

Appendix A:

Door-to-Door & Drop-in Session Outreach

Summary

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112th Avenue Outreach Summary

Overview

The Sound Transit Board has announced its preference for an East Link light rail route that utilizes 112th Avenue between Bellevue Way and downtown. As a result, Sound Transit and City of Bellevue staff met with residents and businesses along the 112th Avenue route to ensure that the community understands the various options for this alignment and has plenty of opportunities to comment. The following summarizes outreach activities to date.*

Door-to-Door Outreach

Sound Transit staff distributed a flier at homes along 112th Avenue to inform residents about the updated preferred route and let them know about upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Date	Total # of homes visited	Total # of residents we spoke with
5/24	95	42
5/25	118	30
5/26	206	58

Drop-In Stations

Sound Transit and City of Bellevue staff hosted informal opportunities for neighbors to see the 112th Avenue options, ask questions, and provide feedback on May 27, June 1, and June 2. The following provides highlights of comments received, but is not intended to represent verbatim comment.

Date: Thursday, May 27

Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Tully's (108th Avenue and Main Street)

Comment Highlights:

- Preference for 2nd Avenue portal
- Preference for east running alignment
- Support B7 alternative
- No need for SE 8th Station - low ridership and saves money
- Originally supported the B3 siderunning – why did it need to change when it was preferred by the neighborhoods?

- Concern about hide and ride in neighborhood streets and Surrey Downs Park
- Don't remove residential properties; prefers Options 2 and 6
- Concern about noise in residential neighborhoods
- Concern about the turning radius from 112th Avenue onto Main Street
- How can Sound Transit override the City of Bellevue's 1981 Master Plan?

**Note: The City of Bellevue also conducted stakeholder interviews. The summaries of these interviews are provided in a separate document.*

- Not happy with any options but would like to know more about potential property acquisition of Carriage Place
- Is it possible to remove lanes on 112th since light rail will carry more traffic?
- Preference for tunnel
- Preference for Options 2 and 4
- Appreciative of west-running alignment but also concerned about residential displacements
- Consider reflected sound from noise wall
- Provide a park on top of NE 2nd Tunnel (Option 4)
- Opposition to crossing gates near Surrey Downs
- Preference for Option 2 from Carriage Place resident
- Concerns about crossing gate at SE 15th – is it possible to elevate over 15th as had been looked at previously?
- Concern about traffic in and out of Bellefield Residential Park
- Quality of life needs to be maintained
- Concern about impacts to property values
- Preference for Option 4 (less disruption and lower cost)
- Concern about noise across from SE 8th Station
- Suggestion to start trench south of SE 8th to prevent at-grade crossing
- Any possibility of acquiring properties to south of Surrey Downs Park (west side)?
- Why doesn't the Sound Transit Board listen to the community when we support B7?
- Concern light rail will change the neighborhood in a negative way
- Question about station access
- Frustrated that new alternatives keep coming so it is hard to remain involved in the process
- Concerns about impacts to Surrey Downs Park but glad to see that it won't be used as staging area
- Are betterments possible to offset traffic impacts? It is possible to add sidewalks in Surrey Downs?
- There is insufficient information to make meaningful comments. Interested in information on cost, noise, ridership, and home acquisitions.

Date: Tuesday, June 1

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Tully's (108th Avenue and Main Street)

Comment Highlights:

- I don't see the need for a trench. A surface running on the east side would be fine.
- Saving money by running up 112th is not the whole story.
- I liked the downtown option that went all the way to 12th St and across.
- The arrogance of the Sound Transit Board to come into our neighborhoods and communities is unbelievable.
 - This isn't what the City of Bellevue wants.
 - People from all over the Puget Sound do not care about this area.
- I can't believe you would do all of this to serve one park-and-ride.
 - You need to push it out along I-405.
- There should be a surface route studied on Bellevue Way if there is one on 112th Ave SE.
- Focus on B7 instead of the new option.
- I heard that noise in a trench is worse than at-grade.
- Anything that impacts the neighborhood is inappropriate.
- I'm concerned about construction noise, dust and vibrations.
- I prefer the route on 2nd Street going into the tunnel.
- Bellevue Way communities such as Enatai should receive the same type and quantity of outreach as is being done for 112th Ave SE.
- Need clarification around zoning and up-zoning in and around light rail.
- I strongly dislike anything elevated.
- Need better information from the City of Bellevue regarding what is true/false. There are a lot of rumors floating around.
- Light rail should run along the BNSF to the hospital areas. This will provide access to multi-family homes and allow for growth in that area. You can shuttle people across I-405 into downtown Bellevue.
- This option doesn't provide access for Eastgate, Newport or Bellevue College.
- The South Bellevue Park-and-Ride expansion creates more traffic. Putting it out by I-405 takes the station to the riders.
- I don't like rail, but if you're going to build it, build it effectively.
- Definitely in favor of B7. Please *really* consider this.
- If you use 112th Ave SE, definitely use the 2nd St Portal and not Main St.
- I don't know why it can't go behind Bellevue Club.
- I really disagree with B2M because of the impact on houses.
 - Impacts on businesses are very different than impacts on homes.
- Seems like it would make sense to use what is already there (BNSF).
- I liked the alignment with a station at the Red Lion. That would've been a good thing for our community – to have a station so close.

Date: Wednesday, June 2

Time: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: Bellevue City Hall

Comment Highlights:

- If you choose the tunnel on 110th, you should portal at 2nd Street.
- Don't come south on 108th Avenue.
- The Sound Transit Capital Committee should consider the 2nd Street portal because it would cost about 2/3 of the cost for constructing a portal at Main Street.

- There's a good buffer on Main Street currently.
- Please consider the historic homes in Surrey Downs. Disruption could cause lawsuits.
- Please run on the eastside of 112th – every little bit helps.
- Options 5 and 6 are very disruptive to Surrey Downs
- Need to think about the historic Catholic Church on Main Street.
- Please preserve as many trees as possible on Main Street.
- Aren't two stations with the at-grade 108th Avenue Option overkill?
- Aesthetics are very important and need to be considered.
- B7 would be good, but Option 4 is the best of these options, then Option 1.
- Need cost information in order to have an educated preference.
- Construction disruptions need to seriously be addressed.
- You should consider an alignment on 116th, crossing at I-405, then at 6th Street. Then it could head back across I-405 toward the hospitals.
- There aren't a lot of roads leading into Bellevue. I can understand using 112th.
- Most concerned about noise.
- If possible, consider moving the first at-grade crossing in Option 1 further south to a less populated area.
- In favor of B7.
- At grade crossings would make options dead on arrival.
- When you get through all of the analysis of these new options, I think B7 is going to look a lot better.
- Why not run a trench from I-90 to downtown Bellevue?

Next Steps

Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue will continue talking with residents about the 112th Avenue options at a series of three workshops and a public open house in June and July 2010. The Sound Transit Board will use the public input received as well as the findings from the technical analysis report in order to select a specific 112th Avenue alignment at the July 22 Board meeting.

Many opportunities are coming up:



Door-to-door visit



Three drop-in stations



Three workshops



An open house

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112th Avenue Southeast Neighbors



The Sound Transit Board has announced its preference for an East Link light rail route that utilizes 112th Avenue between Downtown and Bellevue Way. While the Bellevue City Council prefers an alternate route (B7, next to I-405), the 112th Avenue alignment could be Sound Transit's final choice.

Sound Transit and City staff are meeting with residents and businesses along the 112th Avenue route to ensure that the community understands the various options for this alignment and has plenty of opportunities to comment.

You can shape how the trains could run.





HELP SHAPE LIGHT RAIL in your neighborhood

Let us know.

If the 112th Avenue Southeast route is selected, should trains run in the center of 112th or on the east or west sides of the street? If a tunnel is built in downtown Bellevue, should it start at Main Street or at Northeast 2nd Street? How can impacts be addressed?



112th Avenue Southeast Upcoming Events*

Drop-in stations:

May 27 from 4 to 7 p.m.
at Tully's, 10812 Main St.

June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon
at Tully's, 10812 Main St.

June 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Tully's, 10812 Main St.

Community workshops:

June 15 at Bellevue City Hall

June 29 at Bellevue City Hall

July 7 at Bellevue City Hall

Open house:

July 14 at Bellevue City Hall

* Meeting times for the workshops and open house will be posted at www.soundtransit.org

Important dates

June 24 - Technical analysis published and available on Web site

July 22 - Sound Transit Board direction

Contact us

Sound Transit and City of Bellevue staff are available to talk or meet with community members one-on-one, in small groups or at neighborhood meetings to ensure communities have the most current and accurate project information. For questions or additional information regarding the East Link project, please contact Emily Mannetti at 206-398-5438 or eastlink@soundtransit.org. City staff also welcomes your comments and questions at 425-452-6836 or NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

