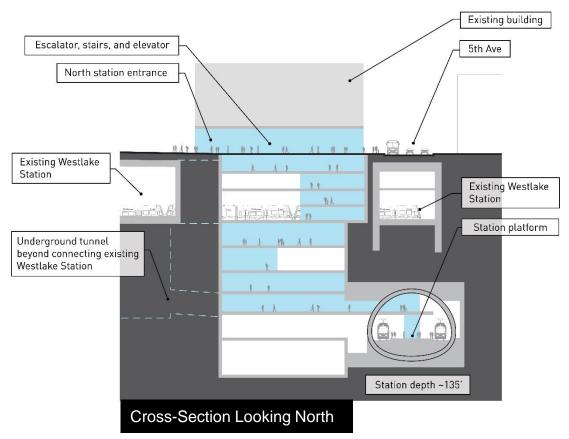


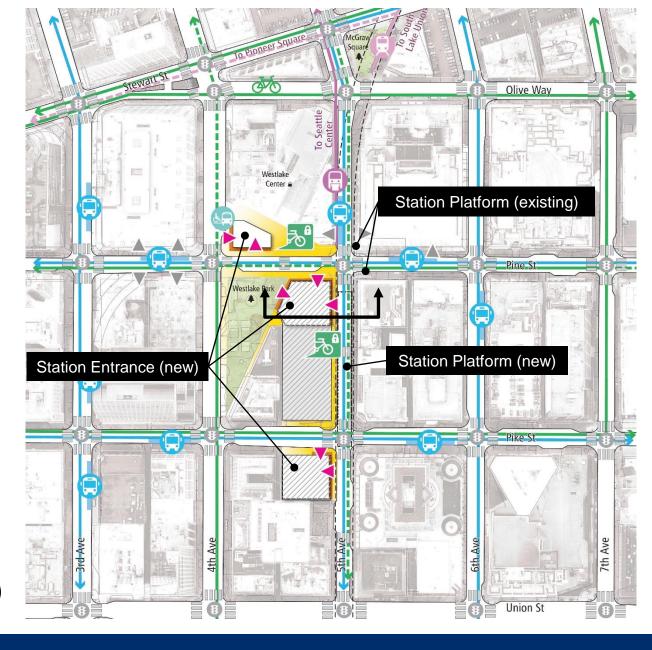






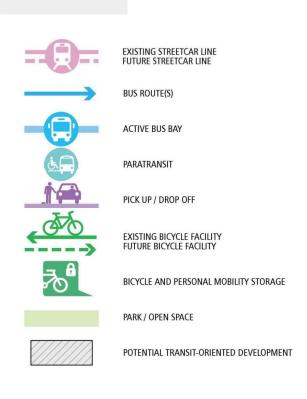


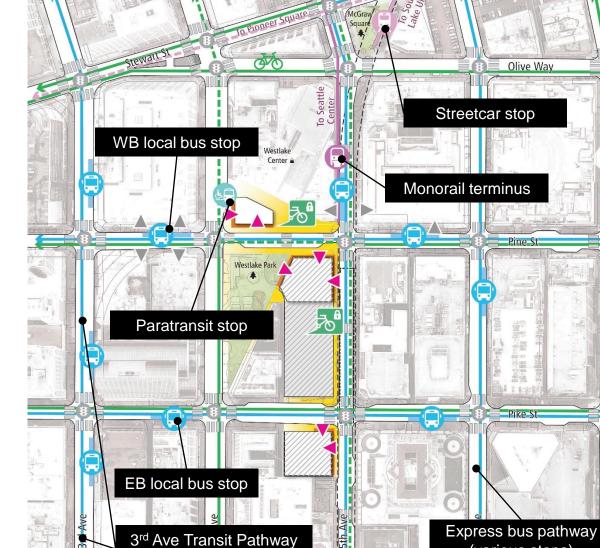






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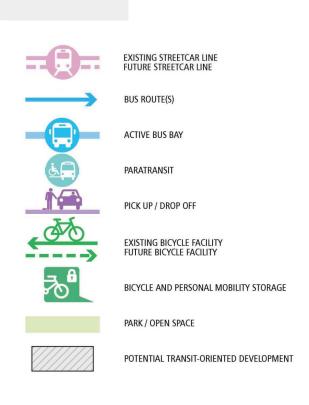
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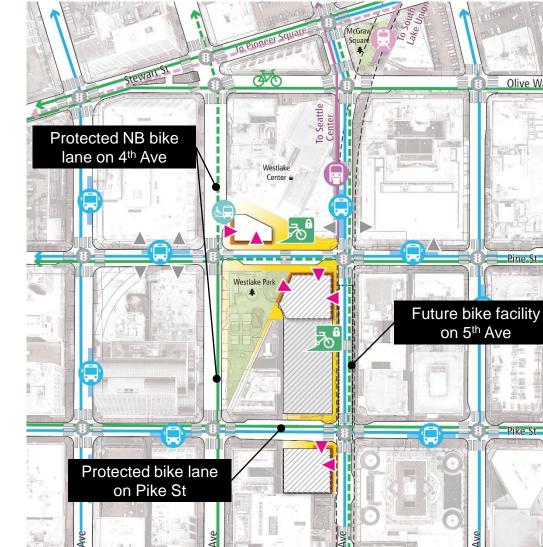


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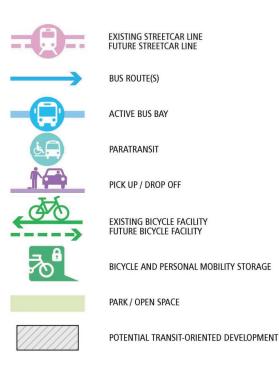


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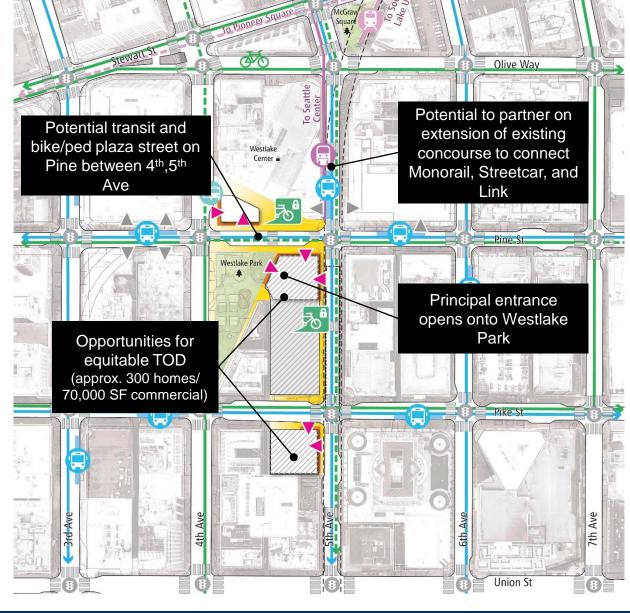
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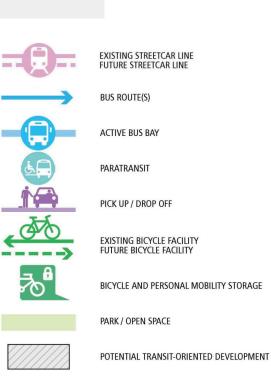






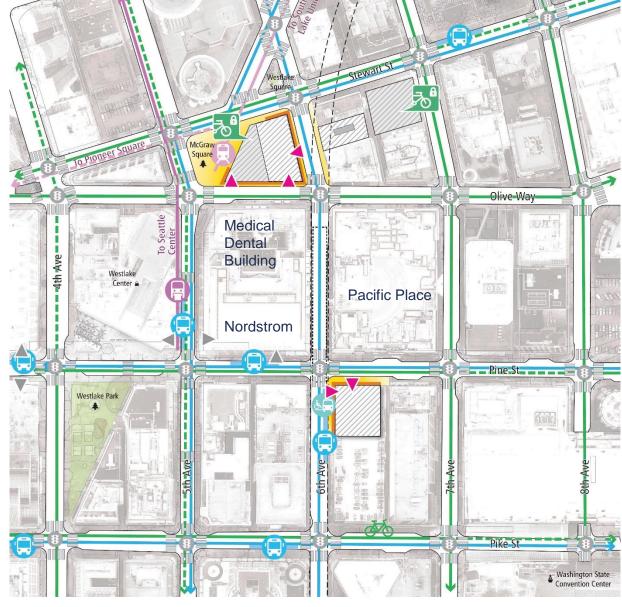
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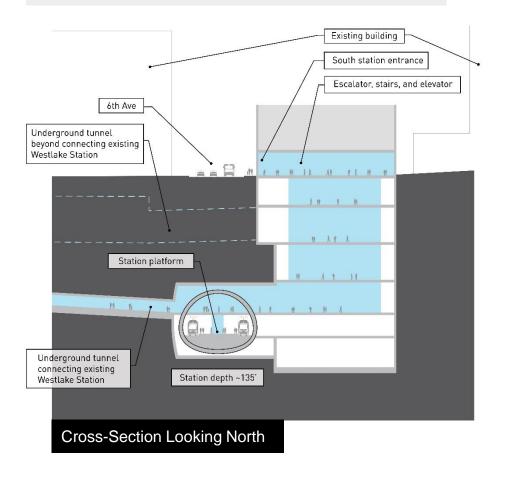


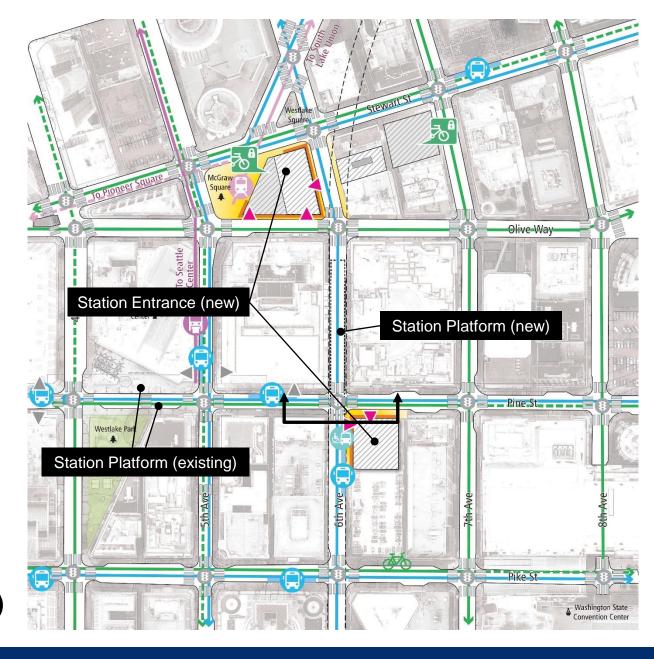






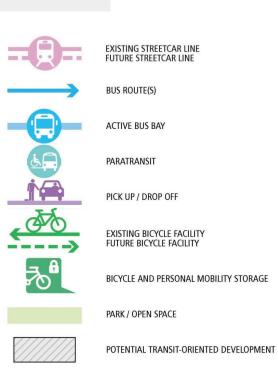






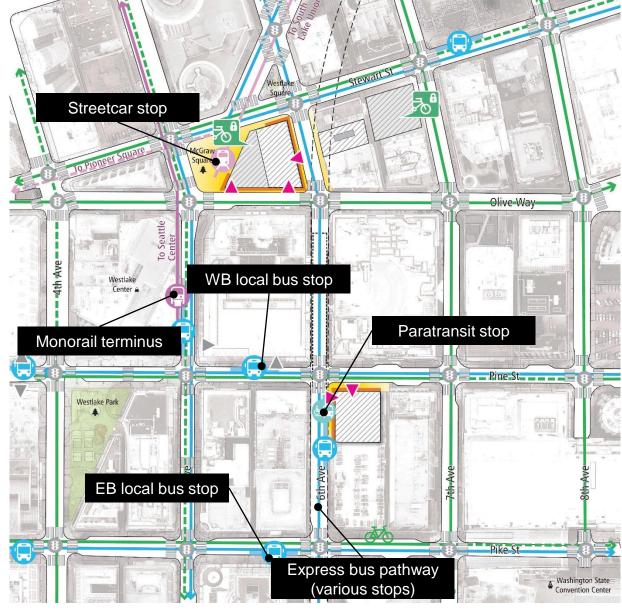


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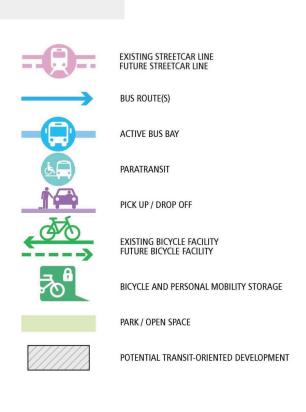


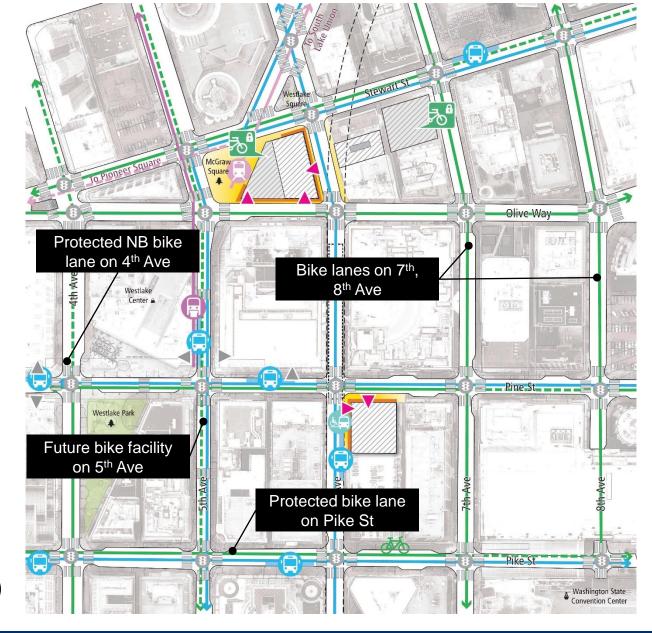






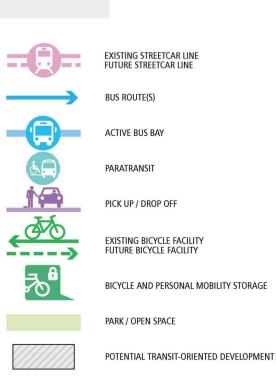
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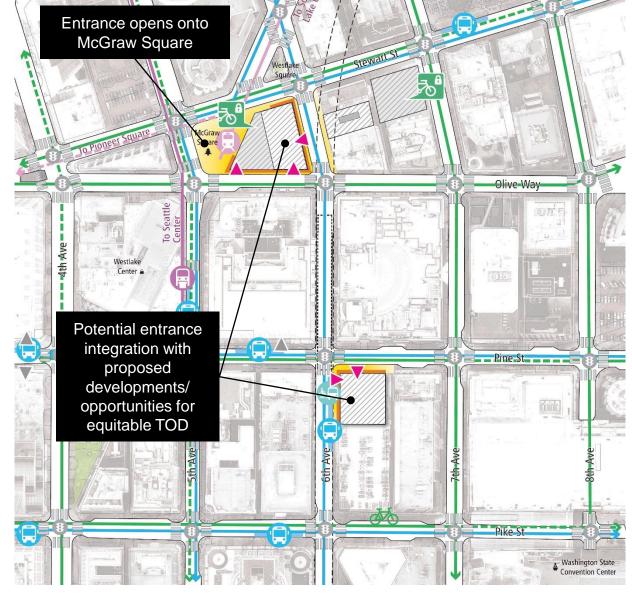


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Questions for Discussion

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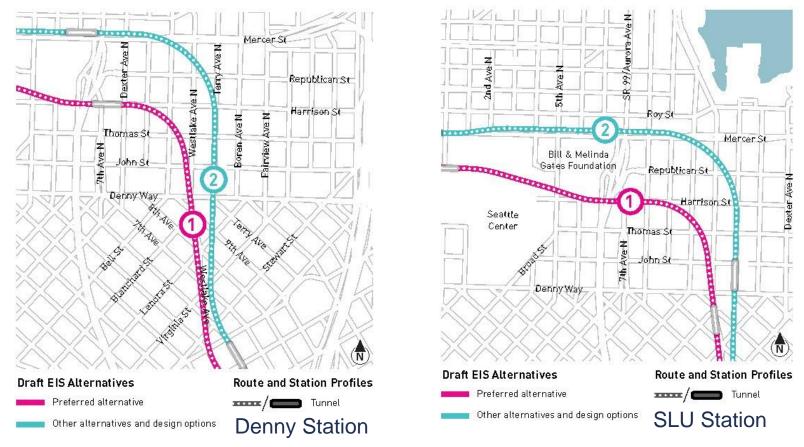
- Taking transit to the station
- Walking, rolling, biking to the station
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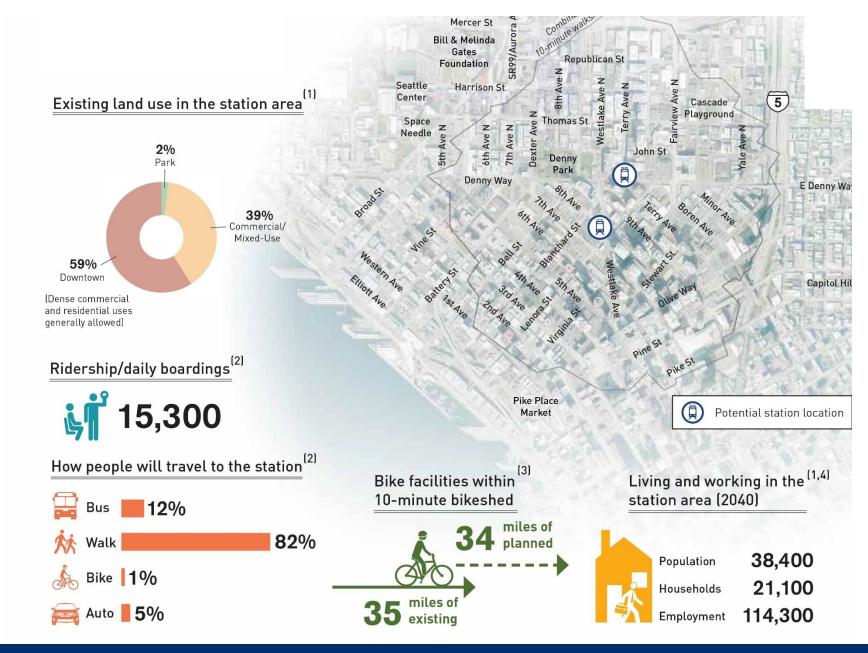
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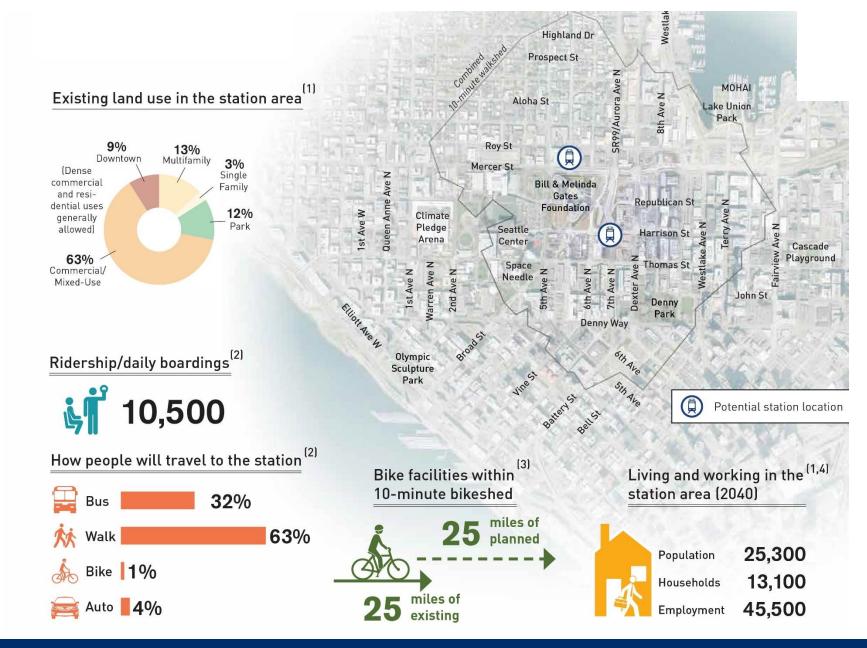


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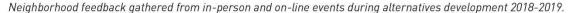






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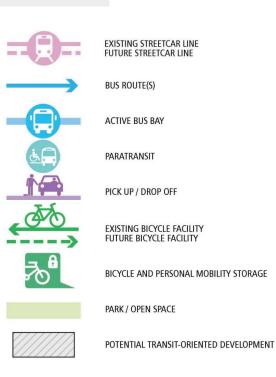


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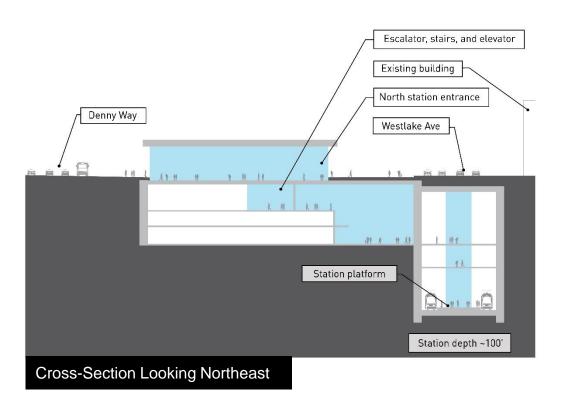
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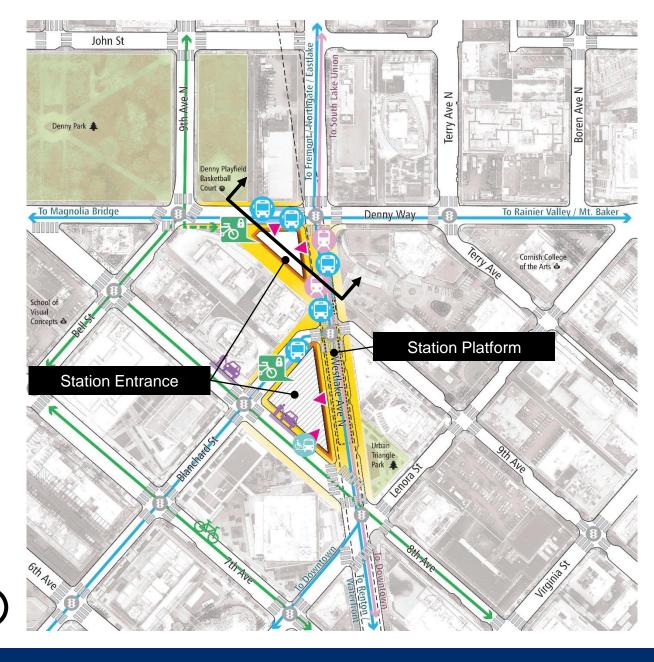






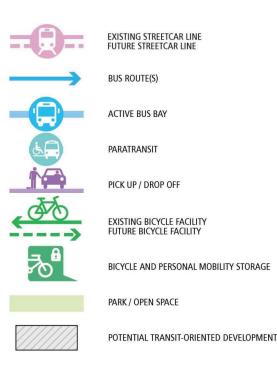
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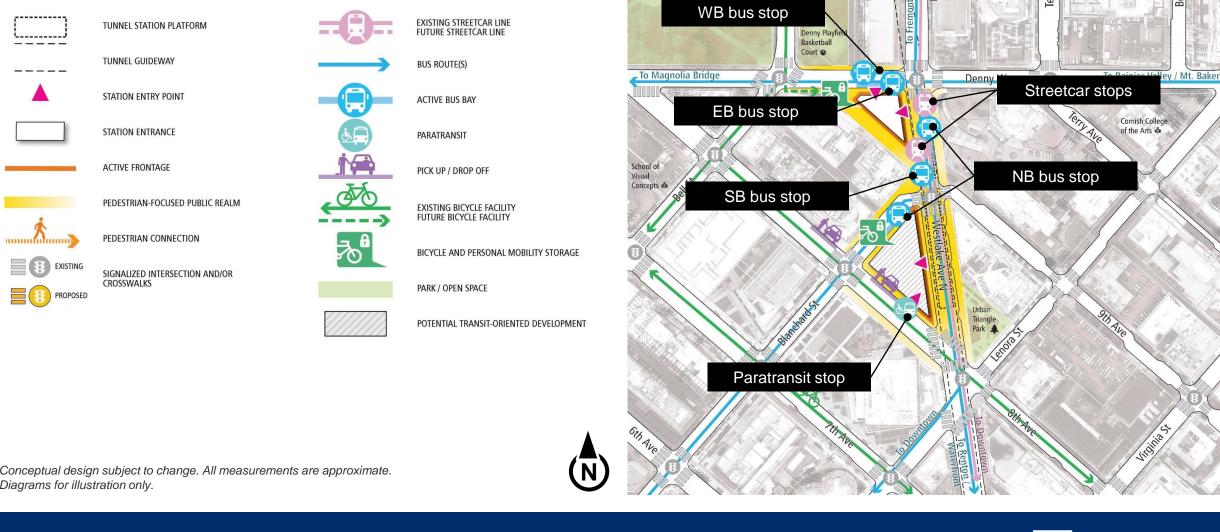




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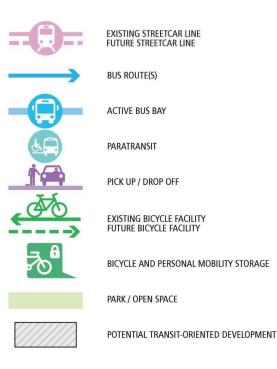
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Denny Park 🌲



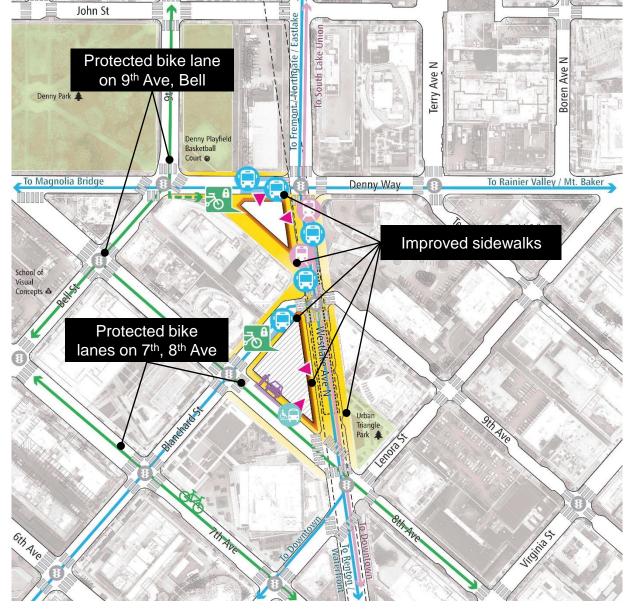
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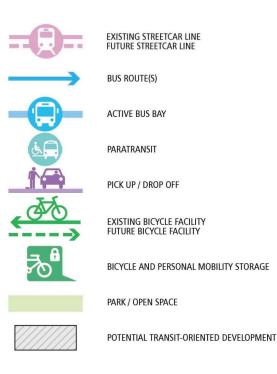


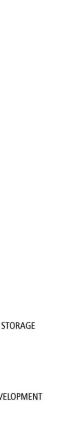




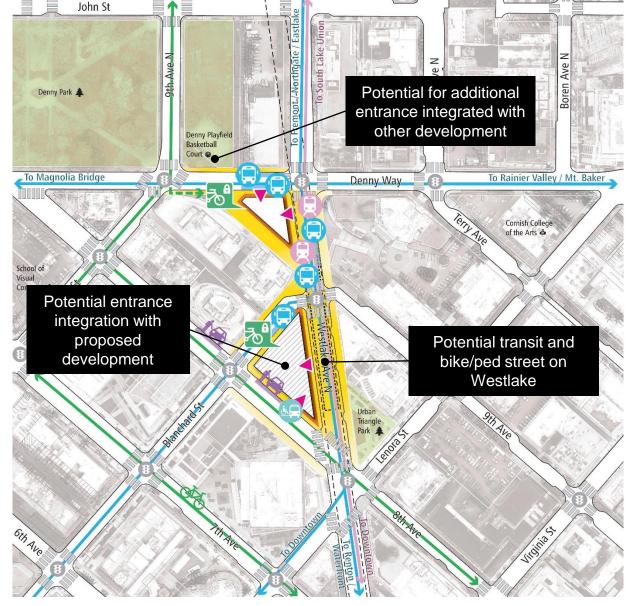
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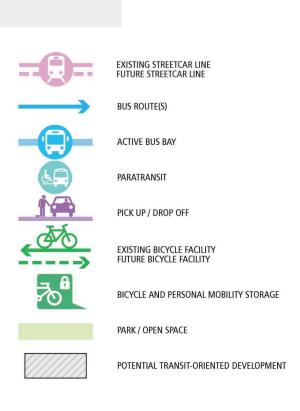
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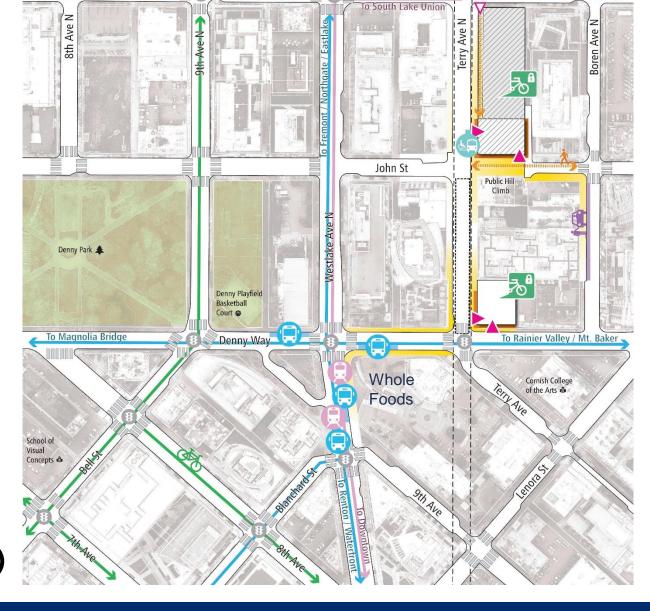
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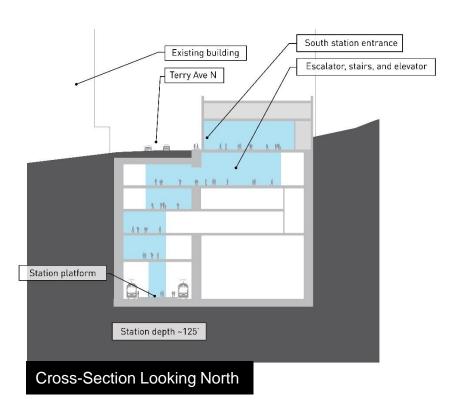
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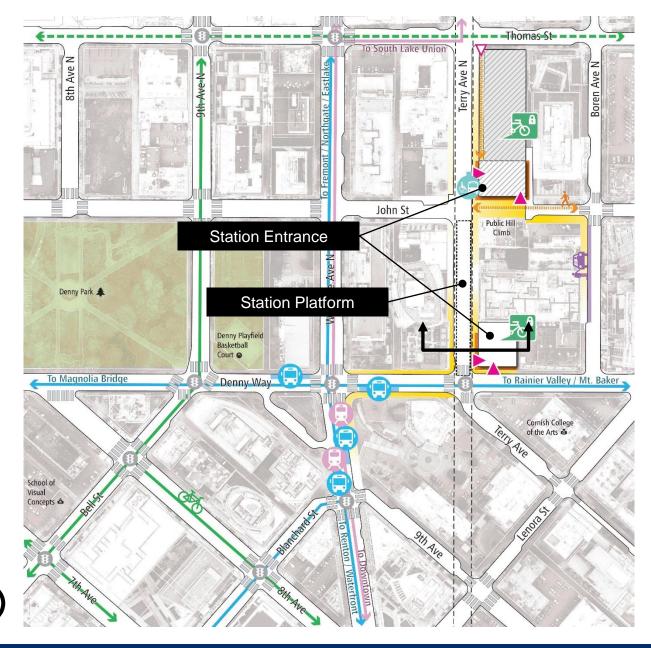
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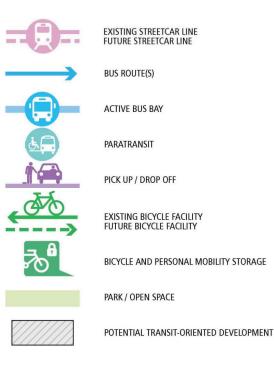






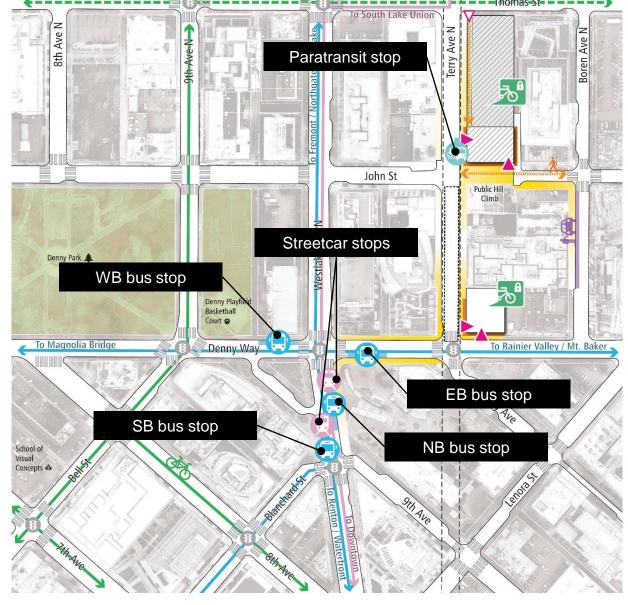


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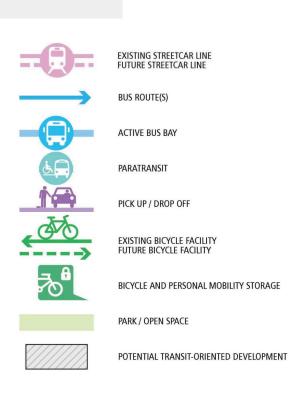


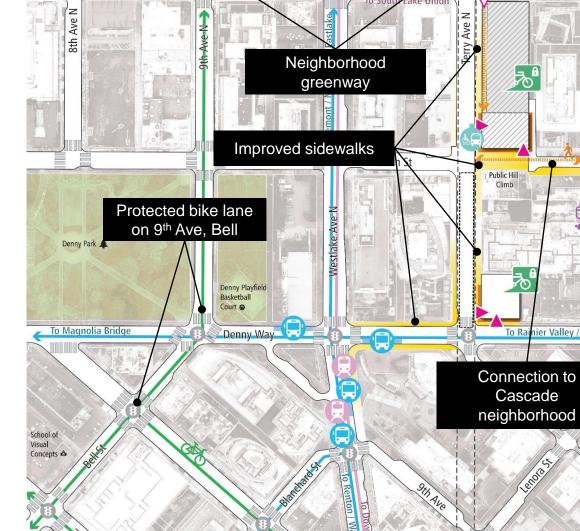






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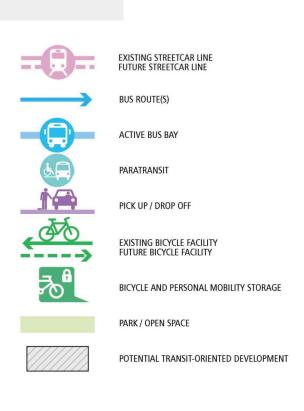


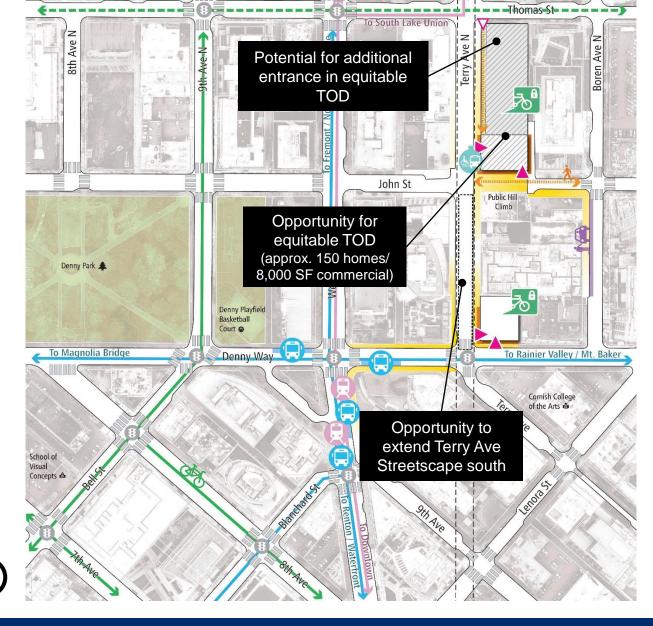




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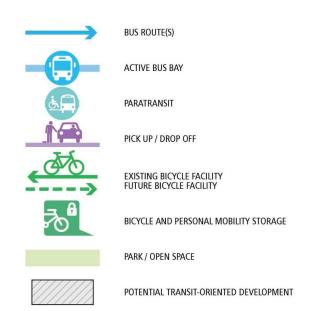
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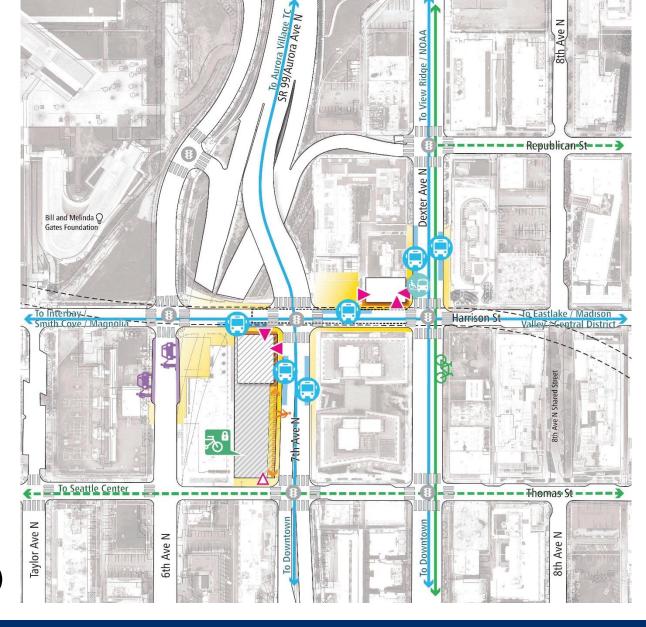
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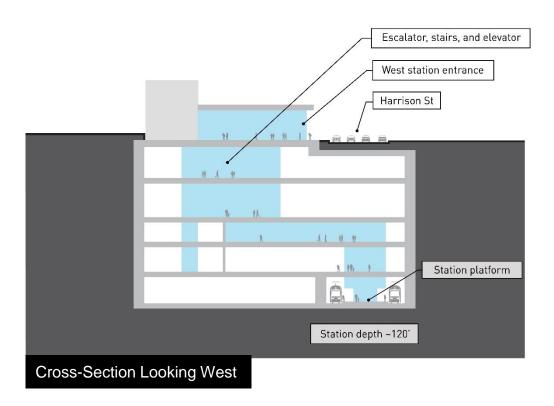
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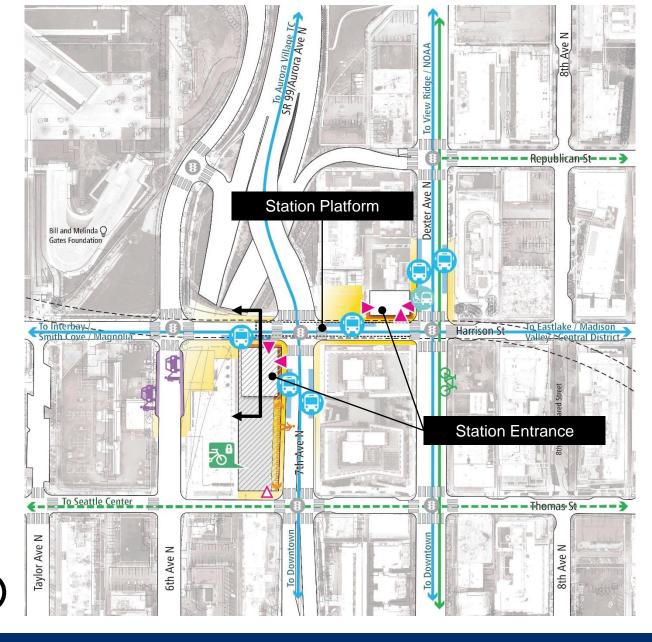






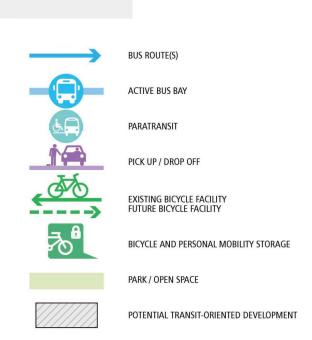


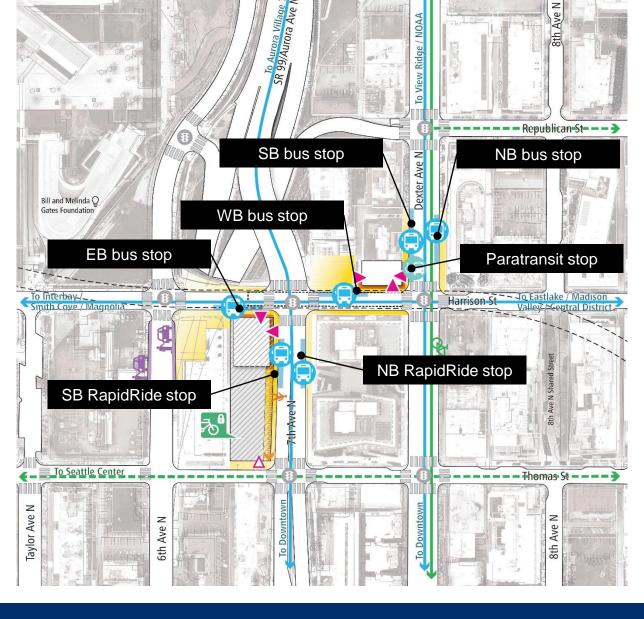






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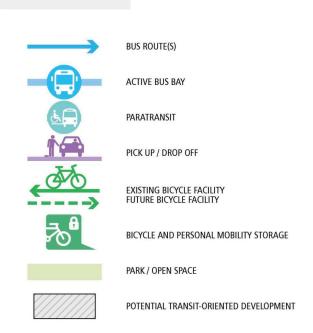


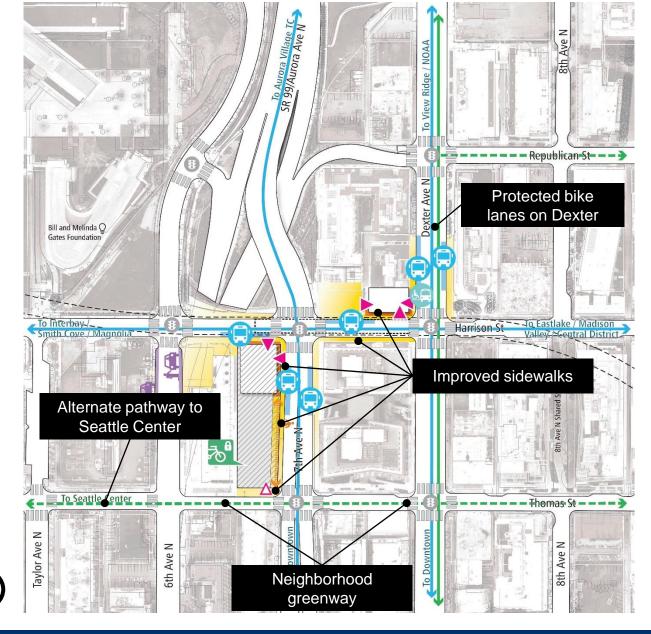






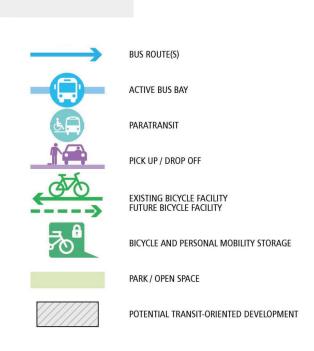
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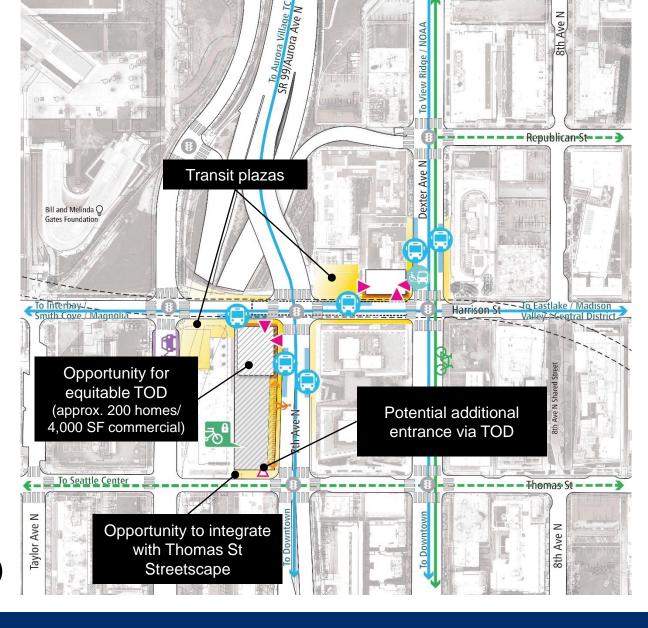






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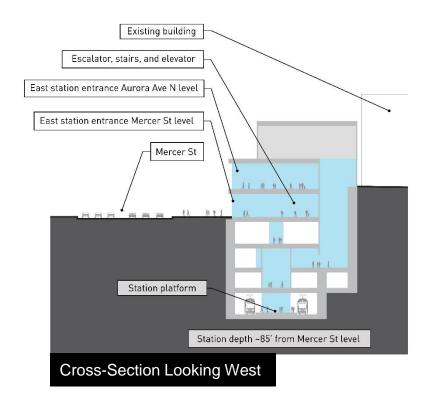
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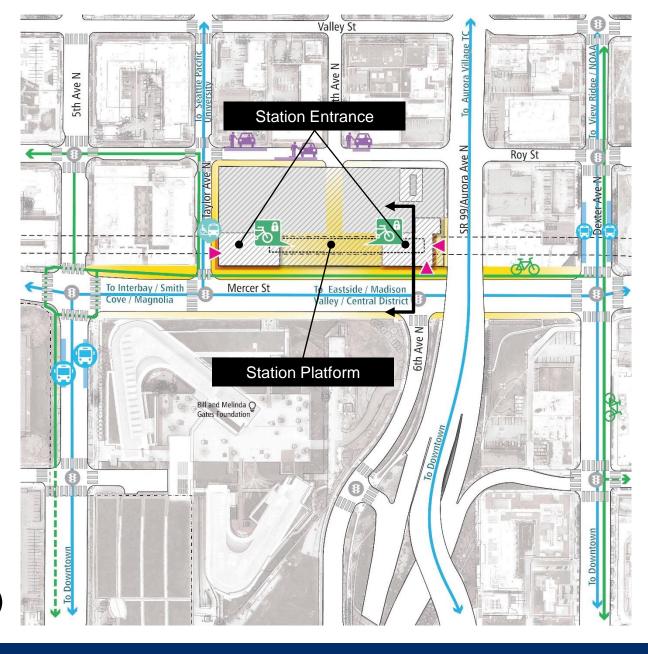
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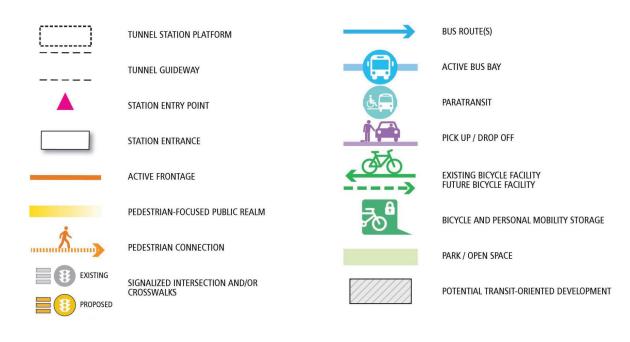
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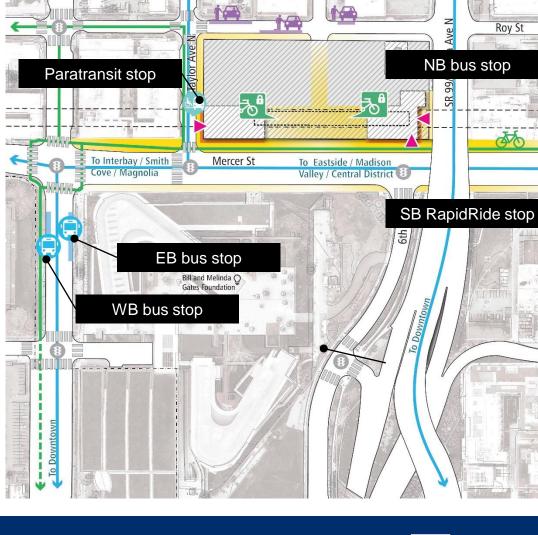






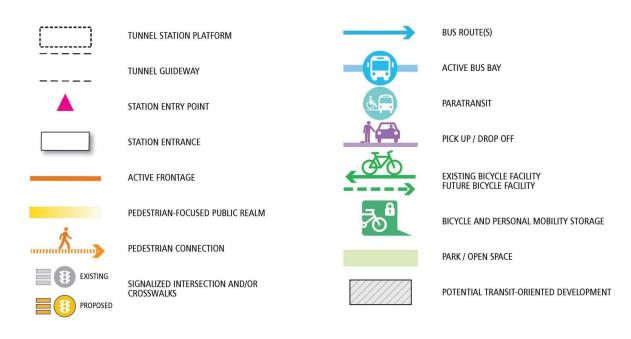


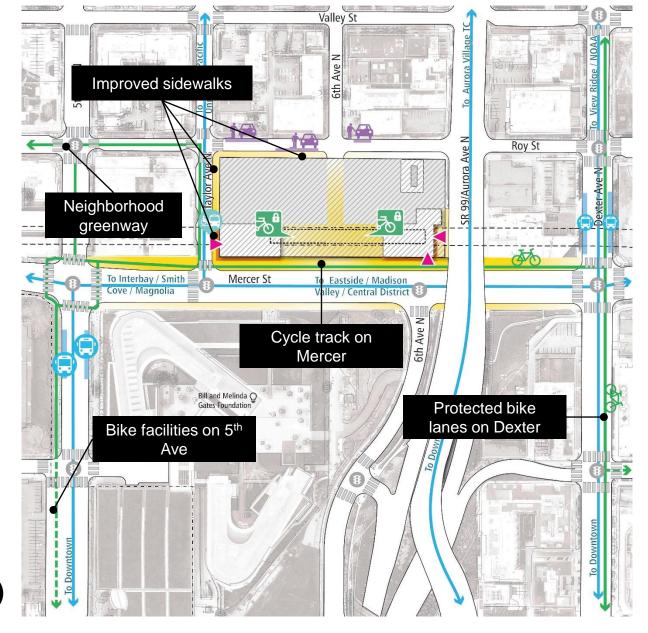




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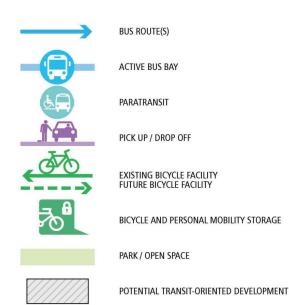


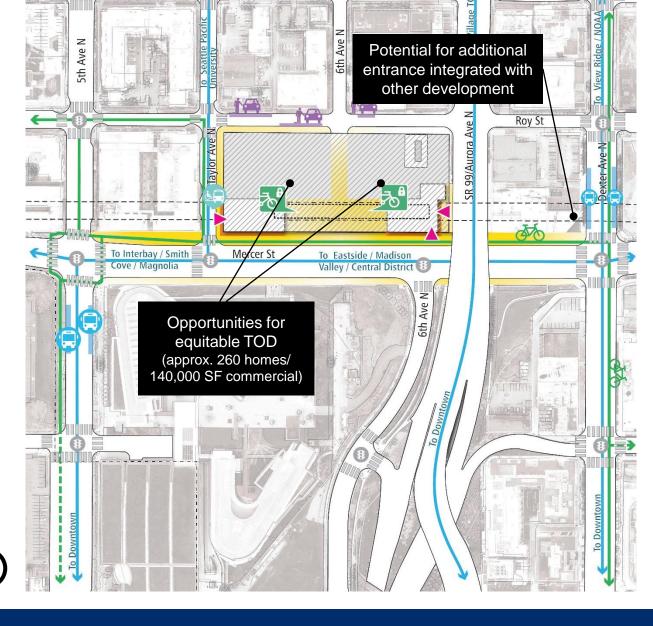






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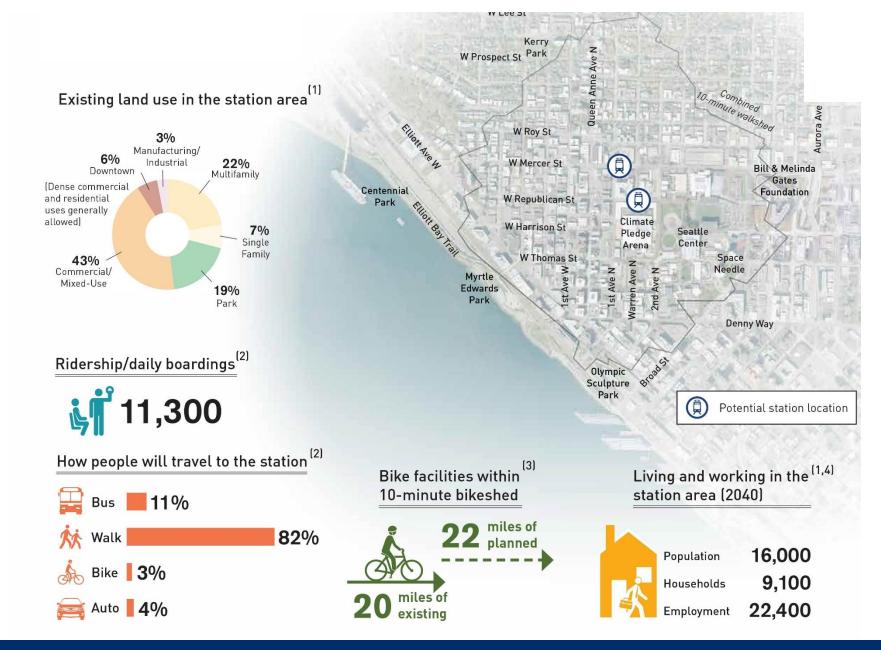
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- Enhance mobility and access for communities of color and lowincome populations
- Create opportunities for equitable development that includes expanding housing and community assets for communities of color
- Create a sense of belonging for communities of color at all stations







What we heard so far

NEIGHBORHOOD FEEDBACK

- Desire to have safe connections to the station, particularly crossing Mercer St
- Riders need to have easy access with clear wayfinding to and from the station before and after events
- Desire to have weather protected bike storage and presence of transit security
- Connection through Seattle Center campus to other destinations is important
- Enhance connection from the station to Elliott Bay Trail through W Harrison St and Thomas St Overpass
- Provide safe and convenient connections from the station to Belltown neighborhood and Waterfront
- Interest in denser development with retail options and housing; consider integrating station entrance into larger development
- Maintain existing tree canopy and green spaces in the station area

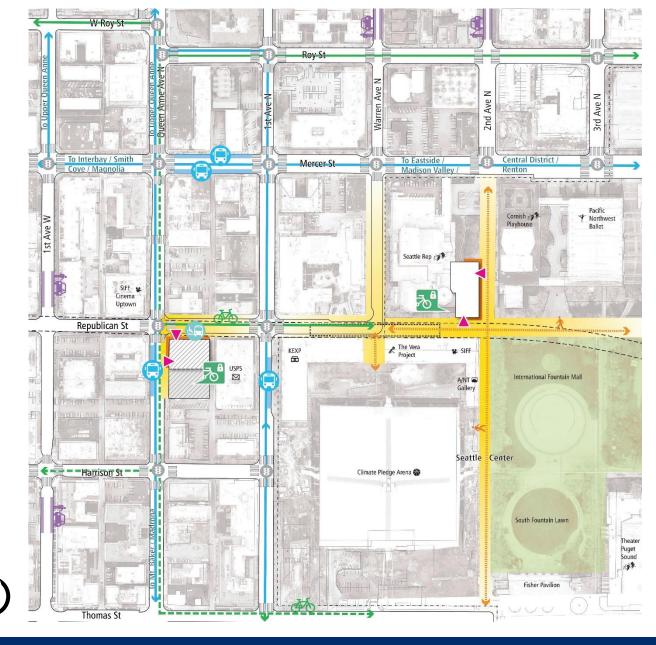


Neighborhood feedback gathered from in-person and on-line events during alternatives development 2018-2019.

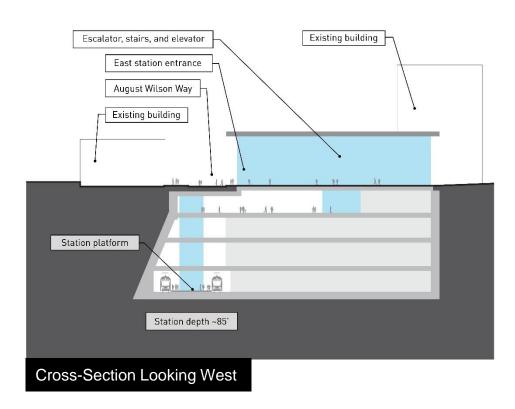


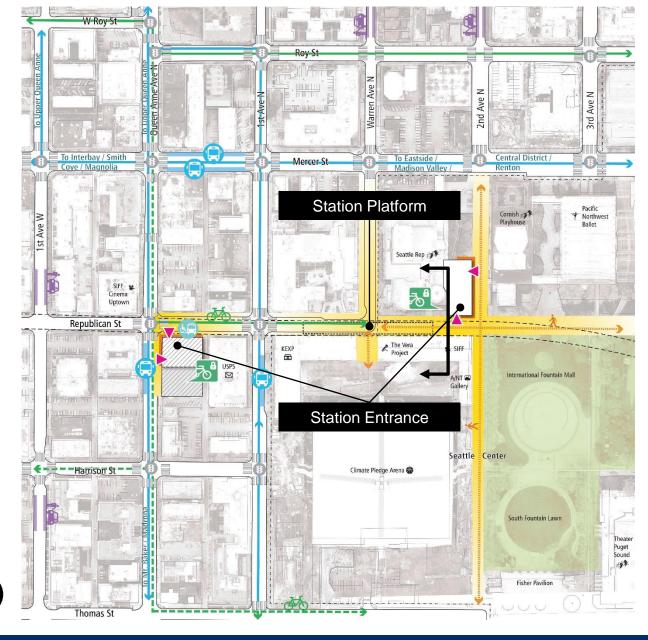
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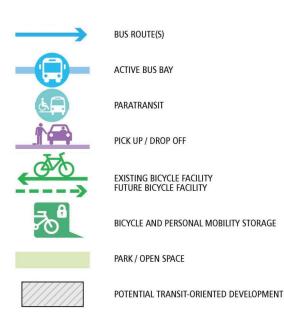
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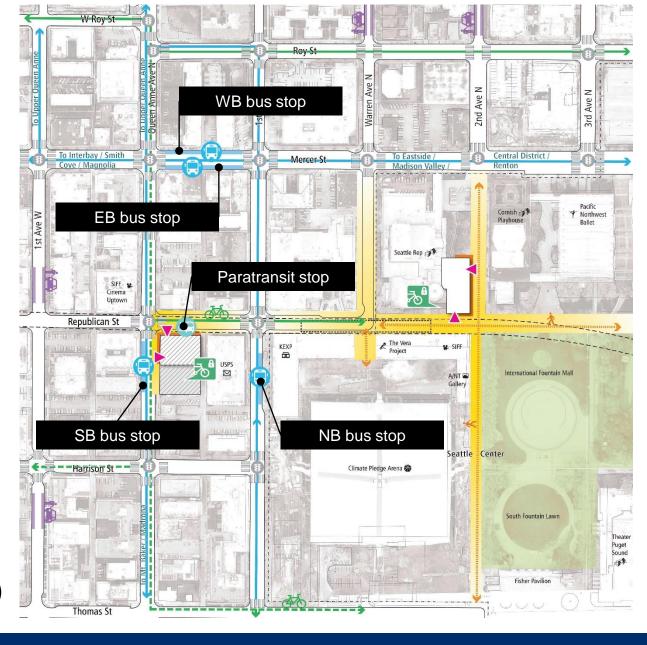
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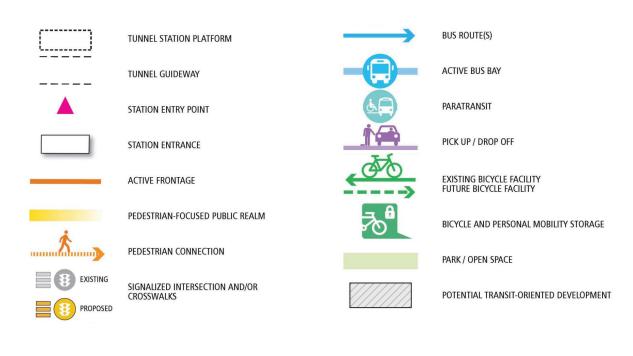
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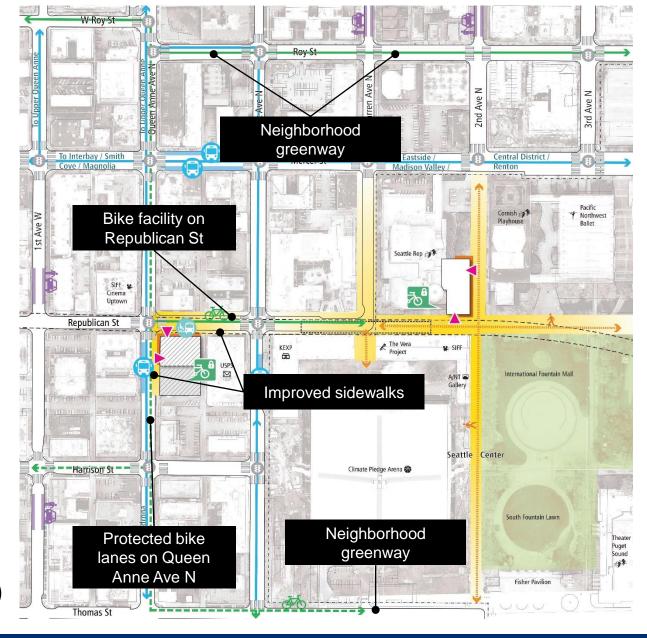
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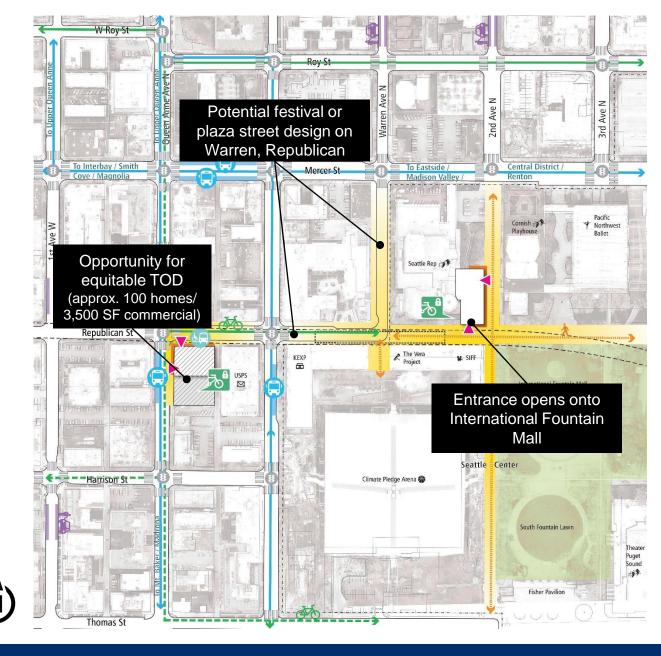








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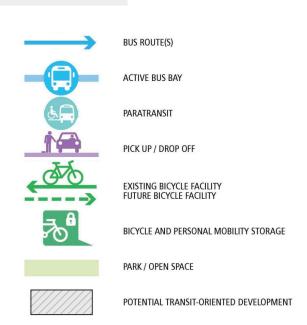
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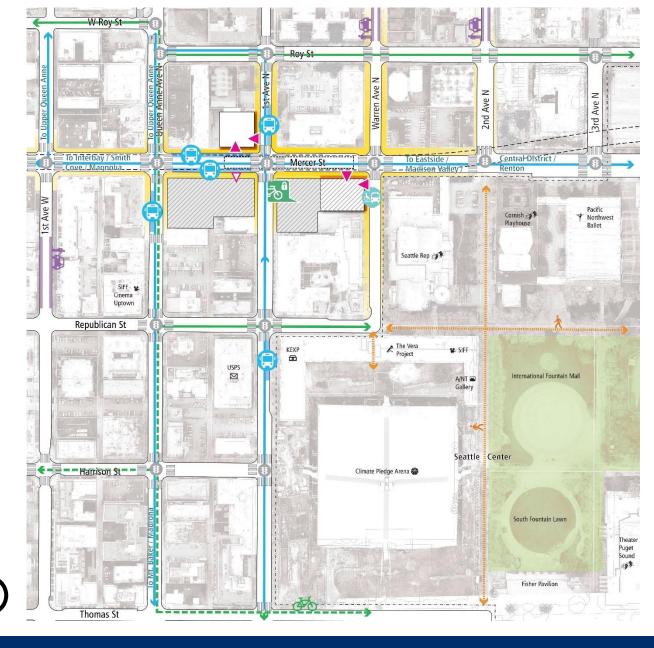
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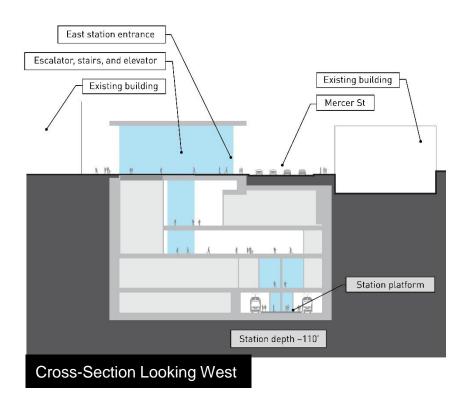
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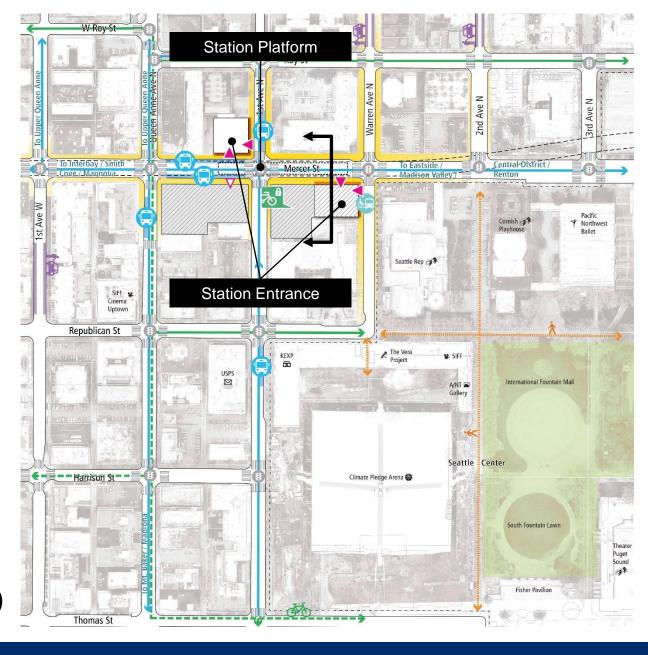
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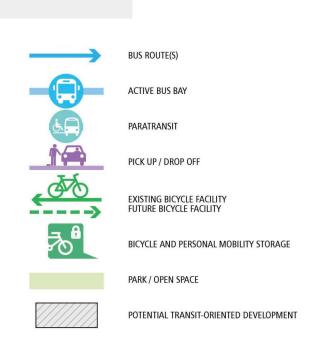
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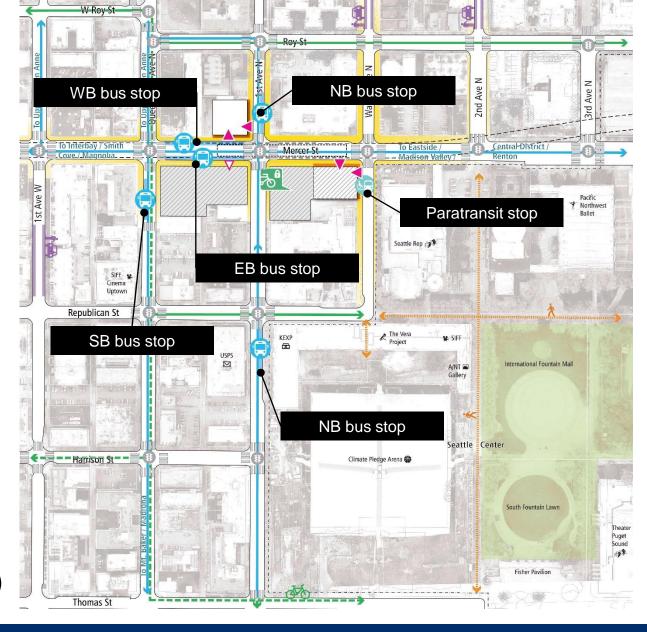
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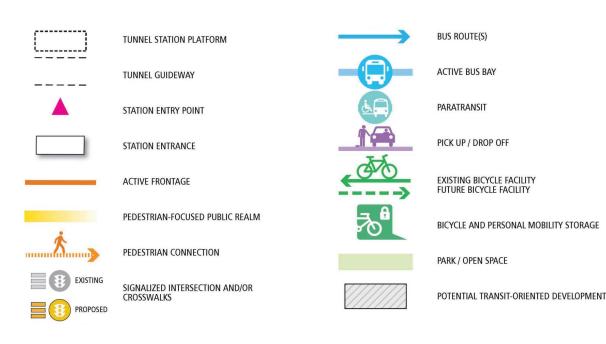
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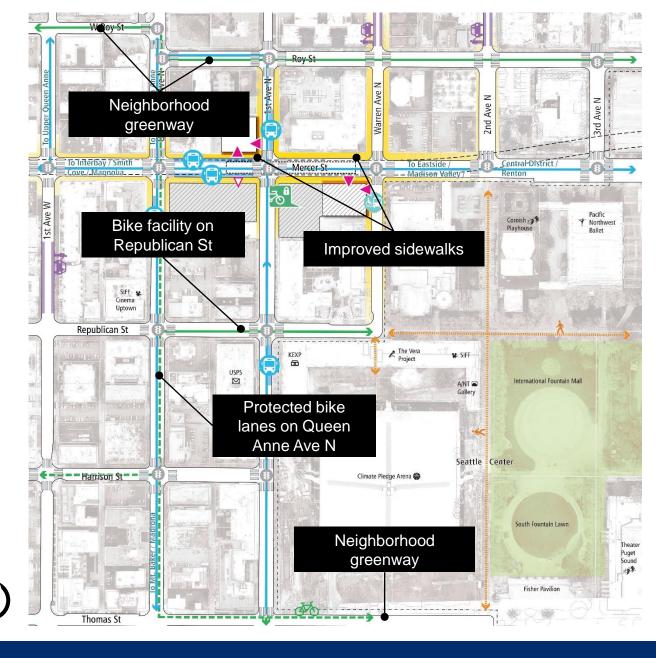
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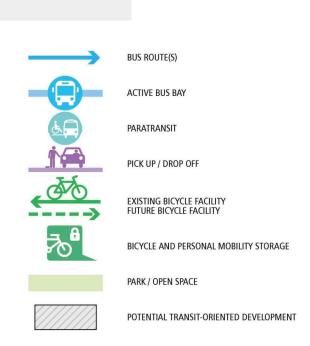


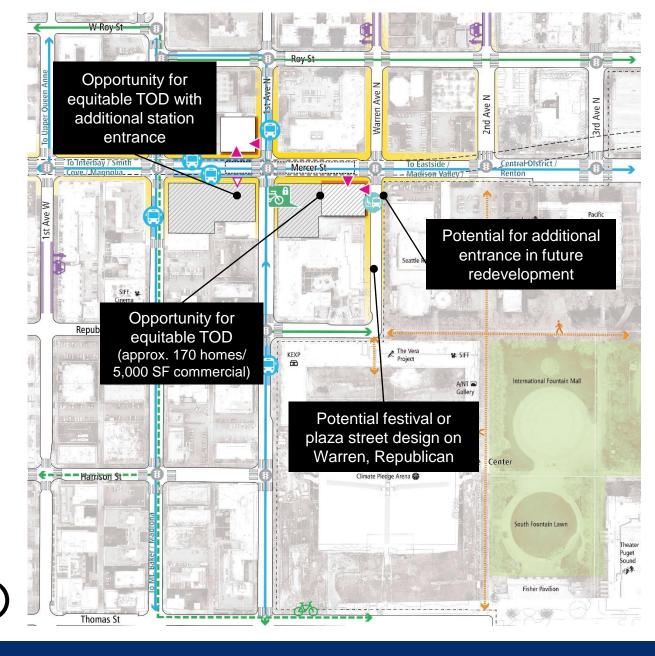






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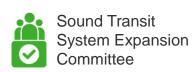


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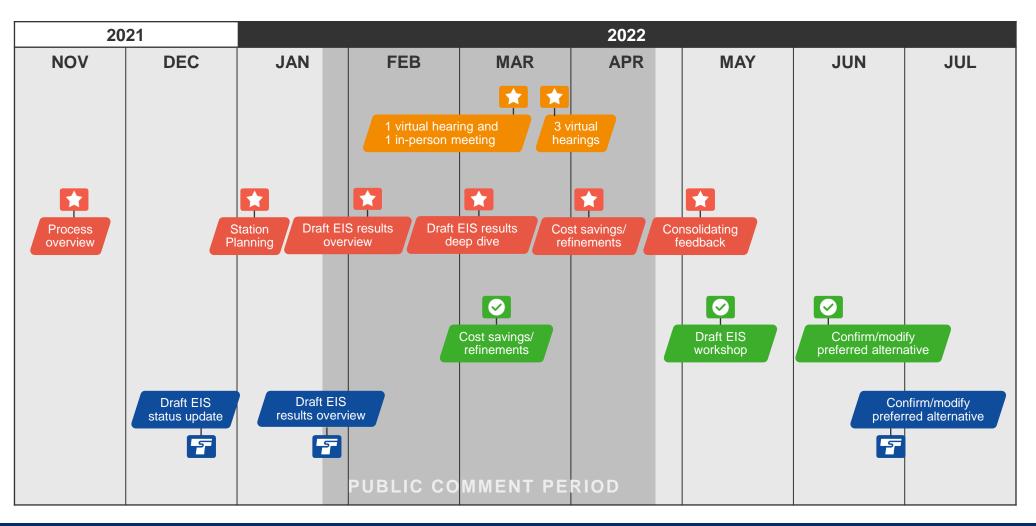
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Thurs. Jan. 13	CID/ SODO CAG Station Planning	5pm – 7pm
Fri. Jan. 28	Draft EIS Publication	
Wed. Feb 2	Interbay/ Ballard CAG Draft EIS results overview	5pm – 7pm
Thurs. Feb. 3	Downtown CAG Draft EIS results overview	5pm – 7pm

Questions?

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