

March 5, 2024



# West Seattle Link Extension

Station Planning Open House Meeting Materials

# 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

October 25, 2023



### Station Planning Forum

- Explore updated designs for stations in West Seattle and SODO
- Provide feedback on concepts for access, urban design, and transit-oriented development

November - December 2023



### Online survey/gathering feedback

- Continue to gather feedback via online open house survey
- Briefings upon request to answer questions
- In-language focus groups
- Tabling at community gathering spaces

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### Report back

- Report back to public and stakeholders to share a summary of community priorities based on feedback from fall 2023.

2025 - 2027



### Final design phase

- Ongoing public engagement to inform station design, projects to improve access to the stations, station art, etc.

\* The preferred alternative is not a final decision or obligation, but it is an indication of the direction the project is likely headed. The Sound Transit Board will select the project to be built after the Final EIS is published.

# 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

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

## Nov 2016

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

## Mar 2018 – Apr 2019

Sound Transit develops and refines alternatives based on technical evaluations and public feedback.

## May & Oct 2019

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

## 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.

## 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).

Alternatives development / environmental review



# How we got here and where we are going

## 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.

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We are here

### 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.

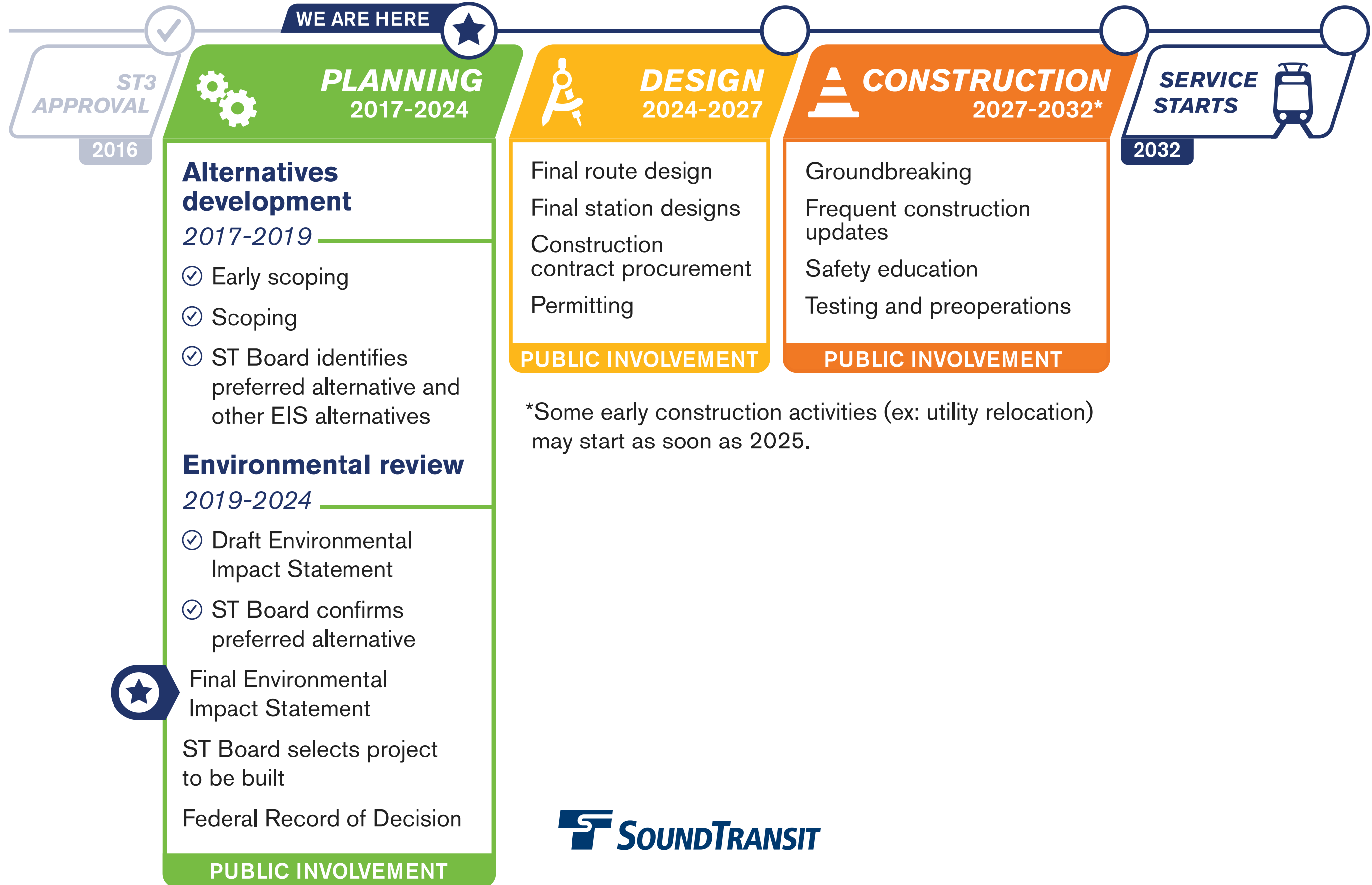
### Jan 2022

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

## Alternatives development / environmental review



# West Seattle Link Extension project timeline



# 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*



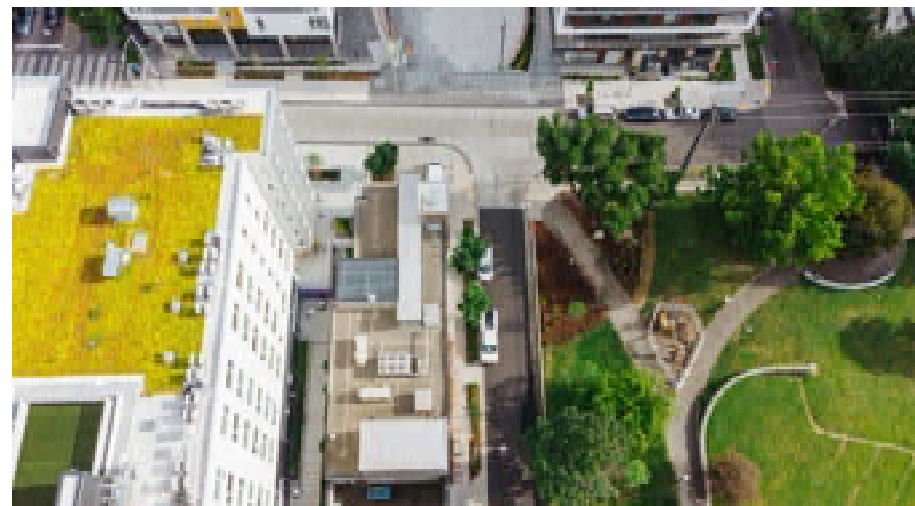
*Walking routes*



*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

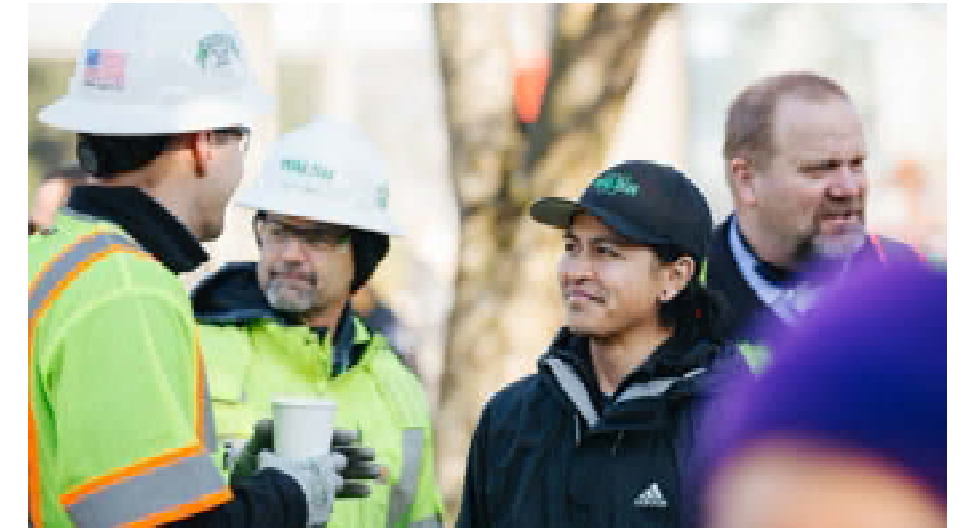
## Permitting

## Construction contract procurement

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**



*Ongoing station design engagement*



*Pre-construction planning*

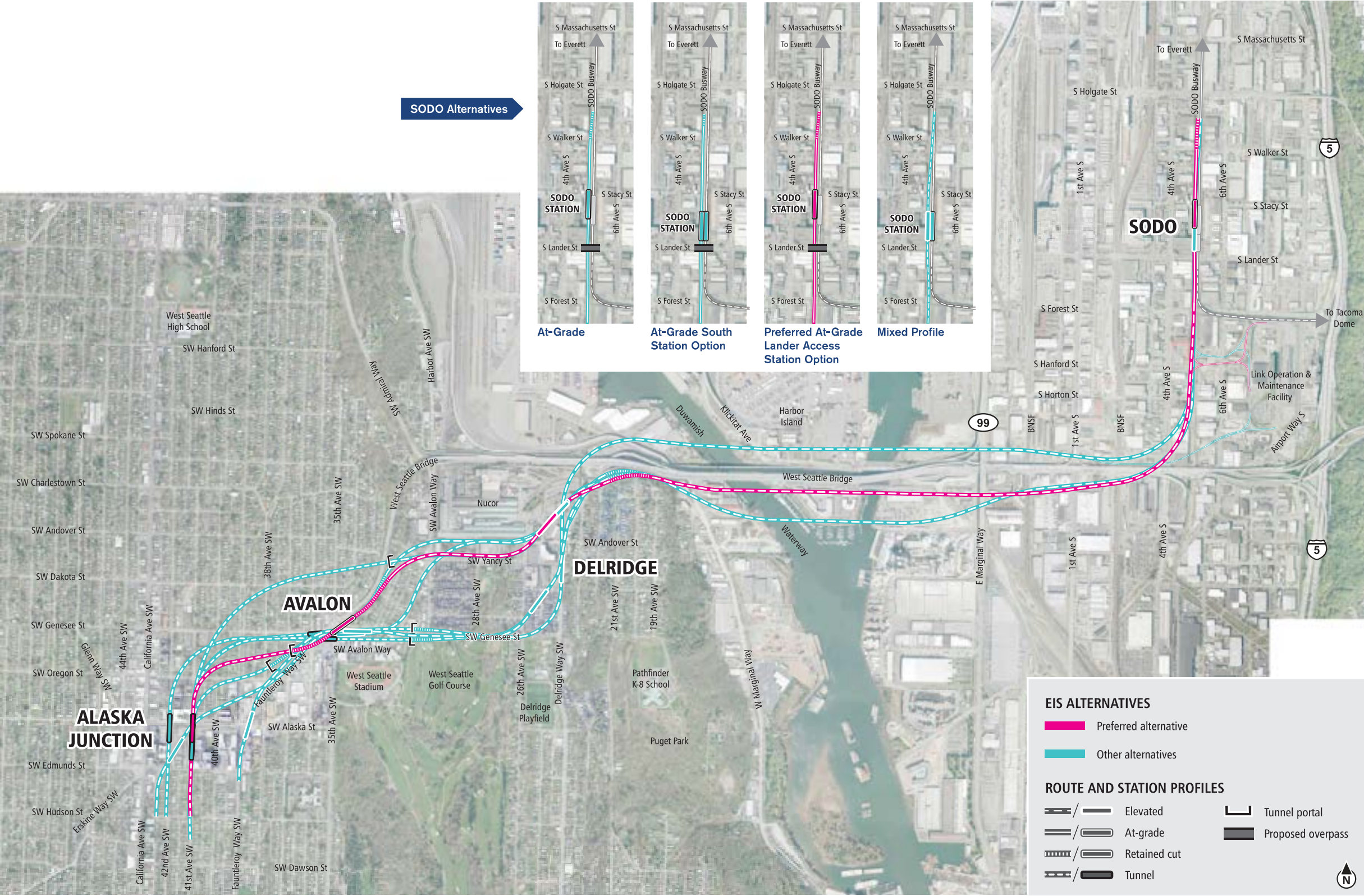


*Station naming*



*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.

### Link service plan: 2032

- ① Lynnwood–Federal Way
- ② Lynnwood–Redmond
- ③ West Seattle–SODO
- T Tacoma Dome–St Joseph
- Transfer



### Link service plan: 2039

- ① Ballard–Tacoma
- ② Mariner–Redmond\*
- ③ Everett–West Seattle\*
- T Tacoma Dome–St Joseph
- Transfer



## 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.

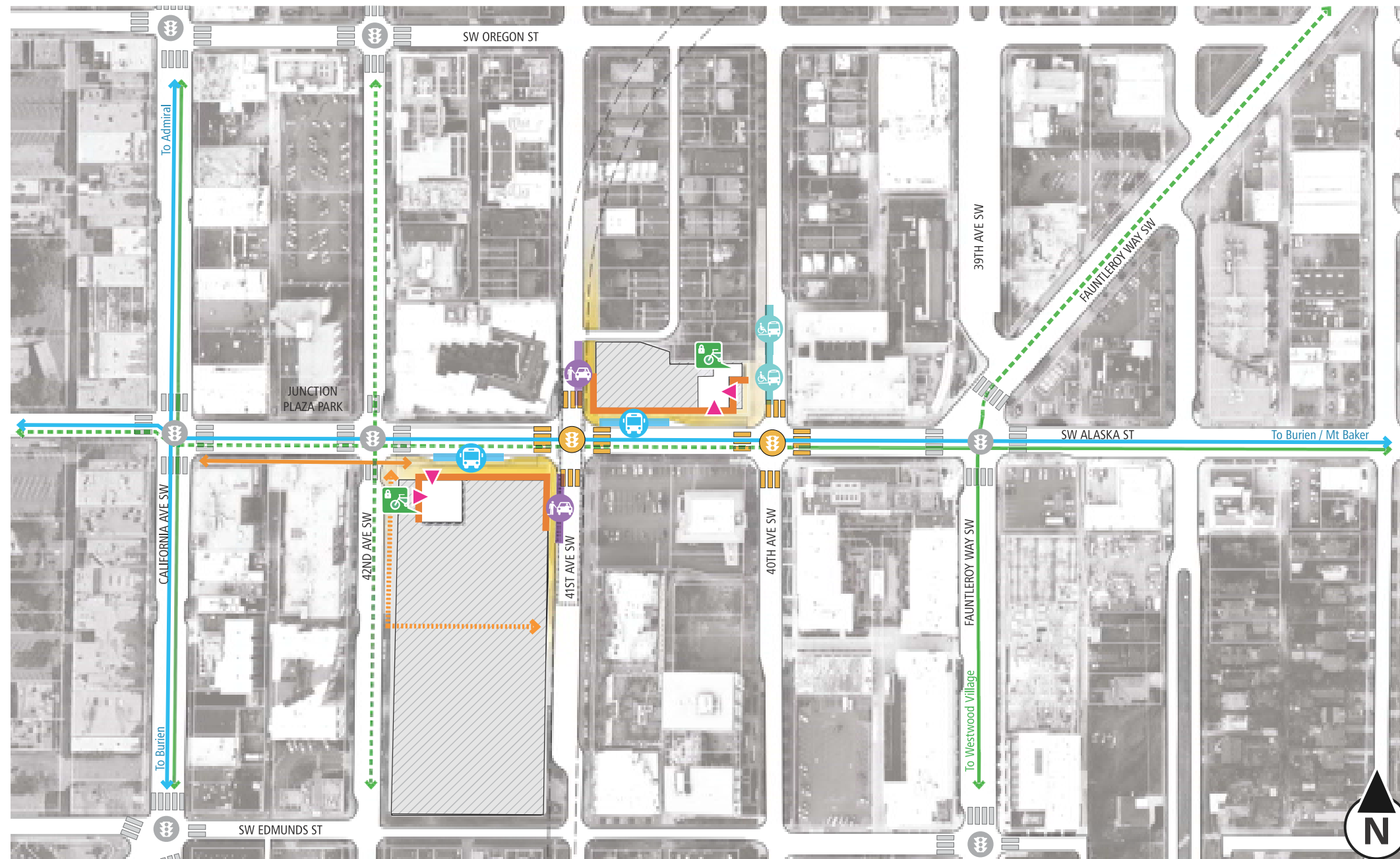


# West Seattle Link Extension

## Alaska Station Getting to the station

### LEGEND

-  TUNNEL STATION PLATFORM
-  TUNNEL GUIDEWAY
-  STATION ENTRANCE
-  ACTIVE FRONTAGE
-  PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED AREA
-  EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION
-  PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION
-  EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
-  PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
-  BUS ROUTE(S)
-  ACTIVE BUS BAY
-  PARATRANSIT
-  PICK-UP / DROP-OFF
-  EXISTING BIKE FACILITY
-  PROPOSED BIKE FACILITY
-  BIKE STORAGE
-  POTENTIAL TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT





# West Seattle Link Extension

## Alaska Junction Station: what we heard...

(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

### Feedback Overview

# 48%

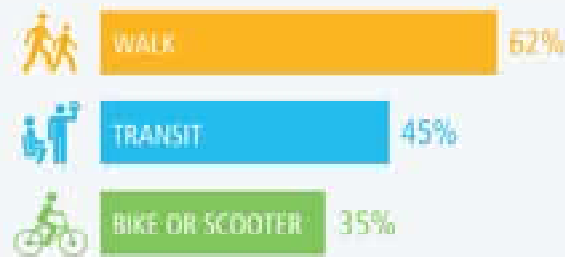
of respondents said this is their primary station

ALASKA



### Access

Ways that you would likely get to the station



\*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



(TOD) uses that you'd like to see prioritized



### In-Language Focus Group Feedback

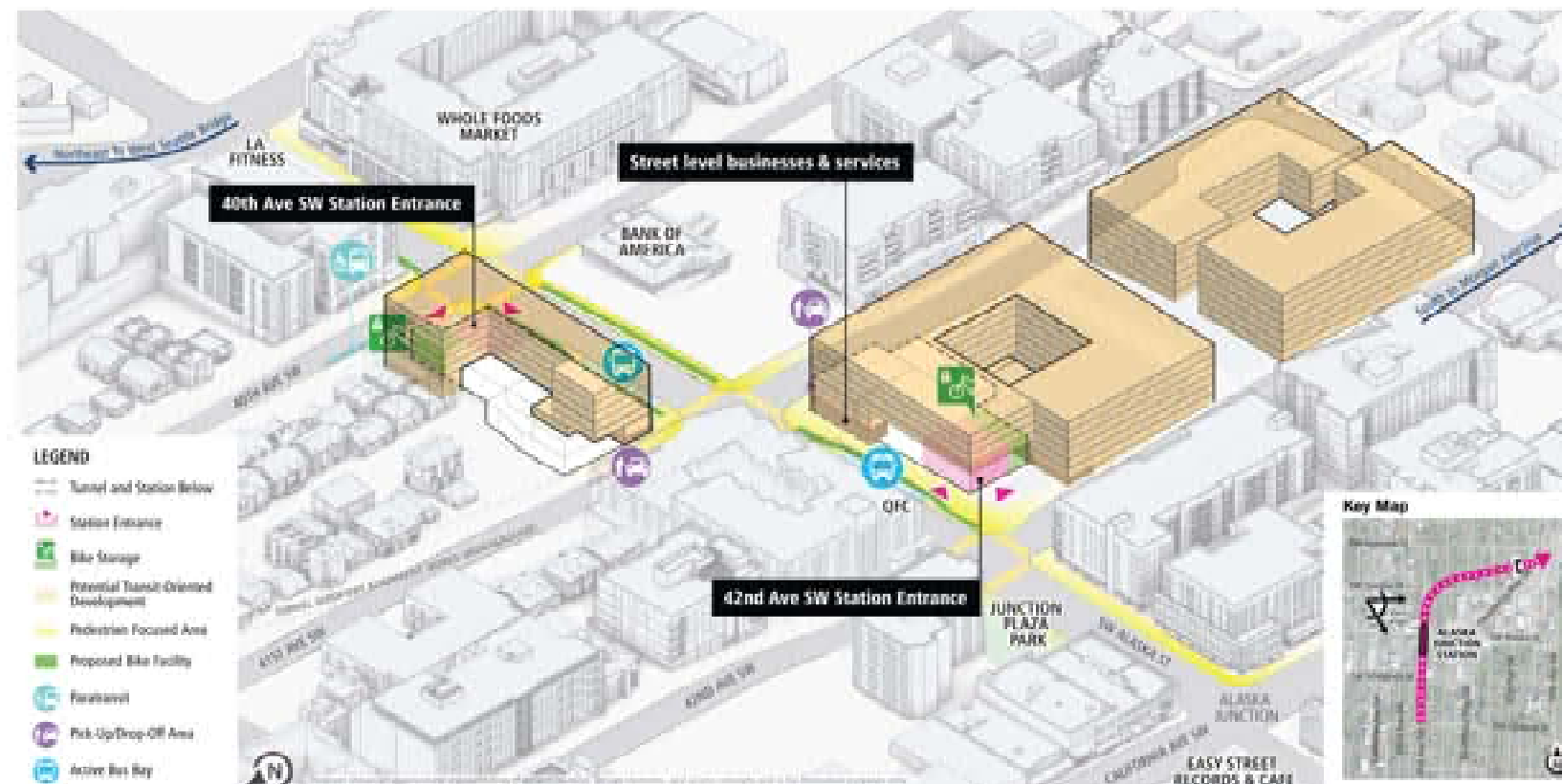


Excellent wayfinding and signage, in multiple languages

Wider sidewalks and good lighting



- "More restaurants and shops"
- "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"
- "Natural spaces or parks"
- "Community center or open space"



### Design Preferences

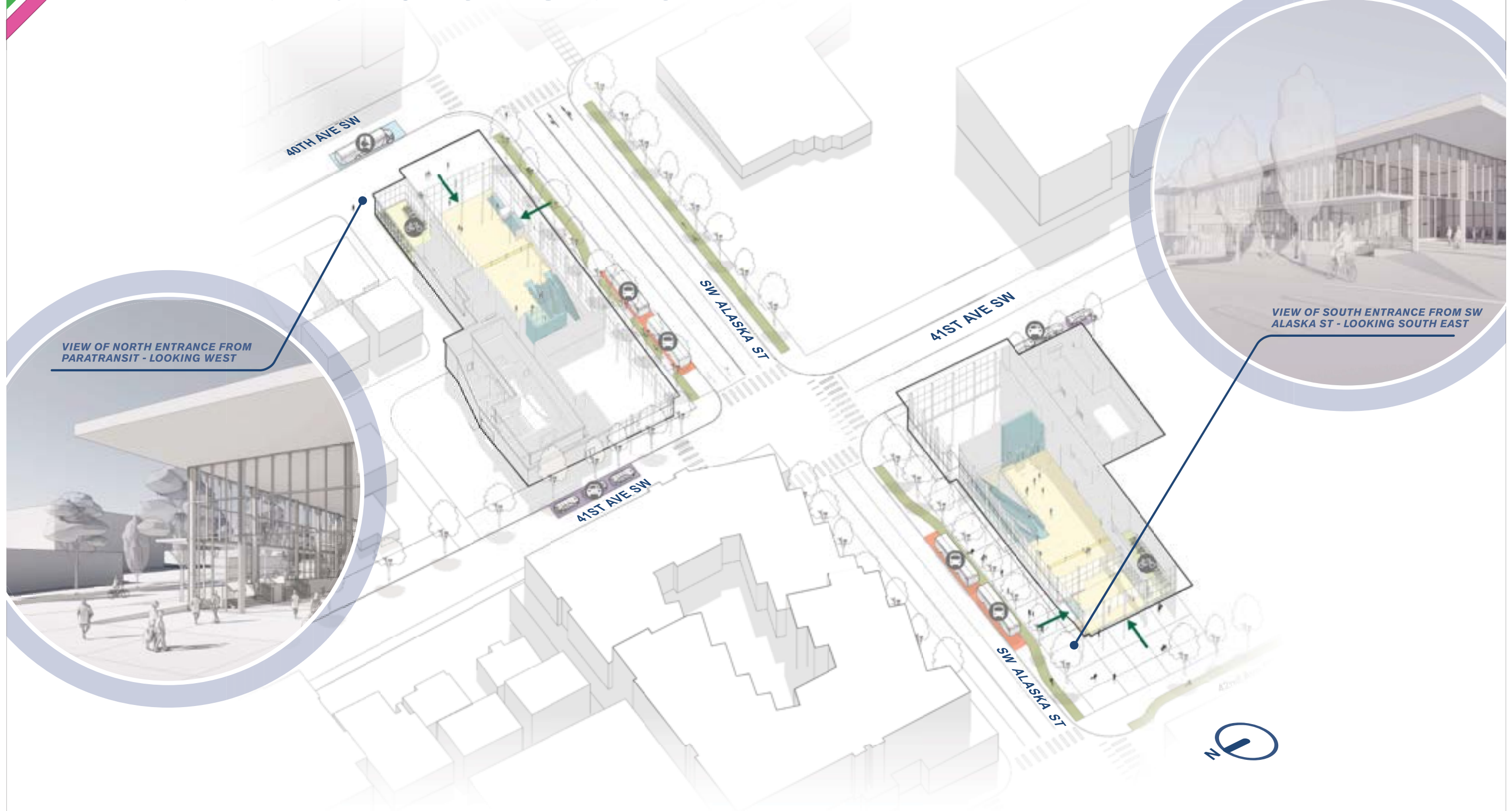
- Safe & Vibrant
- Easy to Move Through
- Welcoming with Quality Materials

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## Alaska Junction Station



VIEW OF NORTH ENTRANCE FROM PARATRANSIT - LOOKING WEST

VIEW OF SOUTH ENTRANCE FROM SW ALASKA ST - LOOKING SOUTH EAST



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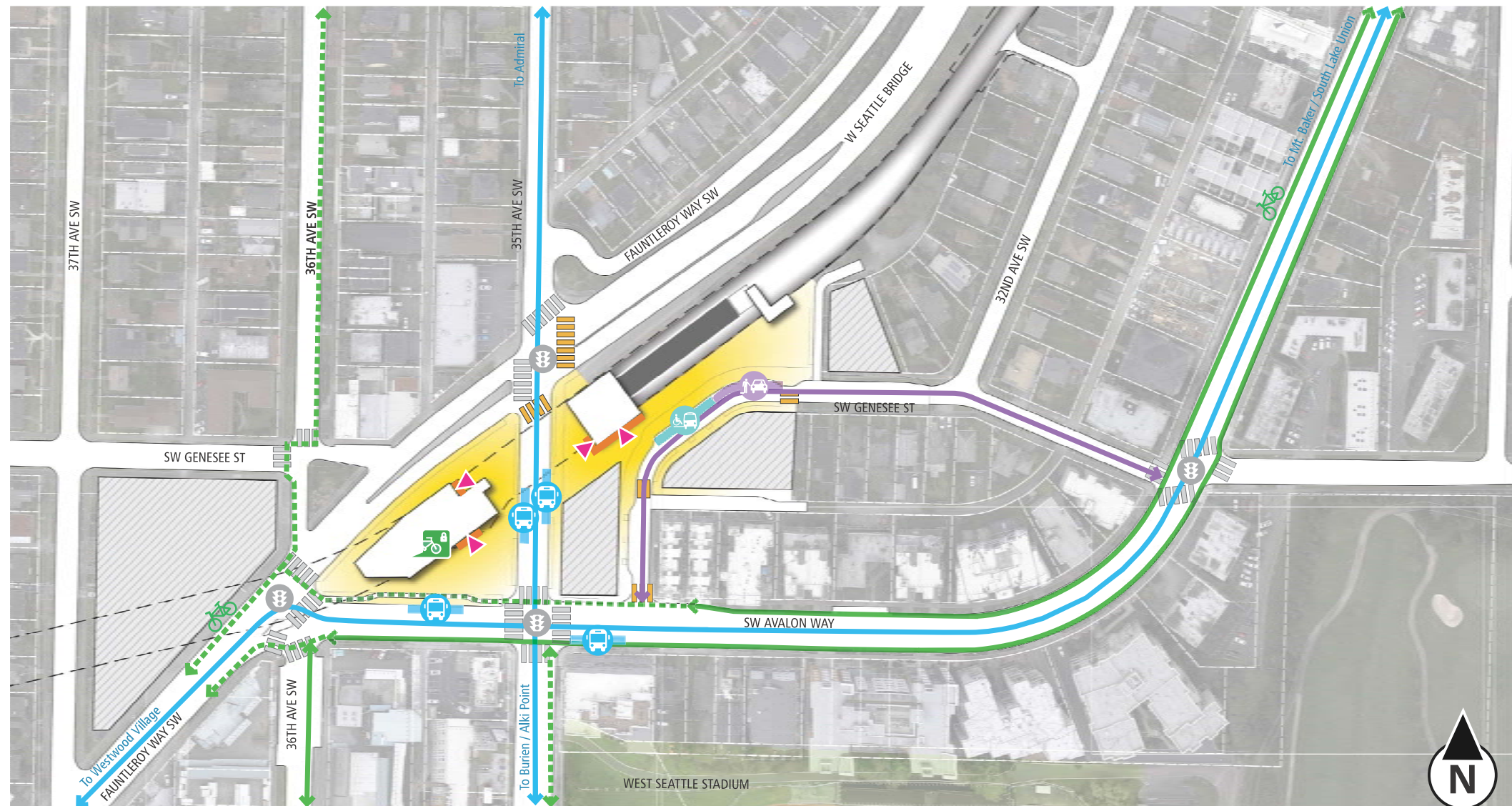


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## Avalon Station Getting to the station

### LEGEND

- BELOW GRADE STATION PLATFORM
- BELOW GRADE GUIDEWAY
- TUNNEL GUIDEWAY
- STATION ENTRANCE
- ACTIVE FRONTAGE
- PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED AREA
- EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
- PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
- BUS ROUTE(S)
- ACTIVE BUS BAY
- PARATRANSIT
- PICK-UP / DROP-OFF
- EXISTING BIKE FACILITY
- PROPOSED BIKE FACILITY
- BIKE STORAGE
- PARK / OPEN SPACE
- POTENTIAL TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT





# West Seattle Link Extension

## Avalon Station: what we heard...

(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

### Feedback Overview

# 13%

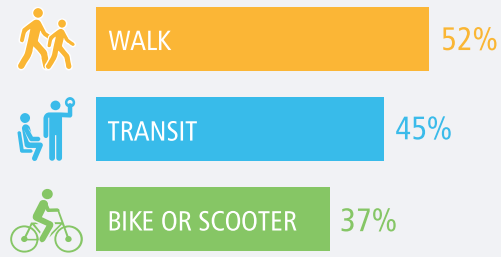
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AVALON



## Access

Ways that you would likely get to the station



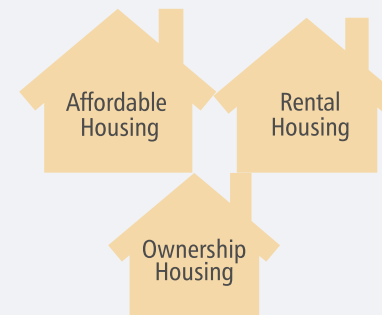
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## Transit-Oriented Uses

Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance



(TOD) uses that you'd like to see prioritized



## 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

Convenient bus access

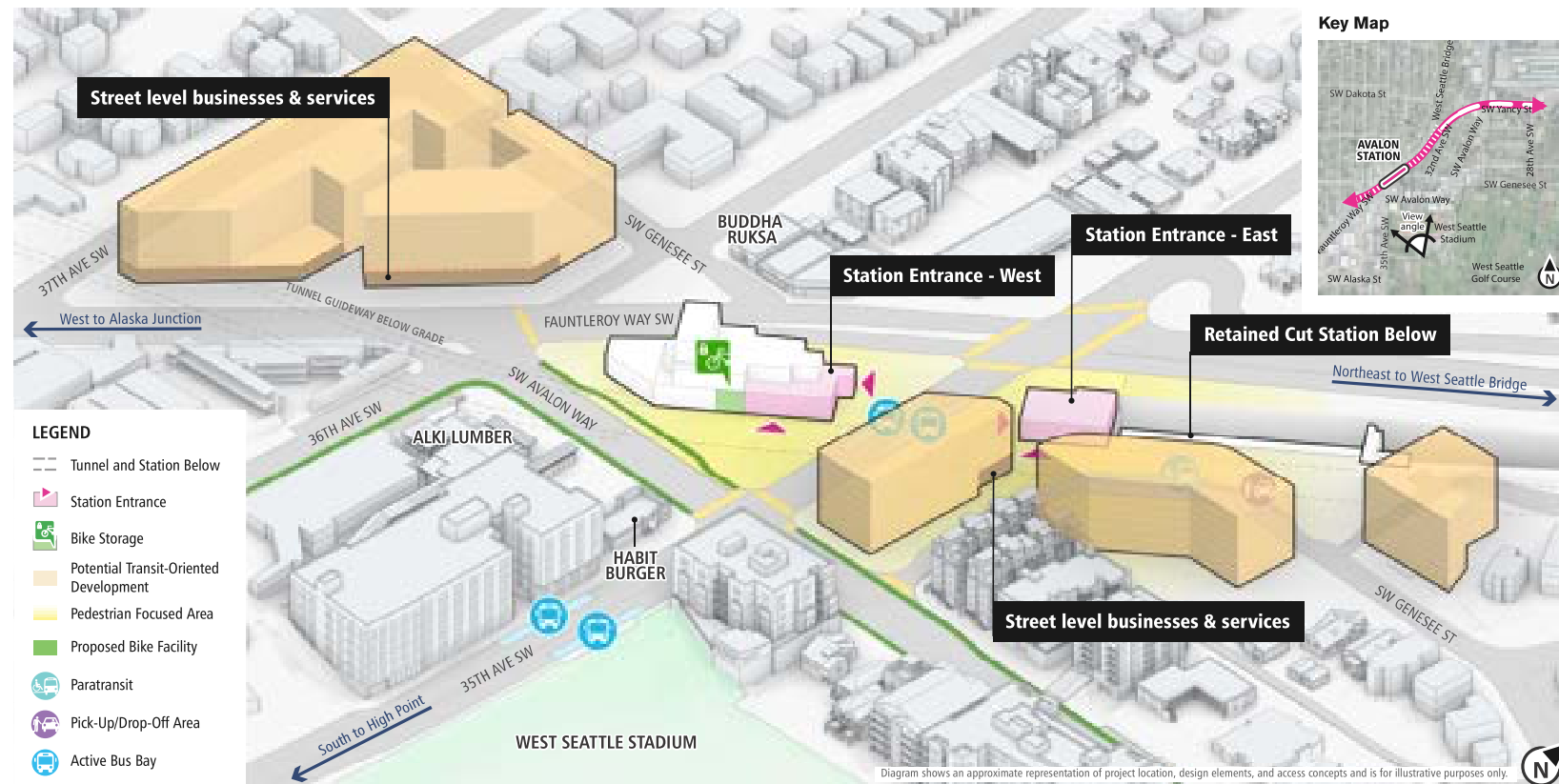
Retail and specialty markets

"Reduced speeds on Fauntleroy to make it more pedestrian friendly"

"Restaurants and cafes"

"Dedicated pedestrian path to station"

"Protected bike lanes"

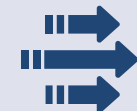


## Design Preferences

Safe & Vibrant



Easy to Move Through



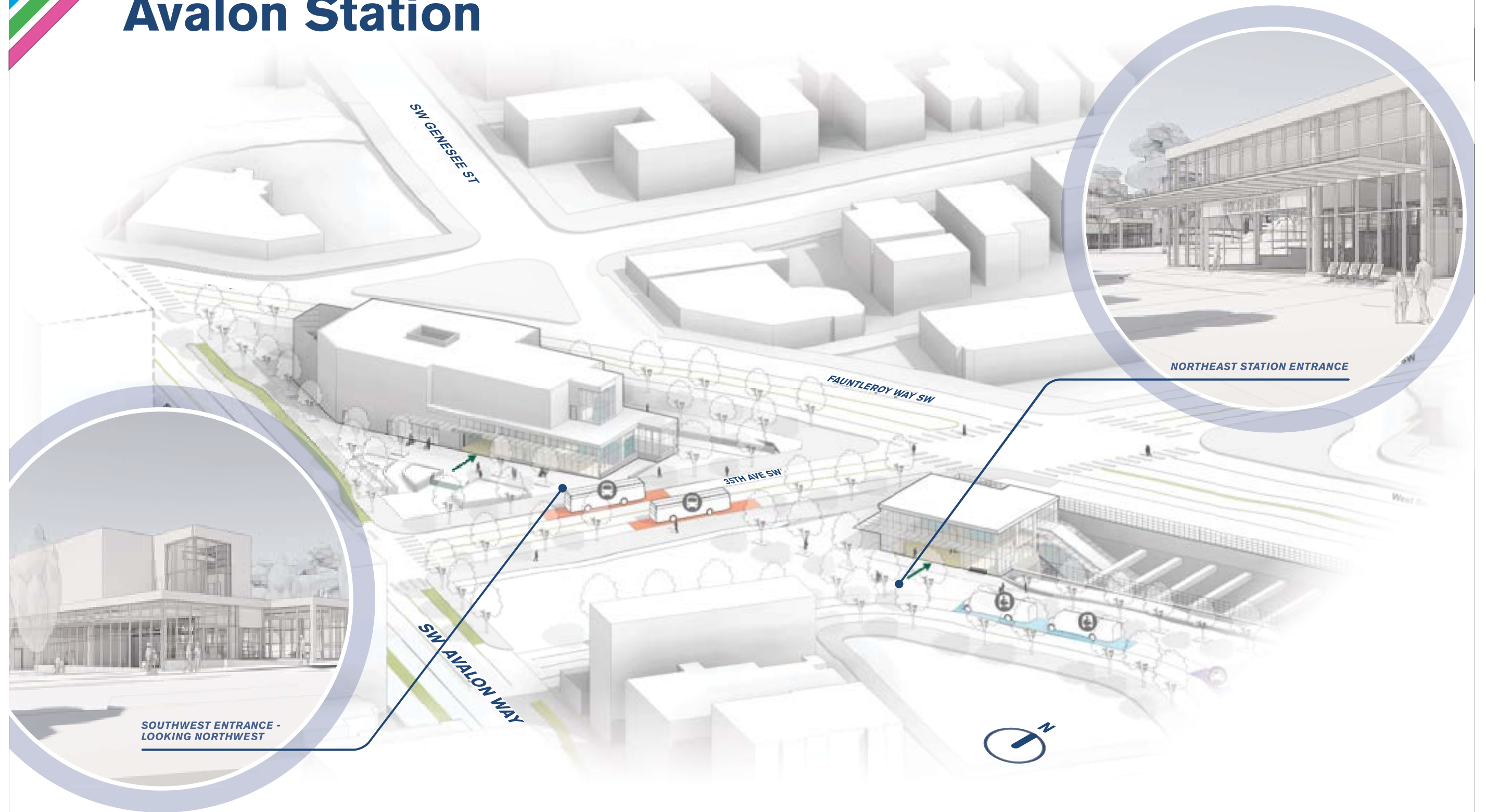
Welcoming with Quality Materials





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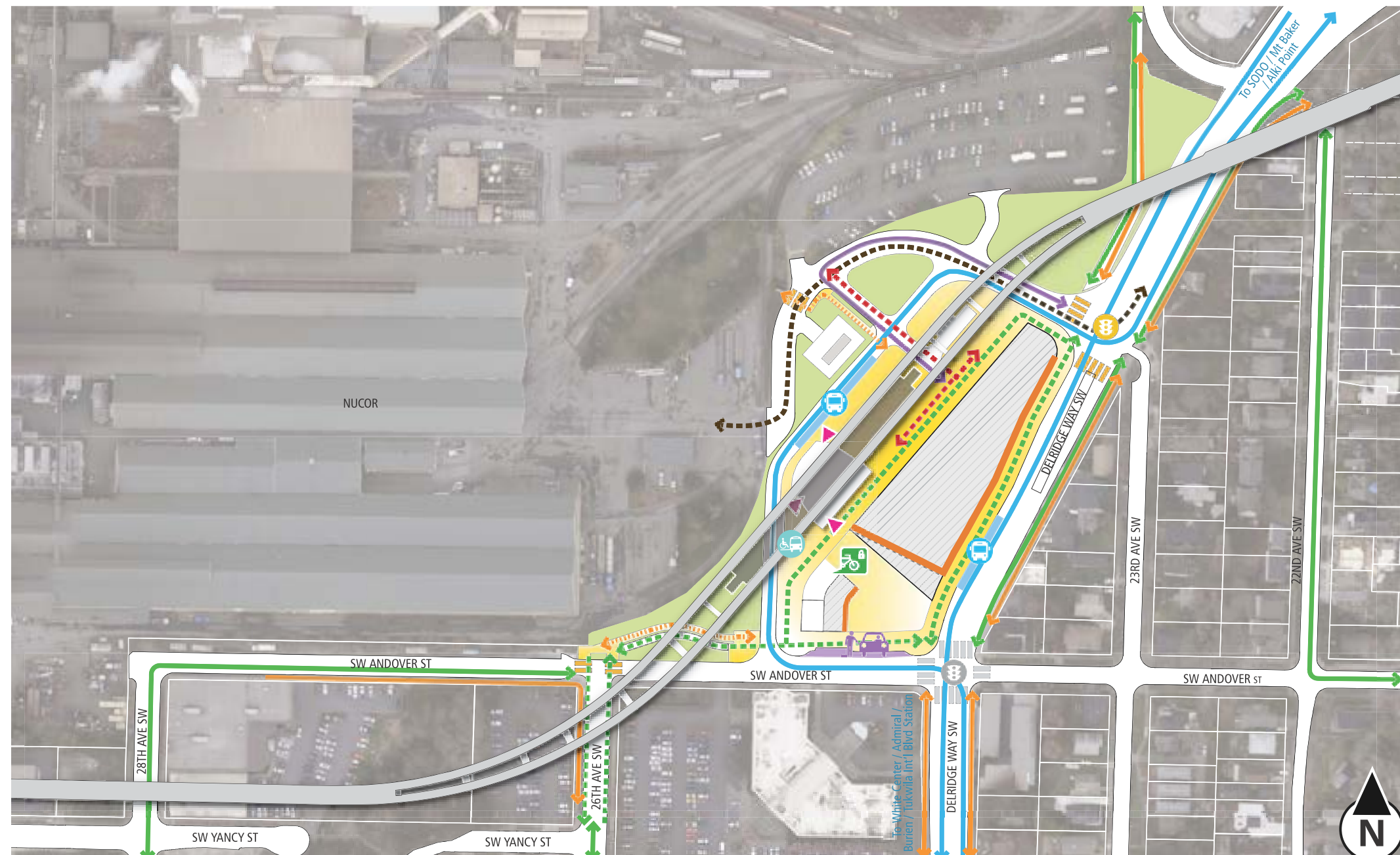


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## Delridge Station Getting to the station

### LEGEND

- ELEVATED STATION PLATFORM
- ELEVATED GUIDEWAY
- STATION ENTRANCE
- ACTIVE FRONTAGE
- PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED AREA
- EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION
- PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION
- EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
- PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
- BUS ROUTE(S)
- ACTIVE BUS BAY
- NUCOR TRUCK ROUTE
- VEHICULAR ROUTE
- FIRE ACCESS ROUTE
- PARATRANSIT
- PICK-UP / DROP-OFF
- EXISTING BIKE FACILITY
- PROPOSED BIKE FACILITY
- BIKE STORAGE
- PARK / OPEN SPACE
- POTENTIAL TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
- TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION (TPSS)







# West Seattle Link Extension

## Delridge Station: what we heard...

(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

### Feedback Overview

# 24%

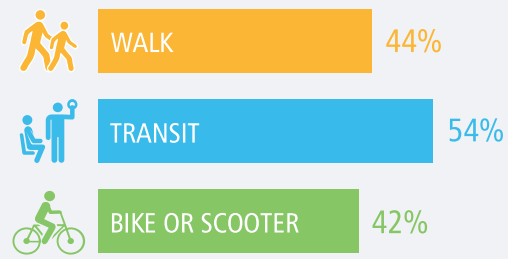
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### DELDRIDGE



## Access

Ways that you would likely get to the station



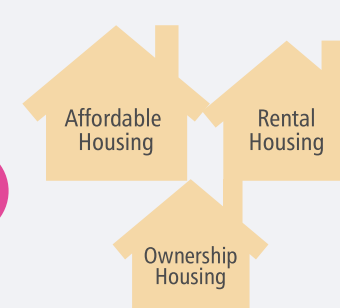
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## Transit-Oriented Uses

Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance



(TOD) uses that you'd like to see prioritized



## Feedback About the Plaza

Uses and activities that you would like to see at the public plaza



"Water feature or other elements to acknowledge Longfellow Creek nearby"

Space for buskers

"A multi-use plaza with seating, benches, and fountains. Open ground for activities"

"For the plaza, safety should be a priority"

## In-Language Focus Group Feedback

- Public restrooms
- Large apartment units with 3+ bedrooms for families

"Value community history"

"Public safety in shared spaces"

"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

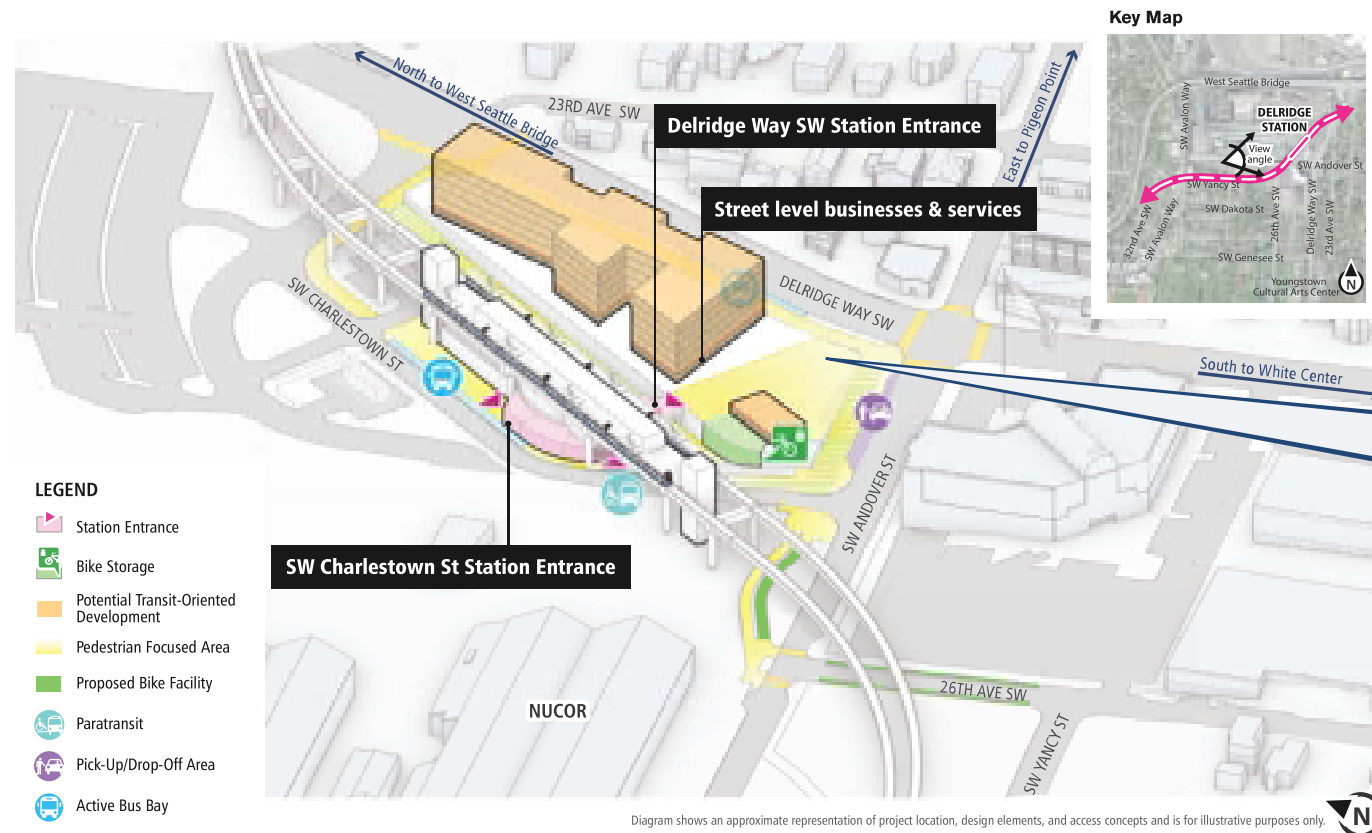
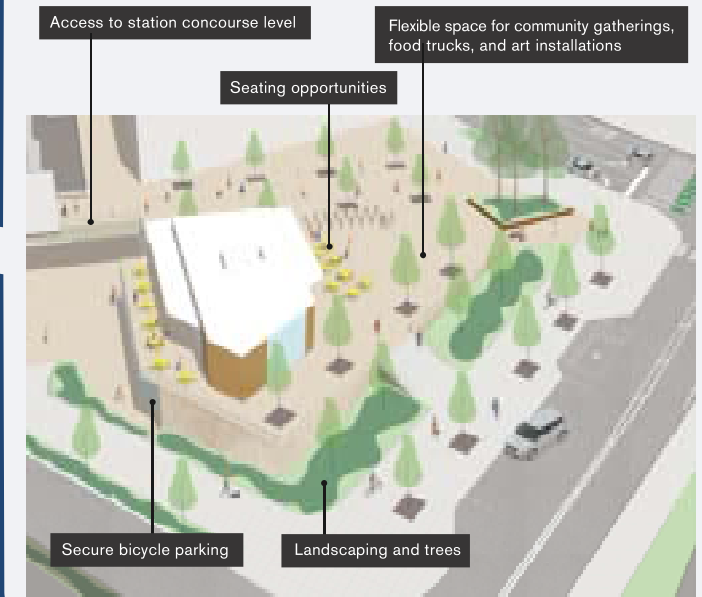


Diagram shows an approximate representation of project location, design elements, and access concepts and is for illustrative purposes only.



\*EXAMPLE OF PLAZA TREATMENT



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## Delridge Station



STATION ENTRANCE FROM DELRIDGE WAY SW, LOOKING WEST

STATION ENTRANCE NEAR SW CHARLESTOWN ST, LOOKING NORTH

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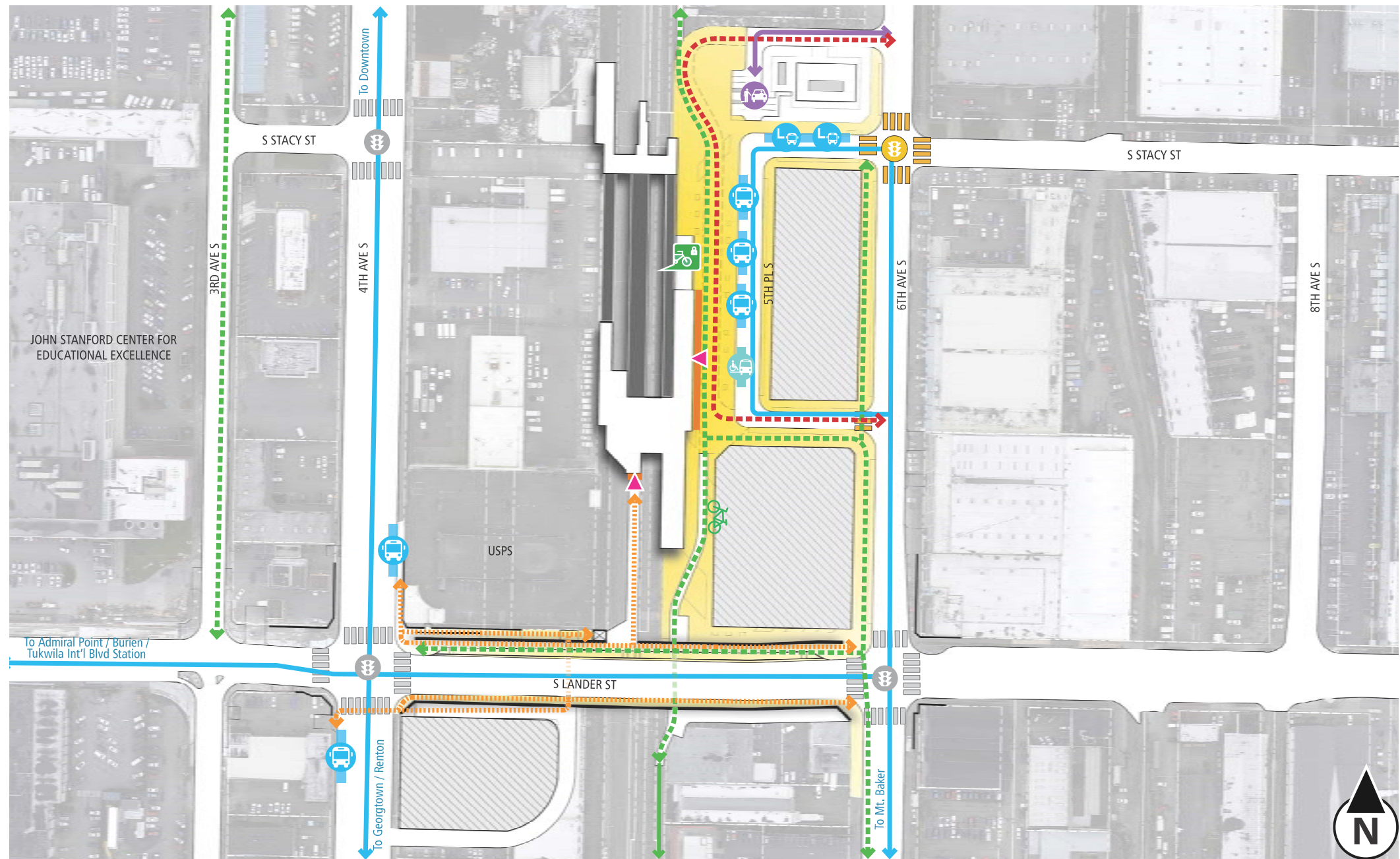


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## SODO Station Getting to the station

### LEGEND

- AT GRADE STATION PLATFORM
- AT GRADE GUIDEWAY
- STATION ENTRANCE
- ACTIVE FRONTAGE
- PEDESTRIAN-FOCUSED AREA
- PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION
- EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
- PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AND/OR CROSSWALKS
- BUS LAYOVER
- BUS ROUTE(S)
- ACTIVE BUS BAY
- PARATRANSIT
- PICK-UP / DROP-OFF
- FIRE ACCESS ROUTE
- EXISTING BIKE FACILITY
- PROPOSED BIKE FACILITY
- BIKE STORAGE
- POTENTIAL TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
- TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION (TPSS)
- SIGNAL HOUSE AND PARKING





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## SODO Station: what we heard

(Fall 2023 Station Planning Engagement)

### Feedback Overview

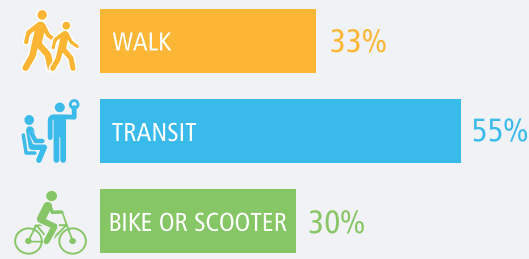
### 8%

of respondents said this is their primary station



### Access

Ways that you would likely get to the station



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### Transit-Oriented Uses

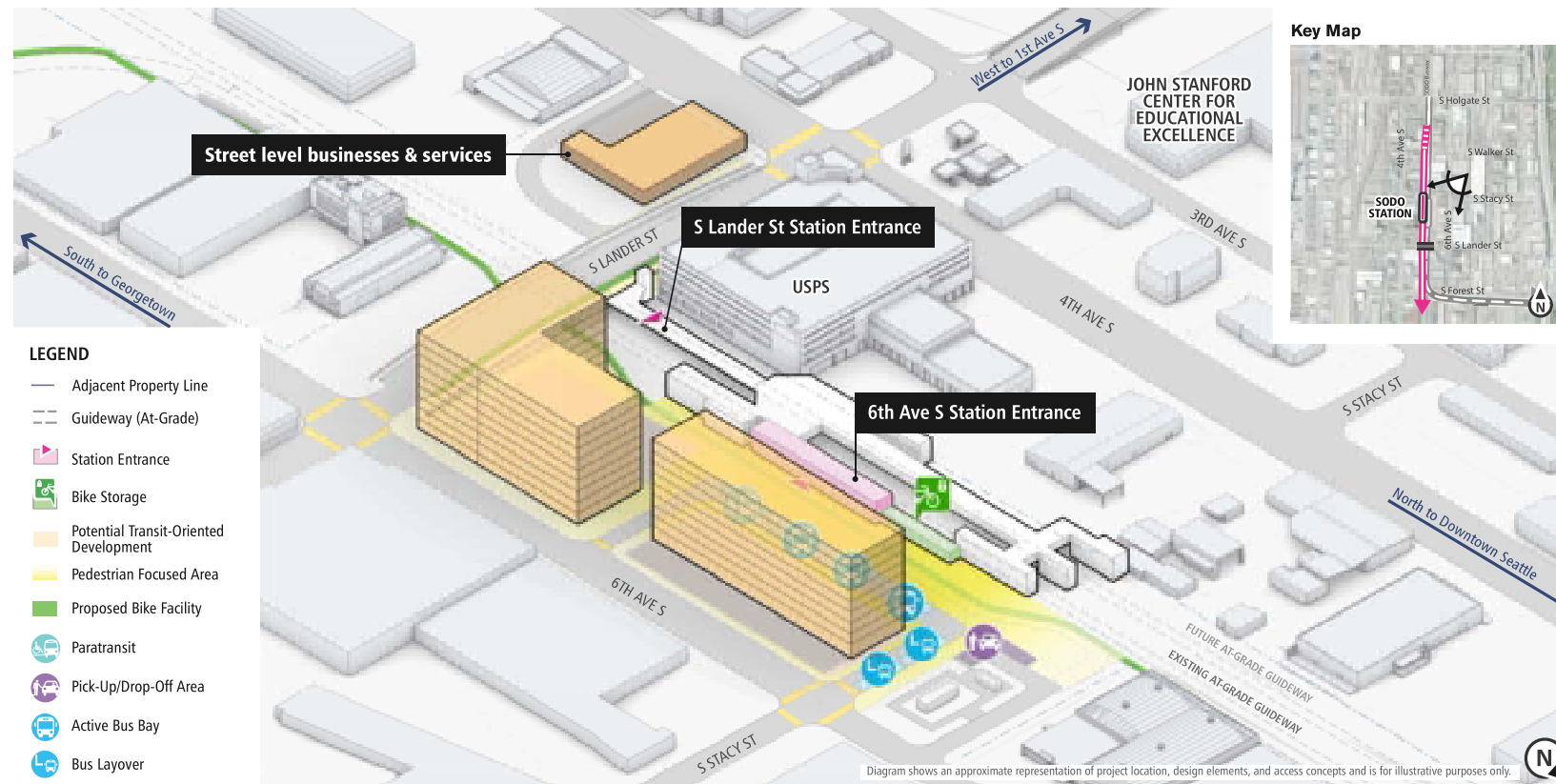
Businesses or services that would be the most useful to have near the station entrance



(TOD) uses that you'd like to see prioritized



- "Food hall and breweries"
- "Keep the area mostly industrial"
- "Arts-oriented businesses, galleries and studios"
- "Small grocery store, food/drinks, and shopping"
- "Short distance between street & platform; quick to get to and from the station"
- "Need for improved bike and pedestrian routes in the neighborhood"
- "Greenspace or plaza"



### Design Preferences

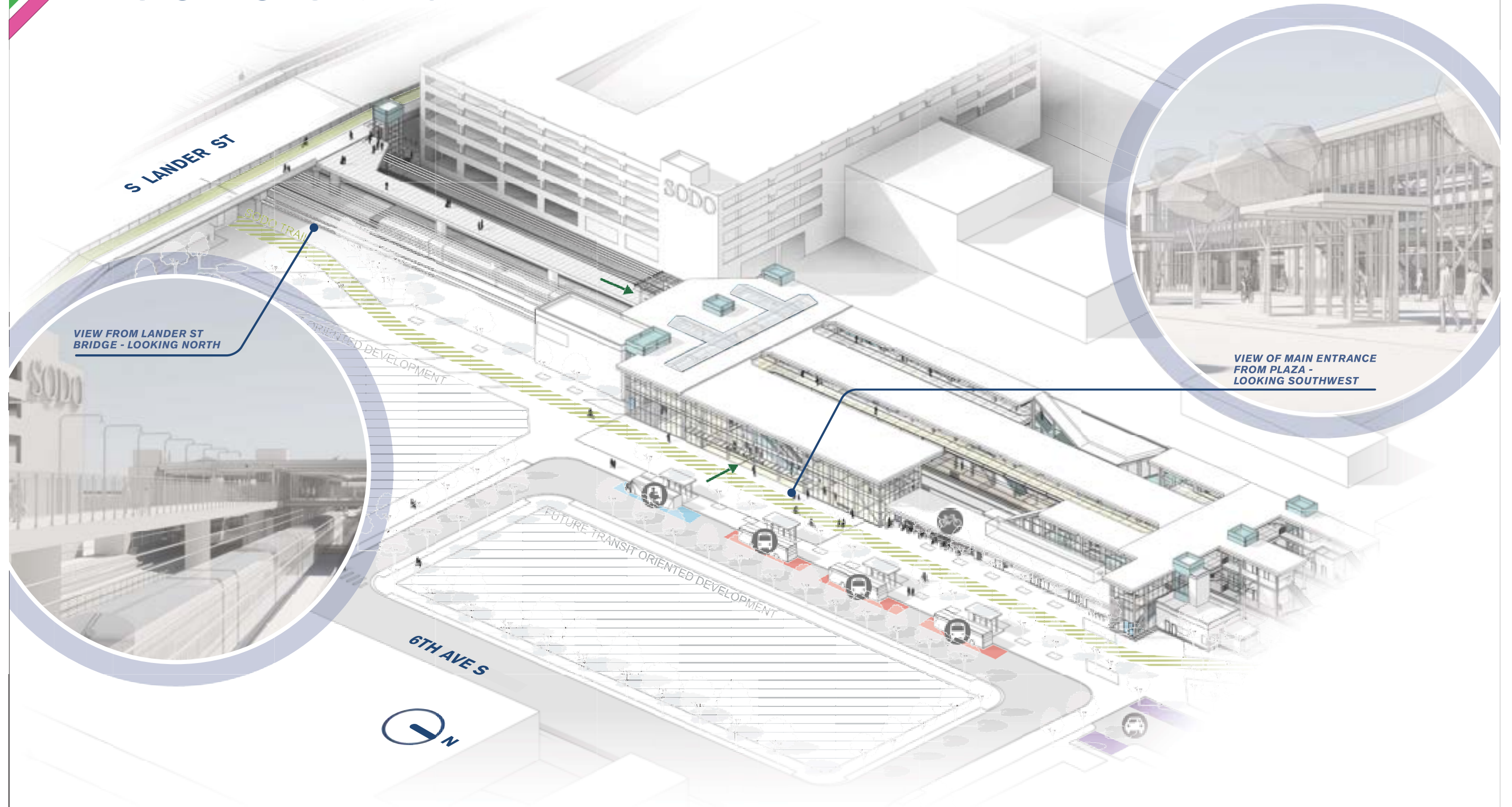
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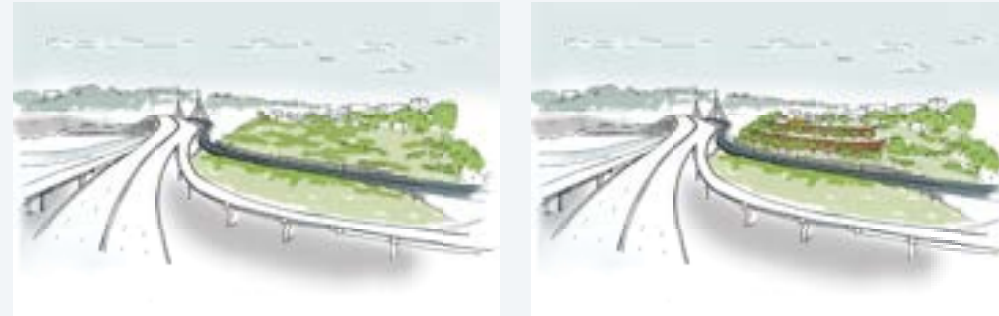
## Longfellow Creek Area Concept



Birds-eye View

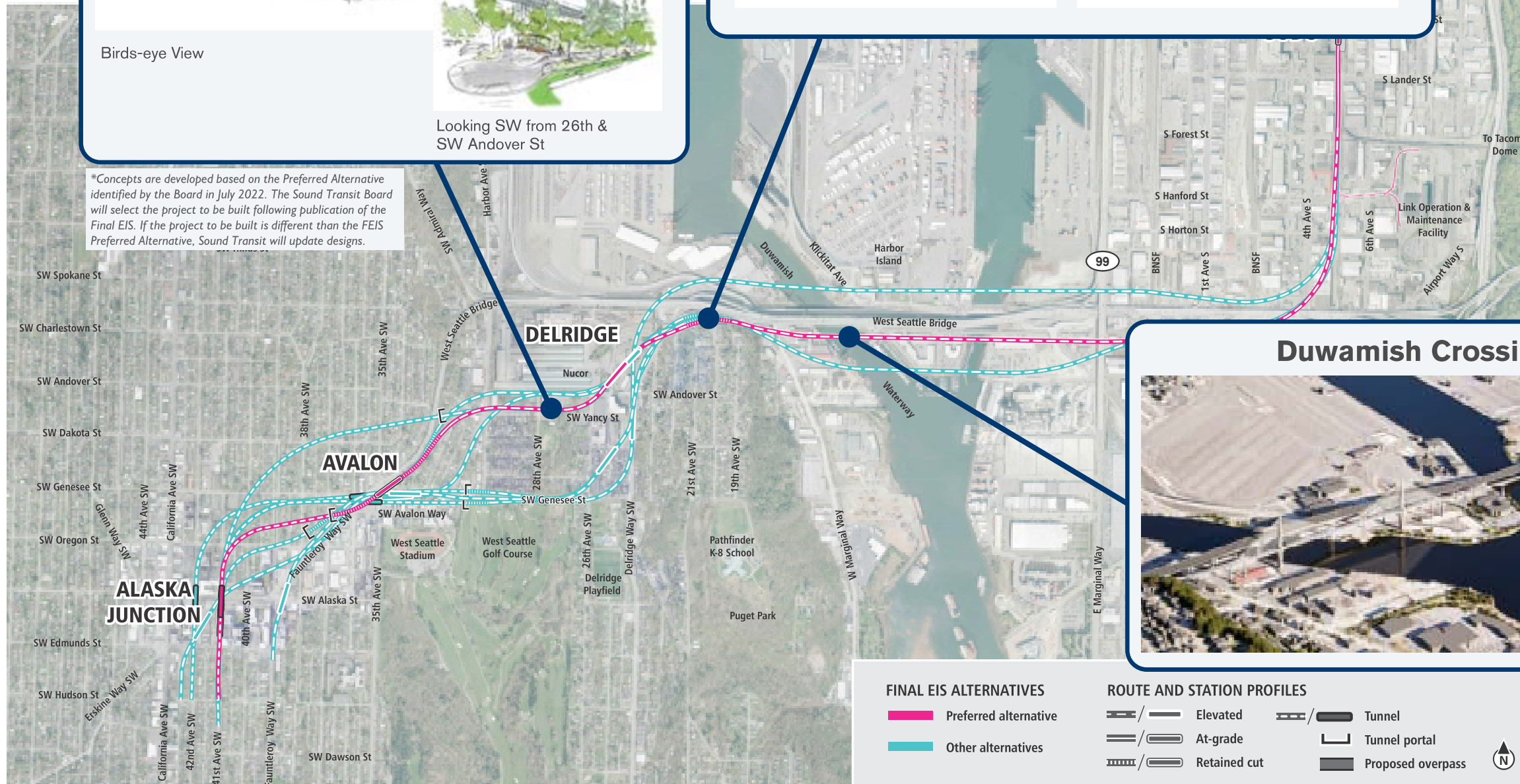
Looking SW from 26th & SW Andover St

## Pigeon Point Concepts



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## Duwamish Crossing Concept



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