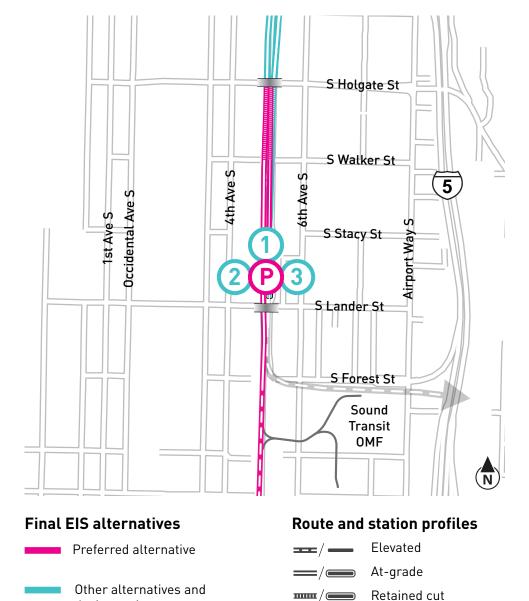
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Appendix A: Final EIS Station Alternatives



Final EIS station alternatives

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains four alternatives for expanding SODO Station.



design options



At-Grade Lander Access Option (SODO-1c)

New at-grade station west of the existing SODO station with access to S Lander St



At-Grade Station (SODO-1a)

New at-grade station on the west side of the existing SODO station



At-Grade South Station Option (SODO-1b)

New at-grade station and existing SODO station shifted closer to S Lander St



Mixed Profile Station (SODO-2)
New elevated station and existing SODO
Station shifted closer to S Lander St

SODO Station

At-Grade Station (SODO-1a)

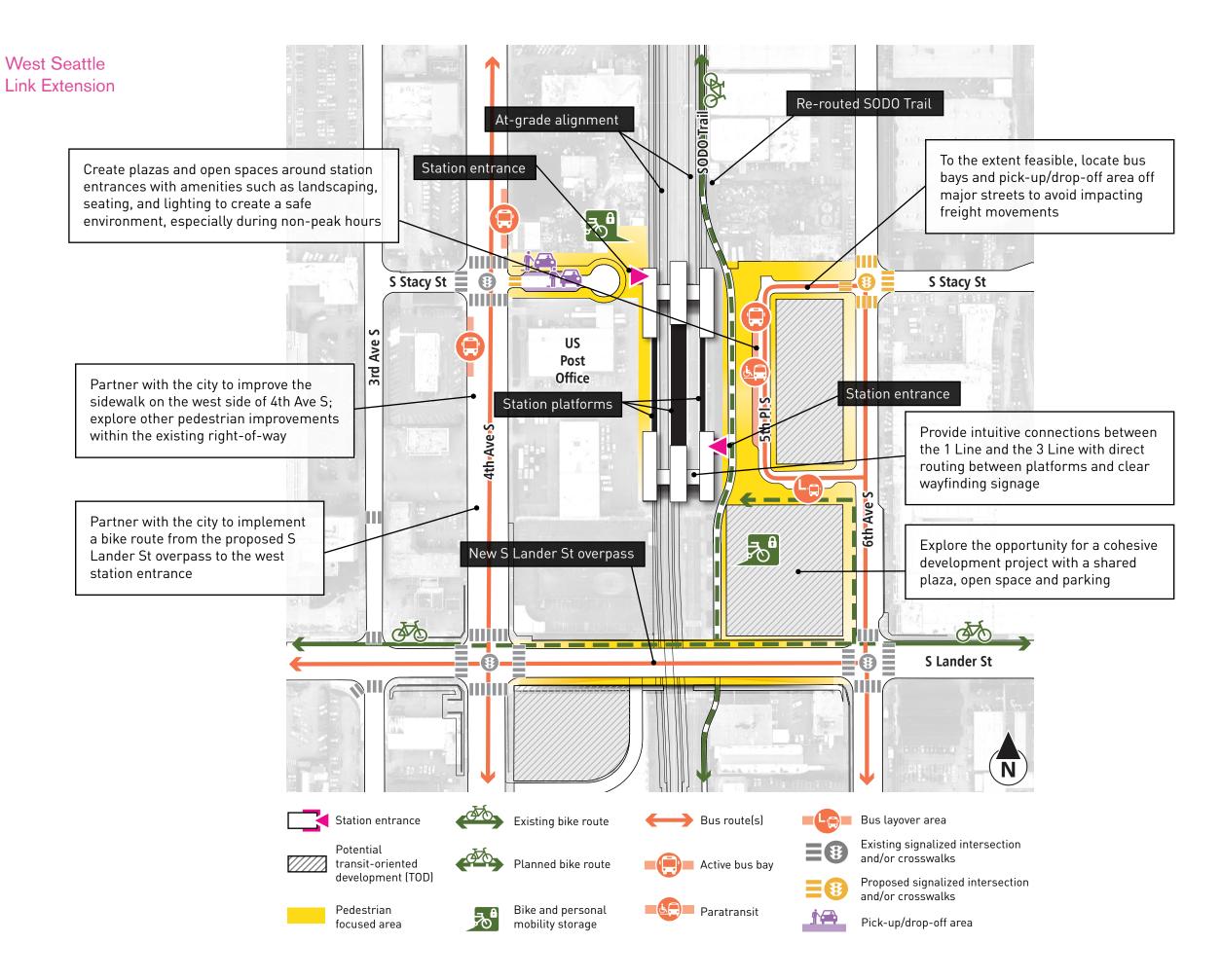
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The At-Grade SODO Station would be located north of S Lander St where the existing SODO Station and the SODO Busway are today.

The proposed station would include three parallel station platforms connected by an overhead walkway that would allow passengers to access both the 1 Line (Ballard to Tacoma Dome) and the 3 Line (West Seattle to Everett). The city recently completed the S Lander St overpass west of 3rd Ave S, reducing conflicts and delays for vehicles and pedestrians traveling west.

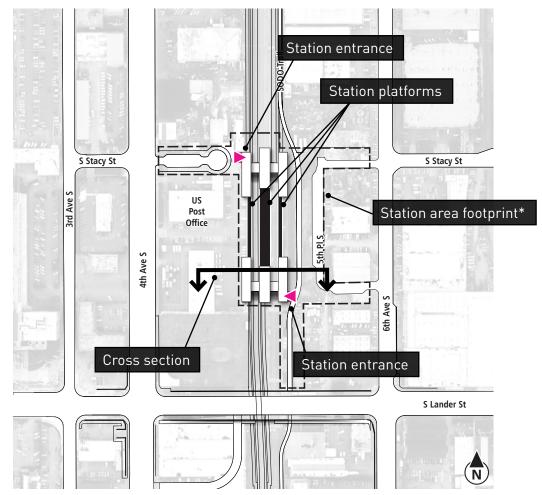
The At-Grade SODO Station alternative would include a second overpass on S Lander St between 4th Ave S and 6th Ave S with bike lanes and wide sidewalks. Passenger pick-up/drop-off would be west of the station just off 4th Ave S, and a new bus loop on the east side of the station would provide seamless bus-to-rail transfers.





At-Grade Station (SODO-1a)

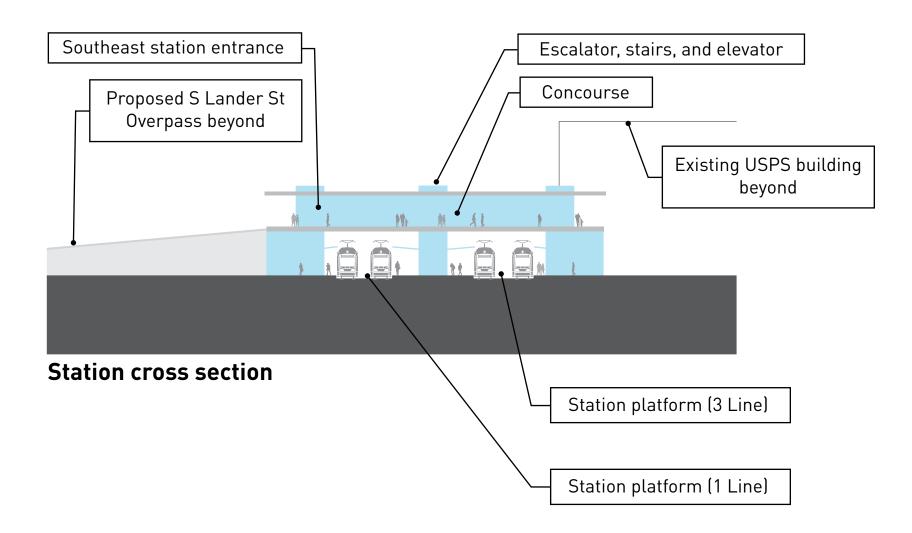
Looking inside the station



Station site plan

* The station area footprint is the approximate area that Sound Transit would maintain for light rail operations.

Top of structure height ~40'



SODO Station

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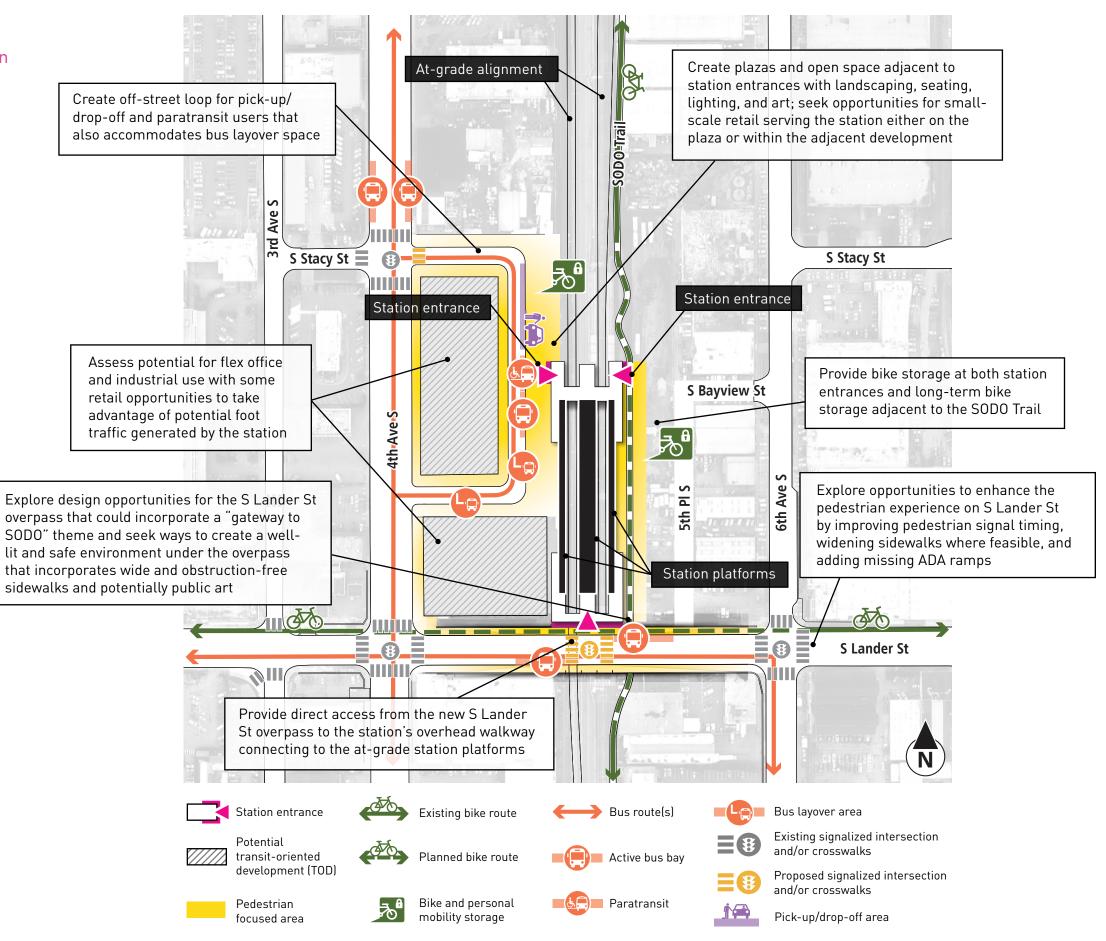
At-Grade South Station Option (SODO-1b)

Other Alternative

Station context plan

The At-Grade South SODO Station option would be located directly north of S Lander St where the SODO Busway is today. Three parallel station platforms connected by an overhead walkway would allow passengers to access both the 1 Line (Ballard to Tacoma Dome) and the 3 Line (West Seattle to Everett). The existing station and SODO Busway would be demolished to accommodate the new station. The project would include a new bus loop on the west side of the station with space for pick-up/drop-off.

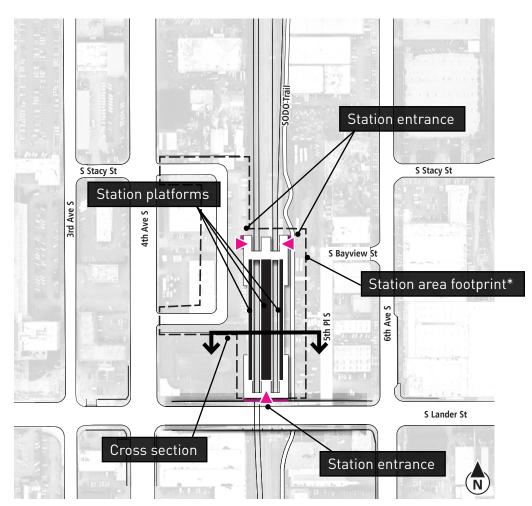
The city recently completed the S Lander St overpass west of 3rd Ave S, reducing conflicts and delays for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians. The At-Grade South SODO Station includes a second overpass on S Lander St between 4th Ave S and 6th Ave S with bike lanes and wide sidewalks. Passenger pick-up/drop-off and a new bus loop would be west of the station on 4th Avenue, providing seamless bus-to-rail transfers.





At-Grade South Station Option (SODO-1b)

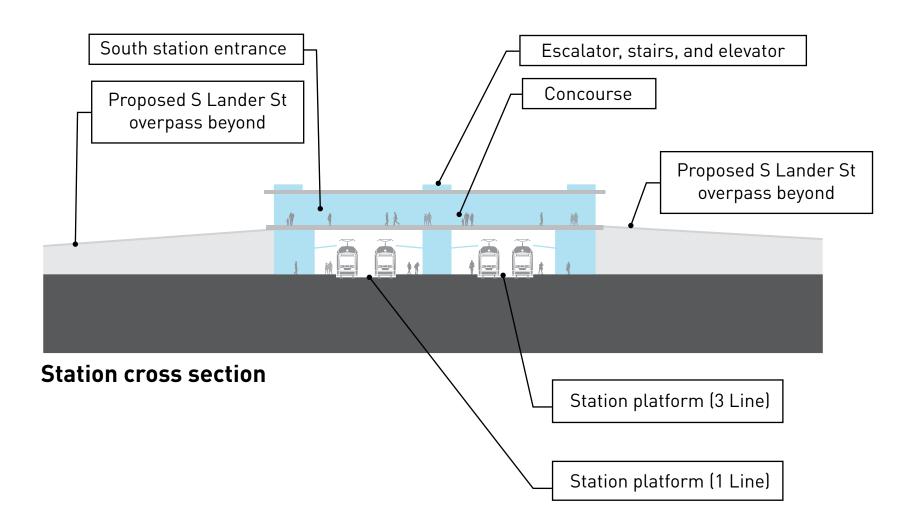
Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Top of structure height ~40'



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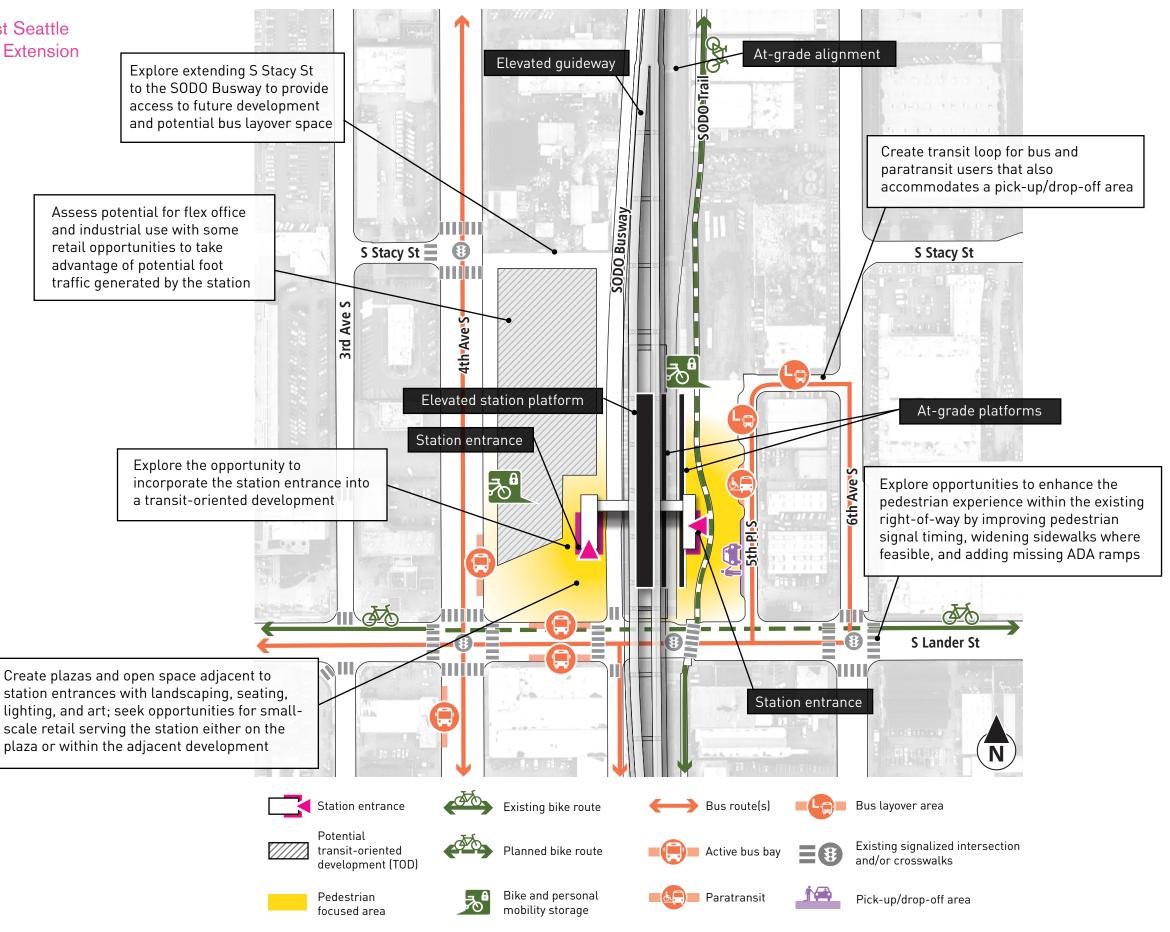
Mixed Profile Station (SODO-2)

Other Alternative

Station context plan

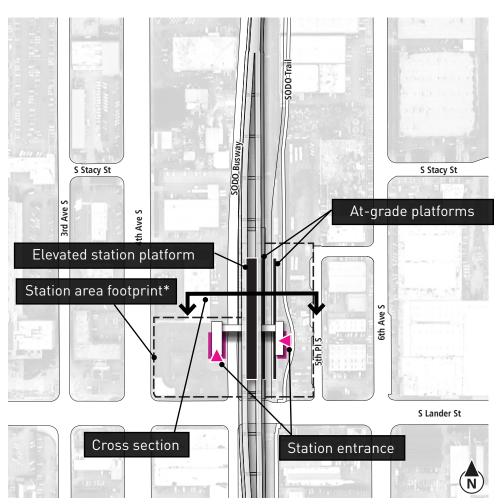
The Mixed Profile SODO Station alternative would be located directly north of S Lander St just east of the SODO Busway. Three station platforms—two at-grade and one elevated would be connected by a mezzanine level, allowing passengers to access both the 1 Line (Ballard to Tacoma Dome) and the 3 Line (West Seattle to Everett). The existing station would be demolished to accommodate the new station. and the SODO Busway would be shifted west.

Sidewalks with large plaza spaces would front S Lander St and bike lanes would connect to the SODO Trail and existing and planned bike lanes east and west of the station. Passenger pick-up/ drop-off and a bus loop would be located on the east side of the station, adjacent to the SODO Trail. There would be an opportunity to redevelop a large block between the station and 4th Ave S.



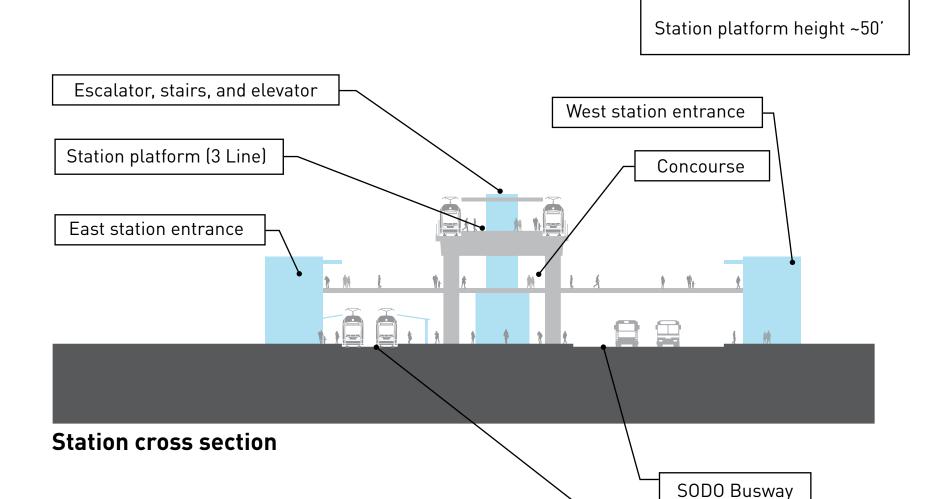


Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Cross section is an approximate representation of station configuration for illustrative purposes only.

Station architectural and landscape design is not complete.

Station platform (1 Line)

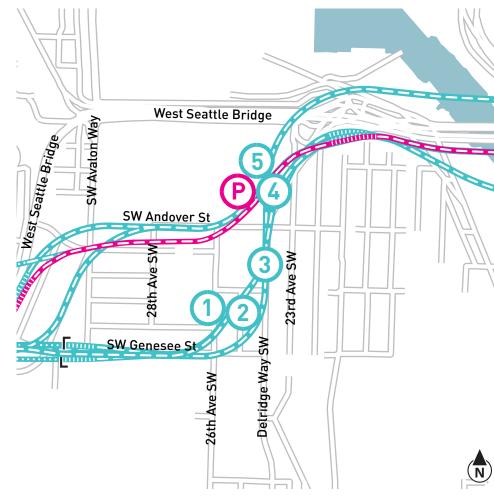
Top of structure height ~70'

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Final EIS station alternatives

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains six alternatives for the Delridge Station.



Final EIS alternatives

Preferred alternative
Other alternatives

Route and station profiles

Tunnel portal

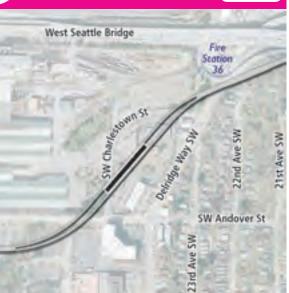
Elevated

At-grade

Retained cut

Tunnel





Elevated Andover Street Station (DEL-6b)

Andover Street Station Lower Height South Alignment Option



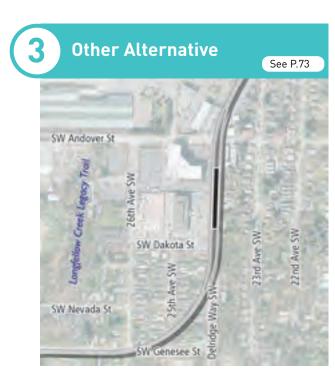
Elevated Dakota Street Station (DEL-1a, DEL-1b)

Elevated station west of Delridge Way SW between SW Dakota St and SW Genesee St



Elevated Dakota Street Station Lower Height (DEL-2a, DEL-2b)

Elevated station (lower height) west of Delridge Way SW between SW Dakota St and SW Genesee St



Elevated Delridge Way Station (DEL-3, DEL-4)

Elevated station on Delridge Way SW north of SW Dakota St



Elevated Andover Street Station (DEL-5, DEL-6a)

Elevated station west of Delridge Way SW and north of SW Andover St



Elevated Andover Street Station No Avalon Station (DEL-7)

Elevated station west of Delridge Way SW and north of SW Andover St

Delridge Station

Elevated Dakota Street Station • (DEL-1a), DEL-1b)

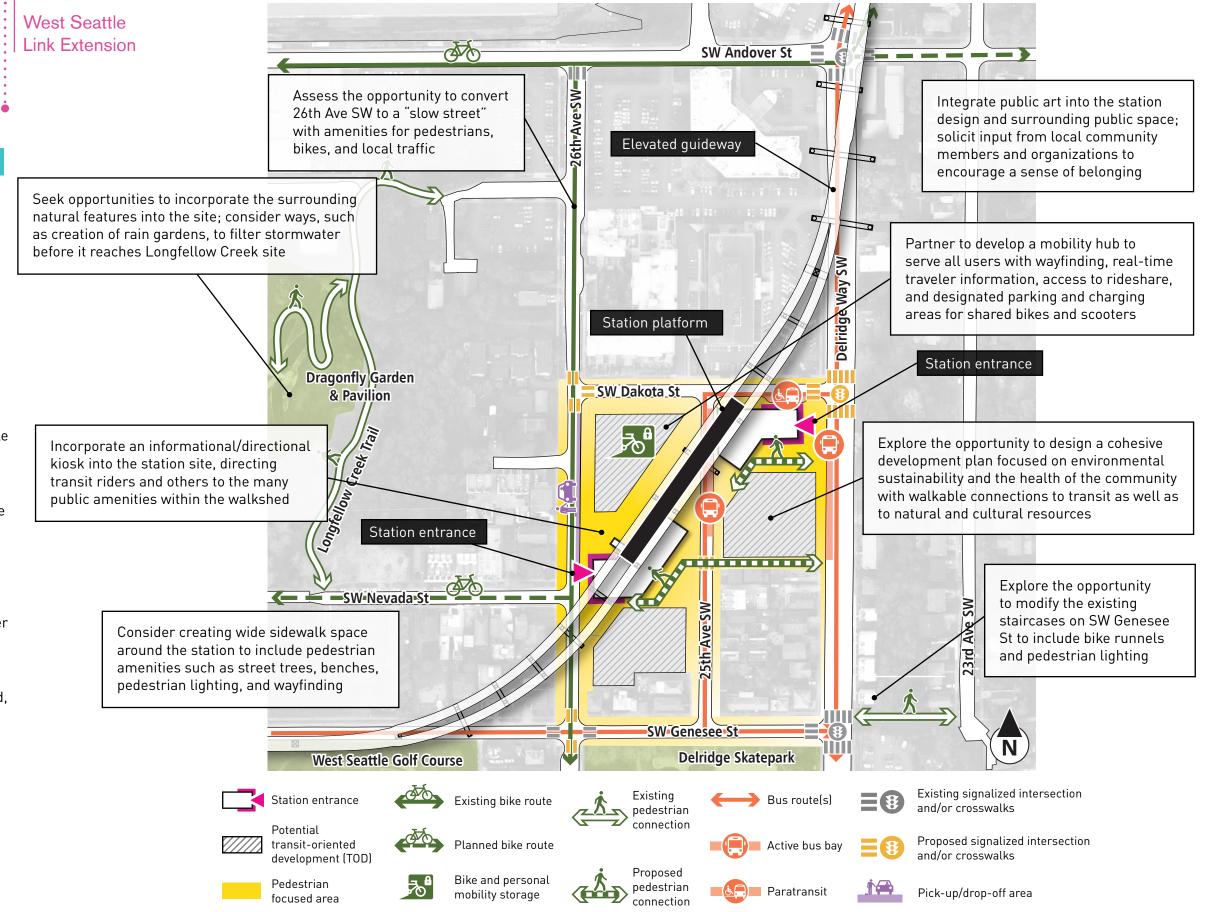
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Elevated Dakota Street station alternative, located in Youngstown, would be situated midway between commercial and multifamily development to the north and the Delridge Community Center, Skatepark, and Youngstown Cultural Arts Center to the south. Based on the city's and Sound Transit's work with the Racial Equity Toolkit, finding ways to provide excellent transit integration and opportunities for equitable transit-oriented development are important for ensuring the project advances racial equity.

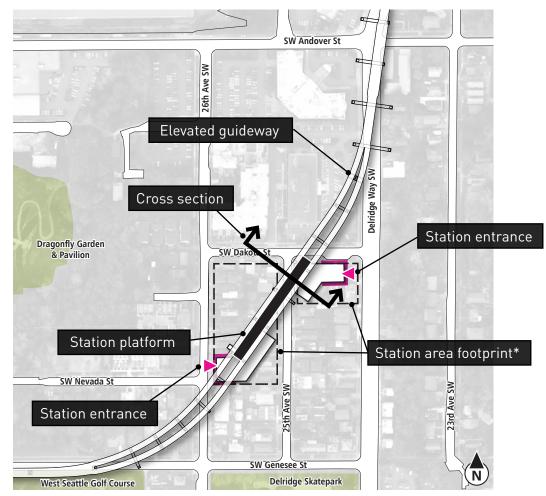
This station location has the potential to enhance and expand the community hub anchored by the Delridge Community Center and Youngstown Cultural Arts Center with affordable housing, community-serving uses, such as retail and childcare, and enhanced bike and pedestrian amenities that complement the natural character of Longfellow Creek.

The Elevated Dakota Street station alternative would be approximately 85 feet above the ground, since this station pairs with elevated stations at Avalon and Alaska Junction. The introduction of the elevated guideway would be a change in the Youngstown neighborhood, and it will be important to work with community members on how to best integrate this structure into the neighborhood.



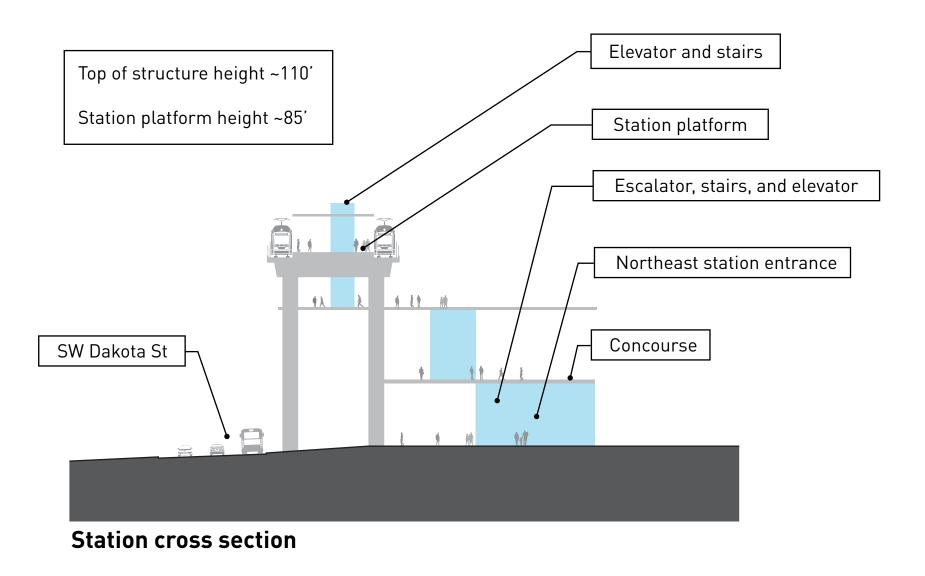


Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Delridge Station

Elevated Dakota Street Station Lower Height (DEL-2a, DEL-2b)

Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Elevated Dakota Street Lower Height station alternative would be located in Youngstown, midway between commercial and multifamily development to the north and the Delridge Community Center, the Skatepark, and Youngstown Cultural Arts Center to the south. As with the previous station alternative, this station alternative has the potential to transform the neighborhood into a "hub" with affordable and market-rate housing, neighborhood-scale retail, and enhanced bike and pedestrian amenities that complement the natural character of Longfellow Creek.

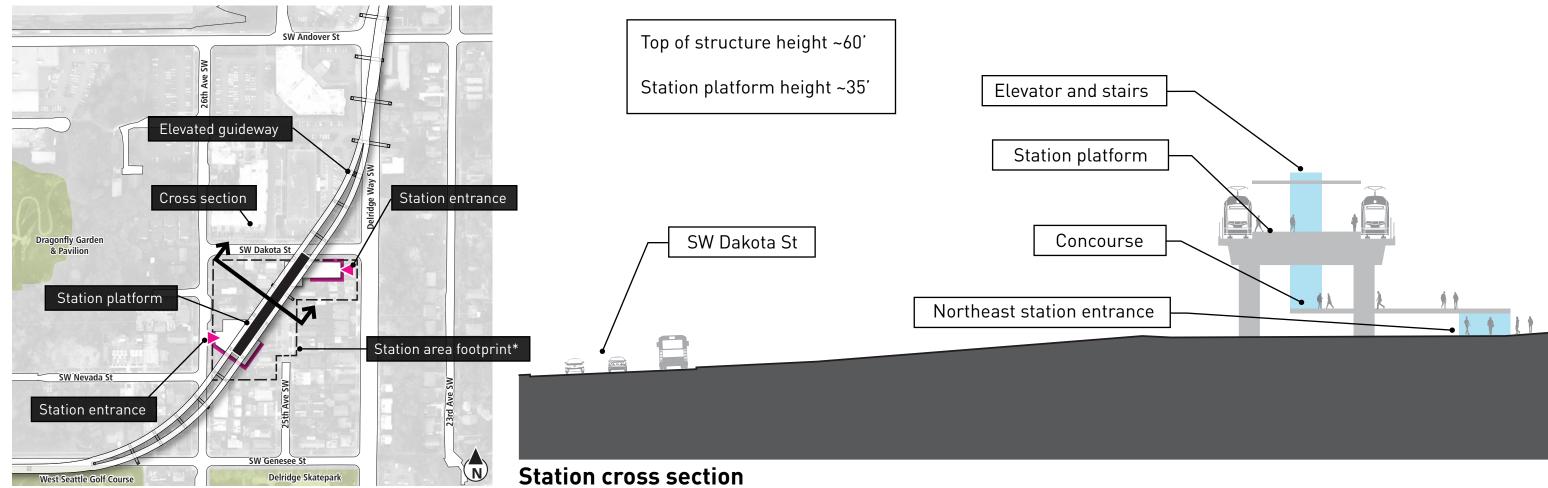
The Elevated Dakota Street – Lower Height station alternative is in a similar location to the Elevated Dakota Street station alternative; however, the station platform would be 35 feet above the ground instead of 85 feet above the ground, since this station pairs with tunnel stations at Avalon and Alaska Junction.





Elevated Dakota Street Station • Lower Height (DEL-2a, DEL-2b)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Elevated Delridge Way Station • (DEL-3, DEL-4)

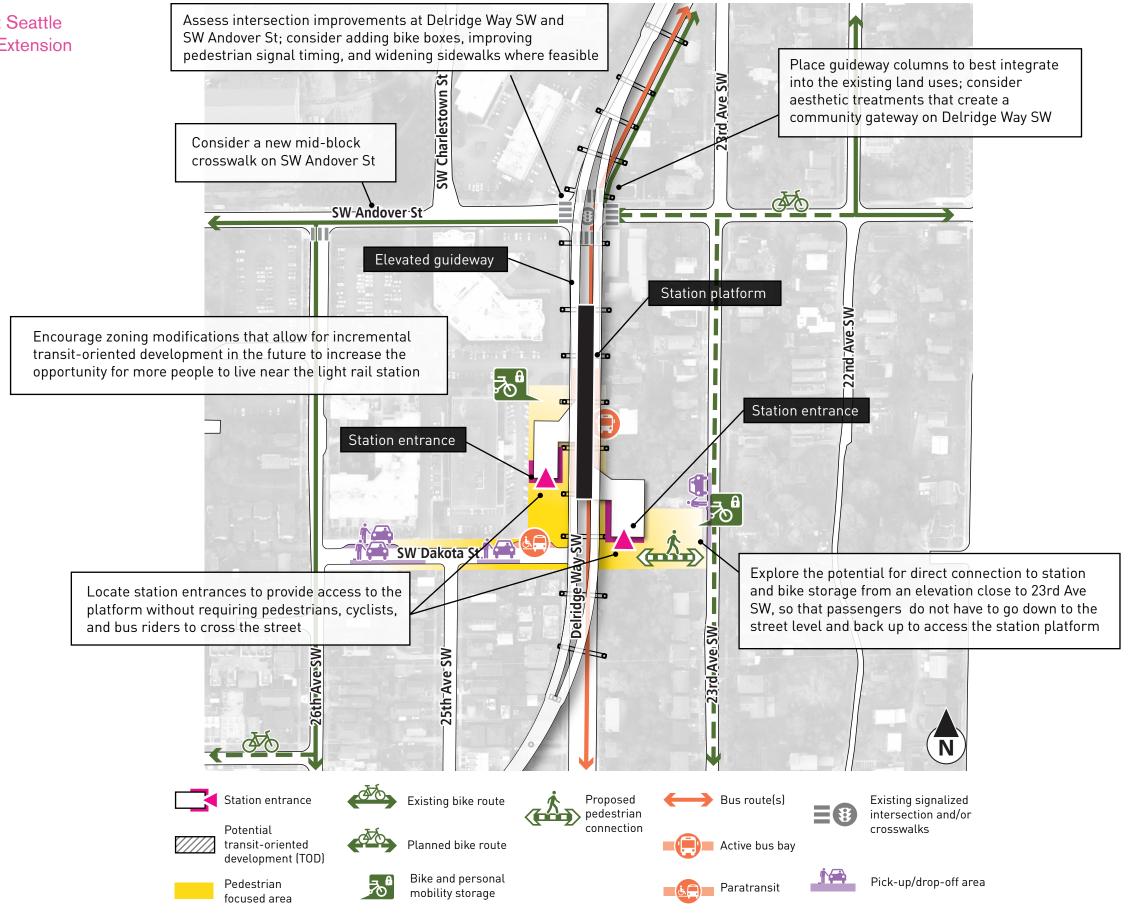
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Elevated Delridge Way station alternative would straddle Delridge Way SW with entrances connecting to the Youngstown neighborhood to the west and the Pigeon Point community to the east. With structural columns on both sides of Delridge Way SW and a guideway above, the sidewalk environment would be quite different than it is today. It will be important to work with community members on how to best integrate the columns and elevated structure into the neighborhood.

Given its location in the middle of Delridge Way SW, this station alternative would impact fewer properties but would not create the same scale of opportunities for development as other station alternatives. However, the station location would be adjacent to corporate office space and public service facilities with surface parking that could be redeveloped in the future.

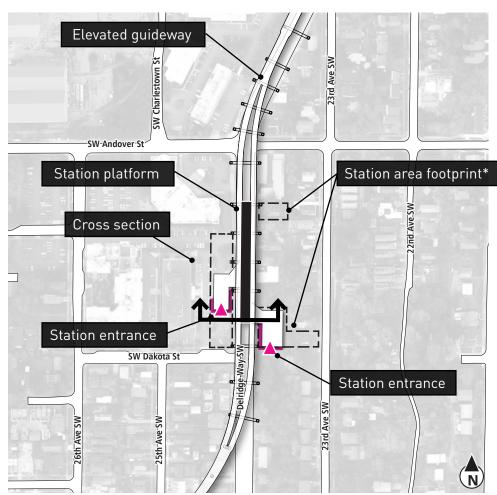
The two station alternatives at this location differ about two feet in platform height, depending upon whether they connect to an elevated or tunnel station at Avalon.





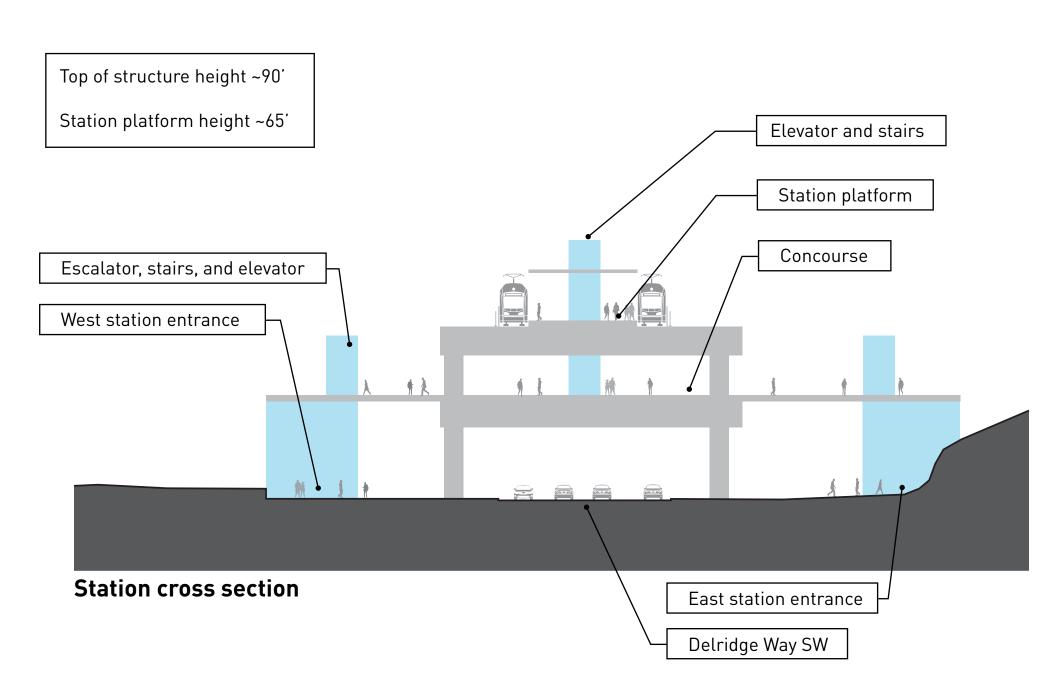
Elevated Delridge Way Station (DEL-3, DEL-4)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Elevated Andover Street Station (DEL-5, DEL-6a, DEL-7)

Other Alternative

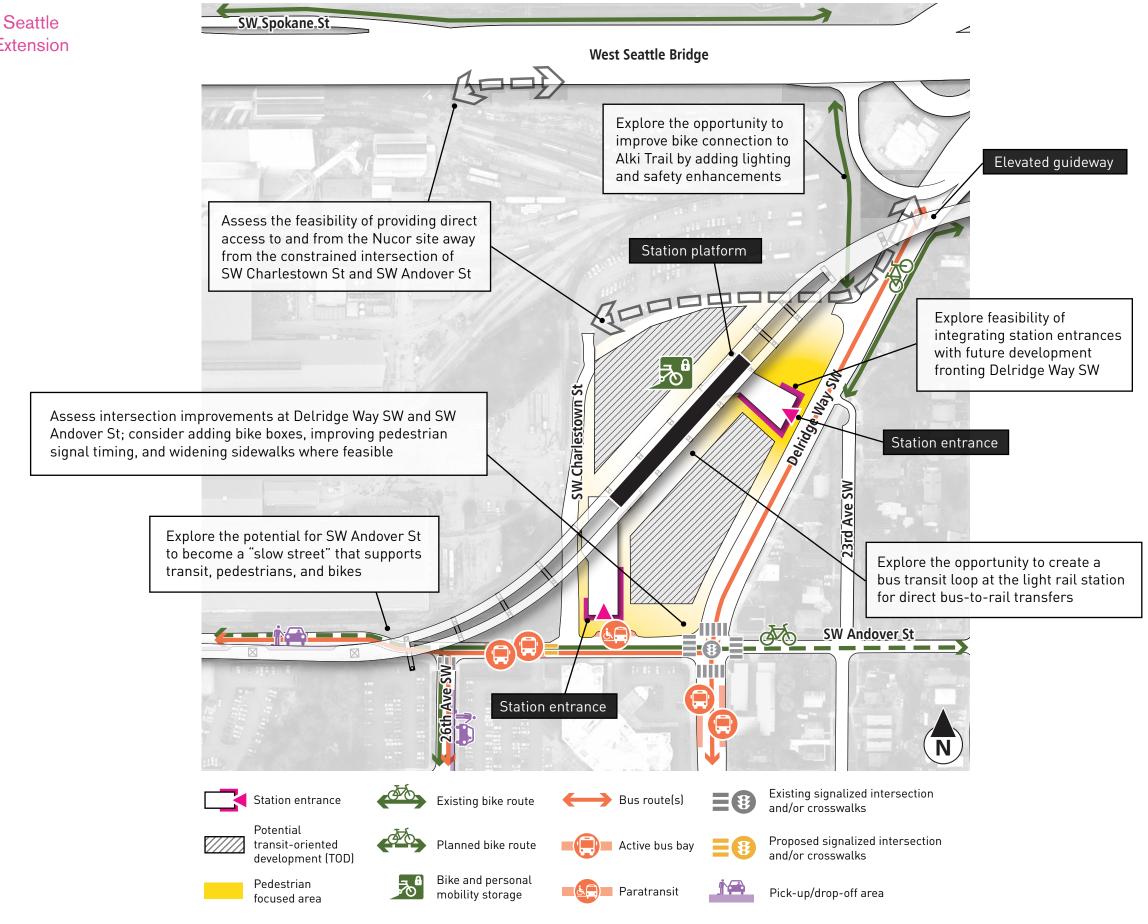
Station context plan

The Elevated Andover Street station alternative would be located at the northern edge of the Delridge/Youngstown neighborhood just east of Nucor Steel on the site of an existing commercial development with surface parking. While the proximity to the West Seattle Bridge and Nucor Steel limit this station's walking and biking connections, a station here could spur major improvements, such as rerouting Nucor Steel trucks to reduce freight traffic on Andover, improving connections to the Alki Trail, and providing dedicated pathways with signal priority for buses.

The station location would provide opportunities for transit-oriented development on both sides of the station, and it may be possible to integrate station entrances and bike storage into new development.

There are three similar station alternatives at this location. The DEL-5 platform would be approximately ten feet higher than the DEL-6a platform, since the DEL-5 alternative would connect to an elevated station at Avalon.

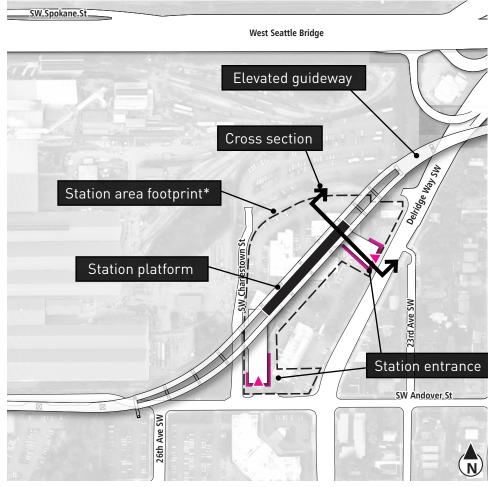
The DEL-7 station alternative, which connects to No Avalon Station Tunnel Alternative (WSJ-6) would be approximately 20' lower than the DEL-6a platform.





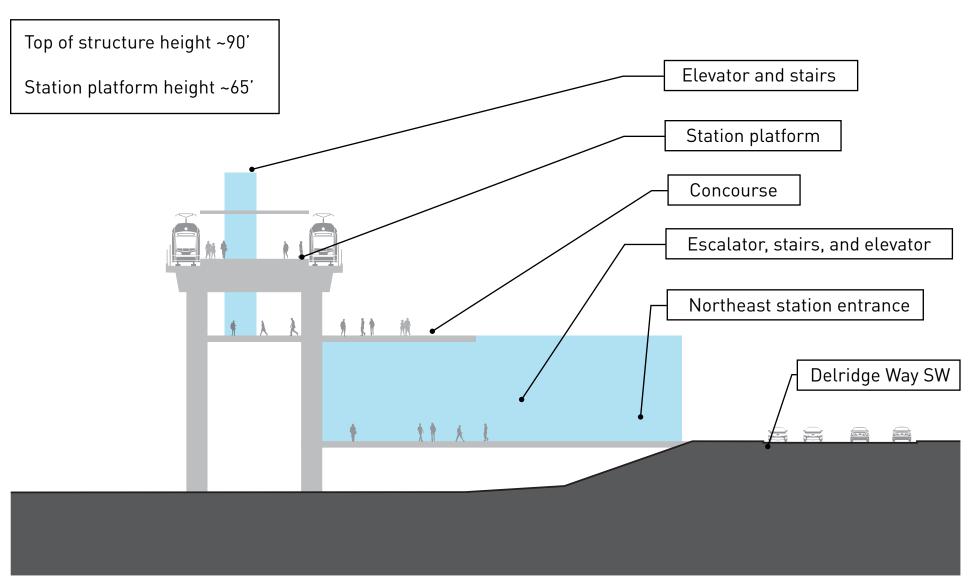
Elevated Andover Street Station (DEL-5, DEL-6a, DEL-7)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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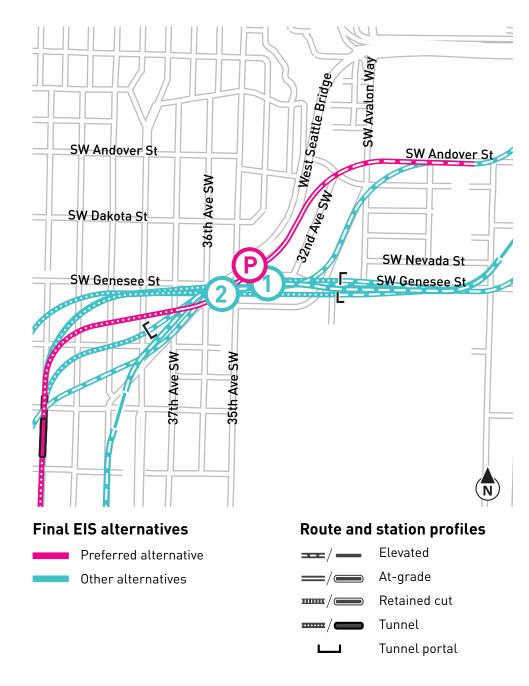
Station cross section

1. Illustration above shows the station height for the DEL-6a alternative that connects to the Retained Cut Avalon Station (WSJ-5a and WSJ-5b) alternatives. The DEL-5 station alternative, which connects to the Elevated Avalon Station (WSJ-1, WSJ-2 and WSJ-4) alternatives, would be approximately 10 feet taller. The DEL-7 station alternative, which connects to No Avalon Station Tunnel Alternative (WSJ-6) would be approximately 20' lower than the DEL-6 platform.

Avalon West Seattle Station Link Extension

Final EIS station alternatives

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains three alternatives for the Avalon Station.





Retained Cut Avalon Station (WSJ-5a*, WSJ-5b)

Below-grade station on the south side of Fauntleroy Way SW under SW Genesee St and 35th Ave SW

*WSJ-5a is not preferred alignment although Avalon station location and concept for WSJ-5a and WSJ-5b are the same



Elevated Avalon Station (WSJ-1, WSJ-2, WSJ-4)

Elevated station south of SW Genesee St and east of 35th Ave SW



Tunnel Avalon Station (WSJ-3a, WSJ-3b)

Tunnel station south of SW Genesee St under Fauntleroy Way SW and 35th Ave SW

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Elevated Avalon Station • (WSJ-1, WSJ-2, WSJ-4)

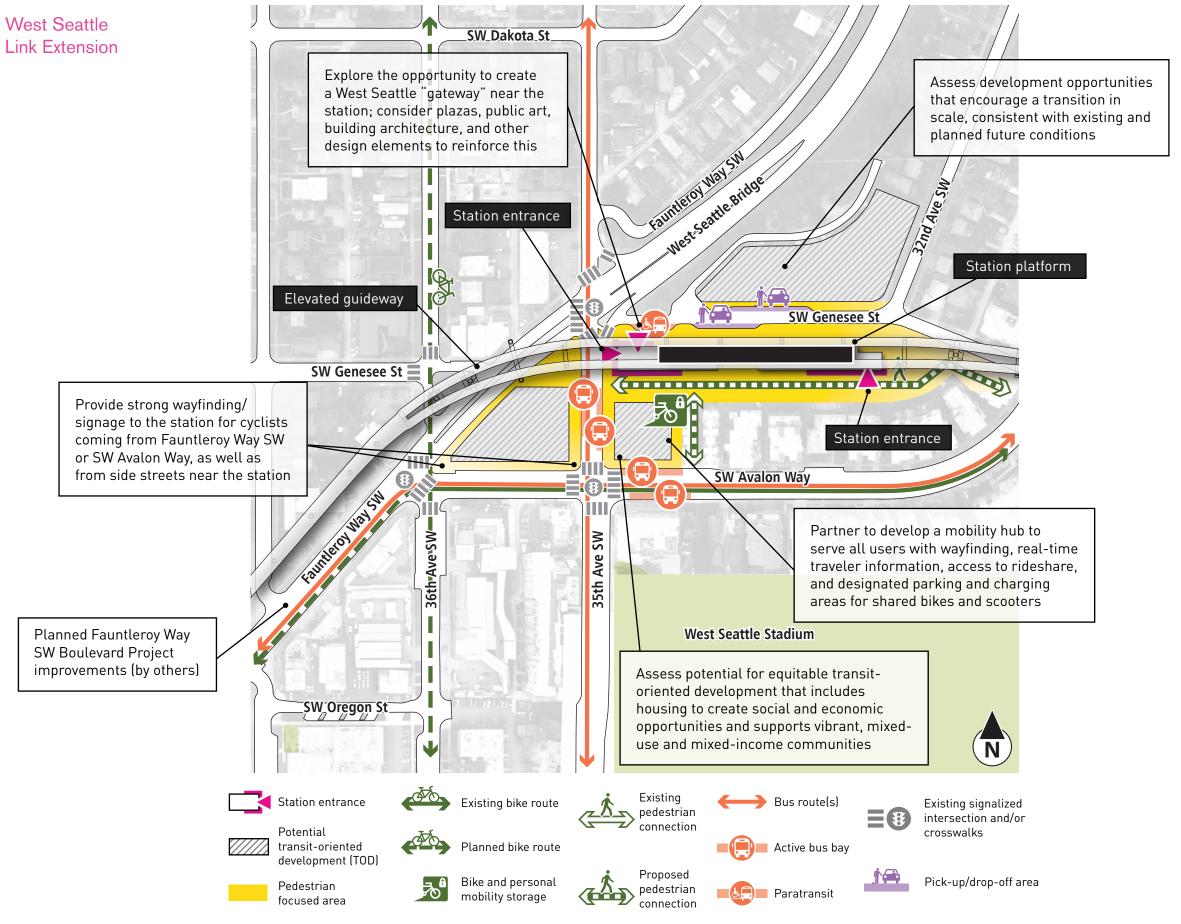
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Elevated Avalon station platform would sit atop an elevated guideway that emerges from behind buildings north of SW Avalon Way to become a prominent feature along Fauntleroy Way SW, highlighting the station's role as a gateway to West Seattle. The city's planned mobility improvements on Fauntleroy Way SW would make this street more comfortable for people walking and riding bikes.

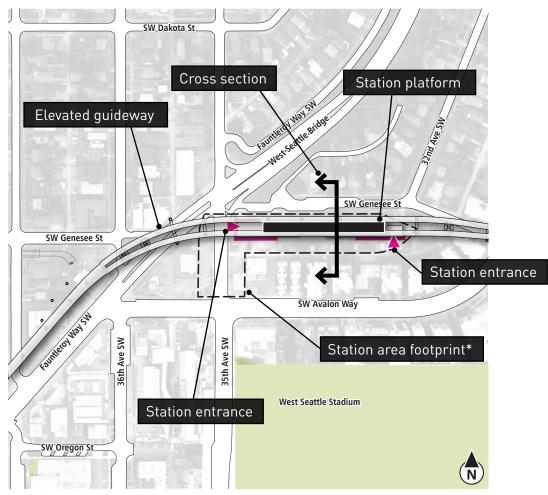
Public space around the station would complement the planned pedestrian and bike improvements on Fauntleroy Way with amenities, such as landscaping, seating, and lighting, that would enliven the area, even at non-peak hours. New transit-oriented development with public space and active ground-floor uses would also enhance the existing neighborhood.

WSJ-1 station alternative is approximately 10 feet higher than WSJ-2 station alternative.



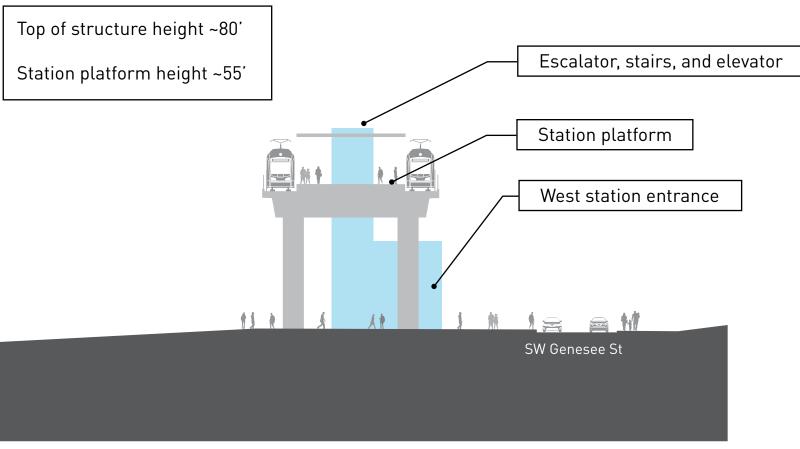


Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Station cross section

1. Illustration above shows the station height for the WSJ-1 alternative. The WSJ-2 and WSJ-5 station alternatives would be approximately 10 feet shorter.

Avalon: **Station**

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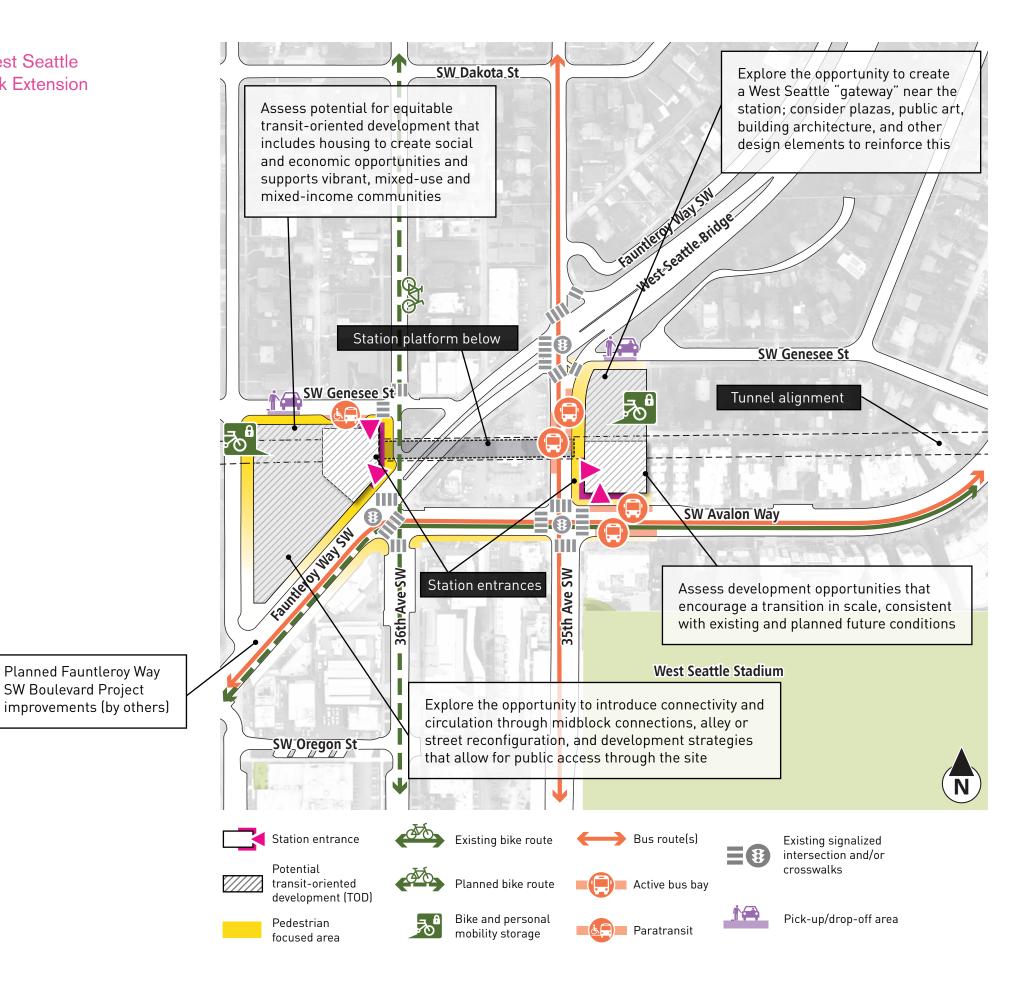
Tunnel Avalon Station (WSJ-3a, WSJ-3b)

Other Alternative

Station context plan

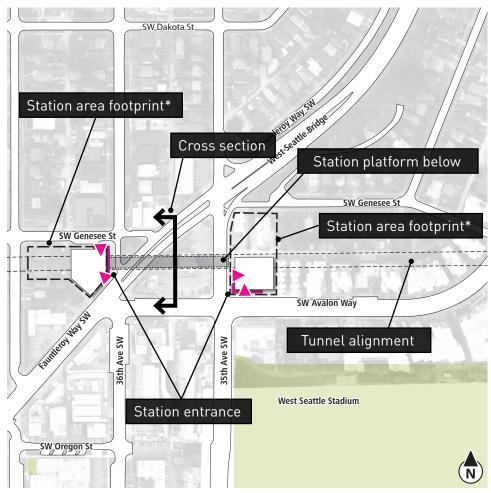
The Tunnel Avalon station alternative would be visually defined by the station entrance structures near SW Avalon Way and Fauntleroy Way SW. Plazas and open spaces around the station entrances can be designed to enhance pedestrian activity with building fronts set back from the curb with wide sidewalks, café seating, landscaping, and pedestrian lighting. Transitoriented development integrated with the station entrances could add market-rate and affordable housing as well as neighborhood-scale commercial spaces for small businesses.

The city's planned mobility improvements to Fauntleroy Way SW would make this street more comfortable for people walking and riding bikes.



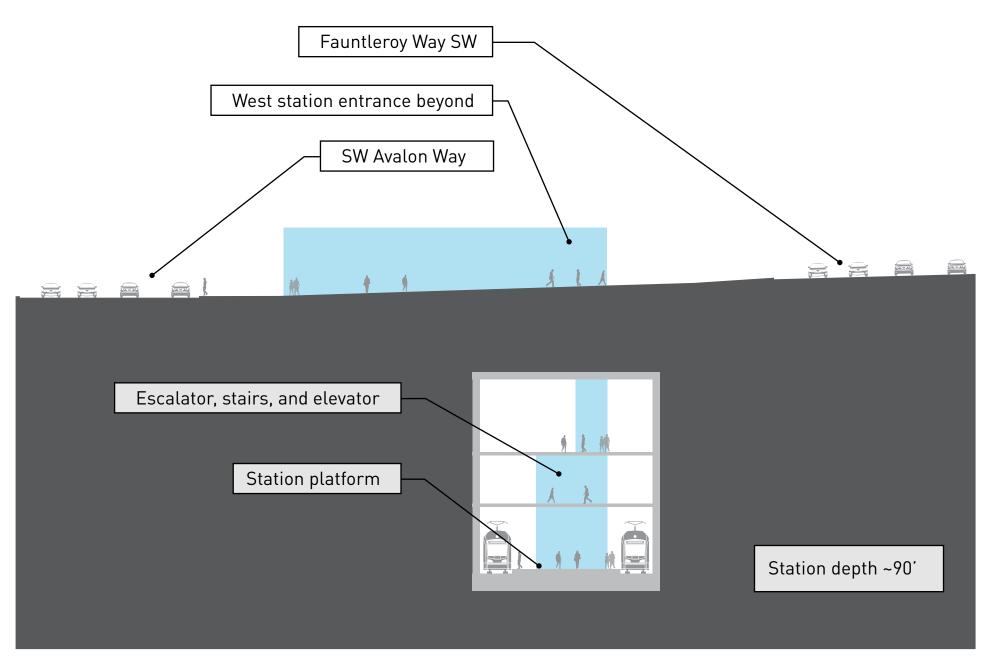


Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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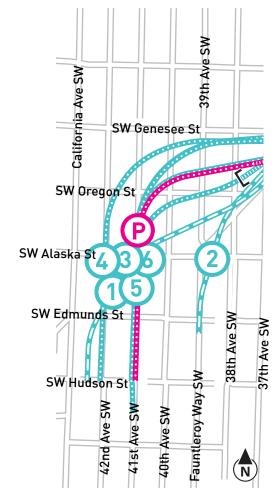
Station cross section

Alaska Junction Station

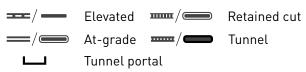
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Final EIS station • alternatives

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains seven alternatives for the Alaska Junction Station.



Route and station profiles



Final EIS alternatives

Preferred alternative
Other alternatives



Medium Tunnel 41st Avenue Station West Entrance Option (WSJ-5b)

Tunnel station under 41st Ave SW crossing beneath SW Alaska St



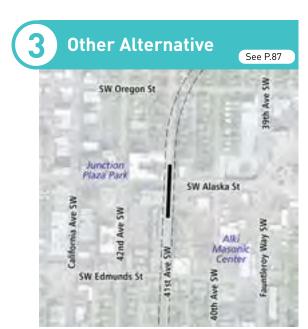
Elevated 41st/42nd Avenue Station (WSJ-1)

Elevated station south of SW Alaska St between 41st Ave SW and 42nd Ave SW



Elevated Fauntleroy Way Station (WSJ-2)

Elevated station southeast of Fauntleroy Way SW straddling SW Alaska St



Tunnel 41st Avenue Station (WSJ-3a)

Tunnel station under 41st Ave SW crossing beneath SW Alaska St



Tunnel 42nd Avenue Station (WSJ-3b)

Tunnel station under 42nd Ave SW crossing beneath SW Alaska St



Short Tunnel 41st Avenue Station (WSJ-4)

Tunnel station under 41st Ave SW south of SW Alaska St



Medium Tunnel 41st Avenue (WSJ-5a, WSJ-6)

Tunnel station under 41st Ave SW crossing beneath SW Alaska St

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Elevated 41st/42nd Avenue Station (WSJ-1)

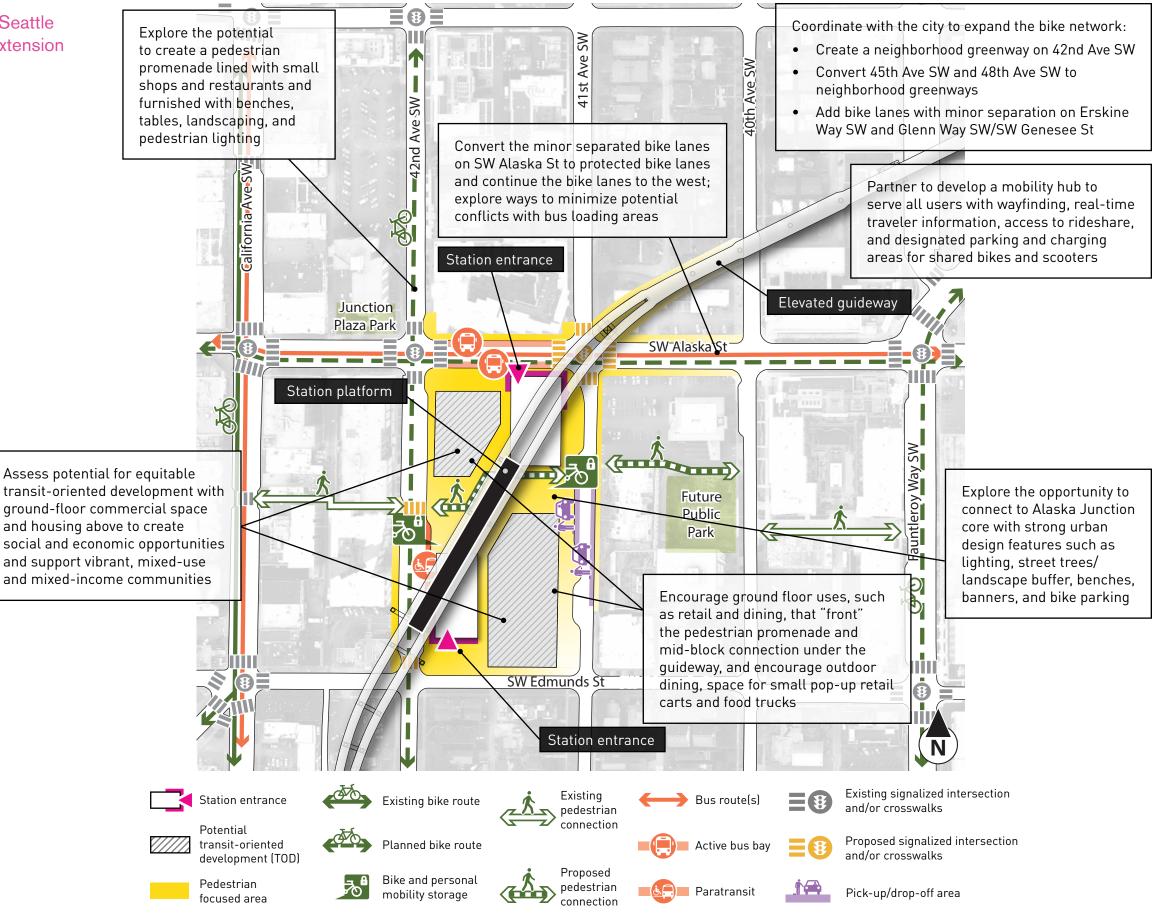
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Elevated 41st/42nd Avenue station alternative, with entrances on SW Alaska St and SW Edmunds St, would be midway between The Junction and newer developments near Fauntleroy Way SW.

This station alternative would provide an opportunity to transform an entire block, which is currently apartments and businesses with surface and underground parking. The guideway would bisect the block at an angle, resulting in two potential transit-oriented development sites with opportunities to create active plaza space and a mid-block connection with parking located below the plaza level.

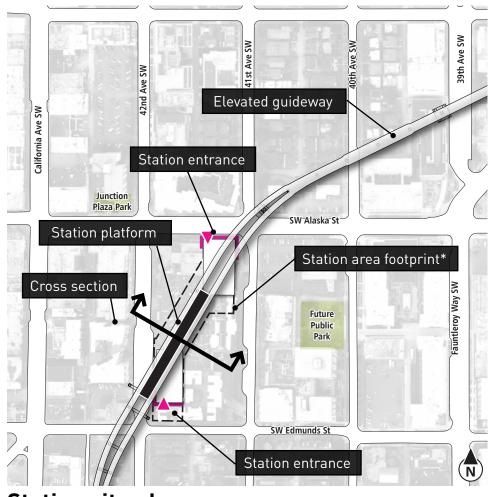
The station area is highly walkable and includes a balanced mix of residential and commercial uses. Existing mid-block connections from California Way SW could be extended to the east as the neighborhood continues to develop.



Alaska Junction Station West Seattle Link Extension

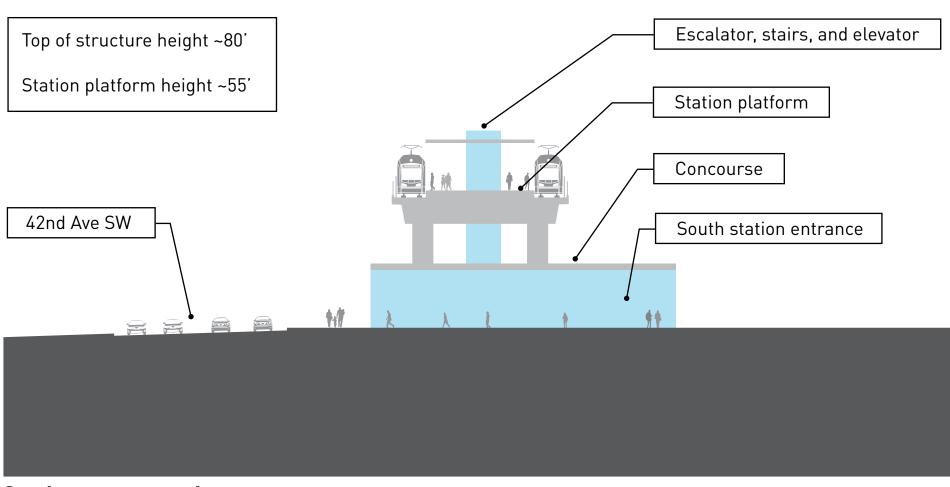
Elevated 41st/42nd Avenue Station (WSJ-1)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Station cross section

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Elevated Fauntleroy Way Station • (WSJ-2)

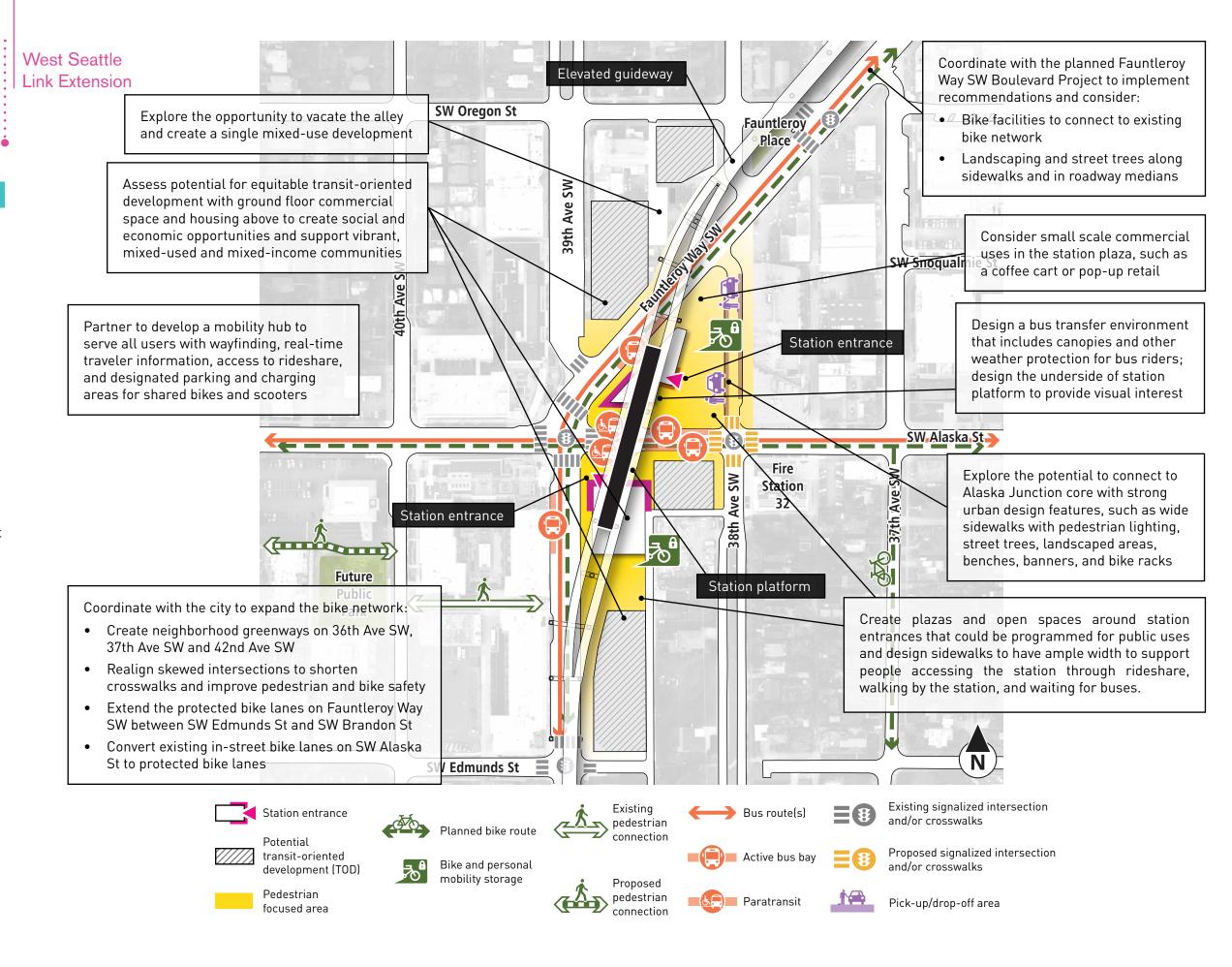
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Elevated Fauntleroy Way station alternative would straddle SW Alaska St on the east side of Fauntleroy Way SW. This station alternative would serve The Junction as well as the expanding neighborhood to the east.

With thoughtful integration into the streetscape, the elevated guideway can provide opportunities for pocket parks and pedestrian/bike trails and pathways. The city plans to improve Fauntleroy Way SW and SW Alaska St for people walking and riding bikes. These corridors are especially important for this alternative, since they connect the station to neighborhoods to the south, east, and west and facilitate access to "The Junction".

Well-designed placement of station entrances, bus stops, pick-up/drop-off areas, bike storage and plazas along with potential transit-oriented development would create a welcoming environment around the station.



Alaska Junction Station West Seattle Link Extension

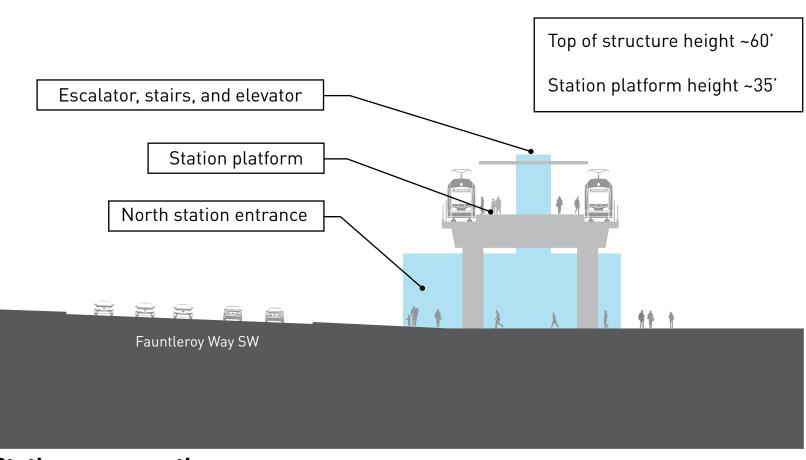
Elevated Fauntleroy Way Station (WSJ-2)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Station cross section

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Tunnel 41st Avenue Station (WSJ-3a)

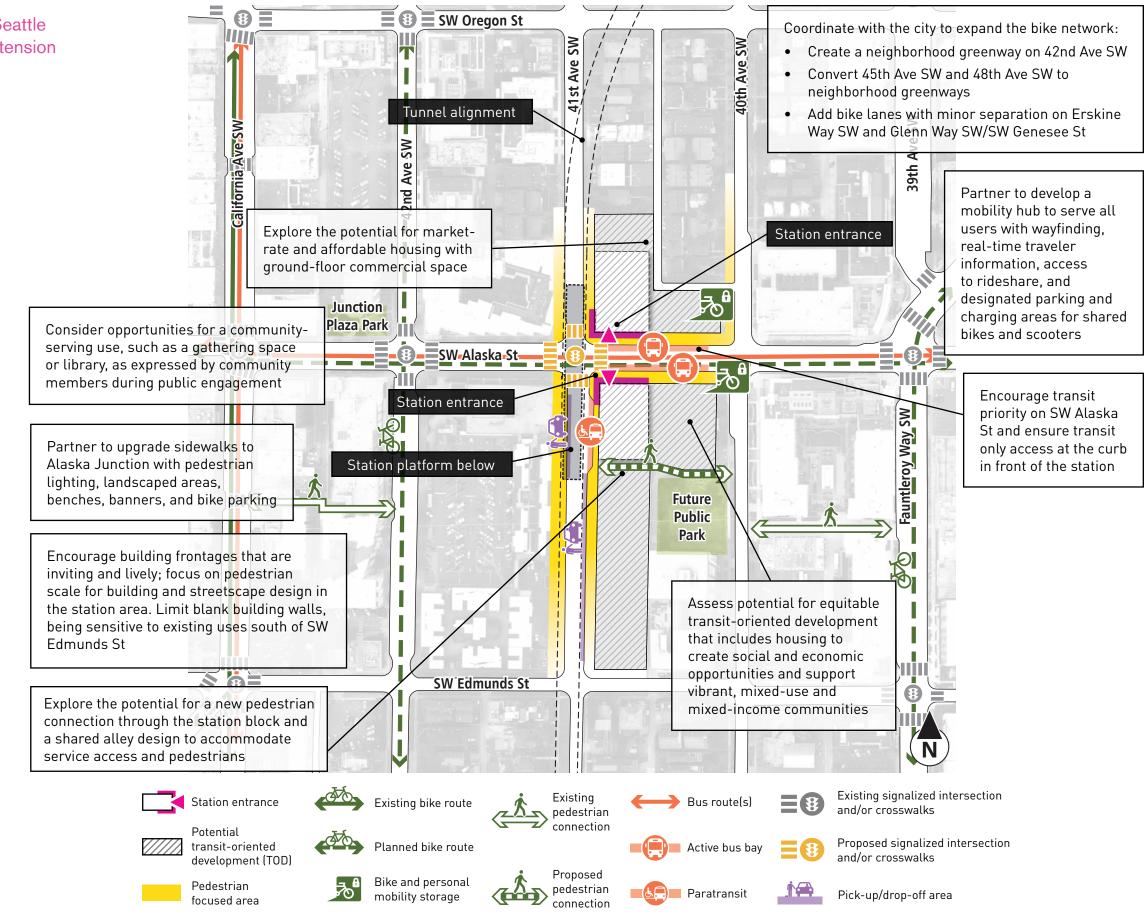
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Tunnel 41st Avenue station platform would be located approximately 70 feet under 41st Ave SW with entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St. At street level, this alternative is identical to WSJ-5a and WSJ-6, but below grade it is approximately 20 feet deeper than the WSJ-5b and WSJ-6 alternatives.

Both station entrances have the potential to be integrated into new development that could include ground-floor commercial space with multifamily housing above, potentially fronting a new pedestrian connection adjacent to a planned public park on 40th Ave SW.

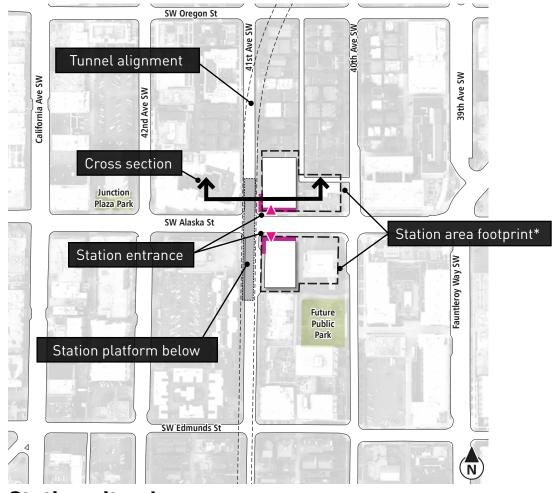
With entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St, this alternative would provide easy access for pedestrians and cyclists with a good sidewalk network, a planned neighborhood greenway on 42nd Ave SW, and protected bike lanes planned on SW Alaska St.



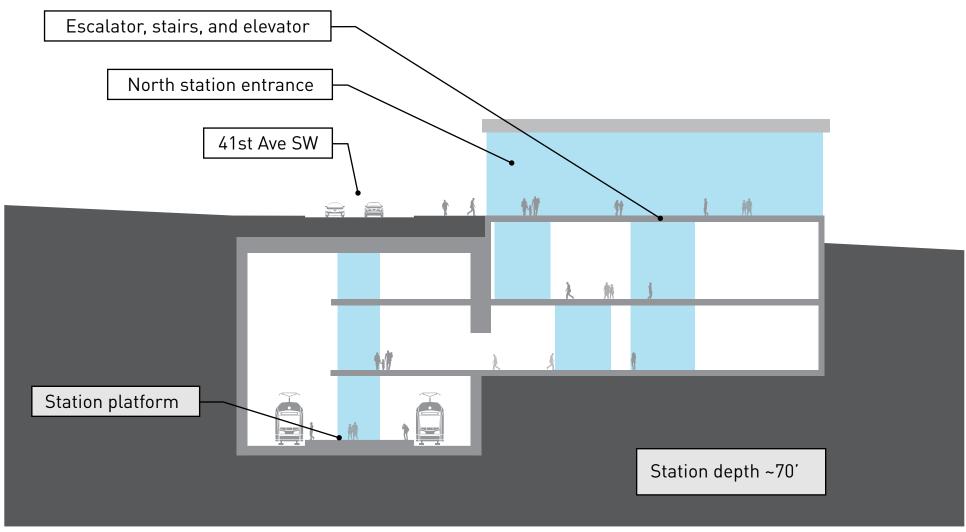
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Tunnel 41st Avenue Station (WSJ-3a)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan



Station cross section

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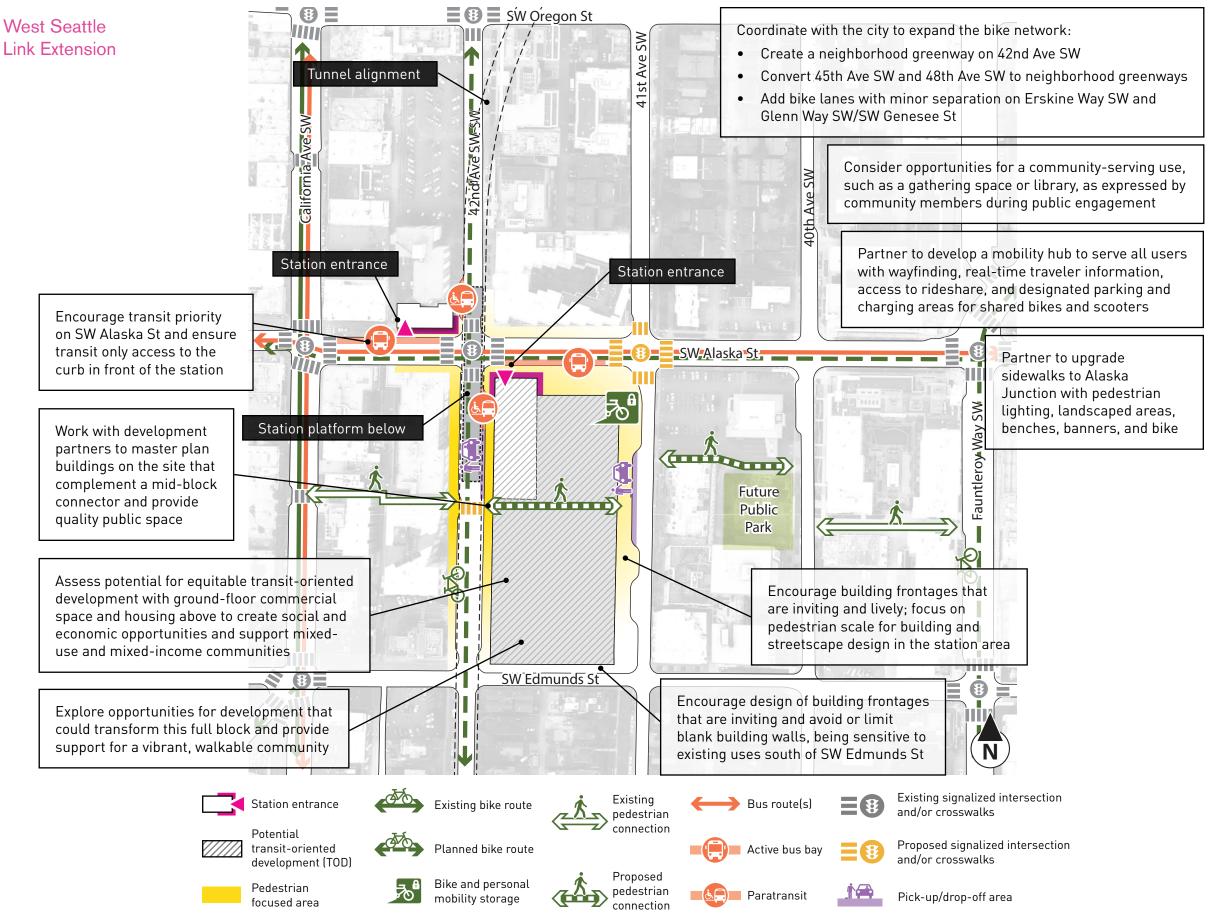
Tunnel 42nd Avenue Station (WSJ-3b)

Other Alternative

Station context plan

The tunnel station alternative under 42nd Ave SW would be just a block away from The Junction core and a few blocks from the rapidly developing area further east. The north station entrance would displace the existing Junction Plaza Park, which would need to be relocated. The south station entrance would provide an opportunity to transform an entire block by integrating the station into new development with ground-floor commercial space and multi-family housing above.

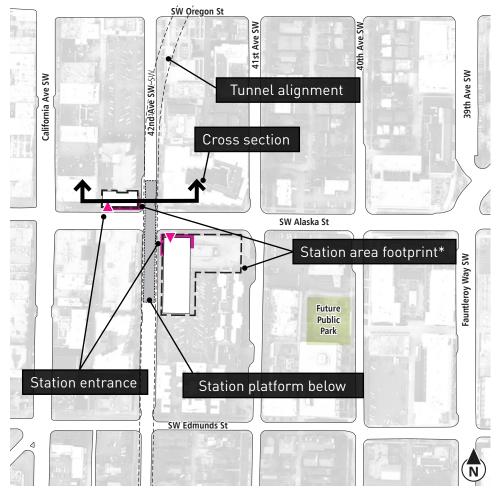
With entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St. this alternative would provide easy access for pedestrians and cyclists with a good sidewalk network, a planned neighborhood greenway on 42nd Ave SW, and protected bike lanes on SW Alaska St.



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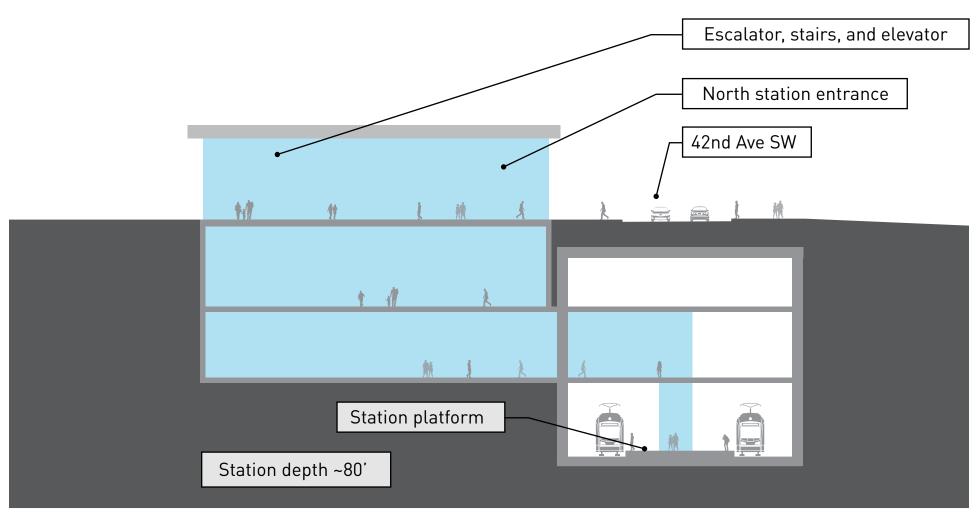
Tunnel 42nd Avenue Station (WSJ-3b)

Looking inside the station



Station site plan

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Station cross section

Alaska Junction Station

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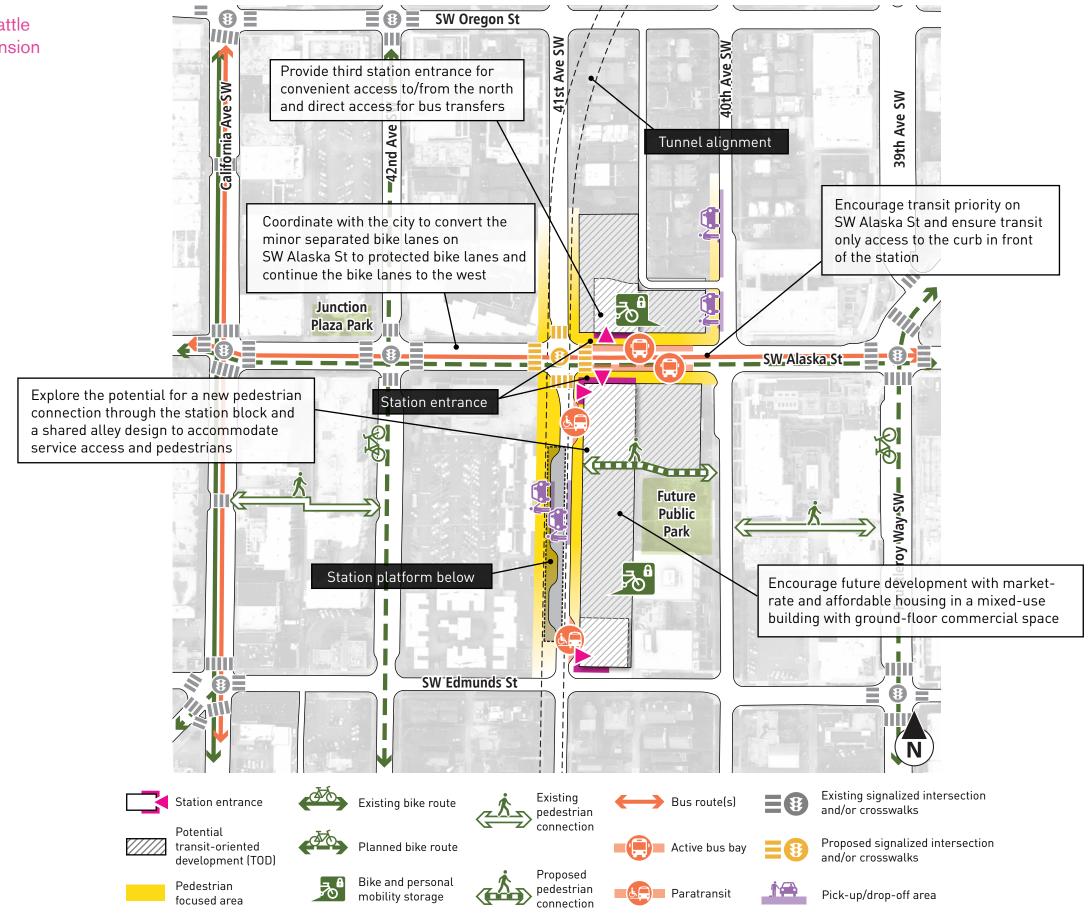
Short Tunnel 41st Avenue • Station (WSJ-4)

Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Short Tunnel 41st Avenue station platform would be located under 41st Ave SW south of SW Alaska St. This station alternative would include entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St and a third entrance at SW Edmunds St. These station entrances have the potential to be integrated into new developments that can include ground-floor commercial space and multifamily housing above, potentially fronting a new pedestrian connection adjacent to the future public park.

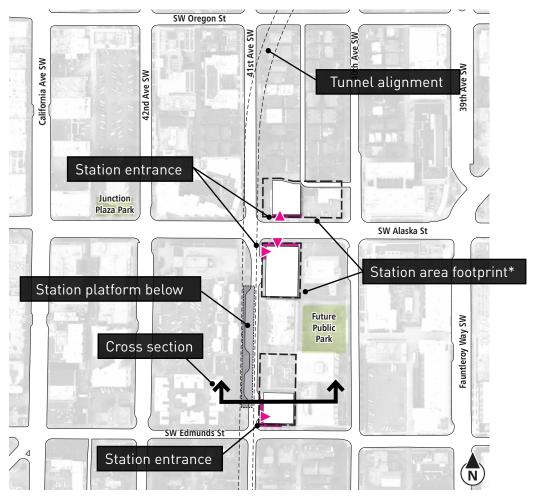
With entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St, this alternative can provide easy access for pedestrians and cyclists with a good sidewalk network, a planned neighborhood greenway on 42nd Ave SW, and protected bike lanes on SW Alaska St.



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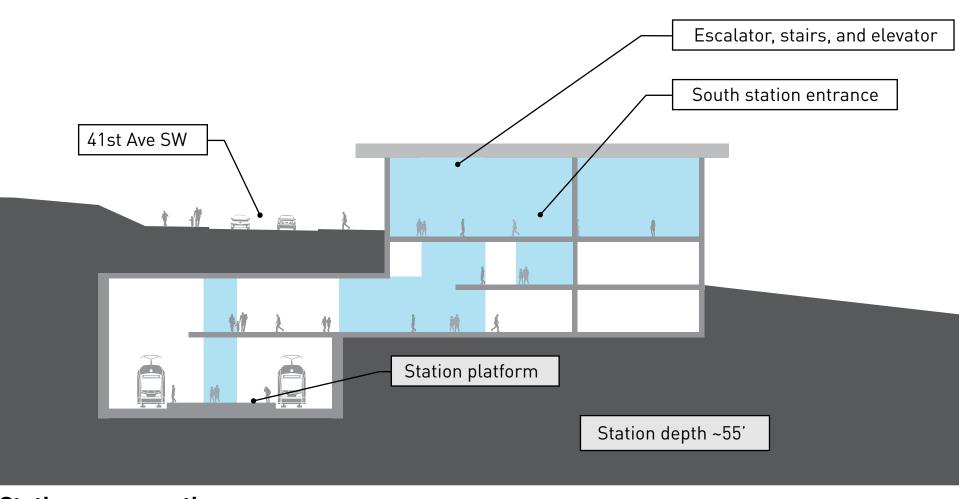
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Looking inside the station



Station site plan

* The station area footprint is the approximate area that Sound Transit would maintain for light rail operations.



Station cross section

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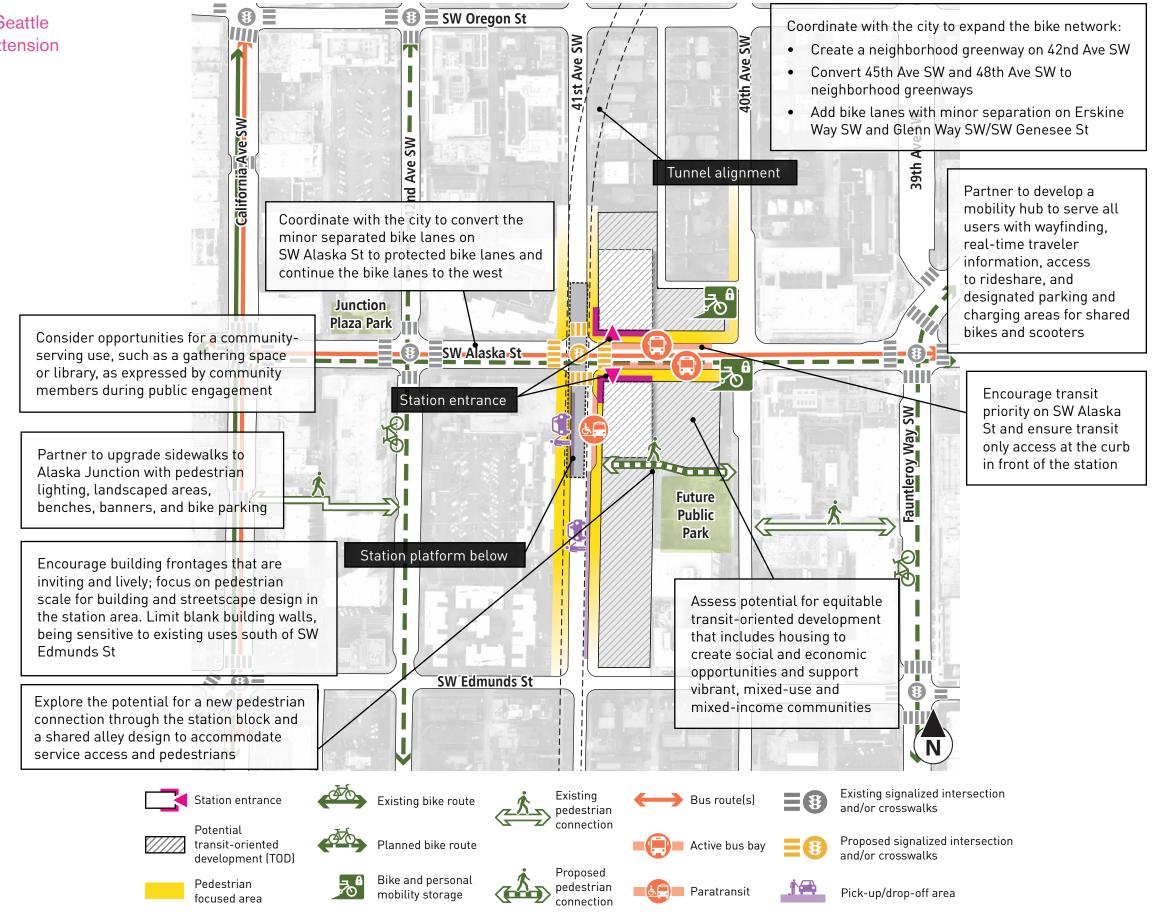
Other Alternative

Station context plan

The Medium Tunnel 41st Avenue station platform would be located approximately 50 feet under 41st Ave SW with entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St. At street level, this alternative would be identical to WSJ-3a, but below grade it is 20 feet shallower than the WSJ-3a alternative.

Both station entrances have the potential to be integrated into new development that could include ground-floor commercial space with multifamily housing above, potentially fronting a new pedestrian connection adjacent to a planned public park on 40th Ave SW.

With entrances on both sides of SW Alaska St, this alternative provides easy access for pedestrians and cyclists with a good sidewalk network, a planned neighborhood greenway on 42nd Ave SW, and protected bike lanes planned on SW Alaska St.

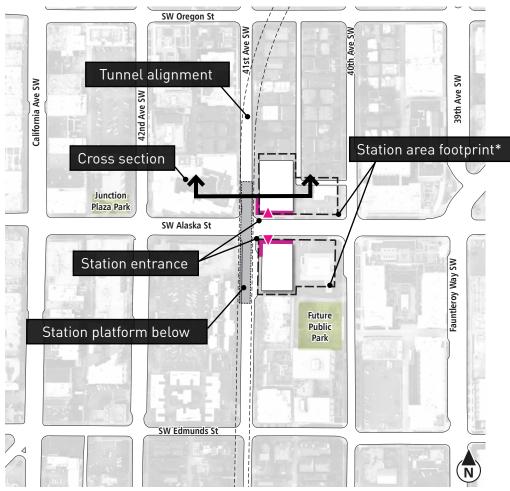


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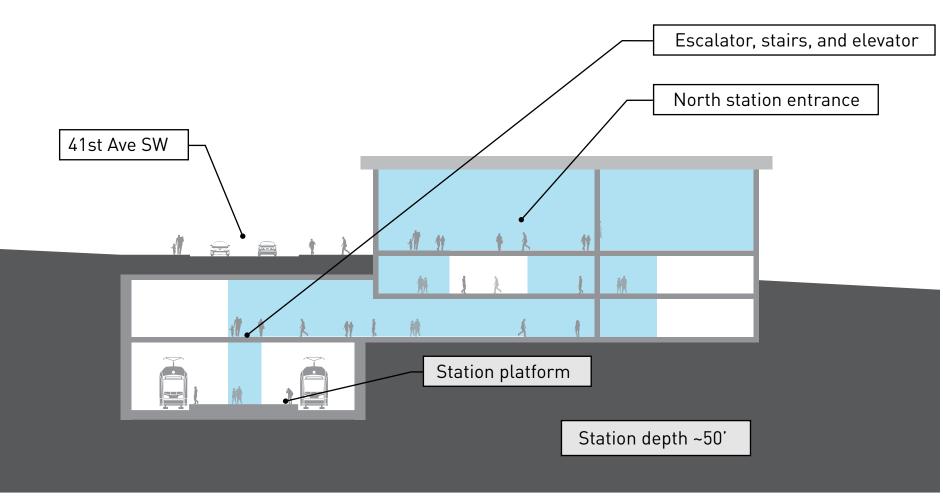
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