



Everett Link Extension

Community engagement

During the environmental review phase of the Everett Link Extension, your feedback will help us evaluate potential alignment, station, and Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) North locations. Your input helps us plan and design a system that reflects the needs and desires of your community. There will be plenty of opportunities to engage before key decisions are made.

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*Community Engagement Guide found in "Documents" section.



We're committed to:

- › Proactivity
- › Social awareness
- › Transparency
- › Accountability
- › Equity
- › Accessibility

Partnerships

Implementing this project takes extraordinary collaboration with our federal, state, and local partners. To meet the challenge, we are working with our partners in different ways.



Public

Communicate your ideas, concerns, and questions by sending us emails, responding to surveys, participating in public events, and inviting us to meet with your community.



Community advisors

Members are residents, transit riders, business owners, and members of organizations that reflect the diversity found throughout the corridor. This group provides valuable insight as we develop the project.



Tribes

We consult with Washington state tribes and acknowledge their needs and interests.



Interagency group

Partner agencies work closely and coordinate with Sound Transit as the project moves forward.



Sound Transit Board

The Board oversees the implementation and delivery of the project, considers recommendations, and has final decision-making power.



Elected officials

There will be opportunities for former Elected Leadership Group members and other elected officials to receive briefings about the project progress and give input.

Public transit drives equity

Our work influences whether people can fulfill their fundamental needs and ensure their physical and emotional wellbeing. Transit affects many aspects of life, from accessing jobs, education, groceries, and medical care to making and maintaining interpersonal connections with friends, family, and community.

While we're proud to represent these values, it's a big responsibility to prioritize all of them. As a regional agency that serves diverse and growing communities, we have a duty to dismantle harmful and pervasive systems of inequity. We recognize that our most critical decisions — where we build our projects, how we plan our service, and who makes up our workforce — are questions of racial and socioeconomic justice.

We look at how different alternatives could potentially affect historically excluded communities, including people living with disabilities, people in low income brackets, and communities of color. We will also conduct an environmental justice analysis. The project team will assess and address these findings and ensure we incorporate them in decision-making.

We strive to proactively remove barriers and advance equity by:

- Reaching out to organizations that work with historically excluded communities in the project area to better understand and engage those communities.
- Providing translators and/or interpreters at public meetings and events.
- Creating materials in languages spoken along the project route.
- Designing digital materials that are accessible for people living with disabilities.
- Holding smaller meetings focused on the needs of individual communities and cultures.
- Providing stipends or other direct means of supporting public participation.
- Meeting communities where they gather, such as community and faith centers.

How to connect with us:

- Visit our online open house and project website.
- Schedule a community briefing.
- Catch us at local fairs and festivals.
- Subscribe for email updates.
- Follow us on social media.

Why is it important to engage now?

Over the next few years, your feedback will help us continue to evaluate potential alignments, stations, and OMF North locations throughout the environmental review process. Early community engagement ahead of key decisions helps us plan and design a system that better meets the needs and desires of the community.

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