

Public Involvement and Agency Coordination

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) emphasize the importance of agency cooperation early in the environmental review process. Sound Transit is committed to early agency involvement and cooperation, and it has been working with local public transportation agencies and local jurisdictions and state and federal agencies to create an open public involvement process with ample opportunities to inform and involve the public. Consistent with SAFETEA-LU Sound Transit drafted a Coordination Plan and sent it to potentially interested agencies for review and comment during the environmental impact statement (EIS) public scoping period. The Coordination Plan is available for review on Sound Transit's project web site (www.soundtransit.org/eastlink) or hard copies can be obtained at Sound Transit offices (see Fact Sheet information). This appendix summarizes these plans and outlines the goals, objectives, and implementation of extensive public and agency outreach activities.

B.1 Outreach Goals and Objectives

Citizens and groups have numerous opportunities to interact with, and receive a response from, Sound Transit on issues of interest or concern in the development and evaluation of the East Link Project. Sound Transit has established the following goals and objectives to guide the process:

- Inform the public of the project's purpose and need and identify the process and schedule for public participation.
- Inform the public of the project's Draft EIS and identify the process and schedule for public participation.
- Involve the community, and actively seek out a variety of viewpoints, taking into consideration their viewpoint at all stages of planning, developing, and engineering.

- Consider, answer, and account for public inquiries, suggestions, and ideas in the decision-making process.
- Provide opportunities for the public to affect major decisions before they are finalized.
- Publicize programs and activities through a variety of communication vehicles to accommodate the diverse communities within the project vicinity, meet environmental justice requirements and limited English proficiency needs, and make the proceedings and records available for public review.
- Provide the public with different opportunities for and methods of accessing project information throughout each project phase.
- Engage diverse populations early in the planning and development process by making materials available in multiple formats and holding meetings in accessible facilities.

B.2 Agency Coordination

Consistent with the Coordination Plan, Sound Transit is coordinating periodic interagency meetings and other activities to collect input from interested agencies. These meetings and activities were designed to obtain suggestions regarding the development of project alternatives and regarding resource analysis methodologies prior to beginning analyses and during other key project milestones, such as during the NEPA/SEPA scoping process. Three categories of interagency participation were established to facilitate agency cooperation and input for the East Link Project: co-lead, cooperating, and participating agencies. At the beginning of the environmental review process prior to scoping, Sound Transit invited agencies to participate, where appropriate, in these categories, as described in the following subsections. Agency correspondence received to date are located in corresponding sections:

- Documentation of coordination with cooperating agencies on 4(f) park impacts is located in Appendix D: Section 4(f)/6(f) of this Draft EIS,

including documentation that the I-90 bike trail is a transportation network, not a 4(f) resource.

- Correspondence between FTA and State Historic Preservation Office on the presence and eligibility of cultural resource for the National Register of Historic Preservation; and between Sound Transit and local jurisdictions on the eligibility of historic resources for local landmark status; and correspondence with local tribes on culturally sensitive resources are all located in the *Historical and Archaeological Resources Technical Report* (Appendix H4, bound separately from the Draft EIS).

B.2.1 Lead Agency

The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) is the federal lead agency for NEPA purposes, supervising the preparation of the EIS by Sound Transit. Sound Transit is the nominal lead agency for SEPA purposes. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is a co-lead agency for SEPA because the project alternatives are within or adjacent to WSDOT facilities and rights-of-way. These agencies are responsible for making information available to the cooperating and participating agencies as early as practicable in the environmental review process (SAFETEA-LU Section 6002; Section 139(h)(2-3)).

B.2.2 Cooperating Agency

Cooperating agencies are any other federal, state, and local public agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise with respect to any environmental issues that should be addressed throughout the NEPA process. Sound Transit invited such agencies to serve as cooperating agencies, which includes responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses and making available staff support to enhance the lead agency's interdisciplinary capability. To date, the following have accepted their status as cooperating agencies:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Cities of Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond
- King County
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

B.2.3 Participating Agency

Participating agencies, according to SAFETEA-LU Section 6002: Section 139(d), are the federal and nonfederal agencies that may have an interest in the project. Such agencies are invited to participate in the

environmental review process. These include the following:

- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology)
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- City of Clyde Hill
- City of Kirkland
- City of Issaquah
- Town of Beaux Arts
- City of Medina

Sound Transit staff contacted the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the BIA to determine which tribes have interests in the project vicinity and should be included as affected agencies. The project vicinity does not include any tribal lands, but the tribes are expected to have interests regarding natural and cultural resources. Therefore, because of the government-to-government consultation responsibilities associated with tribes, FTA initiated consultation with these tribes and invited them to become participating agencies. The following tribes have been contacted via letter, telephone conversations, and as needed, in-person meetings:

- Muckleshoot Tribe
- Snoqualmie Tribe
- Suquamish Tribe
- Tulalip Tribe
- Yakama Tribe
- Duwamish Tribe (not federally recognized)

FTA, Sound Transit, and WSDOT continue to consult with the tribes regarding potential natural and cultural resource impacts of concern to the tribes throughout project development.

B2.4 Resources by Agency

Federal, State and local agencies have been helpful in providing data collection, resource identification, determination of regulatory compliance requirements, and/or development of resource methodology.

Table B-1 lists what resource information Sound Transit gathered in order by agency. Agencies also provided additional information and evaluation throughout the analysis process, which is ongoing through the completion of the Draft EIS.

B.3 Outreach Activities and Tools

Agency and public outreach efforts for the East Link Project began in August 2006, with varied and broad-reaching outreach methods. Sound Transit has actively

worked to reach agencies, as well as local and regional members of the public, by hosting public meetings and workshops, speaking at open forums, attending community events, and providing briefings and being available to discuss the project with business, neighborhood, and transportation interest groups.

Sound Transit is also targeting outreach efforts to minority and low income groups by reaching out to associated service providers and community groups where possible. All of Sound Transit's notices and literature for the East Link Project have language blocks stating "To speak with Sound Transit about the proposed Link light rail mass transit project in East King County call 1-800-823-9230 during regular business hours" translated into six languages (Russian,

TABLE B-1

List of Resources Provided by Agency

| Agency | Resources Provided |
|--|---|
| Federal | |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Wetlands, Waters of the U.S. |
| Federal Highway Administration | Traffic; highway improvement plans; utilities |
| Federal Emergency Management Agency | Flooding |
| U.S. Department of Interior, Geology Survey | Geology and soils |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Hazardous materials |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Threatened and endangered species |
| U.S. Coast Guard | Navigation |
| National Marine Fisheries Service | Threatened and endangered species |
| Advisory Council on Historic Preservation | Historic and archaeological resources |
| State | |
| Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) | Parklands and Land and Water Conservation Funded resources |
| Department of Fish and Wildlife | Threatened and endangered species, fish and wildlife, wetlands |
| Department of Ecology | Hazardous Materials, geology and soils |
| Department of Natural Resources | Threatened and endangered species, geology and soils |
| Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation | Archaeology and historic resources |
| Local/Regional Agencies | |
| King County, City of Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, Redmond | Land use and economic activity; neighborhoods and population; transportation plans, traffic; archaeology and historic resources; wetlands, water quality, acquisitions, displacements and relocations; noise and vibration; visual and aesthetic resources; parklands; geology and soils; utilities |
| Puget Sound Clean Air Agency | Air Quality |
| Puget Sound Regional Council | Regional travel; land use and economic activity; population and employment growth projections |
| Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Energy | Energy |
| Tribes (listed above in Section B.2.3) | Cultural resources, fisheries |

Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi and Tagalog). These languages were selected based on 2000 U.S. Census data for the project corridor and community input. When Sound Transit staff is contacted by a member of the public who has limited use of English, Sound Transit staff have available an immediate phone translation service that provides over-the-phone interpretation in 150 languages, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Sound Transit also offers to translate East Link Project fact sheets and related information upon request, as well as providing articles for newsletters, websites, or other communication tools used by service providers and community groups. More information on outreach and impacts on minority and low-income persons is available in Appendix C, Environmental Justice. Table B-2 demonstrates the tools being used for each of the environmental review process milestones.

To make information about the East Link Project as widely available as possible, Sound Transit created and is continually updating a variety of communication tools and materials. These include the maintenance of a comment database, webpage, fact sheets, press releases, and email alerts. These materials and tools provide updated information on the East Link Project and let community members know where and how to provide feedback.

B.3.1 Database










Sound Transit maintains a database listing people interested in receiving regular mailings on the agency’s progress and interested in having opportunities for public input. The database is used when preparing mailings in addition to the postal carrier routes, and includes attendees at East Link open houses and public meetings, correspondents and commenters, and others who have requested information on the East Link Project.

The Sound Transit project update list for East Link contains approximately 3,000 e-mail and/or physical addresses. Individuals can request updates through mail or e-mail.

B.3.2 Briefings

Sound Transit actively sought to provide briefings to neighborhood associations, organizations, and businesses in the vicinity of the proposed alternatives by providing project information and answering questions. The primary purpose of these briefings is to allow the project staff to reach members of the public at their own neighborhood, civic, or business meetings. Briefings typically include presentations to civic, business, neighborhood and other interested groups. In some instances, project staff met one-on-one to brief individual stakeholders to provide

TABLE B-2
Outreach Tools Used for East Link Project

| Season Year | Environmental Review Process Milestone |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| | | Briefings | Public Meetings | Public Hearing | Mailings | Fact Sheets/Handouts | Community Events | Comment Database | Web Page | News Media |
| Summer 2006 | Preliminary Stakeholder Meetings and Community Briefings | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Summer/Fall 2006 | NEPA EIS Scoping/ Comment on Project Purpose and Need and Alternatives | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2007 | Alternative development | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2008 | Draft EIS Publication | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2009 | Final EIS Publication | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2009 | Record of Decision (ROD) | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

information and obtain input. A full list of community briefings that have been held since the environmental review process began can be found in Table B5 at the end of this appendix. In addition, Sound Transit jurisdictional briefings were provided to the city councils in Bellevue, Mercer Island, and Redmond.

B.3.3 Public Meetings, Open Houses, and Workshops

Sound Transit holds public open houses, workshops, and public meetings as the project progresses to share information, answer questions, and obtain input. In addition, Sound Transit has participated in open houses and public meetings organized by other local jurisdictions or projects. Typically the format includes time for the public to view project information and to speak with project team members about the project alternatives.

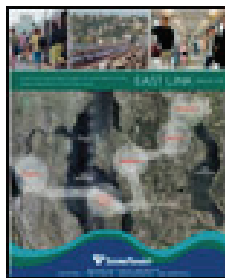


B.3.4 Public Hearings

A public hearing is required during a typical 45-day Draft EIS comment period. Sound Transit will be holding an extended 75-day comment period with five public hearings. Subsection B.4.4, Draft EIS, provides additional information on the public hearings that will be held after the Draft EIS is released to the public. Sound Transit's public hearings on the Draft EIS will occur not sooner than 14 days after the Draft EIS is released to allow the public time to review the Draft EIS.

B.3.5 Fact Sheets and Brochures

Fact sheets and brochures for the East Link Project have been developed to accompany public meetings and workshops, as well as for distribution at community events. The fact sheets and brochures describe the status of the East Link Project, the alternatives being studied for the environmental analysis, and who community members can contact for more information or with comments.



B.3.6 Community Events

Project staff attends a variety of community events planned by other organizations in order to reach a broader group of community members who might not



otherwise seek out information on the project. Sound Transit's presence at these community events allows people the opportunity to pick up information, sign up on the project mailing/email list, and talk with project staff. Examples of the community events Sound Transit has attended include:

- Crossroads Farmers Market
- Bellevue Strawberry Festival
- Redmond Derby Days
- Mercer Island Summer Celebration
- Bellevue Live at Lunch
- Bellevue Blueberry Festival
- Mostly Music in the Park
- Bellevue Festival of the Arts
- Redmond Greater Transportation Management Association EcoCommunity Fair

B.3.7 Project Webpage

Sound Transit developed a webpage, www.soundtransit.org/eastlink, that provides information on the East Link Project. Individuals can also sign up online for Sound Transit's free email subscription service to receive email updates on the East Link Project.



The East Link webpage includes an overview of the project, project maps and images, conceptual animations of the project alternatives, and links to frequently asked questions. The project webpage also contains a document library with links to a variety of project-related documents. Some of the documents posted on the East Link Project web site include the following:

- East Link Route and Station Workshop Summary
- East Link Route and Station Workshop Summary Appendices
- Resource Glossary
- Presentation: What is Light Rail?
- East Link Project Overview
- East Link Project Fact Sheet: Segment A
- East Link Project Fact Sheet: Segment B
- East Link Project Fact Sheet: Segment C
- East Link Project Fact Sheet: Segment D
- East Link Project Fact Sheet: Segment E
- Preliminary findings fact sheet
- Sound Transit Board Motion Identifying EIS Alternatives
- Presentation: Board Briefing on Screening and EIS Alternatives
- Sound Transit Board Briefing Book: Light Rail Alternatives
- Presentation: Board Briefing on East Link Screening
- East Link Scoping Summary Report
- East Link Environmental Scoping Information Report
- East Link Coordination Plan

B.3.8 News Media

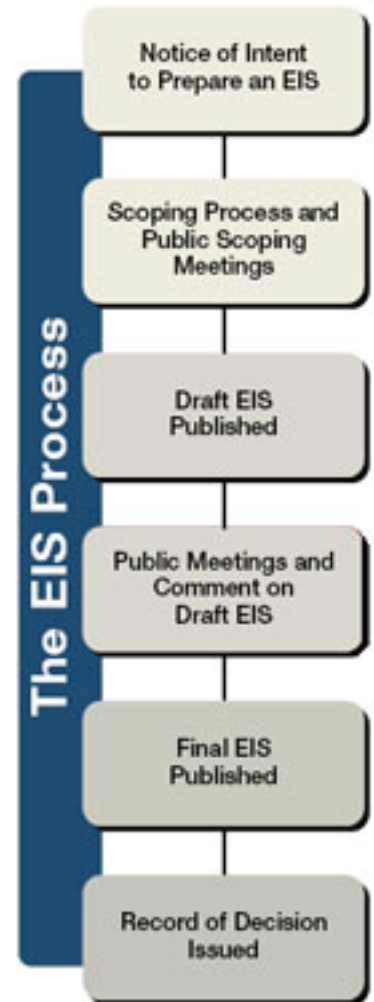
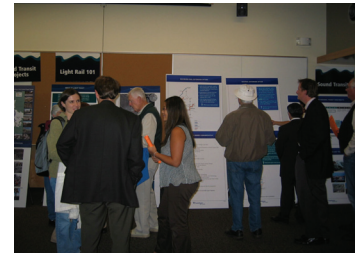
The project team uses local newspapers to inform, educate, and involve the public in the East Link Project. Area newspapers in Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue and Redmond have received news releases. Additionally, Sound Transit advertises public meetings in the local publications.

B.3.9 Affected Property Notification

Sound Transit mailed letters in the summer of 2008 to the 140 owners of properties that may need to be fully acquired to construct one or more of the East Link alternatives. Sound Transit held one-on-one meetings with any of the property owners interested in doing so. Concurrent with publication of the Draft EIS, letters will be sent to the owners of properties identified in Appendix G2 that may need to be partially or fully acquired to construct the project.

B.4 Outreach Steps in EIS Process

Public input to the East Link Project is an essential element of the alternatives development, environmental analysis, documentation and review process as diagrammed to the right. As described in the preceding section, Sound Transit has used a variety of methods to reach out to the public, including briefings, open houses, workshops and public meetings. The NEPA process encourages lead agencies to make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing NEPA procedures that involve decisions that would affect the community. This includes providing public notice of public hearings, holding public meetings, and making environmental documents available. Sound Transit's outreach and coordination efforts for the preparation of the EIS are described in the following sections.



B.4.1 Agency Involvement

Sound Transit has received early and continuous information and guidance from many agencies throughout the East Link Project environmental process. Consistent with the Coordination Plan (February 2007), Sound Transit is orchestrating periodic interagency meetings and coordination activities to collect input from interested agencies. Initial meetings and activities were designed to obtain suggestions regarding the development of project

alternatives and regarding resource analysis methodologies prior to beginning analyses and during other key project milestones.

B.4.2 Notice of Intent and Scoping

As required by SAFETEA-LU Section 6002: Section 139(e) and by the NEPA/SEPA regulations, Sound Transit initiated the NEPA process by publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on August 22, 2006. A determination of significance was issued on the SEPA register on September 1, 2006. The NOI informed the public that Sound Transit will prepare an EIS for the proposed East Link Project and formally announced the beginning of the scoping process and solicit input on the preliminary purpose and need of the project. The NOI described the project and its termini, length, and general location of the alternatives Sound Transit is considering; provided information on the issues and potential impacts; anticipated federal approvals required; and invited comments, questions, and suggestions on the scope of the EIS.

The purpose of scoping is to share information about the public process, environmental resources, and potential alternatives with the public and agencies within the East Link Project vicinity. During the scoping phase of the project, Sound Transit sought community input on which routes and stations to study, the environmental resources to be evaluated, and the project’s preliminary purpose and need statement. The public and agencies were asked to identify areas of concern, opportunities, and stakeholder interests that will be further addressed in the EIS.

During the 30-day scoping comment period, Sound Transit hosted four public scoping meetings and one scoping meeting for agencies and tribes. This series of public scoping meetings took place in Seattle, Mercer

Island, Bellevue and Redmond. Both oral and written comments were accepted at these scoping meetings. In addition, the public submitted comments directly by mail and email. Table B-3 lists the scoping meeting dates and locations.

Sound Transit performed the following outreach and communication activities to inform the public and obtain input during the scoping process:

- Identified alternatives and environmental resources for evaluation
- Prepared and distributed a scoping information report prior to the start of the 30-day scoping period to provide a general understanding of the project to affected agencies. This Environmental Scoping



Information Report, distributed on September 1, 2006, described the preliminary Purpose and Need statement, project planning history, proposed project alternatives, and environmental resources to be evaluated in the EIS, and the project schedule and public involvement process. The report was available at the public open houses, at the agency scoping meeting, and on the Sound Transit website for public’s review and input.

- Sent postcards to over 150,000 residents and businesses announcing the beginning of the scoping process, the public meetings, and the availability of the Environmental Scoping Information Report.

TABLE B-3
East Link Project Scoping Meetings

| Date | Location | Type of meeting |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, September 12, 2006 | Bellevue City Hall, Bellevue, WA | Agency scoping meeting |
| Wednesday, September 13, 2006 | Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA | Public scoping open house |
| Thursday, September 14, 2006 | Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Redmond, WA | Public scoping open house |
| Wednesday, September 20, 2006 | Union Station, Seattle, WA | Public scoping open house |
| Thursday, September 21, 2006 | Great Hall Community Center at Mercer View, Mercer Island, WA | Public scoping open house |

- Held four well-attended public scoping meetings (see dates in Table B-3) to present and receive comments to help refine proposed alternatives, environmental issues, and the environmental process.
- Held one agency scoping meeting to receive comments from interested and affected agencies.
- Contacted cooperating and participating agencies and invited them to an agency scoping meeting on September 12, 2006, at which Sound Transit sought agency involvement regarding project purpose and need, and the range of alternatives, impacts, and important issues to be considered.
- Met or corresponded with affected local, regional, state and federal agencies; tribes; and other organizations about issues within their jurisdiction or concern.
- Reviewed approximately 300 written and oral comments made at the scoping meetings or received during the scoping period and, as appropriate, refined the proposed alternatives, issues, and public involvement program.
- Summarized the scoping comments in an East Link EIS Scoping Summary Report (October 2006). This report is readily available to the public on the project website at www.soundtransit.org/eastlink.

B.4.3 Development of Alternatives

Following the public scoping process, the Sound Transit Board identified the alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS at its December 14, 2006 meeting. In early 2007, Sound Transit hosted five

community-focused workshops to engage community members in refining the route and station alternatives being evaluated in the Draft EIS. At these workshops, community members were asked about important neighborhood features, known resources, and other elements for consideration, such as walking routes, traffic, and important views. The workshops were held in each project segment and each focused on the area in which it was held. Table B-4 lists the workshop meeting dates and locations. A summary of these workshops and input received is posted on the project website at www.soundtransit.org/eastlink.

B.4.4 Draft EIS

The East Link Project Draft EIS describes, analyzes, and compares the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives and their implementation, and provides additional information on the methodologies and assumptions used for the analyses. Prior to the issuance of the Draft EIS to the public, cooperating agencies received a preliminary Draft EIS for review and comment. Sound Transit worked with FTA and WSDOT to address the cooperating agency comments on the preliminary draft. The Draft EIS is being issued by FTA, Sound Transit, and WSDOT. In addition to the required distribution of the document to federal, state, and local agencies and parties of interest, it has also been released to the public with a Notice of Availability (NOA) published in the Federal Register, and notice in the SEPA register. The following approaches were also used to notify the public about the Draft EIS availability and public process:

- Public notices placed in local newspapers

TABLE B-4
Workshop Dates and Locations

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Type of Meeting</i> |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Tuesday, March, 27, 2007 | Bellevue City Hall, Bellevue, WA | East Link Route & Station Workshop: Segments B & C |
| Wednesday, March 28, 2007 | Rainier Vista Neighborhood House, Seattle, WA | East Link Route & Station Workshop: Segment A |
| Thursday, April, 5, 2007 | Community Center at Mercer View, Mercer Island, WA | East Link Route & Station Workshop: Segment A |
| Friday, April 6, 2007 | Highland Park Community Center, Bellevue, WA | East Link Route & Station Workshop: Segments D |
| Tuesday, April 10, 2007 | Redmond City Hall, Redmond, WA | East Link Route & Station Workshop: Segment E |

- Announcements of public hearings sent to carrier routes of addresses one-half mile from the proposed alternatives and individuals in the project database
- E-mail notification sent to project database
- Notice posted on the Sound Transit website and East Link webpage at www.soundtransit.org/eastlink.

Per recent FTA policy, the Executive Summary and a CD of the complete Draft EIS is being distributed to the list of recipients (Appendix A3), and a paper copy is available on request. The Draft EIS documents are available to the public as described on the Fact Sheet and at public meetings. An electronic copy of the Draft EIS will also be posted on the Sound Transit web site. The Draft EIS is being circulated to interested parties and agencies for public comment. The public comment period begins upon publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIS in the Federal Register.

Public hearings will be held throughout the project vicinity to formally present the Draft EIS findings, including alternatives development and associated environmental impacts, for public comment. The hearings will consist of an open house where project team members will be on hand to answer questions and talk to the public, and will include a transcribed formal hearing. Comments will be accepted in writing, transcribed by a court reporter, or through email. The dates and location of these hearings are:

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center,
16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond, WA

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, 2401 S
Irving Street, Seattle, WA

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Community Center at Mercer View, 8236 SE 24th
Street, Mercer Island, WA

Wednesday, January 28, 2008

Bellevue High School, 10416 Wolverine Way,
Bellevue, WA

Thursday, January 29, 2009

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue,
WA

B.4.5 Final EIS

After Sound Transit reviews public comments on the Draft EIS, the Sound Transit Board will identify a preferred alternative for the preparation and

issuance of the Final EIS. The preferred alternative will undergo preliminary engineering, approximately 30 percent design work. The Final EIS will analyze the effects of the preferred alternative and all of the other alternatives and respond to comments on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will be issued by FTA, Sound Transit, and WSDOT, and released to the public with a NOA posted in the Federal Register, the SEPA register, and local newspapers, and on the Sound Transit website. Additional notification of the Final EIS will be sent to the project's distribution list of interested parties, agencies, Sound Transit's mailing lists, and addresses within the project vicinity.

The Executive Summary and a CD of the Final EIS will be distributed to the project's distribution list, including to those who commented on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS documents will also be available to the public, and an electronic copy will be made available on the Sound Transit website.

If a build alternative is chosen, Sound Transit would continue to coordinate throughout final design and construction with affected agencies and local communities.

B.5 Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings

While preparing and issuing the Draft EIS, Sound Transit has hosted and/or participated in several public meetings, five workshops, and numerous stakeholder meetings. Table B-5 lists the public and stakeholder outreach meetings held to date for the Sound Transit East Link Project.

TABLE B5
Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings Held to Date

| Event/Meeting | Date |
|---|-------------|
| Overlake Hospital | 1/8/2006 |
| Redmond Chamber | 6/20/2006 |
| Kirkland Summerfest | 7/14/2006 |
| Bellevue Arts and Crafts Fair | 7/28/2006 |
| Avalon Bay Communities | 8/4/2006 |
| Hines Development | 8/11/2006 |
| Bellevue Downtown Association | 8/26/2006 |
| Puget Sound Energy | 8/31/2006 |
| Schnitzer NW | 9/12/2006 |
| East Link Scoping Meeting & ST2 Open House, Bellevue | 9/13/2006 |
| East Link Redmond Scoping Meeting | 9/14/2006 |
| Michael Johnson, Redmond Chamber/West Bellevue Neighbor | 9/18/2006 |
| Puget Sound Energy | 9/19/2006 |
| East Link Scoping Meeting & ST 2 Open House, Seattle | 9/20/2006 |
| East Link Mercer Island Scoping Meeting | 9/21/2006 |
| Bellevue City Council | 9/25/2006 |
| Bellevue Planning Commission | 9/27/2006 |
| Redmond City Council | 10/3/2006 |
| Sterling Realty Organization | 10/9/2006 |
| Bellevue Chamber/Bellevue Downtown Association Transportation Committee | 10/10/2006 |
| Overlake/Group Health Hospitals | 10/10/2006 |
| Hopelink | 10/13/2006 |
| Newport Hills Community Club | 10/17/2006 |
| Redmond Chamber | 10/19/2006 |
| The Dwelling Company | 10/19/2006 |
| Microsoft | 10/23/2006 |
| Sound Transit and City of Redmond Coordination | 11/6/2006 |
| Surrey Downs Neighbors with Connie Marshall | 11/7/2006 |
| Bellevue City Council | 11/13/2006 |
| Surrey Downs/Bellecrest Boards | 11/14/2006 |
| Bellevue Chamber/Bellevue Downtown Association Transportation Committee | 11/14/2006 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Steering Committee Meeting | 11/14/2006 |
| Woodridge Neighborhood Association | 11/15/2006 |
| City of Redmond, Overlake Neighborhood Open House | 11/15/2006 |

TABLE B5
Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings Held to Date

| Event/Meeting | Date |
|---|-------------|
| Enatai Neighborhood Association | 11/21/2006 |
| Wright Runstad | 11/29/2006 |
| Surrey Downs Neighbor | 12/1/2006 |
| Eastside Transportation Partnership | 12/8/2006 |
| Surrey Downs Neighborhood Board; Discussion of portals and I-405 Right-of-way | 12/11/2006 |
| Muckleshoot Indian Tribe | 12/13/2006 |
| Special K | 1/10/2007 |
| King County Councilmember Lambert | 1/12/2007 |
| Issaquah Chamber | 1/16/2007 |
| Stu VanderHoek Properties | 1/18/2007 |
| Somerset Community Association | 1/23/2007 |
| Meydenbauer Center | 1/24/2007 |
| Microsoft | 1/30/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Steering Committee Meeting | 2/1/2007 |
| Redmond Town Center | 2/5/2007 |
| Stu VanderHoek Properties | 2/6/2007 |
| John Ewold | 2/12/2007 |
| Bellevue Chamber/Bellevue Downtown Association Transportation Committee | 2/13/2007 |
| Group Health | 2/13/2007 |
| Good Roads Association, WSDOT/Sound Transit | 2/14/2007 |
| ST2/RTID Open House, Seattle | 2/22/2007 |
| Eastside Business Roundtable | 2/22/2007 |
| Lake Heights Community Club | 2/27/2007 |
| ST2/RTID Open House, Bellevue | 2/28/2007 |
| Roads and Transit Public Meeting | 2/28/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Steering Committee Meeting | 3/1/2007 |
| Issaquah Chamber | 3/8/2007 |
| Sterling Realty Organization | 3/9/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Open House | 3/20/2007 |
| West Bellevue Community Club | 3/22/2007 |
| Redmond Chamber | 3/26/2007 |
| East Link Route and Station Workshop, Bellevue | 3/27/2007 |
| City of Seattle, SE District Transportation Planning Meeting | 3/28/2007 |
| East Link Route and Station Workshop, Seattle | 3/28/2007 |

TABLE B5
Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings Held to Date

| Event/Meeting | Date |
|--|-------------|
| Vuecrest Community Association | 3/29/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Steering Committee Meeting | 3/29/2007 |
| City of Redmond, Overlake Neighborhood Plan Update | 3/29/2007 |
| Eastside YMCA | 4/4/2007 |
| East Link Route and Station Workshop, Mercer Island | 4/5/2007 |
| East Link Route and Station Workshop, Overlake | 4/6/2007 |
| East Link Route and Station Workshop, Redmond | 4/10/2007 |
| Bellevue City Council | 4/16/2007 |
| Robert Rosell/Bellevue Way Neighbors | 4/17/2007 |
| Mercer Island Lions Club | 4/17/2007 |
| Enatai Neighborhood Association, Annual Meeting | 4/18/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Steering Committee Meeting | 5/3/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, Bel-Red Steering Committee Meeting | 5/10/2007 |
| Mercer Island City Council | 6/4/2007 |
| Crossroads Farmers Market | 6/10/2007 |
| City of Bellevue, City of Redmond and Sound Transit Steering Committee | 6/13/2007 |
| City of Bellevue Open House, Downtown Projects | 6/14/2007 |
| City of Bellevue Open House, Downtown Projects | 6/14/2007 |
| Bellevue Strawberry Festival | 6/23/2007 |
| Bellevue Strawberry Festival | 6/24/2007 |
| Redmond Derby Days | 7/7/2007 |
| Redmond Derby Days | 7/7/2007 |
| Downtown Bellevue Association | 7/11/2007 |
| Concerts at Marymoor | 7/12/2007 |
| Mercer Island Summer Celebration | 7/14/2007 |
| Mercer Island Summer Celebration | 7/15/2007 |
| Bellevue Live at Lunch | 7/19/2007 |
| Blueberry Festival | 7/21/2007 |
| Mostly Music in the Park | 7/22/2007 |
| Wasatch Development | 7/23/2007 |
| Bellevue Festival of the Arts | 7/27/2007 |
| Bellevue Festival of the Arts | 7/28/2007 |
| Bellevue Festival of the Arts | 7/29/2007 |
| Kemper Development | 7/30/2007 |
| Concerts at Marymoor | 8/9/2007 |

TABLE B5
Public and Stakeholder Outreach Meetings Held to Date

| Event/Meeting | Date |
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| Concerts at Marymoor | 8/10/2007 |
| Concerts at Marymoor | 8/11/2007 |
| Bellevue Live at Lunch | 8/16/2007 |
| Mostly Music in the Park | 8/16/2007 |
| Concerts at Marymoor | 8/18/2007 |
| Redmond Greater TMA EcoCommuting Fair | 8/22/2007 |
| Bellevue Live at Lunch | 8/23/2007 |
| Crossroads Farmers Market | 8/28/2007 |
| City of Bellevue Open House, Best Practices | 9/13/2007 |
| West Bellevue Neighborhoods | 9/27/2007 |
| City of Bellevue Mini City Hall | 7/7/2007 |
| Renton Mayor Law Executive Forum | 5/02/2007 |
| Issaquah Chamber Transportation Oversight Committee | 5/8/2008 |
| City of Bellevue Open House | 5/15/2008 |
| Bellevue Council – Briefing on Preliminary EIS Findings | 6/23/2008 |
| Strawberry Festival, Crossroads Park, Bellevue | 5/28-29/2008 |
| Derby Days, City Hall, Redmond | 7/12/2008 |
| Summer Celebration, Mercerdale Park, Mercer Island | 7/12-13/2008 |
| TMA EcoCommunity Fair, Redmond | 8/21/2008 |
| ST2-Open House | 6/5/2008 |
| Strawberry Festival | 6/28-29/2008 |
| Microsoft Transportation Outreach | 8/3/2008 |
| Microsoft Commute Transportation Event | 9/25/2008 |
| Mt. Baker Community Club | 10/6/2008 |
| Microsoft Transportation Outreach | 10/23/2008 |