# Hospital Station Public Meeting July 13, 2010

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Appendix A:

Attendees

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Monica Aydelotte, Legacy Commercial, LLC
John Hempelmann, Cairncross & Hempelmann
Juanita Cope, Lake Bell. Village
Jorge Gonzalez, Barrier Motors
Cindy Charek, Bellevue Network on Aging
Samantha Gillett, Lake Bellevue Village
Todd R. Woosley, Hal Woosley Properties
Will Nelson

Mike Fleming

Russell Clark, RBJK Ventures LLC Kathy Bond, Sunset Glass Co Inc Jim Price, 9 Lake Bellevue

Christina Hamilton, Lake Bellevue Village

Hillary Field, TSI

Steve Nolen, TSI

Robert R. Sheuerman, Eastside Rail Now

Nancy Knorr, Lake Bellevue Village

Howard Katz, Bellevue Network on Aging

Brett Leber, Lake Bellevue Village

william Knorr, Lake Bellevue Village

Brooke Galerth, Lake Bellevue Village

Rachel Galbert, Lake Bellevue Village

Mike Link, LBV

Josh Benaloh, Self/Sound Transit COP

Randy Gordon, State Senate

Vicki & Cd Ravschek, 9 Lake Bellevue

Thomas Walling, Leibsohn & Company 9 Lake Bellevue

Barbara Beckwith, Sunset Glass

Steven Rich, One Lake Bellevue Office Owners Assoc

Kyle Griffith, Crab Pot

Rain Loywood, City of Bellevue

Luna (Yue) Huang, Lake Bellevue Village

## Appendix B:

## Comments

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Comment Forms - Hospital Station Public Meeting

Please share any general feedback related to East Link and the new Hospital Station location.

Wetland needs EIS study – impact of noise, impact of vibration on peat bog, impact on stream/wildlife. Our parking lot is built on Geofoam to stop sinking.

Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location.

**Option A:** 2nd choice

Option B: Preferred – due to ridership south & north of 8th.

Option C: 3rd choice

**Option D:** Noise to Lake Bellevue Condos is concern. EIS needs to address wetland/trees in area. No choice. No access by Lake Bellevue Residents yet impact is highest.

Name: Samantha Gillett

Please share any general feedback related to East Link and the new Hospital Station location.

Please name the station "Midlakes Station" which is the area it services.

Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location

**Option B:** Best choice, least mitigation, highest visibility, best ridership.

**Option C:** No both C&D cause too much negative to Lake Bellevue area and too limited walkability to station.

Option D: NO

Name: Michael Link

Please share any general feedback related to East Link and the new Hospital Station location.

Sturtevant Stream has to be piped. This eliminates the need to maintain the stream which you are not doing. The advantage of doing this is twofold, one no need to maintain. The second is you can control the level of Lake Bellevue. By having a lever to open and close either in the summer closing the pipe if the lake gets to low which could kill the lake. In the winter you leave it open to permit flooding. Lake Bellevue is in a flood zone.

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The possible option of a "true" hospital station deserves further consideration. Such a station could be at the intersection of 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE 10<sup>th</sup> St. With the current preferred alignment along 112<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, a good option might be to run along 112<sup>th</sup> Ave NE all the way up to NE 10<sup>th</sup> St (no tunnel) and provide a short connector from the Bellevue Transit Center to a station at 112<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE 6<sup>th</sup> St.

#### Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location

**Option A:** This is a good option that would be enhanced by a dedicated pedestrian crossing over NE 8<sup>th</sup> St.

**Option B:** This is also a good option – although it is regrettable that the access on the south side of NE  $8^{th}$  St is roughly 100 feet south of the street.

**Option C:** This option seems to offer slightly less utility than options A & B.

**Option D:** A station this far to the north seems to offer the least benefit.

Name: Josh Benaloh

#### Please share any general feedback related to East Link and the new Hospital Station location.

I hope any station design will accommodate passenger heavy rail transfers. Allowance needs to be made for commuter rail and possible future Amtrak service in the historic rail right-of-way.

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**Option A:** Station is well placed for access to N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> and the hospitals. A pedestrian/bicycle bridge over N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> would be a better alternative to option B.

**Option B:** This option is more expensive and disruptive than Option A. It gives poorer access to the hospitals.

Option C: Too far from N.E. 8<sup>th</sup>

Option D: Too close to the next station and too far north to be useful.

Name: Robert Scheuerman

#### Please share any general feedback related to East Link and the new Hospital Station location.

Station has opportunity to serve new development in Wilburton & Bel-Red, if far enough south. Station could also incorporate the regional trail (Bike & Ped) on the BNSF corridor, providing grade separation at N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

Option A: Good kiss & ride layout.

**Option B:** Good location on NE 8<sup>th</sup>. Less impact on Lake Bellevue Condominiums (<u>saving money</u>). Good kiss & ride layout.

Option C: Poorest option.

Name: Jim Price

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#### Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location

Option C: Second worst option.

Option D: Worst option; largest negative impact on Lake Bellevue businesses, residences, and parking.

#### Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location

**Option A:** Good but pedestrian access across N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> will be inhibited on have to be added in the future.

**Option B:** Great! Great pedestrian access from both sides of NE 8<sup>th</sup>. Easy access to stores and hospital. Lots of visibility. Low crime. Water runoff controlled. By having it span N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> every car will know it is there and is more likely to use the light rail. By having "easy" access from both sides of N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> it is more convenient so more people will use it.

**Option C:** BAD. Poor pedestrian access. Water issues. Faces alley of commercial buildings. Low visibility more crime. Will disrupt residential buildings. Less people will know it is there and use it.

**Option D:** BAD. Poor pedestrian access. Water issues. Faces alley of commercial buildings. Low visibility more crime. Will disrupt residential buildings. Less people will know it is there and use it.

Name: Brett Leber

#### Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location

**Option B:** This is the best option in the best interests of everyone. Better visibility (deters crime). Easy access.

**Option C:** The noise of the brakes and whistle will disturb the serenity we have enjoyed for 24 years. We as the Lake Bellevue residents near this station will not be able to sleep. Also the hospital patients will be affected.

**Option D:** Not a good option as mentioned in Option C.

Name: Nancy Knorr

#### Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location

Option A: Ok

**Option B:** Ok. Farthest away from our Lake Bellevue village Condo because of <u>impending train noise!</u>

**Option C:** <u>No Go</u> – Noise of bells and screeching of light rail trains will bring to Lake Bellevue every 9 minutes, 21 hours, 7 days a week.

**Option D:** No Go – For same reason as mentioned in Option C.

Name: William Knorr

# Sound Transit East Link Hospital Station Public Meeting July 13, 2010 Open House Flip Chart Comments

#### **Option A**

- Midlakes (area around Lake Bellevue) is a significant "micro-neighborhood" with walkability-need to keep it viable. People would use a station near NE 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Option B-Station needs to be visible, accessible from both sides of 8<sup>th</sup>. Least impact to lake/residents.
- Opposed to widening of 120<sup>th</sup>-leave as 3-lane and improve sidewalks, trees
- Prefers elevated for commuter rail interface.
- Do not want it near Lake Bellevue homes
- · Focus trail in BNSF
- Reduce 120<sup>th</sup> width
- Station on SE 8<sup>th</sup> should be at hotels
- Straddle maximizes benefits, access
- All options: glad to see heavy rail accommodated

#### **Option B**

- Like station access on both sides of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Not leaving enough room for commuter rail and trail-should not be either or. Need room for both.
- BNDA-Bellevue Network on Aging
  - o Prefer non-elevated station layout
  - Trade-offs between location-prefer closer station location to hospitals and medical facilities
- Higher visibility
- Safer/security
- Easier access

#### **Option C**

- Too close to Lake Bellevue Village and 9 Lake Bellevue (noise factor)
- Security, walk through shopping center to hospitals
- Effect of noise waves bouncing off of Lake Bellevue (reverberation)
- Effect to all buildings around Lake Bellevue (10 buildings in total)

- Limited/no weather protection to walls to hospitals
- Advocate "hospital station" at hospitals (suggest NE 10<sup>th</sup>, I-405 crossing)
- Taking half of 9 Lake Bellevue parking will affect value/leaseability of property. Event temporary impacts will be difficult to overcome.
- Construction impacts on Lake Bellevue. Already very fragile. Advocate scenario/Option B.
- Construction impacts on land/soils for station/rail line.

#### **Option D – Environmental Concerns**

- Concern (general to all options) about Sturtevant Cr. Wildlife (beavers, turtles) flooding due to stream clogged.
- Concern about construction impacts on water quality of Lake Bellevue.
- Vibration impacts on peat soil
- At-grade station very close to 120<sup>th</sup> station
- Grade difference from station to hospital presents difficulty for older adults and disabled
- Consider impact in flood zone
- Close proximity to Lake Bellevue condo community (72 units) noise every 9 minutes.
- Why so far from hospital?
- Consider alignment and station on 116<sup>th</sup>?
- Difficult to walk from/to station in inclement weather
- Consider homeless factor
- Like B good access for redevelopment at car dealers

#### **All Options**

- Look for a way for pedestrians and bicycles to use an elevated structure to get across NE 8<sup>th</sup> (to provide connectivity to the south). Work with King County and Bellevue.
- Not visible from street.
- Not safe/secure for users.



### **Hospital Station Public Meeting**

#### **Comment Form**

Please share any general feedback related to East Link and the new Hospital Station location.
Being aresident of lake Bellevie village, I am thrilled to see the light rail come to my neighborhood. Mossever, I am also deeply conserved by options College the station, and is particular option D. Lake Bellevie Village is a quiet community which feels like a small paradise, and I must say that having bells sounds on top of the light rail noise from dawn to dusk would destroy this. I handfoly, these E got (C&D) would have a strong negative in pact on our property value, and in the current economic dimete, this could be fatal. Please pay close consideration option B which, even if slighty more costy in the near future, has the best TOD, which will result in higher rider ship and therefore revouve in the long term.  Please share your comments below for each Hospital Station location.
Option A:
Option B: Seems like the best option to me for all reasons mentioned in the report.
Option C:
Option D: I am deeply concerned by the option. The impact on our community would be devastating. The report is electroly clear on other disadvantages of this option: love TOD, overlap in ridership with 120 th St station., compromised sofity from having pamengers cross the roads, higher noise levels detrimental to neighborhood,



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City staff also welcomes your comments and questions at 425-452-6836 or NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



#### **Bellevue Network on Aging's**

#### **Recommendations On The Location Of A Hospital Station**

- 1. A station should be located on or about NE 10th St. so that people with limited mobility can more easily access healthcare facilities such as Overlake Hospital, Group Health and Children's Hospital.
- 2. Additional stations should be located in proximity to medical facilities such as those situated along 116th Ave. N.E. and 112th Ave. N.E. to improve accessibility to healthcare services.
- 3. Sound Transit stations should be at "grade level" making them accessible for people with limited mobility such as those who use wheelchairs, walkers and canes and those with limited physical stamina.
- 4. Elevated platforms make it more difficult for those with limited mobility to negotiate. Therefore, elevated stations should be avoided whenever possible.
- 5. Sound Transit should be mindful that stations located on hills present a significant obstacle for people with limited mobility. Therefore, planners should avoid stations on hills whenever possible in order to ensure accessibility.
- 6. Stations should be located in a way that promotes ease of connection from other mass transit options such as bus stops and transit centers.
- 7. Since Bellevue has the highest percentage of people age 65 and older in King County, the needs of older people should be a transit priority within the City of Bellevue.
- 8. Statistics show that Bellevue's population of people age 65 and older is rising. The 2000 Census found that Bellevue's population was comprised of 13.4% of residents who were age 65 and older. In the 2006-2008 American Communities Survey, residents age 65 and older rose to 14.4% of Bellevue's entire population.
- 9. Original plans for Sound Transit acknowledged the special needs of older adults and those with limited mobility. Sound Transit should continue to maintain this focus.

# LAKE BELLEVUE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION PO BOX 6518 BELLEVUE, WA 98008

SOUND TRANSIT Attn: Katie Kuciemba 07/13/10

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## **Concern That Needs Investigation**

July 13, 2010

Subject Homeless

To: Sound Transit
City of Bellevue

The residents of Lake Bellevue Village have been aware for many years that the homeless "live" somewhere north of Lake Bellevue, along the BNSF tracks because we have observed them walking the tracks adjacent to Lake Bellevue, and because of car break ins we erected a fence, and we have almost no car break ins anymore

I have made this known to some City employees and have asked recently one that a census be taken to see how many live north and where.

There are two concerns, the first being for their safety, if they are not far enough north of the proposed NE 16<sup>th</sup> St at the tracks and in walking the tracks between NE 6<sup>th</sup> and NE 16th. The second is if the noise from Sound Transit trains will cause them to abandon the corridor, and fan out in Bellevue looking for shelter.

Howard W Katz 7 Lake Bellevue Dr Unit 206 Bellevue WA 98005 425 451-0176

## Affiliations:

Bellevue Network On Aging Bellevue Senior Advisory Board VP Lake Bellevue Village Board of Directors VP Elected Republican Precinct Committee Officer (41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District 0219) Attn: Katie Kuciemba

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