



# *West Seattle Link Extension*

## **Q3 2024 EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

July/August/September 2024



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## Activities snapshot



103 comments and questions from inbox and voicemail



25 community briefings and property owner meetings



Two festivals engaging 132+ community members



One public event



Three email updates engaging 12,000+ subscribers



Ongoing fieldwork activities<sup>1</sup> throughout the project corridor



The West Seattle Link Extension will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle neighborhoods.

<sup>1</sup> Sound Transit is in the planning phase for the West Seattle 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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## West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE)

Stations: SODO, Delridge, Avalon, and Alaska Junction



### Fairs and festivals

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

- **Duwamish River Fest tabling**
  - Date: August 3, 2024 | Visitors: 132
- **Alki Beach Pride tabling**
  - Date: August 31, 2024 | Visitors:



### Public events



**WSLE Final EIS Drop-in event- Delridge:** The project team hosted a drop-in event at the Youngstown Community Center on Sept. 25, 2024 to answer questions following the publication of the Final EIS. Approximately 68 attendees came to the event.



### Email updates

During the reporting period, the project team sent three email updates to a public listserv with more than 12,000 subscribers. These updates highlighted information about the publication of the Final EIS and shared information about upcoming drop-in events to answer questions about the Final EIS.



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## Common questions and comments

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

- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline and status for property acquisition and relocation.
- Questions about the timeline for project milestones such as the publication of the Final EIS and Board selection of the project to be built.
- Question about impacts to Jefferson Square.
- Questions about fieldwork impacts.
- Questions about potential impacts following up from letters sent to potentially affected property owners.
- Question about West Seattle project alternatives.
- Questions about impacts to the West Seattle Health Club.
- Questions about the relocation and acquisition process for businesses.
- Questions about how the 3 line will connect to the rest of light rail service.
- Requests for briefings for both businesses and residents.
- Questions about impacts to businesses in the SODO segment.
- Question about track design in SODO.
- Question about designing a gondola instead of light rail.
- Question about parking at the stations.
- Requests for information about Board meetings.
- Question about the naming for the Delridge Station.
- Questions about accessibility near stations.
- Questions about potential impacts listed in the Final EIS.
- Feedback sent to the project inbox and the Sound Transit Board about the Final EIS.
- Questions about the shifted preferred route for the Duwamish segment.
- Questions about increased cost of the project.
- Question about impacts to West Seattle Bridge.
- Question about transit-oriented design for the project.



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- Question about community engagement in the next phase.
- Questions about parking and access during construction of the project.
- Question about which properties were on the early acquisition list.