



Monthly Report: External Engagement

PROJECT PHASE: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

In December, we participated in 8 community briefings and attended 2 tabling events.



23 comments and questions



8 community briefings



2 tabling events engaging **75** community members



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COMMUNICATIONS ANALYTICS

23 communications included:

- 21 emails
- 2 phone conversations

Key feedback:

- Support for the Ballard station to be located on 15th Avenue NW or 17th Avenue NW
- Support for the Interbay station to be located at 17th Avenue W and W Dravus St to better serve pedestrians and transit connections
- Support for extensions that do not include movable bridges or at-grade crossings
- Support for station location options that serve large walksheds
- Support for alignments that include tunnels
- Support for mixing and matching elements from Level 3 alternatives
- Questions about impacts to property owners
- Questions about the West Seattle Extension design and construction schedule

BRIEFINGS

During the reporting period, the project team held 8 briefings, engaging the following groups or individuals:

- Helping Link (12/5)
- WestSide Baby (12/6)
- SODO BIA, Transportation Committee (12/7)
- CenterPoint Properties Trust (12/12)
- Pacific Terminals (12/13)
- Seattle Planning Commission (12/13)
- Port of Seattle Harbor Island Business Group (12/14)
- Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDpda) Resident Managers (12/18)



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BRIEFINGS (KEY FEEDBACK)

Questions and feedback received from briefings during the reporting period.

Corridor wide

- Support for frequent bus service to stations, so more people can access light rail
- Support for locating new stations near underserved communities and social service organizations
- Comment that safety concerns near light rail stations are a barrier to people using them
- Comment that community engagement needs to be a series of conversations to better understand the complex information associated with the project
- Question about what Sound Transit is doing to raise safety awareness around light rail stations
- Question about whether the new light rail extensions will reduce the quantity of buses on city streets

Interbay/Ballard (includes stations at Ballard, Interbay and Smith Cove)

- No feedback received.

Downtown (includes stations at Seattle Center, South Lake Union, Denny, Westlake and Midtown)

- No feedback received.

SODO/Chinatown-International District (includes stations at Chinatown-International District, Stadium and SODO)

- Comment that outreach activities in Chinatown-International District need to engage students and employees, not just elders
- Comment about improving the pedestrian experience around S Lander Street
- Question about the different traffic and parking impacts associated with light rail alternatives on 4th and 5th avenues
- Question about impacts to the E-3 busway with the SODO alignments
- Concern about impacts to SODO businesses if light rail crosses the Duwamish waterway on the northside of the West Seattle Bridge



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West Seattle (includes stations at Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction)

- Question about how the West Seattle stations will serve White Center and other neighborhoods south of Delridge
- Question about whether the West Seattle alternatives could include a stop on Harbor Island
- Question about the proximity of the new light rail bridge to the existing West Seattle Bridge
- Question about the cost differences associated with the location of the proposed bridge across the Duwamish
- Comment about noise sensitivity in the Pigeon Point neighborhood

FESTIVALS

During the reporting period, the project team attended **2** tabling events to share information with the community, answer questions and discuss opportunities to stay engaged.

Real Change Vendor Meeting (Dec. 12, 2018)

- **20** community members stopped by the table
- Common questions and topics included wayfinding and station amenities
 - “Support for more security officers at light rail stations.”
 - “Can there be more places to sit, public art and other amenities at stations?”
 - “More maps and signage at stations would help me get around better.”

Greater Seattle Business Association Annual Meeting & Holiday Luncheon (Dec. 12, 2018)

- **55** community members stopped by the table
- Common questions and topics included station locations and service impacts
 - “How will the new downtown transit tunnel impact existing light rail service?”
 - “Where will the Delridge station be located?”
 - “I’m so excited for the West Seattle and Ballard Link extensions!”