West Seattle Link Extension station planning process

GOALS OF THIS PROCESS

• Gather input from communities on station planning and urban design ideas for the West Seattle Link Extension preferred alternative stations*, including potential access improvements, station environment plans, street configuration concepts, etc.

• Understand priorities from community for station programming, public spaces and transit-oriented development.

• Build on community feedback and continue to engage as the final design phase continues.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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How we got here and where we are going

Station planning / preliminary design

May 2018
Sound Transit hosts Neighborhood Forum to gather feedback on what you like about your neighborhood, how you spend time in your area, and how alternatives fit your neighborhood's vision/values.

Nov 2019
Sound Transit hosts Neighborhood Forum to consolidate feedback on how the stations would best serve communities, what you value about your community, and how you travel around the neighborhood / commute.

2016

Nov 2016
Voters approve funding for ST3, including 62 new miles of light rail across the region.

2017

2018

Mar 2018 – Apr 2019
Sound Transit develops and refines alternatives based on technical evaluations and public feedback.

Feb – Mar 2018
Sound Transit hosts early scoping open houses and comment period to collect public feedback on representative route and station locations included in ST3 plan.

2019

May & Oct 2019
The Sound Transit Board identifies route and station locations (alternatives) to study in Draft EIS.

Feb – March 2019
Sound Transit hosts scoping open houses and comment period to collect public feedback on route and station locations to date and topics to study in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

2020

2021

Alternatives development / environmental review

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Station planning / preliminary design

Jan 2022
Sound Transit publishes the Station Planning Progress Report alongside the WSBLE Draft EIS to help communities understand the opportunities and challenges of the different alternatives.

Oct 2023
Sound Transit hosts WSLE Station Planning Forum event and additional engagement to gather feedback about concepts for access, urban design, and transit-oriented development at the stations.

March 2024
Report back to the public and stakeholders on how feedback was incorporated as part of ongoing station design.

Late 2024 - Early 2025
Updated station planning progress report will be available. Will share design updates for project and gather feedback.

Through 2027
Ongoing engagement on project design

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

July 2022
Sound Transit Board identifies preferred route and station locations for West Seattle Link Extension and requests further studies of the refinements to the preferred alternatives. Refinements from further studies are being incorporated into the Final EIS.

We are here

Jan 2022
Sound Transit publishes Draft EIS for public review and 90-day public comment period.

Mid-2024
Final EIS anticipated to be published. Comments from the Draft EIS will be responded to in the Final EIS. Board will select project to be built.

Alternatives development / environmental review

Sound Transit
West Seattle Link Extension project timeline

**PLANNING 2017-2024**

- **Alternatives development 2017-2019**
  - Early scoping
  - Scoping
  - ST Board identifies preferred alternative and other EIS alternatives

- **Environmental review 2019-2024**
  - Draft Environmental Impact Statement
  - ST Board confirms preferred alternative
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement
  - ST Board selects project to be built
  - Federal Record of Decision

**DESIGN 2024-2027**

- Final route design
- Final station designs
- Construction contract procurement
- Permitting

**CONSTRUCTION 2027-2032**

- Groundbreaking
- Frequent construction updates
- Safety education
- Testing and preoperations

*Some early construction activities (ex: utility relocation) may start as soon as 2025.*
Station planning

WHAT IS STATION PLANNING?

Station planning looks at how people get to and from the station and ways we can make those trips safer and more convenient.

- Station entrances
- Walking routes
- Wayfinding and signage
- Station connections
- Transit-oriented development
- Bike and scooter storage
Engagement throughout design phase

**DESIGN**
2024-2027

**Route and station design**
- Engagement at design milestones and to plan for construction
- Station naming
- Identify artists for station art
- Property acquisition and tenant relocation
- Early construction activities (i.e. utility relocation) may start

**Permitting**

**Construction contract procurement**

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

*Ongoing station design engagement*

*Pre-construction planning*

*Station naming*

*Station artist selection*
West Seattle Link Extension - EIS alternatives
West Seattle Link Extension as part of the regional light rail network

2032
West Seattle Link opens

West Seattle Link Extension will connect to the existing SODO Station when the extension opens, anticipated in 2032.

Passengers will need to transfer to the existing 1 Line at SODO Station to continue their journey, as the new downtown tunnel won’t be open until 2039.

2039
Ballard Link Extension opens

3 Line: one-seat ride from West Seattle through downtown Seattle to Everett.

1 Line: one-seat ride from Ballard through downtown Seattle to Tacoma.
Alaska Station
Getting to the station
Alaska Junction Station: what we heard...
(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

Access
Ways that you would likely get to the station
- Walk: 62%
- Transit: 45%
- Bike or scooter: 35%

Transit-Oriented Uses
Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance
- Shopping/retail
- Food & drink
- Convenience store

In-Language Focus Group Feedback
- Excellent wayfinding and signage, in multiple languages
- Wide sidewalks and good lighting

Feedback Overview
48% of respondents said this is their primary station

“Small scale retail”
“Lights and cameras for safety, visible security”
“Separated, protected bike lanes”
“Easy access from street level to platform”
“Affordable spaces for local and small businesses”
“Training spaces or parks”
“Community center or open space”

Design Preferences
- Safe & Vibrant
- Easy to Move Through
- Welcoming with quality materials

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Alaska Junction Station

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Avalon Station
Getting to the station
West Seattle Link Extension

Avalon Station: what we heard...
(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

Feedback Overview

13% of respondents said this is their primary station

AVALON STATION

Access
Ways that you would likely get to the station

- WALK 52%
- TRANSIT 45%
- BIKE OR SCOOTER 37%

*Percentages exceed 100% due to respondents selecting up to three choices

Transit-Oriented Uses
Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance

Food & Drink
Shopping Retail
Convenience / Transit
Social Services
Innovative Uses

(100) uses that you’d like to see prioritized

Affordable Housing
Rental Housing
Ownership Housing

In-Language Focus Group Feedback

Interest in every station including a youth center or youth-focused space

Wider sidewalks, visible crosswalks with traffic signals, and easy to see entrances to the station

Retained Station Below

Design Preferences

- Safe & Vibrant
- Easy to Move Through
- Welcoming with Quality Materials

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Avalon Station

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Delridge Station
Getting to the station
West Seattle Link Extension

Delridge Station: what we heard...
(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

Feedback Overview

24% of respondents said this is their primary station

Access
Ways that you would likely get to the station
- WALK: 44%
- TRANSIT: 54%
- BIKE OR SCOOTER: 42%

Transit-Oriented Uses
Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance
- Shopping/Retail
- Food & Drink
- Convenience Items
- Social Services

Feedback About the Plaza
Uses and activities that you would like to see at the public plaza
- Landscaping & Trees
- Small-Scale Retail or Food and Drink uses
- Open Outdoor Space for Community Events
- Bike Racks & Storage
- Spacious Plaza

Key Map
Delridge Way SW Station Entrance
SW Charleston St Station Entrance

In-Language Focus Group Feedback
Public restrooms
- Large apartment units with 3+ bedrooms for families

Value community history
Secure bike parking
A station that prioritizes getting people in and out as efficiently as possible

“Safe bike infrastructure - separated from cars by a hard barrier”
Need grocery stores, restaurants, and similar businesses

For the plaza, safety should be a priority

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Delridge Station

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SODO Station
Getting to the station
West Seattle Link Extension

SODO Station: what we heard
(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

Feedback Overview

8% of respondents said this is their primary station

Access
Ways that you would likely get to the station
- Walk: 33%
- Transit: 55%
- Bicycle or scooter: 30%

*Percentages exceed 100% due to respondents selecting up to three choices

Transit-Oriented Uses
Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance
- Food & Drink
- Shopping Mall

(TOD) uses you’d like to see prioritized
- Brewery/Distillery
- Incubator/Accelerator Spaces
- Tech Office/Production Facilities

Street level businesses & services

Design Preferences

- Safe & Vibrant
- Easy to Move Through
- Welcoming with Quality Materials

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SODO Station

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