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**Appendix B: Public Involvement and Agency
Coordination**



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APPENDIX B PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATION

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) emphasize the importance of public engagement and agency involvement as key factors in the environmental review process. Sound Transit is committed to engaging interested parties early and often during the development of Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) South. Sound Transit has engaged neighborhood and community stakeholders, Tribes, state and federal agencies, transit partners, and the general public leading into and during development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

This appendix summarizes Sound Transit's Tribal and agency coordination and public outreach activities to date through the environmental review process for the OMF South project. Sound Transit worked with federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes, and local jurisdictions to create an open and collaborative process that provided numerous opportunities to inform and involve the public.

1 OUTREACH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The OMF South is part of the mass transit system expansion by Sound Transit, funded by the Sound Transit 3 initiative approved by voters in 2016. It will service and store light rail cars for the Federal Way and Tacoma Dome Link Extensions. Public participation and input played a critical role in identifying a variety of potential locations and narrowing those to the three alternatives for study in the Environmental Impact Statement. To meet the project timeline and goals, Sound Transit engaged the public through an intensive public involvement plan.

Throughout alternatives development and environmental review, Sound Transit commits to several goals to ensure successful engagement, including:

- **Proactively engaging audiences and communities** most affected by the project in conversations that would lead to identifying a project to be built.
- **Transparent, meaningful, and inclusive** communication that is clear and timely.
- **Sharing information in a variety of ways** to encourage awareness of project progress and its benefits.
- **Clear communication of how feedback informed project decisions** to ensure accountability.
- **Accessible project information** geared toward accessibility for all audiences, with easy-to-read, understandable, and in-language materials.

Sound Transit focuses outreach toward five key audience groups.

- **Tribes, agencies, and local jurisdictions** through the establishment of an Elected Leadership Group (ELG) and an Interagency Group (IAG) that met regularly to provide input and receive project updates.
- **Neighborhood and community stakeholders**, including advocacy groups, businesses, communities of color, community-based organizations and cultural groups, current and future transit riders, immigrant and refugee populations, limited-English-speaking populations, low-income households, people with disabilities, local residents (renters and homeowners), and social service organizations.

- **Property owners**, including homeowners, condominium owners, apartment complex owners and their tenants and staff, small and minority-owned businesses, and commercial property owners and their tenants.
- **Public**, including people who live, work, and commute in, through, and around the Puget Sound region.
- **Print, digital, and broadcast media**, including community, local, and ethnic resources.

Sound Transit combines **in-person, online, and existing community engagement strategies** to continue to reach and engage as many members of the public as possible. English and translated materials have been available throughout the project.

2 CHARTERED GROUP ENGAGEMENT

2.1 Lead Agencies

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is acting as the NEPA lead agency with Sound Transit acting as the SEPA lead agency.

2.2 Agency Coordination

Sound Transit has engaged with project partners, local jurisdictions, affected Tribes, elected officials, community partners, stakeholders, and partner agencies since the beginning of this project. Coordination with agencies and other stakeholders has been primarily through regular meetings with the following two chartered groups.

The **Elected Leadership Group (ELG)** was convened starting in February 2018 to provide feedback and recommendations on project alternatives for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project. The group was composed of elected officials representing the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation (Puyallup Tribe of Indians); the mayors of Federal Way, Milton, Fife, and Tacoma; Sound Transit Board members; and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). Staff provided OMF South updates to the ELG to keep them informed on the project; however, they were not tasked with making official recommendations due to the technical nature of decisions to site the facility. After Sound Transit identified that OMF South would need to be in south King County to meet operational criteria, limiting the geographic scope north of Pierce County, the Kent mayor was invited to attend all ELG meetings where OMF South updates were discussed beginning in fall of 2018.

Initially, the ELG met approximately every other month and then received updates approximately quarterly during the initial engineering design work and preparation of the 2021 SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A list of meetings is outlined below in Table B.2-1. After the ELG made its recommendations for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension in 2019, the group’s purpose was achieved. On March 5, 2021, Sound Transit invited the elected officials that composed the ELG to a briefing to provide an overview of findings from the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS and a preview of engagement opportunities during the 45-day comment period. The project team will keep the members of the former ELG informed on major project milestones moving forward, but the group is no longer being convened. ELG meeting dates are listed in Table B.2-1.

Table B.2-1 ELG Meeting Dates

ELG Meeting	Date
1	February 16, 2018
2	March 19, 2018
3	May 18, 2018
4	July 13, 2018
5	October 12, 2018
6	November 30, 2018
7	February 22, 2019
8	May 31, 2019
9	June 14, 2019

The **Interagency Group (IAG)** – Sound Transit is working closely to coordinate with agencies and governments as this project moves forward at a technical level to ensure the project aligns with other city, agency, and Tribal plans and interests. The OMF South IAG is made up of representatives from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, cities of Federal Way, Kent, and Seattle; Seattle Public Utilities (SPU); Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); WSDOT; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Department of Ecology (Ecology); and King County.

The IAG reviewed and commented on the Methodology Memorandums prepared for each element of the environment included in the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS. A list of meetings is outlined below in Table B.2-2. The IAG was kept apprised of development of the site design and the study area used in the environmental analysis as well as the document status. In 2022, the meeting schedule was changed from monthly to quarterly.

Table B.2-2 IAG Meeting Dates

IAG Meeting	Date
1	July 22, 2019
2	October 7, 2019
3	November 12, 2019 (email update)
4	February 11, 2020
5	March 10, 2020
6	April 14, 2020 (email update)
7	June 9, 2020
8	January 19, 2021
9	February 16, 2021
10	March 16, 2021
11	September 21, 2021
12	November 16, 2021
13	December 21, 2021
14	March 15, 2022
15	June 21, 2022 (email update)
16	September 20, 2022 (email update)
17	November 16, 2022 (email update)

2.2.1 Specific Agency Input during Development of 2021 SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement Alternatives

Sound Transit has weighed the input of other agencies during the development of the alternatives considered for study in the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS. In addition, Sound Transit has initiated discussions on a number of specific issues related to the project. Table B.2-3 lists the coordination meetings that have taken place thus far.

Table B.2-3 OMF South Agency and Local Jurisdiction Coordination Meetings

Agency/Local Jurisdiction	Purpose	Dates
SPU, WSDOT, Federal Way, Kent, Seattle	Midway Landfill workshops	August 13, 2019 October 3, 2019
SPU, Seattle	Midway Landfill site field work coordination	August 17, 2018 September 30, 2019 January 16, 2020 January 31, 2020 February 12, 2020 February 21, 2020
SPU, Seattle, Ecology, EPA	Midway Landfill Superfund site considerations	October 29, 2019 December 13, 2019 February 13, 2020 August 19, 2020
Federal Way	Local coordination	January 9, 2018 June 6, 2018 October 3, 2018 November 16, 2018 January 30, 2019 February 9, 2019 May 15, 2019 October 1, 2019 October 21, 2019 November 21, 2019 December 16, 2019 January 14, 2020 January 16, 2020 February 20, 2020 August 20, 2020
Kent	Local coordination	July 3, 2018 November 8, 2018 September 24, 2019 May 11, 2020 August 10, 2020 March 11, 2021 September 13, 2021
FHWA/WSDOT	NEPA Approach	December 20, 2018 February 1, 2019 July 23, 2019 September 18, 2019 September 27, 2019 October 16, 2019 October 25, 2019 March 12, 2020 April 20, 2022 September 19, 2022 October 19, 2022 October 25, 2022 December 12, 2022 January 4, 2023

**Table B.2-3 OMF South Agency and Local Jurisdiction Coordination Meetings
(continued)**

Agency/Local Jurisdiction	Purpose	Dates
BPA	Transmission Line Tower Modification Coordination	December 18, 2019 July 21, 2021 August 26, 2021 October 28, 2022 January 11, 2023
Corps, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, WDFW, Ecology	Section 404 Preapplication	September 2, 2020 July 27, 2023
WDFW	Site Visit	May 12, 2022
Ecology	Site Visit	July 11, 2023
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	Ecosystem Impacts and Mitigation Opportunities	February 10, 2020 June 2, 2022 April 18, 2023
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Ecosystem Impacts	January 23, 2020

2.2.1.1 Midway Landfill

Public interest in pursuing the Midway Landfill as a potential OMF South site was raised early in the scoping process. The property is a mostly vacant site in an appropriate location within the Link system (South Corridor and adjacent to mainline tracks that will be operational when the facility opens); it is publicly owned and operated by SPU; and it would provide an opportunity to put a cleanup site back into productive use.

During development of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS, Sound Transit hosted two landfill settlement workshops. Attendees included SPU, WSDOT, Federal Way, Kent, Seattle, and their consultant teams. The workshops centered on analyzing and brainstorming settlement solutions for a potential OMF South on the Midway Landfill. The results of the workshop were then presented to the entire IAG at the February 11, 2020, meeting. Sound Transit has also met specifically with representatives of Seattle and SPU to discuss the Midway Landfill and to coordinate investigative field work, particularly geotechnical borings.

Sound Transit has also met with Seattle, SPU, Ecology and EPA to gain further understanding of the constraints that would be faced when working on a Superfund site with an approved cleanup action plan and a regulatory path forward if the Midway Landfill were ultimately selected as the final site for the OMF South.

2.2.1.2 Local Jurisdiction Coordination

On an ongoing basis, Sound Transit has met with Kent and Federal Way to coordinate alternatives development to gain understanding of local land use, permitting and other perspectives. These meetings have been approximately monthly.

Once the Preferred Alternative was identified, Federal Way and Sound Transit staff set regular meetings every first, third, and fourth week of the month to discuss the project. The regular meetings with Kent have since ended.

2.2.1.3 Coordination Regarding NEPA

During preparation of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS, Sound Transit coordinated with FHWA and WSDOT to identify the approach for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance in support of future federal approvals for the project. Each build alternative would require work within the interstate/federal right-of-way, which would require approvals from FHWA. Due to this federal nexus, NEPA documentation will be prepared.

After publication of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS, Sound Transit identified federal funding opportunities with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Due to this, FTA was identified as the lead federal agency and they determined that an EIS under NEPA would also be required.

2.2.1.4 Coordination Regarding Modification to BPA lines

Sound Transit met with representatives of BPA to discuss the proposed modification to the BPA transmission lines, particularly in regard to BPA's environmental review process and potential Section 106 compliance. Sound Transit will continue to coordinate with BPA as the project progresses.

2.2.1.5 Coordination Regarding Possible Future Environmental Permits

Sound Transit met with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Washington Department of Ecology for a preapplication meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the project, discuss the three alternative sites and the potential impacts of the preferred alternative, and discuss potential permitting under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, should the preferred alternative be selected. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians was invited to the preapplication meeting but was unable to attend. A follow-up call with the Corps was held in May 2021 to discuss the NEPA process and federal requirements for the Section 404(b)(1) Alternative Analysis. A second preapplication meeting with the Corps to provide an update on the three alternative sites and the potential impact of the preferred alternative is planned for the first quarter of 2023.

Sound Transit conducted a site visit with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to the South 336th Street site to discuss design concepts and potential impacts to streams and wetlands for the preferred alternative. In addition, the requirements for permitting geotechnical borings were discussed. Washington Department of Ecology staff were contacted via email in December 2022 regarding stormwater ponds on the preferred alternative site.

2.2.1.6 Coordination Regarding Eligible Historic Resources

Sound Transit surveyed and inventoried a total of 86 historic-period, built-environment resources in the area of impact. The results were documented in historic property inventory forms in Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's (DAHP) Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD), as well as in a technical report (Appendix G4, Historic and Archaeological Resources Technical Report). Based on survey results, Sound Transit has recommended, and DAHP has agreed, that none of the historic-period, built-environment resources surveyed for this project met criteria necessary for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Please see Attachment B-1 for a copy of the correspondence with DAHP.

BPA also coordinated with DAHP in regard to relocating the towers associated with their power lines. BPA recommended, and DAHP concurred, that the project would have no adverse effect on historic properties. That letter is also included in Attachment B-1.

2.3 Tribal Coordination

FTA and Sound Transit maintain a government-to-government relationship with the sovereign Tribes in the area. The OMF South build alternatives are not on Tribal lands; however, they are within the Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas of the Muckleshoot Tribe, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

FTA and Sound Transit consults with the affected Tribes — in a process that is independent of the public involvement process — in areas that the Tribes will have particular interest, such as streams, fisheries, water quality, ecosystems, and cultural resources.

Sound Transit met with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to review and discuss the potential ecosystem impacts, particularly to aquatic resources, including fish. More recently, Sound Transit met with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians on June 2, 2022, to discuss the preferred alternative and potential opportunities for ecosystem mitigation in the Hylebos watershed. Another meeting with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians related to ecosystem mitigation was held on April 18, 2023.

3 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS

Beginning in 2018, Sound Transit began agency and public outreach efforts for OMF South. Outreach methods included online, in-person, existing community efforts, media, English and translated materials (in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Russian) to ensure continual engagement and availability of information throughout Early Scoping, Scoping, 2021 SEPA Draft EIS publication, and additional outreach efforts. Sound Transit engaged with over 950 people in-person to share project information and gather feedback during these outreach efforts.

To ensure widely available, accessible project information, Sound Transit used a variety of communication tools and methods, including email updates, a project website, open houses and drop-in sessions, public hearings, fact sheets and brochures, community events, notifications to potentially impacted properties, press releases, and targeted outreach to underrepresented groups.

Each of the outreach periods included online open houses to supplement in-person events, reaching and engaging over 7,700 users. Print, online and media advertisements and project updates disseminated project information throughout each outreach period. A list of the number of mailings sent for each outreach period is outlined below in Table B.3-1.

Table B.3-1 Outreach Mailings

Outreach Period	Number of Mailers Sent
Early scoping	More than 52,160
September 2018 outreach	More than 67,200
SEPA scoping	More than 74,500
November 2019 outreach	More than 43,000
2021 SEPA Draft EIS comment period	Nearly 9,000

3.1 GovDelivery Listserv

Individuals interested in receiving project information can sign up to receive periodic project updates through email. Sound Transit maintains a database of individuals who have requested to receive updates on project progress and opportunities for public input using a GovDelivery listserv. The listserv includes email addresses of open house attendees, drop-in session attendees, correspondents, commenters, and other interested individuals; the listserv reaches more than 4,300 subscribers.

3.1.1 Briefings

Sound Transit actively seeks opportunities to provide briefings to community and neighborhood groups, organizations, social service providers and businesses in the OMF South project area. Local community groups receive project information, learn about opportunities to provide project feedback and how to stay engaged, and ask questions at these briefings. Many briefings are one-on-one meetings with local stakeholders and community leaders. A full list of community briefings can be found in Table B5-1 at the end of this appendix.

3.2 Open Houses and Drop-In Sessions

Sound Transit held open houses and informational drop-in sessions along the project corridor during Early Scoping, Scoping, the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS comment period, and additional outreach periods. During Early Scoping in April 2018, September outreach in September 2018, and Scoping in April 2019, Sound Transit held large open houses in three different locations during each outreach period. The project team shared information about alternatives development, project progress, and proposed route and station alternatives. Members of the public were encouraged to attend to speak with members of the project team, ask questions and provide comments and feedback. In November 2019, Sound Transit hosted a series of informal drop-in sessions along the project corridor to provide a project update and share information on alternatives development. In March 2021, Sound Transit hosted two online public meetings to provide information about the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS and offer attendees the opportunity to submit written questions for answers from a panel of Sound Transit staff who represented different disciplines on the project team, including engineering and design, environmental, and property acquisition and relocation. The online public meetings preceded formal public hearings for the comment period; see next section.

3.3 Public Hearings

Sound Transit has hosted public hearings at the appropriate points during the SEPA process. Specifically, hearings were held during Early Scoping, Scoping, and as part of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS comment period. The Early Scoping and Scoping hearings were held in person and started with an informational open house, with various stations describing different aspects of the project. Sound Transit and consultant team staff were available to answer questions and engage in discussion. The open house was followed by a presentation by Sound Transit staff. Afterward, members of the public were given the opportunity to make oral comments. There were also forms available for those who wanted to make their comments in writing.

Two hearings were held via Zoom Webinar for the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS comment period. As much as possible, these hearings kept the same format as the in-person hearings. See Section 1.4.5 for a detailed description.

3.4 Fact Sheets and Brochures

Sound Transit distributed OMF South fact sheets and brochures to the public throughout the project lifetime. The fact sheets included general project information and timeline, status of alternatives development, information on preferred alternatives and alternatives to be studied in environmental analysis, project contact information, and the project website URL. The project team also developed a fact sheet focused on summarizing potential fieldwork activities and a folio for potentially impacted property owners along the project corridor that provided an overview of what to expect throughout the project lifecycle. Translated versions of these materials are available in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Khmer and Russian.

3.5 Community Events

The OMF South project team attends existing events held by community organizations in the project area to connect with audiences that may not receive project information otherwise. By attending these events, Sound Transit builds relationships and establishes an ongoing presence in communities in the project area, provides project information and answers questions, and

offers ways to stay engaged through project email updates. The project team has focused on attending events in traditionally underserved communities and providing in-language project information. See Table B5.2 for a full list of community events.

3.6 Project Webpage

Sound Transit maintains a project webpage, <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/operations-maintenance-facility-south> for the OMF South project. The webpage includes a project overview and project maps, information on project stakeholders and partners, news and updates, project timeline and milestones, and a document library of published materials. It is kept up to date and is always accessible to users. Project documents on the OMF South website include:

- OMF South Early Scoping Information Report
- OMF South Early Scoping Report and Appendices
- OMF South Scoping Information Report
- OMF South Scoping Summary Report and Appendices
- OMF South Community Engagement and Communications Plan
- OMF South Project Folio
- OMF South 2021 SEPA Draft EIS
- OMF South Title IV Facility Equity Analysis Report
- OMF South 2021 SEPA Draft EIS Comment Summary Report
- OMF South EIS Public Engagement Summary

Visitors can also sign up to receive project email updates on the website.

3.7 News Media

Sound Transit publishes notifications and press releases for project updates, events, outreach periods and board meetings in online and print local news publications along the project corridor. See Table B4.1 at the end of this section for a full list of publications.

3.8 Notifications to Potentially Affected Properties

Beginning in 2018, the project team has met with potentially affected property owners interested in learning more information or members of the public who have requested a briefing throughout the lifetime of the project. Meetings with property owners have focused on providing an overview of the project, discussing potential impacts in further detail, and answering questions. In addition to these meetings, Sound Transit has conducted door-to-door field visits to provide information about the project and distribute project factsheets and brochures. In 2019, Sound Transit began reaching out to potentially affected residents and businesses to coordinate fieldwork efforts to inform design for site alternatives. The property-owner outreach team conducted field visits to key properties within each of the six initial sites during the 2019 Scoping period. In fall 2019, the project team called property owners, hand-distributed flyers, and conducted door-to-door knocking to notify potentially affected areas.

In January 2020, Sound Transit conducted door-to-door outreach to potentially affected properties and properties adjacent to each of the site alternatives. The goal of this outreach was to keep property owners informed and to encourage them to stay engaged with the project as the environmental review process continues.

In January 2021, Sound Transit mailed individual letters to approximately 150 potentially affected property owners identified in the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS for the alternatives being evaluated. The letters included details of the property's inclusion in the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS, and an offer to meet with the project team to discuss individual property impacts in person. Due to the large number of potentially affected properties and the potential for non-responsive property owners, the project team aimed to offer at least 50 percent of potentially impacted property owners the opportunity to engage in a two-way conversation with Sound Transit prior to the release of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS.

In January 2022, Sound Transit mailed individual letters to potentially affected property owners identified in the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS. The letters informed property owners of Sound Transit Board's identification of the South 336th Street Alternative as the Preferred Alternative in December 2021 and next steps. The letter also invited them to schedule a briefing with the project team for more information. Letters were mailed to the following groups: those potentially affected by the Preferred Alternative (20), those potentially affected by the South 336th Street and Midway Landfill alternatives (125), and those potentially affected by the mainline tracks (11).

Sound Transit also invited mobile home tenants of the Belmor Park Golf & Country Club to schedule a briefing with the project team to learn about the OMF South project and relocation benefits available to mobile homeowners. The project team held large group briefings with Belmor tenants on March 8 and April 5, 2021, to provide information on potential effects to Belmor, project alternatives and design options, the property acquisition and relocation processes, and findings from the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS. Sound Transit also sends periodic OMF South project updates to Belmor residents through their monthly newsletter to keep them informed of project progress.

Sound Transit will continue to communicate transparently with property owners about potential impacts to their property, create and maintain relationships with property owners, and answer questions to help clarify the property acquisition process.

3.9 Targeted Outreach

Sound Transit is committed to equitable engagement and inclusive outreach towards community groups, organizations, residents, businesses, and underrepresented populations who do not typically participate in traditional in-person and online open houses or engagement opportunities. The project team has conducted targeted outreach to populations with limited English proficiency, low incomes, and people of color to build long-term relationships and provide meaningful opportunities to engage in the project planning, design, and environmental review processes. The project team reached out to community organizations and social service providers, when possible, to learn more about individual community needs and events to attend.

Sound Transit conducted a preliminary demographic analysis to identify low-income, minority, and limited-English-proficiency populations in the project area. Based on the demographic analysis, Sound Transit provided project literature in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Khmer and Russian.

Sound Transit engages with social service providers, community leaders and organizations and other representatives through targeted outreach efforts. Through these efforts, the project team can share project information, build relationships with the community, and how environmental justice populations may experience adverse impacts or benefits from the project. Sound Transit is using several types of targeted outreach, including:

- **Briefings:** Sound Transit met with representatives of individual communities or organizations to provide a project update, answer questions, and learn more about individual circumstances and better ways to engage with their community. Attention and care have been taken to meet people in locations where they may be more comfortable engaging with government agencies. This has included presence with in-language lunch groups (Korean, Spanish, and Cambodian) and collaboration with groups for translation services, as well as serving meals and engaging with community groups in the spirit of building relationship and collective understanding of perspectives. Briefings were adapted to meet the needs of specific audiences, including presentation content, as well as interpretation/translation.
- **Open houses:** Sound Transit chose locations and times that were accessible for the audiences within the project corridor. At open houses, project outreach staff set up tables of materials and resources, answered questions and participated in facilitated conversations. At TDLE-focused open houses, project staff often presented a brief overview of the project to provide background. Advertised availability for translation, ASL interpretation, and tactile interpretation was used by individuals who requested these services.
- **Fair or festival booths:** Project staff attended fairs, festivals, and community/cultural celebrations in the project area (Federal Way and Kent) to distribute project information and answer questions from the general public. Outreach staff have hosted a Sound Transit booth with project-specific materials and general South Puget Sound materials. Booths were open to the public and provided basic information, as well as a chance to discuss specific questions in detail.
- **Tabling and drop-in sessions:** Project outreach provided project information and updates and answered questions at community spaces, including transit centers, UW Tacoma, grocery stores, and community centers to reach a wider audience. These tabling sessions were held at multiple days and times (weekdays/weekends, daytime, and evening) to meet varying schedules of community members. Events were open to the public and provided basic information as well as a chance to discuss specific questions in detail.
- **Stakeholder interviews:** The project team conducted a series of interviews with social service organizations and community advocacy groups in the project area to understand their preferred methods of engagement, establish relationships, and introduce them to the OMF South project. See Table B5.1 for a complete list of stakeholder interviews.
- **Property owner meetings:** Project staff met with property owners along the project corridor to discuss specific questions and concerns; some with language interpretation.
- **Outreach toolkits:** The project team distributed outreach toolkits to social service organizations along the project corridor to encourage sharing of information by trusted leaders with their audiences during outreach periods and to generate additional feedback. The toolkits included project emails, posters, factsheets, Facebook posts and tweets for organizations to post and share.
- **Door-to-door outreach:** Project staff distributed posters and fliers to share project information, advertise upcoming events, and solicit project feedback. This often included outreach to small businesses and property owners in the project areas, particularly those likely to be affected by future alignments or stations.

The targeted outreach efforts and engagement dedicated towards historically underrepresented groups and underserved populations through the strategies outlined above is vital to build connections and gather project related feedback from these communities. Sound Transit has been able to engage with various audiences and involve people representative of the project corridor through these efforts.

Table B.3-2 lists the print and online publications that have been used to advertise project information.

Table B.3-2 Print and Online Publications

Publication	Media type	Scoping Run Dates	November 2019 Run Dates	Draft EIS Run Dates
Sound Info (Federal Way Mirror and Kent Reporter)	Print and online	Print: March 8 and 15, 2019 Online: February 20 – April 1, 2019	Print: November 15, 22, and 29, 2019 Online: November 13 – December 6, 2019	Print: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 15, 2021 Online: March 9 – April 19, 2021
Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce	Print	N/A	N/A	March 3, 10, and 17, 2021
El Siete Dias (available in Spanish)	Print and online	N/A	Print: November 17 and 21, 2019 Online: November 14, 21, and 28, 2019	Print: April 6, 2021, monthly issue Online: March 9 – April 19, 2021
International Examiner (Asian Pacific)	Print and online	N/A	Print: November 20 – December 3, 2019 Online: November 13 – December 6, 2019	Print: N/A Online: March 8 – April 19, 2021
Korea Daily (available in Korean)	Print and online	Print: March 11 and 18, 2019	Print: November 13 – December 2, 2019 Online: N/A	Print: N/A Online: N/A
The Korea Times Seattle (available in Korean)	Print and online	N/A	Print: November 11, 18, and December 2, 2019 Online: November 18 – 24 and November 30 – December 6, 2019	Print: March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9, 2021 Online: March 8 – April 19, 2021
Northwest Vietnamese News (available in Vietnamese)	Print and online	N/A	Print: November 12, 22, and 29, 2019 Online: November 15 – December 6, 2019	Print: N/A Online: N/A
Russian Town Seattle	Online	N/A	N/A	March 8 – April 19, 2021
The Seattle Times	Print and online	Print: March 10 and 17, 2019 Online: February 20 – March 21, 2019	Online: November 13 – December 6, 2019 Print: N/A	Print: March 3, 10, and 17, 2021 Online: N/A
The Tacoma News Tribune	Print and online	Print: March 11 and 18, 2019 Online: March 1 – 22, 2019	Print: N/A Online: N/A	Print: March 3, 10, and 17, 2021 Online: N/A
Tu Decides Weekly	Print and	Online: March	Print: November 15, 22,	Print: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2,

Table B.3-2 Print and Online Publications (continued)

Publication	Media type	Scoping Run Dates	November 2019 Run Dates	Draft EIS Run Dates
Newsletter (available in Spanish)	online	8 and 15, 2019	29, 2019 Online: November 15, 22, and 29, 2019	and 9, 2019 Online: March 5 – April 19, 2021
iLoveKent	Online	Online: February 20 – March 21, 2019	N/A	N/A
Waterland Blog	Online	Online: February 20 – March 21, 2019	N/A	N/A
B-Town Blog	Online	Online: February 20 – March 21, 2019	N/A	N/A
Westside Seattle/ Highline Times	Online	Online: February 20 – April 1, 2019	N/A	N/A
Poster Giant	Print	N/A	November 13, 2019	N/A

4 OUTREACH DURING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

4.1 Early Scoping

4.1.1 Early Scoping Activities (April 2 to May 3, 2018)

The early scoping process was conducted during early 2018. Early scoping was conducted concurrently with the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) project. More details about early scoping are included in the Tacoma Dome Link Extension and Operations and Maintenance Facility South Early Scoping Summary Report (June 2018) located on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension project website (<https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/tacoma-dome-link-extension/documents>).

The early scoping notice was published in the Washington State Department of Ecology State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Register on March 28, 2018, with the comment period beginning on April 2, 2018. Sound Transit also mailed postcards to properties along the corridor, placed print and online advertisements, and posted notices to social media sites. An agency meeting and three community open houses were held during the comment period. Sound Transit asked members of the public to comment on:

- The route (alignment), stations, potential alternatives, benefits, and impacts for TDLE
- The potential location, benefits, and impacts for an OMF in the south corridor (South King and Pierce counties)
- The purpose and need for the project.

To support early scoping, Sound Transit held three public open houses in Tacoma, Federal Way, and Fife.

- Open House – Tacoma
Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.
Best Western Plus Tacoma Dome Hotel, 2611 East E Street
- Open House – Federal Way
Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.
Todd Beamer High School, 35999 16th Avenue S
- Open House – Fife
Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.
Fife Community Center, 2111 54th Avenue E

More than 190 people attended the in-person open houses.

In addition, an online open house was available from April 2 to May 3, 2018, to inform the public about the project and provide an opportunity to comment on the project purpose and need, potential sites, and their benefits and impacts. All materials presented at the open house were available online.

Between April 2 and May 3, 2018, over 2,470 unique visitors accessed the online open house.

Over 560 written comments were gathered in person and from online comment forms. Public comments were accepted in various ways, including through email, the online open house, open house comment forms, and mail. In addition, an interactive map tool in the online open house allowed users to place notes at specific locations on a map, and users could indicate if they liked or disliked other commenters' notes. Similarly, at the community open houses, attendees placed Post-it Notes with their input on large maps.

The most common themes in the public comments were:

- Alignment and station location suggestions
- Parking
- Potential for transit-oriented development
- Multimodal connections
- General support and expediting construction
- Concern about taxes and project cost
- Light rail operations and future expansion
- Increased access to employment areas
- Environmental concerns such as air quality, wetlands, vegetation, hazardous materials, geologic hazards, and environmental justice.

Outreach activities were advertised with the following methods:

- Mailer notifications sent to over 52,160 homes, apartments, and businesses
- Two news releases on April 2 and April 16, 2018
- Online and print ads in 12 local online and print publications
- Posters distributed to 150 different locations between Kent and Tacoma (included translated versions in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Khmer, and Russian)
- Facebook and Twitter ads that reached 30,047 subscribers and 81,500 followers
- Five project updates sent to approximately 5,300 recipients on April 2, April 12, April 16, April 24, and May 2, 2018.

4.2 September 2018 Outreach

Between early scoping and scoping outreach, Sound Transit focused on inclusive outreach through stakeholder interviews, briefings, tabling events, and fairs and festivals with community groups, organizations, residents, businesses, and underrepresented populations along the project corridor in mind (more information below). This included a project update during a series of three open houses and an online open house. Sound Transit offered shared project updates for the OMF South and Tacoma Dome Link Extension and sought feedback on initial route and station concepts. Although OMF South was not the focus of this outreach and no feedback was sought for the project, staff was available to answer questions and provide updates about the project. A display was presented at the three open houses and the online open house and provided general updates on the OMF siting process since early scoping.

Outreach Activities:

- Open House – Federal Way
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.
Federal Way Performing Arts Center, 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S
- Open House – Fife
Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.
Fife High School, 5616 20th Street E
- Open House – Tacoma
Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 6 to 8 p.m.
Best Western Plus Tacoma Dome Hotel, 2611 East E Street

More than 175 people attended the three in-person open houses to provide comment and feedback on the route and station concepts for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension.

These activities were advertised with:

- Postcard notifications distributed to over 67,000 homes, apartments, and businesses in the project area
- Three project email updates sent to more than 6,200 recipients on the project listserv
- Posters distributed to over 150 locations throughout Federal Way, Fife, Milton, Tacoma, and Tribal areas
- Print and online display advertisements in 11 local publications
- Facebook posts on the Sound Transit page, reaching over 13,000 users and engaging over 600 people
- Sound Transit tweets, reaching over 18,000 Twitter users and engaging 271 users with 16 retweets and 17 likes
- One news release on August 30, 2018
- Notification toolkits distributed to local community organizations.

4.3 SEPA Scoping

When Sound Transit initiated the formal SEPA scoping process, the OMF South environmental review had been split from the TDLE process. Unlike early scoping, which addressed both projects, the SEPA scoping process described here solely addressed the OMF South project. This section also discusses how the scoping process influenced the development of alternatives.

During scoping, Sound Transit asked for comments on the proposed range of alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the environmental effects and benefits to be analyzed, the probable significant adverse impacts, mitigation measures, and license or other approvals that may be required.

4.3.1 Public Comment Period and Scoping Meetings

Sound Transit published the Determination of Significance/Scoping Notice in the SEPA Register on February 19, 2019. The comment period for scoping was from February 19 to April 1, 2019.

This period exceeded the 30 days required under SEPA regulations and allowed additional time for public, agency, and Tribal comment.

During this period, two open houses were held to inform and obtain input from the community (one in Federal Way and the other in Kent):

- Open House – Federal Way
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6 to 8 pm
Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center, 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S
- Open House – Kent
Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 6 to 8 pm
Highline College, 2400 S 240th Street, Des Moines

In addition to the open houses, a meeting was held for Tribes, agencies, and cities on March 12, 2019.

- Agency Scoping Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center, 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S

Information on the purpose and need of the project, potential OMF South site locations with maps and technical details, details about the environmental review process, and the project timeline were presented at the open houses.

All public meeting locations were accessible to persons with disabilities. Alternative formats and translation services were available, including an accessible laptop with screen reader software. American Sign Language interpretation was requested and provided at the Federal Way open house. Visitors were able to comment on the site options with written comment forms, online comment forms on the online open house with laptops provided, or verbally to a court reporter who transcribed comments. More than 370 people attended the in-person public scoping meetings and 15 agency representatives attended the agency scoping meeting.

During the scoping process, an online open house was available from February 19 to April 1, 2019, and allowed the public to review and provide feedback on potential site locations. The online open house featured the project purpose and need, information about the scoping period and the EIS, and the advantages and disadvantages of each of the six potential OMF South sites. The website included all information that was presented at the in-person open houses. Users were asked to provide comments on the six potential site options.

Between February 19 and April 1, 2019, the online open house received more than 3,400 unique visitors who used a social share widget and shared over 25 times.

Commenters had several ways to comment during the scoping period in addition to the open houses and online open house. They could also comment via email, mail, or phone. Over 1,400 comments were received via in-person and online comment forms during the scoping period, as well as over 2,000 email comments leading up to scoping. Outreach activities and opportunities and ways to provide comment during the scoping process were advertised with:

- Newsletters mailed to over 74,000 households and businesses
- Posters distributed to 301 locations throughout Federal Way, Fife, Milton, Tacoma, and Tribal areas
- Four project email updates sent to more than 6,200 recipients on the South Sound email list

- Notification toolkits sent to 13 local organizations to share with constituents and members
- Print and online display advertisements in 10 local publications
- Social media posts, reaching over 9,000 Facebook users and engaging over 250 Twitter users

How Comments Were Used

After the end of the comment period on April 1, 2019, Sound Transit collected and considered the comments received and prepared a scoping report to summarize the comments. The report was publicly available on the project website.

The comments received during the scoping period were considered by Sound Transit Board to identify the alternatives to study in the 2021 SEPA EIS.

Scoping Comment Summary

The OMF South Scoping Summary Report (Sound Transit 2019) summarizes the comments received during scoping. Generally, public, agency, and Tribal comments focused on the following:

- Concern over potential site alternatives that commenters believed could preclude future TOD opportunities, specifically the S 240th Street and SR 99 site, which includes Dick's Drive-In
- Concern about potential business displacements and other economic impacts
- For the alternatives in Federal Way, concerns about potential impacts to Hylebos Creek and its associated wetlands

Most commenters who expressed a site preference stated that one or either of the Midway Landfill sites were superior to the others.

4.4 Public Outreach during 2021 SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement Development

4.4.1 November 2019 Outreach Activities (November 13 to December 6, 2019)

In November and December of 2019, Sound Transit held a series of drop-in sessions to provide the public opportunities to learn more about both TDLE and OMF South. There was also an online open house available from November 13 through December 6, 2019. More than 250 people attended the drop-in sessions, and over 1,600 users participated in the online open house.

These were primarily opportunities for information sharing. Although it was not a formal comment period, Sound Transit received approximately 20 comments from in-person and online comment forms. Commenters primarily had questions about Sound Transit's property acquisition process and timeline and how the recent passage of I-976 could affect the project. Commenters who expressed a site preference generally encouraged Sound Transit to choose the Midway Landfill Alternative.

The drop-in sessions were conducted at the following locations:

- Federal Way Link Extension Open House
Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.
Highline College, 2400 S 240th Street, Des Moines
- Drop-in session – Federal Way
Saturday, November 16, 2019, 10 a.m. to noon
Federal Way Library, 34200 1st Way S
- Drop-in session – Kent
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 8 to 10 a.m.
Fred Meyer, 25250 Pacific Highway S
- Federal Way Link Extension Open House
Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6 to 8 p.m.
Federal Way Performing Arts Center, 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S
- Drop-in session – Federal Way
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 5 to 7 p.m.
Federal Way Community Center, 876 S 333rd Street

An online open house was available from November 13 to December 9, 2019. All materials from the drop-in sessions were available on the site. The site provided a project update on the three sites to be studied in environmental review and laid out the timeline for the project as well as the next opportunity for the public to provide comments and feedback.

The site had a landing page translated into Khmer, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, with instruction on how to use Google Translate to navigate the site. The site also included in-language content for all aforementioned languages.

Between November 13 and December 9, 2019, the online open house had more than 1,600 unique visitors. These visitors used a social share widget on the site, sharing it 18 times. These activities were advertised with:

- Mailers and notifications sent to over 43,000 homes and businesses
- Social media posts reaching over 16,000 Facebook users and engaging over 5,000 Twitter users
- Posters distributed to 105 different locations throughout SeaTac, Kent, Des Moines, and Federal Way
- Three project email updates sent to more than 6,200 recipients on South Sound email lists
- Notification toolkits sent to 12 local organizations to share with constituents and members
- Print and online display advertisements in eight local publications.

4.5 2021 SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Period

Sound Transit published notification of the availability of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS in the SEPA Register on March 5, 2021. The 45-day comment period was from March 5 to April 19, 2021. Public comments could be submitted through comment forms on the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS website (see online open house below), email, letter, voicemail, or as verbal comments during the public hearing portion of two online public meetings and hearings on March 24 and March 30. Sound Transit received more than 270 comments on the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS. See the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS public engagement summary for more details. It is posted online at www.soundtransit.org/sites/default/files/documents/operations-and-maintenance-facility-south-public-engagement-summary-20211110.pdf.

4.5.1 Public Comment Period, Online Open House, and Public Meetings and Hearings

Online Open House

The online open house launched on March 5, 2021, and concluded on April 19, 2021. Information presented on the online open house included project background and history, details about the environmental review process, analysis of the three OMF South build alternatives with maps and statistical comparisons, and the project timeline. The online open house was fully translated into Spanish, Korean, and Russian and included Google Translate so users could translate webpage text into additional languages. Users were able to submit comments on the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS findings via a comment form on the online open house. Over 2,400 users visited the online open house during the comment period.

Online Public Meetings and Hearings

During this period, Sound Transit hosted two online public meetings and hearings via Zoom Webinar to provide general information about the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS and offer attendees the opportunity to provide public comment. A live captioner provided simultaneous subtitles in English. Spanish, Korean, and Russian interpreters provided simultaneous interpretation in audio channels. Sound Transit staff communicated the language and accessibility features throughout the meetings and hearings to ensure attendees understood how to fully participate. More than 120 people attended the virtual public meetings and hearings.

- Online public meeting and hearing #1
Wednesday, March 24, 2022, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
- Online public meeting and hearing #2
Tuesday, March 30, 2022, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

The first hour of the meeting consisted of a prerecorded presentation and a live question-and-answer segment. The presentation provided an overview of the OMF South project and the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS comment period. The Q&A segment offered the public the opportunity to submit written questions for answers from a panel of Sound Transit staff who represented different disciplines on the project team, including engineering and design, environmental, and property acquisition and relocation.

During the public hearing section of the virtual meeting, a representative of Sound Transit was present to listen to attendees who wanted to provide public comments. A court reporter documented the verbal public comments for incorporation into the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS. While all members of the public were invited to provide comments, in an effort to center on equity and provide access to people who have historically been excluded from public processes, Sound Transit invited attendees who identified as people of color, people with disabilities, and anyone working with an interpreter the opportunity to speak first before opening the floor to the rest of the attendees. Ten people submitted comments during the public hearing section of the virtual meeting.

The dates of the online open house and virtual public meetings and hearings were advertised with:

- Legal notices in The Seattle Times, The News Tribune, and Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce.
- Several posts on Sound Transit's Facebook page (33,433 subscribers) and Twitter account (88,700 followers).
- 8,962 mailers sent to homes, apartments, and businesses in Kent and Federal Way within 0.5 miles of the build alternatives. The mailer included translations in Korean, Russian, and Spanish.
- One news release and three update notices to an email list with approximately 7,000 subscribers.
- Display advertisements and online community calendar postings in seven local online and print publications and promoted posts on Facebook for zip codes in the project area.

2021 SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement Comment Summary

The OMF South Comment Summary Report summarizes the comments received during the comment period. The Comment Summary Report was made available on Sound Transit's website on November 21, 2021. The Sound Transit Board considered the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS analysis and the comments received before identifying the Preferred Alternative for the project.

4.6 2023 NEPA Draft/SEPA Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Scoping

FTA and Sound Transit published a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on July 19, 2023. The notice initiated a 30-day comment period where agencies, Tribes, and members of the public were invited to comment on the proposed scope of the EIS, particularly on changes made to the proposal since the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS.

4.7 2023 NEPA Draft/SEPA Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Comment Period

The Draft EIS was published on September 22, 2023. There is a 45-day comment period, during which Tribes, agencies, and members of the public are invited to comment. The comment period will end November 6, 2023. Public engagement for this comment period will include:

- An online open house that will include project background and history, details about the environmental review process, analysis of the three OMF South build alternatives with maps and statistical comparisons, and the project timeline. The online open house will be fully

translated in Korean, Russian, and Spanish. Visitors will be able to submit their comments via the online open house for the duration of the comment period.

- Two public hearings — one in-person and one virtual. Sound Transit will host an in-person public hearing in Federal Way, where attendees can speak directly with project staff, review maps and materials, hear an overview presentation, and provide comments orally or in writing. Sound Transit will also offer a virtual public hearing option for those who would prefer to attend online via Zoom. The virtual public hearing will include the same overview presentation as shared in-person, and attendees will be able to share their verbal comments, which will be recorded by a court reporter.
- A mailer to all property owners and tenants within a half-mile of the OMF South alternative sites advertising the comment period, details of how to comment (online, letter, voicemail, or public meeting), the online open house, and the public meetings.
- Display advertisements in local online and print publications.
- A news release and three update notices to an email list with approximately 7,000 subscribers.
- Posts on Sound Transit’s Facebook page (34,000 subscribers) and Twitter account (90,900 followers).

5 OUTREACH STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS, INTERVIEWS, AND TABLING EVENTS

5.1 2021 SEPA Scoping

Table B.5-1 below lists events and dates associated with scoping.

Table B.5-1 2021 SEPA Scoping Events and Dates

Organization	Date
Federal Way Chamber Roundtable	March 1, 2019
Federal Way Chamber Luncheon	March 6, 2019
Kent Cultural Communities Board	February 26, 2019
Korean Community Quarterly Meeting	March 21, 2019
North Lake Improvement Club of Federal Way	March 4, 2019
South King County Mobility Coalition	March 14, 2019

5.2 Other Activities (2018 to 2020)

Table B.5-2 below lists other outreach activities conducted during development of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS.

Table B.5-2 2021 SEPA Outreach Activities and Dates

Organization	Outreach Type	Date
Briefings and Interviews		
West Hill Cambridge Neighborhood Council	Briefing	January 22, 2019
Auburn Area Roundtable	Briefing	August 2, 2019
Pacific Christian Academy School Board	Briefing	June 13, 2019 April 15, 2020
GarageTown	Briefing	March 7, 2019 March 18, 2020
Federal Way Black Collective	Briefing	October 1, 2020
Federal Way – Councilmember Baruso	Briefing	April 3, 2020
Federal Way – Councilmember Honda	Briefing	April 1, 2020
Federal Way – Councilmember Kochmar	Briefing	April 8, 2020
Federal Way – Mayor Jim Ferrell	Briefing	May 22, 2020
Federal Way Staff	Briefing	August 20, 2020
Federal Way Council Study Session	Briefing	February 19, 2019 October 1, 2019
Kent – Mayor Dana Ralph	Briefing	June 25, 2020
Kent Staff	Briefing	August 10, 2020
Kent Mill Creek Neighborhood Association	Briefing	April 11, 2019
Kent Council Workshop	Briefing	March 5, 2019

Table B.5-2 Outreach Activities and Dates (continued)

Organization	Outreach Type	Date
Multi-Service Center	Briefing	January 15, 2019 October 24, 2019
North Park Neighborhood Association	Briefing	June 13, 2019
Rock Automotive and Sunset Motel	Briefing	July 19, 2019
Neighbors of West Hill Council	Briefing	September 19, 2019
Hopelink	Briefing	November 25, 2019
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Briefing	September 2, 2020
Belmor Park Leadership	Briefing	February 16, 2021
Belmor Park Leadership	Briefing	March 8, 2021
Federal Way – Mayor Jim Ferrell	Briefing	March 8, 2021
Federal Way – Mayor Dana Ralph	Briefing	March 9, 2021
SPU/EPA/Ecology	Briefing	March 10, 2021
Federal Way Black Collective	Briefing	March 11, 2021
City of Kent	Briefing	March 11, 2021
City of Federal Way	Briefing	March 11, 2021
Federal Way Chamber Government Affairs Committee	Briefing	March 11, 2021
Federal Way City Council	Briefing	March 16, 2021
Kent City Council	Briefing	March 16, 2021
Federal Way Planning Commission	Briefing	March 17, 2021
Federal Way Chamber of Commerce	Briefing	March 17, 2021
Pacific Christian Academy	Briefing	March 31, 2021
Christian Faith Center	Briefing	March 31, 2021
Kent Chamber of Commerce	Briefing	April 1, 2021
Belmor Park Residents	Briefing	April 5, 2021
GarageTown	Briefing	April 12, 2021
Multi-Service Center	Briefing	April 15, 2021
Pacific Christian Academy Briefing	Briefing	January 26, 2022
Pacific Christian Academy Science Class Fieldwork Lesson	Briefing	March 28, 2022
Pacific Christian Academy Science Class Fieldwork Lesson	Briefing	March 30, 2022
Tacoma Urban League	Briefing	May 11, 2022
Fairs, Festivals, and Tabling		
Federal Way Library Office Hours	Tabling	January 23, 2019 January 30, 2019
Ecology Midway Landfill Site Public Hearing	Hearing	February 11, 2019
Auburn Food Bank Tabling	Tabling	March 8, 2019
Federal Way Farmers Market	Tabling	July 27, 2019 July 29, 2019
Federal Way State of the City	Tabling	February 28, 2019 February 27, 2020
Kent Field Visits (12)	Door-to-door	February 28, 2019 January 28-31, 2020
Federal Way Field Visits (10)	Door-to-door	March 4, 2019 January 22-28, 2020
Kent Farmers Market	Tabling	June 22, 2019

5.3 2021 SEPA Draft EIS Comment Period

Table B.5-3 lists outreach efforts associated with the public comment period of the 2021 SEPA Draft EIS.

Table B.5-3 Outreach Associated with Comment Period of 2021 SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Organization	Outreach Type	Date
Belmor Park Leadership	Briefing	February 16, 2021
Belmor Park Leadership	Briefing	March 8, 2021
Belmor Park Residents	Briefing	April 5, 2021
Federal Way – Mayor Jim Ferrell	Briefing	March 8, 2021
Kent – Mayor Dana Ralph	Briefing	March 9, 2021
SPU/EPA/Ecology	Briefing	March 10, 2021
Federal Way Black Collective	Briefing	March 11, 2021
City of Kent	Briefing	March 11, 2021
City of Federal Way	Briefing	March 11, 2021
Federal Way Chamber Government Affairs Committee	Briefing	March 11, 2021
Federal Way City Council	Briefing	March 16, 2021
Kent City Council	Briefing	March 16, 2021
Federal Way Planning Commission	Briefing	March 17, 2021
Federal Way Chamber of Commerce	Briefing	March 17, 2021
Pacific Christian Academy	Briefing	March 31, 2021
Christian Faith Center	Briefing	March 31, 2021
Kent Chamber of Commerce	Briefing	April 1, 2021
GarageTown	Briefing	April 12, 2021
Multi-Service Center	Briefing	April 15, 2021
Pacific Christian Academy Briefing	Briefing	January 26, 2022
Pacific Christian Academy Science Class Fieldwork Lesson	Briefing	March 28, 2022
Pacific Christian Academy Science Class Fieldwork Lesson	Briefing	March 30, 2022
Tacoma Urban League	Briefing	May 11, 2022

5.4 NEPA Draft/SEPA Supplemental Draft Comment Period

Table 5.4-1 lists the organizations that Sound Transit will brief during the comment period for the Draft EIS.

Table 5.4-1 Planned Outreach for Draft EIS Comment Period

Organization
Belmor Park Leadership
Belmor Park Residents
Federal Way – Mayor Jim Ferrell
Kent – Mayor Dana Ralph
SPU/EPA/Ecology
Federal Way Black Collective
City of Kent
City of Federal Way
Federal Way Chamber Government Affairs Committee
Federal Way City Council
Kent City Council
Federal Way Planning Commission
Federal Way Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Christian Academy
Christian Faith Center
Kent Chamber of Commerce
GarageTown
Multi-Service Center

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Operations and Maintenance Facility South

ATTACHMENT B-1

Correspondence from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation



Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

January 20, 2021

Mr. Alexander Stevenson
Cultural Resource Program Manager
Sound Transit

In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2020-02-01045
Property: Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility South (OMFS)
Re: No Effect to Historic Properties

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and providing a copy of the cultural resources survey report for the above referenced project. First, we agree that Sites 45KI1542 and 45KI1543 are NOT ELIGIBLE for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). We also agree that the 58 properties identified and recorded for this project are NOT ELIGIBLE for inclusion in the NRHP. Finally, we agree with the recommendations made in the report and your finding of No Effect to Historic Properties. As a result of our agreement, further contact with DAHP on this matter is not necessary.

However, if information becomes available and/or the scope of work changes, please resume consultation with DAHP and all consulting parties. In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity must stop, the area secured, and contact made with concerned tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in conformance with Washington State law.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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August 19, 2021

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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2020-12-07557
Property: King County_ Sound Transit Line Raises Project
Re: NO Adverse Effect

Dear Ms. Clark Schmidt:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced proposal. This action has been reviewed on behalf of the SHPO under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. Our review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

We concur that the current project as proposed will have "NO ADVERSE EFFECT" on historic properties within the APE that are listed in, or determined eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of our concurrence, further contact with DAHP on this proposal is not necessary.

However, if new information about affected resources becomes available and/or the project scope of work changes significantly, please resume consultation as our assessment may be revised. Also, if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work immediately in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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