

East Link : Capital Projects Committee

July 15, 2010



Project Timeline

Prepare Draft EIS	2007-2008
ST2 Approved by Voters	November 2008
Identify Preferred Route Alternatives	May 2009/April 2010
Preliminary Engineering/FEIS	2009-2010
Preferred 112 th and Hospital Station Design Options	July 2010
Supplemental Draft EIS	Fall 2010
Final EIS/ST Board Selects Final Project to be Built	Spring/Summer 2011
Final Design	2011-2013
Construction Starts	2013/2014
Service Starts	2020/2021
Public Meetings and Outreach is Continuous	

Project Developments

- April 22, 2010 Board Motion directs that:
 - “Design options on 112th will be studied further jointly with the City of Bellevue ...”
 - “Design options for the location of the Hospital Station ... will be studied further...”

112th Avenue Outreach

Objectives:

- ***Listen*** to community members' concerns and interests
- ***Inform*** the public about the tradeoffs of the design options
- ***Gather input*** from a wide variety of community members about the tradeoffs and potential mitigations of the options
- ***Build understanding*** about the project schedule and budget constraints



Outreach Process

May-July 2010

Phase 1: Gather information

- Door to door canvassing (400 homes), stakeholder interviews, briefings and neighborhood drop-in sessions (65 participants)



Phase 2: Engage community members

- Three community workshops (~100 participants at each workshop)



Phase 3: Broad community input

- Public open house



Door-to-door visit



Three drop-in stations



Three workshops



An open house

Workshop #3

Workshop #3, July 7

- *Topic:* Identifying Community Preferences on 112th
- *Format:* Presentation, break-out sessions, Audience Response System, and open house in Concourse
- *Participants:* 105

Audience Response System

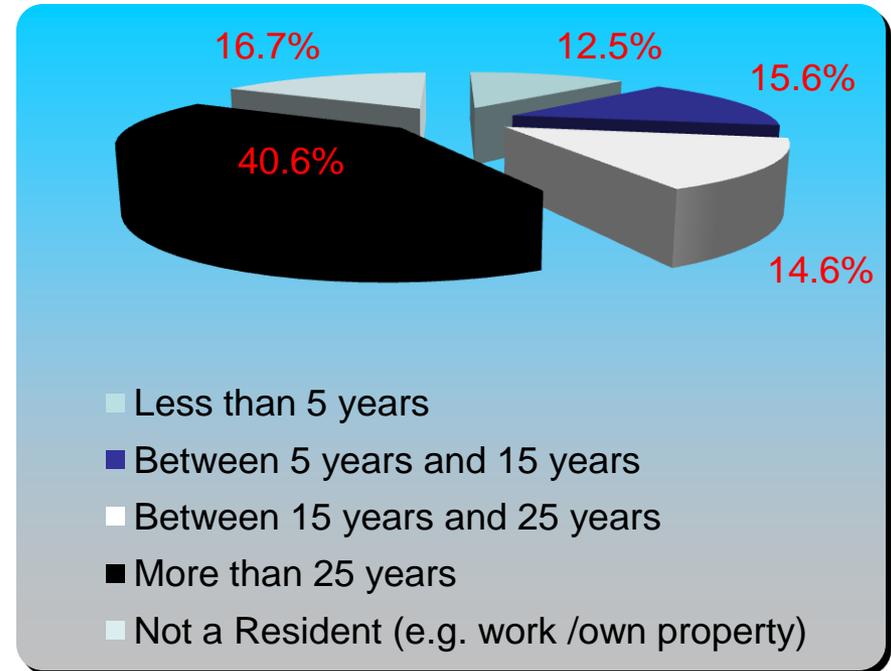
- Results used to facilitate further discussion
- NOT a scientific sample of opinion
- Full results in outreach summary



Workshop #3 Attendance

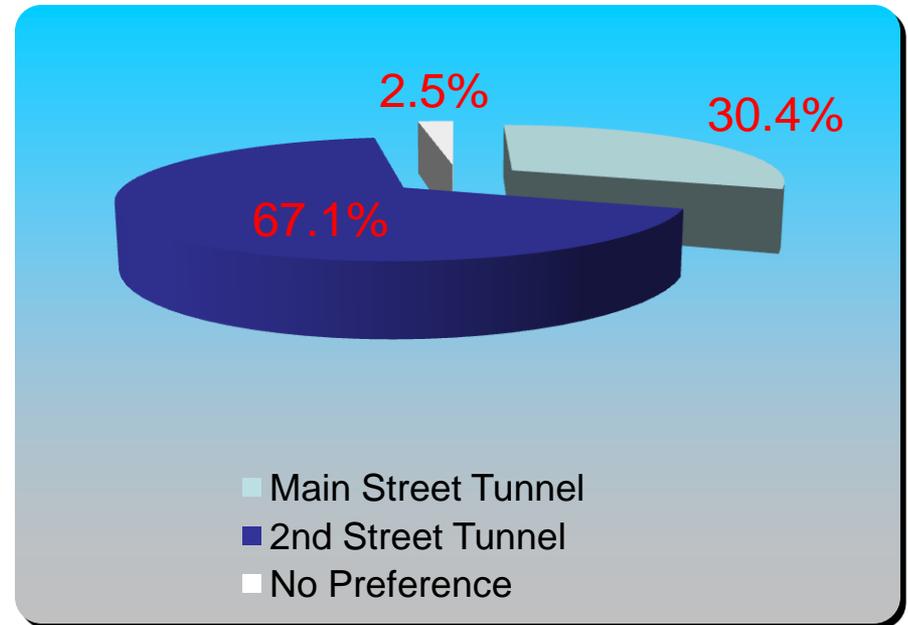
Length of Residence in Bellevue

	Responses	
Less than 5 years	12	12.50%
Between 5 years and 15 years	15	15.62%
Between 15 years and 25 years	14	14.58%
More than 25 years	39	40.62%
Not a Resident (e.g. work/own property)	16	16.67%
Totals	96	100%



Which Tunnel Portal Do You Prefer...?

	Responses	
1. Main Street Tunnel	24	30.38%
2. 2nd Street Tunnel	53	67.09%
No Preference	2	2.53%
Totals	79	100%



Which Tunnel Option Do You Prefer?



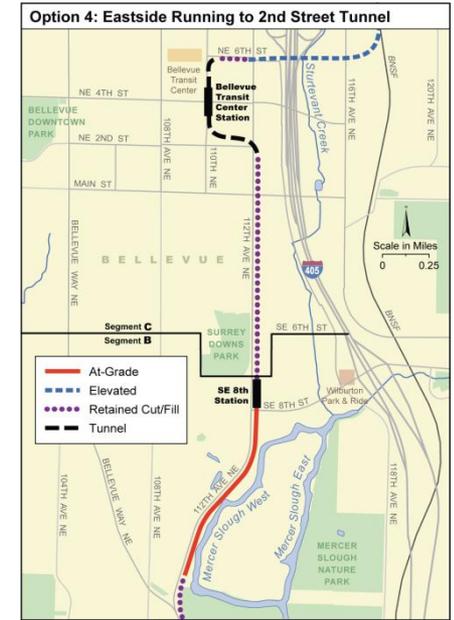
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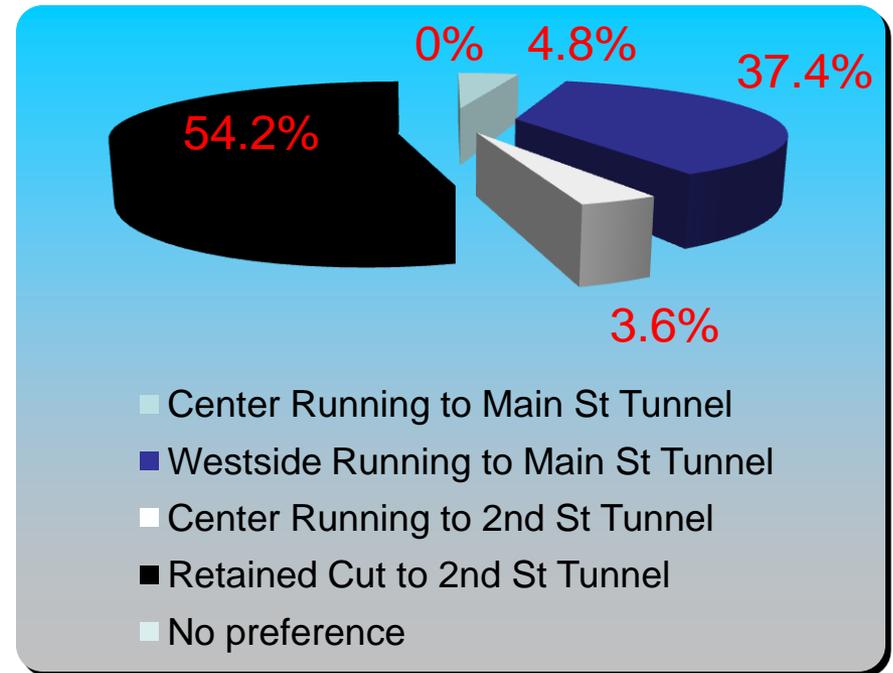
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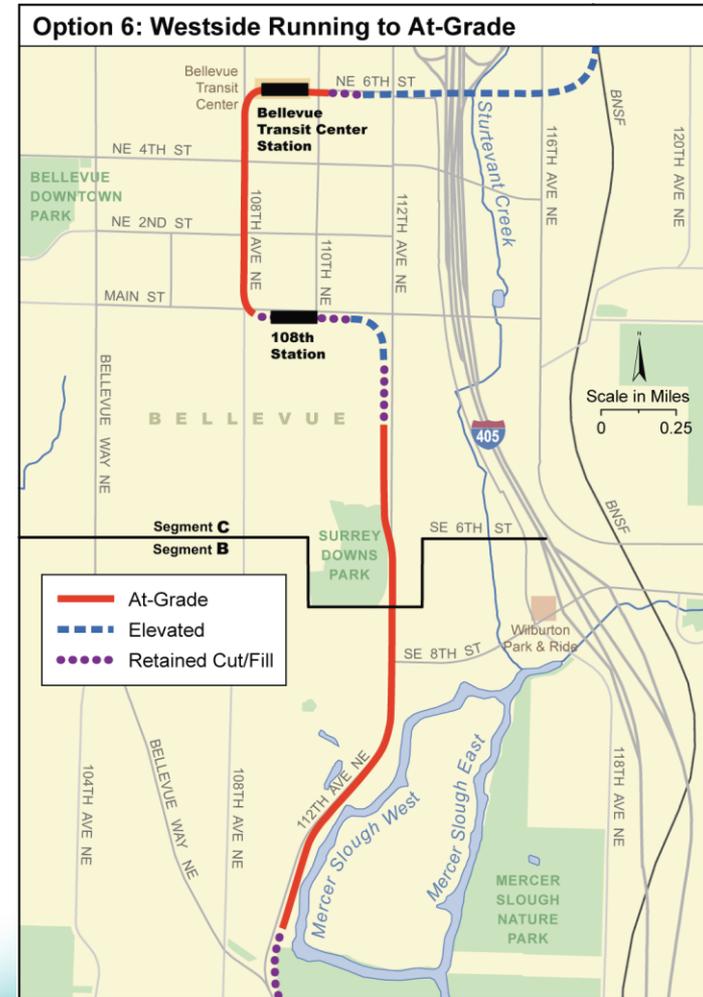
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Which Tunnel Option Do You Prefer?

	Responses	
1. Center Running to Main St Tunnel	4	4.82%
2. Westside Running to Main St Tunnel	31	37.35%
3. Center Running to 2nd St Tunnel	3	3.61%
4. Retained Cut to 2nd St Tunnel	45	54.22%
No preference	0	0%
Totals	83	100%

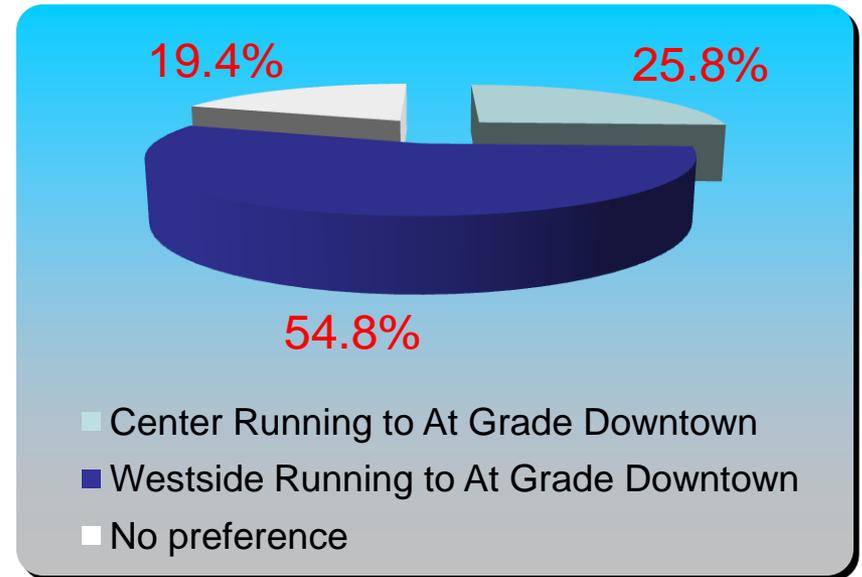


Which At-Grade Option Do You Prefer?



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	<u>Responses</u>	
5. Center Running to At Grade Downtown	16	25.81%
6. Westside Running to At Grade Downtown	34	54.84%
No preference	12	19.35%
Totals	62	100%



Additional 112th Outreach Results

- Many impacted properties between SE 6th and Main Street prefer west-side alternatives
 - Carriage Hills Condominiums
 - Carriage Place Condominiums
 - Red Lion Hotel
 - Hilton Hotel
 - Bellevue Club
- Additional impacts identified with NE 2nd portal
 - Low Income Housing Institute proposed project
 - 2 additional businesses identified (9 rather than 7 total)
- Notwithstanding Sound Transit's preference for 112th continued support for the B7: BNSF alternative

Board Request: Construction Risk as Well as Impacts

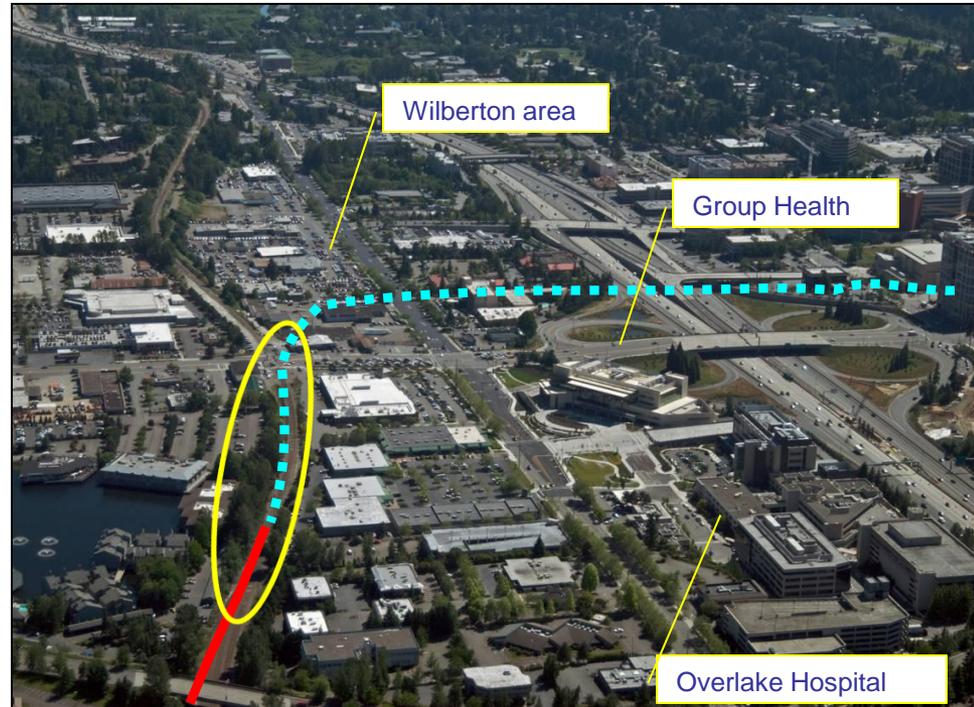
Criteria	Main Street Portal		2 nd Street Portal		108 th At-Grade	
	Option 1 (Center)	Option 2 (Westside)	Option 3 (Center)	Option 4 (Eastside)	Option 5 (Center)	Option 6 (Westside)
Relative construction disruption	Moderate to higher	Lower	Moderate to higher	Moderate	Moderate to higher	Moderate to lower
Construction duration	Intermediate	Shortest	Intermediate	Longest	Intermediate	Intermediate
Construction risk	Moderate	Lower	Moderate	Higher	Moderate	Lower

Questions Regarding 112th Options?



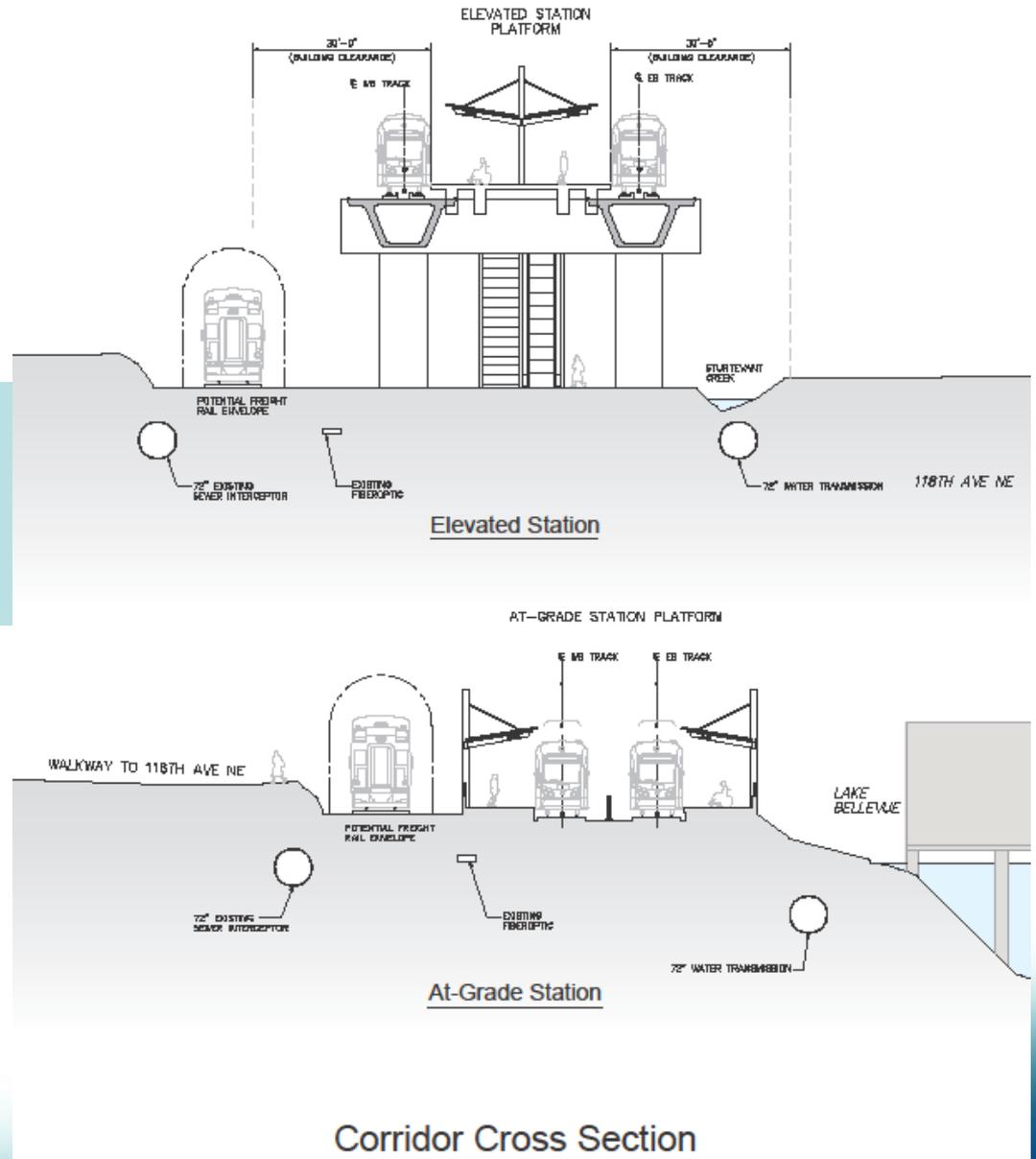
Hospital Station Location Alternatives

- **Station serves Hospital District and Wilberton area**



- **Children's Hospital closest to 120th Station**

Hospital Station Profile Options



Station Location Options

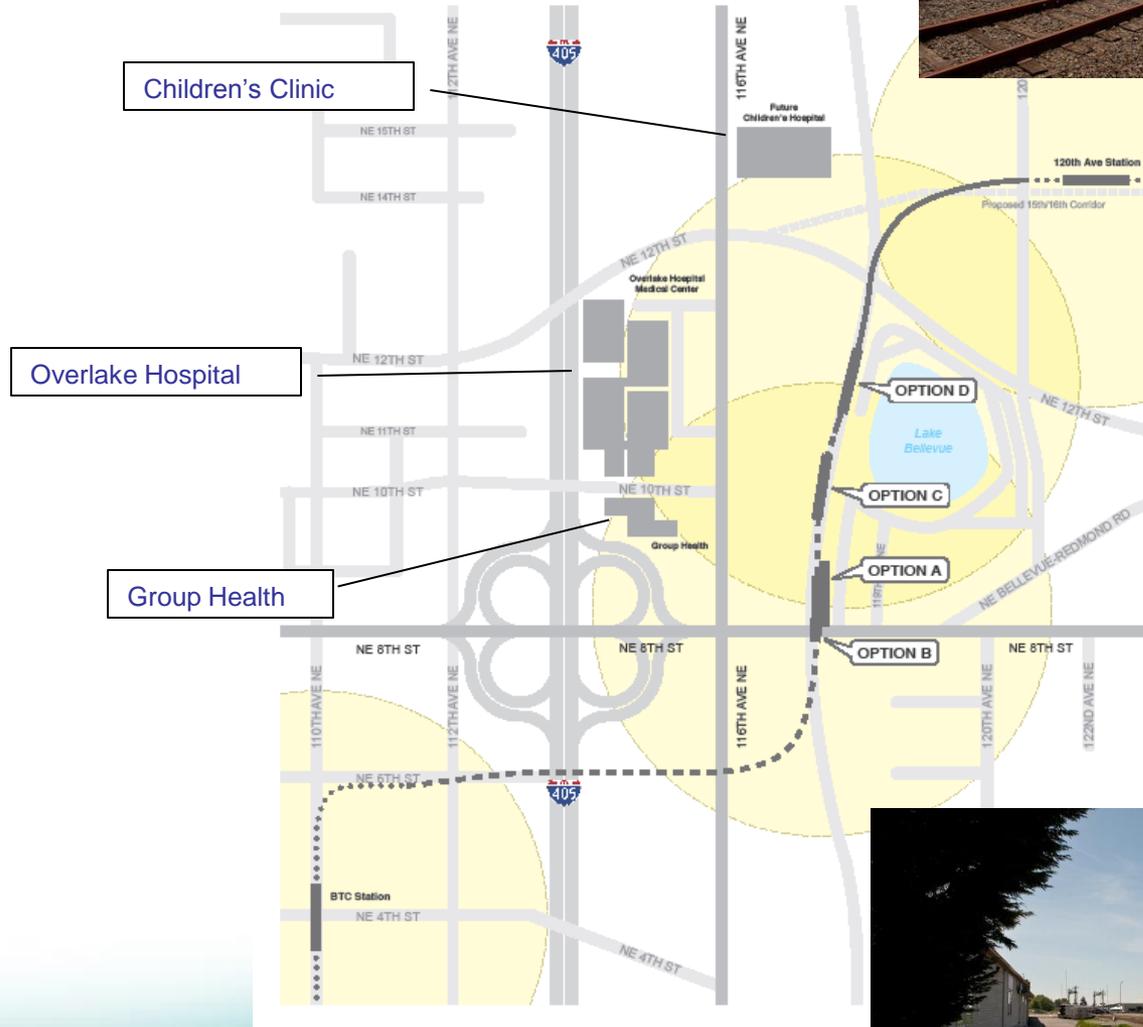
Station Spacing Diagram

Elevated:

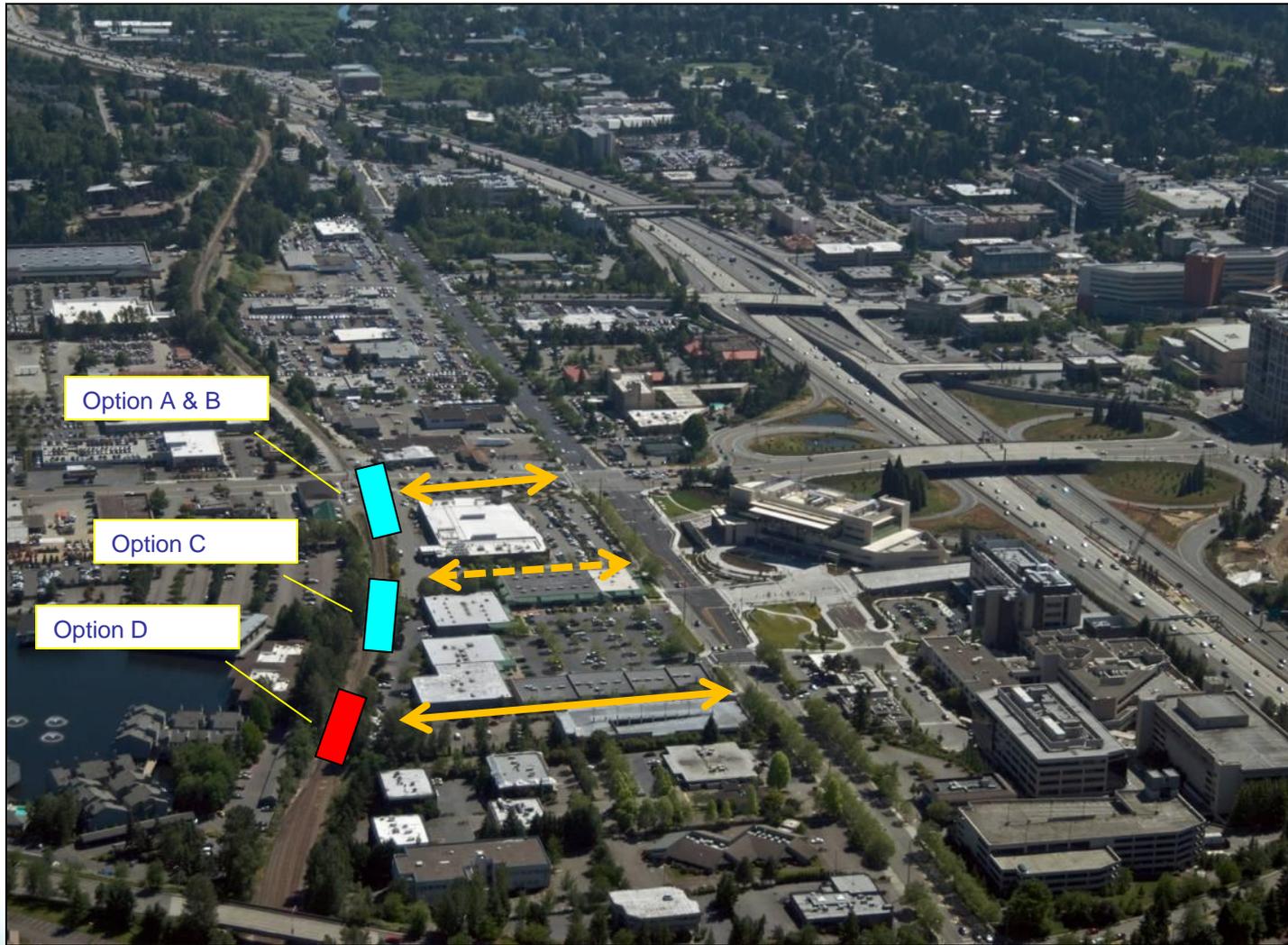
- Option A
- Option B
- Option C

At-Grade:

- Option D



Locations and Access from 116th



Hospital Station Outreach Results

- General preference for elevated alternatives (Option A-C)
- Concern about poor visibility and potential noise impacts with at-grade (Option D)
- Interest in access south of NE 8th
 - Option B spans street with a station entrance on south
 - Future King County trail anticipated to provide grade separated crossing which would work with any of the options
- Hospitals interested in optional pedestrian connection to 116th and NE 10th
- Commercial property owners concerned about business displacement and/or potential loss of parking

Questions Regarding Hospital Station?



Next Steps

- Bellevue City Council meeting (July 19)
- Sound Transit Board identifies preferred options (July 22)
 - 112th Options
 - One for a Tunnel in downtown Bellevue (Option 1,2,3, or 4)
 - One for at-grade in downtown Bellevue (Option 5 or 6)
 - Hospital Station
 - Location (Option A, B, C, or D)
 - Optional 116th pedestrian connection if A, B, or C preferred

