



West Seattle Link Extension

Q3 2025 EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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Where are we now on the road to the West Seattle Link Extension?



During the third quarter of 2025, the West Seattle Link Extension team continued to conduct cost saving analysis and design validation in alignment with Sound Transit's Enterprise Initiative. This effort supports the project's goal of maintaining affordability while working to meet growing regional mobility needs.

On September 11th, members of the project team presented updates on cost savings analysis work during the System Expansion Committee meeting. Potential adjustments to reduce overall project costs may include exploring innovative construction methods, updated contracting strategies, and refinements to station designs, all aimed at delivering a high-quality infrastructure that meets community needs. The project team plans to continue exploring and validating cost-saving measures in 2025 and will present their findings to the Sound Transit Board in 2026.



Engagement highlights

- Responded to **32 community member** calls and emails.
- Attended **11 briefings with community members** and community groups.
- Attended **4 fairs and festivals** throughout SODO and West Seattle.
- Conducted fieldwork engagement by reaching out through email and door-to-door visits, **notified approximately 25 residents and businesses of upcoming fieldwork.**



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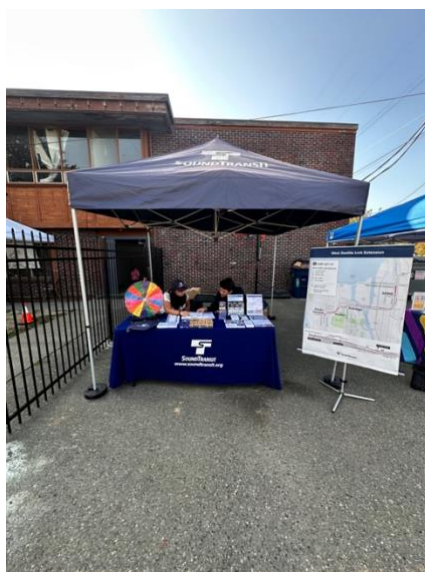
Community briefings and property owner meetings

The project team held eleven briefings with community groups and property owners along the corridor from SODO to the Alaska Junction. These meetings, conducted through both in-person and virtual formats, provided updates on the anticipated timing of property acquisition and construction, as well as the Enterprise Initiative and cost savings analysis work. Staff shared presentation materials and answered questions about property acquisition, individual property impacts, and what cost savings work means for the project timeline and final design.



Fairs and festivals

The project team attended four fairs and festivals to share project information with community members. These events included the West Seattle Summer Fest, SODO BIA National Night Out, Vietnamese Summer Festival, and the Delridge Farmers Market. Project team members provided project updates and passed out Sound Transit-branded giveaways and project materials translated into seven languages. Across these events, the project team spoke with over 3,400 community members.





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Questions and feedback summary

The following is a summary of questions and feedback the project team received from community members through property owner meetings, community briefings, emails, and voicemails to the project inbox:

- **General project questions and feedback:**
 - Timeline for upcoming project milestones.
 - Confirmation of the final route and station locations.
 - Concern over project timeline and financial feasibility.
 - Questions about how cost savings analysis will impact final design.
 - Questions about station design and public art.
- **Construction timeline and impacts:**
 - Anticipated construction schedule.
 - Impacts on traffic during and after construction.
 - Effects and timing of the 230kV transmission line relocation in SODO.
 - General questions about construction-related impacts to nearby homes and businesses.
- **Property acquisition and relocation:**
 - Timeline for the start of property acquisition and relocation activities.
 - Acquisition and relocation process for businesses, including eligibility and next steps.
 - Timeline for finalizing the list of impacted properties.
 - Requests for briefings from potentially impacted residents and business owners.
 - Questions about specific property impacts.
 - Questions about how the Enterprise Initiative will affect the final list of property acquisitions.