

Community Engagement

During the alternatives development phase of the Everett Link Extension project, your feedback will help us evaluate potential alignment, station and Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) North locations. Early community engagement ahead of key decisions helps Sound Transit plan and design a system that reflects the needs and desires of your community. There will be plenty of opportunities to engage.

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*Community Engagement Guide found in "Documents" section.



We're committed to:

- > Proactivity
- > Transparency
- > Equity

- > Social awareness
- > Accountability
- > Accessibility

Partnerships

Implementing this project will take extraordinary collaboration with our federal, state and local partners. To meet the challenge, we are working with our collaborators 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 Advisory Group

Members are residents, transit riders, business owners and members of organizations that reflect the diversity found throughout the corridor. This group provides recommendations at key decision points.



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 Leadership Group

Sound Transit Board members and elected officials represent communities along the project corridor. This group informs project decisions.



Public transit drives equity

Our work influences whether people can fulfill their fundamental needs, from jobs and education to groceries and medical care to interpersonal connections that ensure mental and emotional wellbeing.

While we're proud to represent these values, it's a big responsibility to prioritize all of these factors. 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 will look at the ways in which different alternatives could potentially affect and benefit historically excluded communities, including people living with a disability, people in lower income brackets and communities of color. The project team will assess and address these effects and ensure we incorporate these findings in decision-making. We will also conduct an environmental justice analysis.

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:

- Attend a virtual or in-person public meeting
- 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?

Projects like this take a lot of time and planning to complete. Your feedback has influence over long-term decisions such as determining a preferred route to study during environmental review or identifying station and OMF North locations to study during the alternatives development process.

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