West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

1/10/24 Community Oversight Panel



Presenters

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Agenda

West Seattle Link Extension

Status of project development, challenges, community engagement 10 min

Questions/discussion 20 min

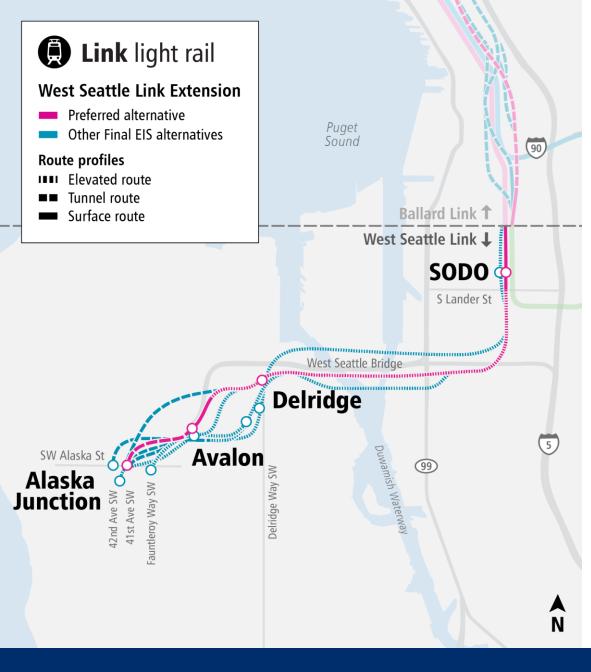
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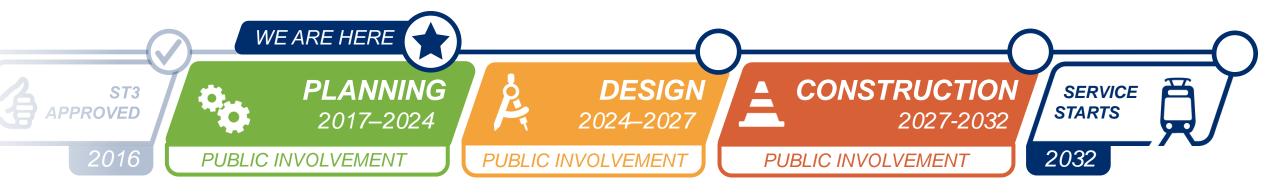


West Seattle Link Extension alternatives

What we're studying going forward

- Preferred alternative
- Other EIS alternatives

West Seattle Link Extension Project timeline





2016



PLANNING



2017-2019

Alternatives development

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- Feb-April 2019: Scoping
- May-Oct 2019: Board identified preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives

2019-2024

Environmental review

Early 2022: Publish Draft EIS

Public comment period

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2024: Publish Final EIS

Board selects project to be built

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Challenges

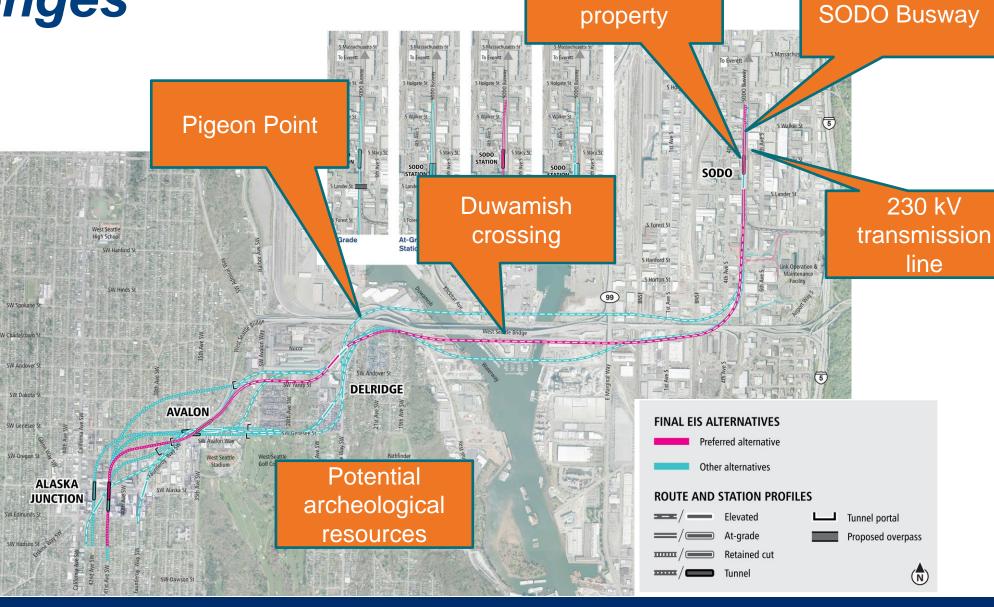
SODO Busway

BNSF/UP

Federal and tribal approvals

City permitting

Construction market





Community engagement

Station Planning Forum & Survey (Fall 2023)

- Shared updated station design progress (also available online).
- Gathered community feedback on concepts for access, urban design, and transit-oriented development at the stations.

Next Step: We'll report back on how feedback was incorporated as part of station design in early 2024.



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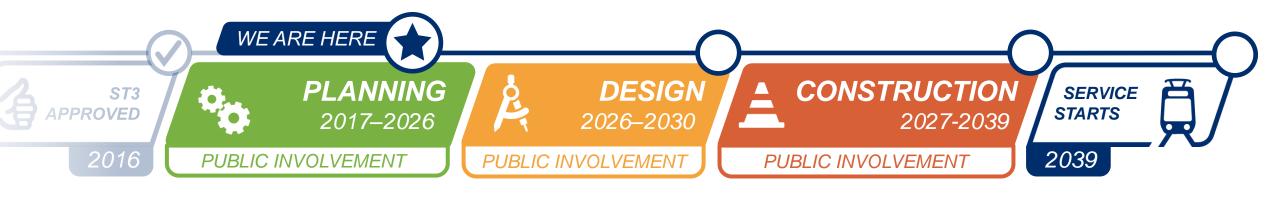
Lake **Ballard** NW Market St Interbay W Dravus St Lake Union Magnolia Bridge Seattle South Smith Center Lake Union Cove Denny Westlake Link light rail Midtown **Ballard Link Extension** Preferred alternative Other Draft EIS alternatives S Jackson St Int'l District/ Puget Sound Route profiles Chinatown IIII Flevated route Tunnel route Stadium Surface route **†** Ballard Link

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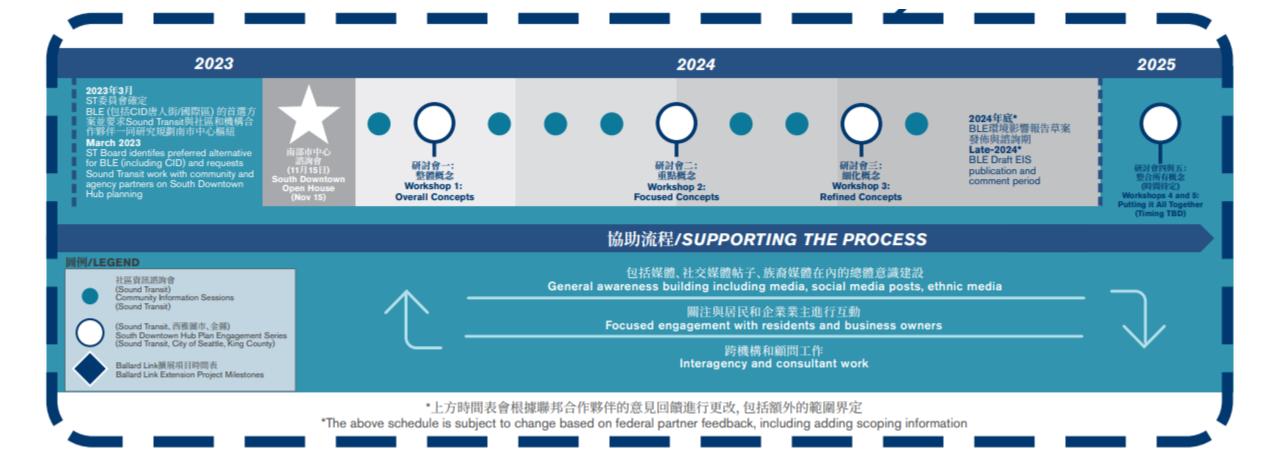
Challenges



Community engagement

- SLU Feasibility Study (April 2024)
- South Downtown Hub Workshop Series (quarterly 2024)
- Community Information Sessions, CID focused (monthly starting in March)

Community engagement



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