

WELCOME

FEDERAL WAY TRANSIT EXTENSION

Meeting Purpose

Today, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the project purpose and need.
- Review potential alternatives.
- Tell us how the project could affect people and the environment.
- Ask questions of project staff.
- Tell us what you think.

This scoping open house is an important part of the environmental review process.

Thank you for coming!



SOUND TRANSIT CURRENT SERVICE AND APPROVED PROJECTS

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MAP KEY

Link Light Rail

Central Link (SeaTac/Airport–Westlake/Seattle)

Tacoma Link (Tacoma Dome–Theater District)

Under Construction

In Design

In Planning/Planned

Sounder Commuter Rail

Everett–Seattle Sounder

Lakewood–Tacoma–Seattle Sounder

ST Express Regional Bus

Express Bus Service

Future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Supporting Investments

Park & Ride – Rail Station or Bus Facility

Rail Station, Transit Center or Bus Stop Improvements

First Hill Streetcar (Opens 2014)

HOV/Transit Improvements

HOV Direct Access Ramp, Freeway Station or Overpass

Ferry Terminal


Sea-Tac Airport

Amtrak

This map illustrates the current and planned transit network in the Puget Sound region. It features several key components:

- Link Light Rail:** Shown in red and purple lines, including Central Link (SeaTac/Airport to Westlake/Seattle) and Tacoma Link (Tacoma Dome to Theater District). It also indicates sections under construction, in design, and in planning/planned.
- Sounder Commuter Rail:** Shown in green lines, including the Everett–Seattle Sounder and Lakewood–Tacoma–Seattle Sounder.
- ST Express Regional Bus:** Shown in blue lines, including Express Bus Service and Future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- Supporting Investments:** Indicated by various icons and line styles, including Park & Ride facilities, Rail Station/Transit Center/Bus Stop Improvements, First Hill Streetcar (Opens 2014), HOV/Transit Improvements, and HOV Direct Access Ramps, Freeway Stations, or Overpasses.
- Geographic Features:** The map shows the coastline of Puget Sound, major highways, and various transit hubs and stations across the region, including Everett, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline, Bothell, Woodinville, Kirkland, Totem Lake, Redmond, Overlake Transit Center, Overlake Village, 130th, 120th, Hospital, Bellevue, Eastgate, South Sammamish, Issaquah, Renton, Kent, Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup, Bonney Lake, DuPont, Lakewood, South Tacoma, Tacoma Dome, Tacoma Community College, and Seattle (International District/Chinatown & King Street, Stadium, SODO, West Seattle, Rainier, Beacon Hill, Mount Baker, Columbia City, Othello, Rainier Beach, Tukwila, International Blvd, Burien, SeaTac/Airport, Angle Lake, Kent/Des Moines, S 272nd/Federal Way).
- Legend:** A detailed key on the left side of the map explains the symbols and line styles used throughout the map.
- Scale and Orientation:** A north arrow is located in the bottom right corner, and a scale bar is provided in the bottom left corner.

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 **SOUNDTRANSIT**
RIDE THE WAVE

WHAT IS THE PROJECT FUNDING STATUS?

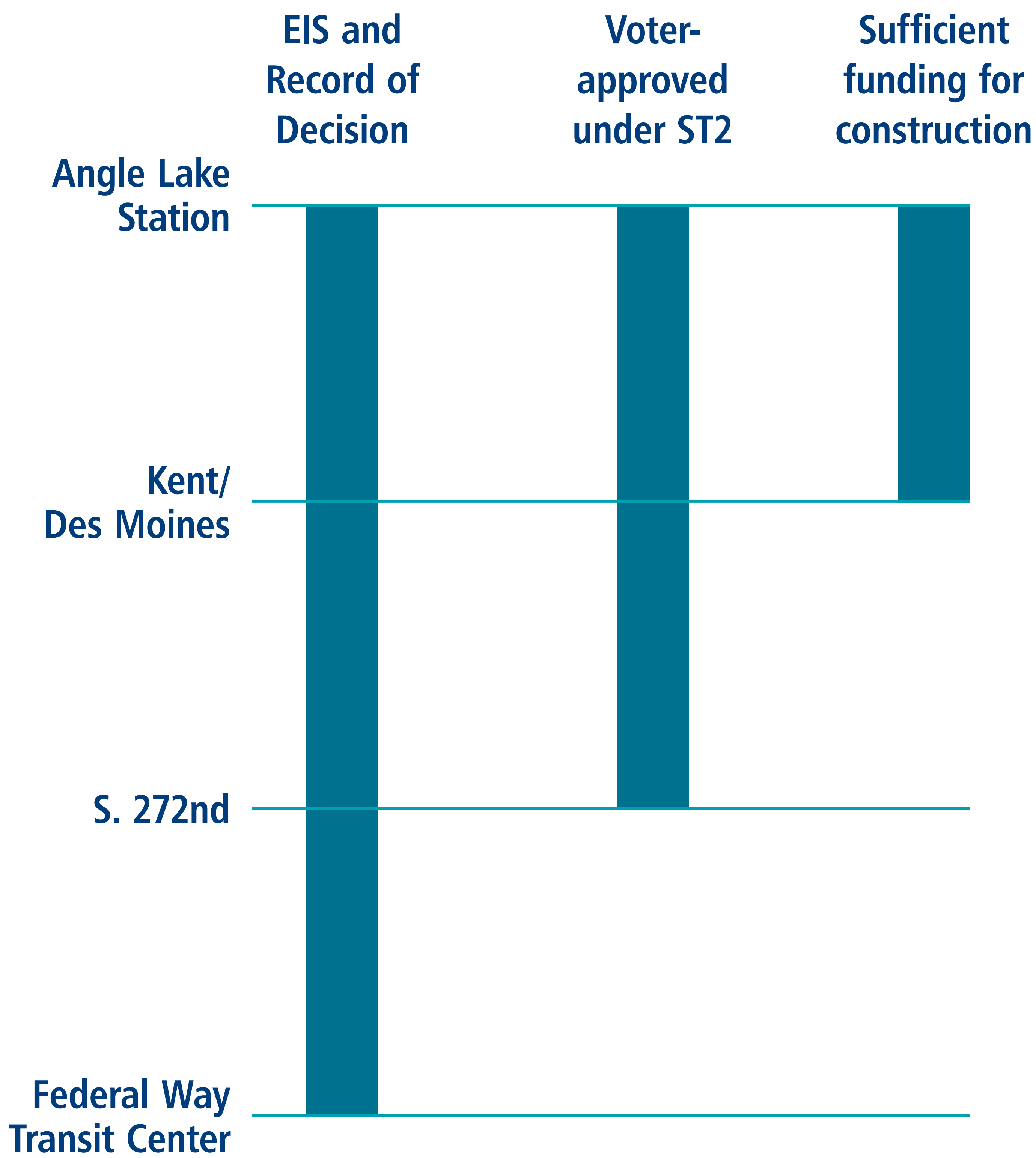
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Sound Transit is in the process of delivering major voter-approved high capacity transit investments throughout the region. The national recession has significantly reduced funding, including a projected 41 percent reduction in in South King County revenues through 2023. Currently, project funding is available for construction to Kent/Des Moines.

Your help identifying light rail alternatives in South King County is vital to:

- Extending light rail from S. 200th Street to Kent/Des Moines.
- Developing a shovel-ready plan to extend services all the way to the heart of Federal Way.

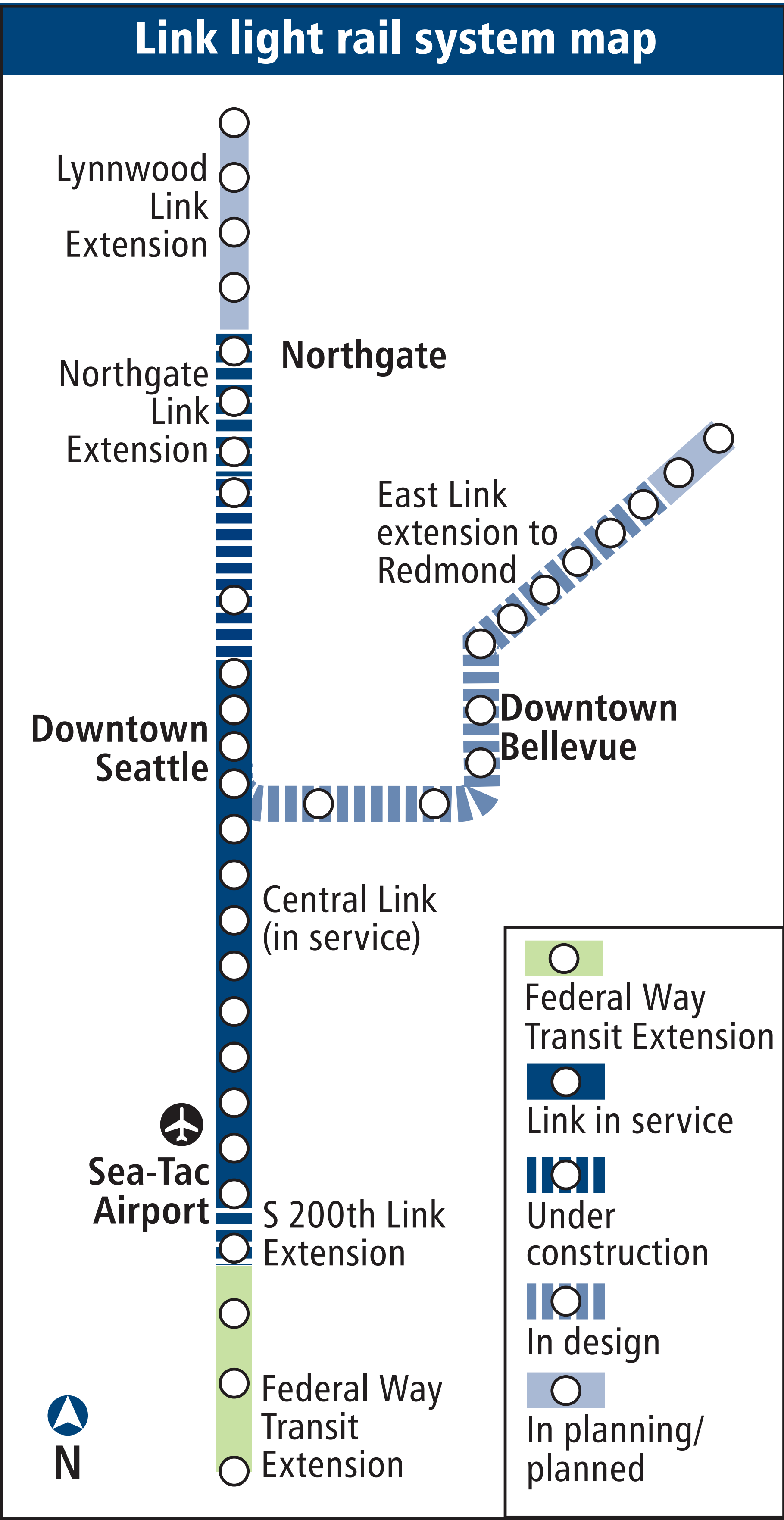
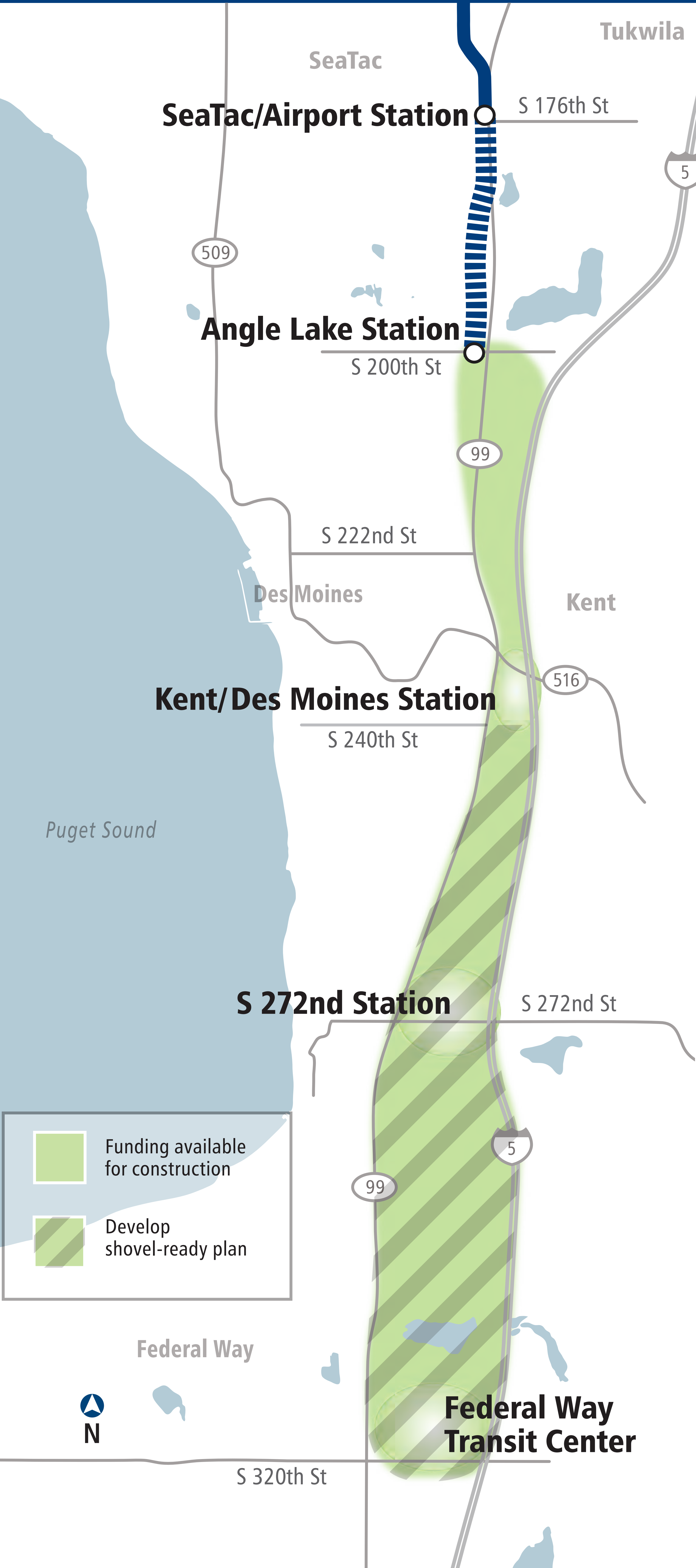
Project Funding Status



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Sound Transit is studying extending light rail from Angle Lake Station to the Federal Way Transit Center.



WHAT IS THE PROJECT PURPOSE?

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A purpose and need statement will help guide decisions about the project.

The project purpose is:



- Provide an alternative to traveling on congested roadways.



- Improve mobility and access to transit.



- Provide more reliable and convenient public transportation to jobs and key destinations.



- Support local and regional land use, transportation and economic development plans.



- Preserve and promote a healthy environment.

PROJECT PURPOSE: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

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Understanding your priorities helps us evaluate alternatives.

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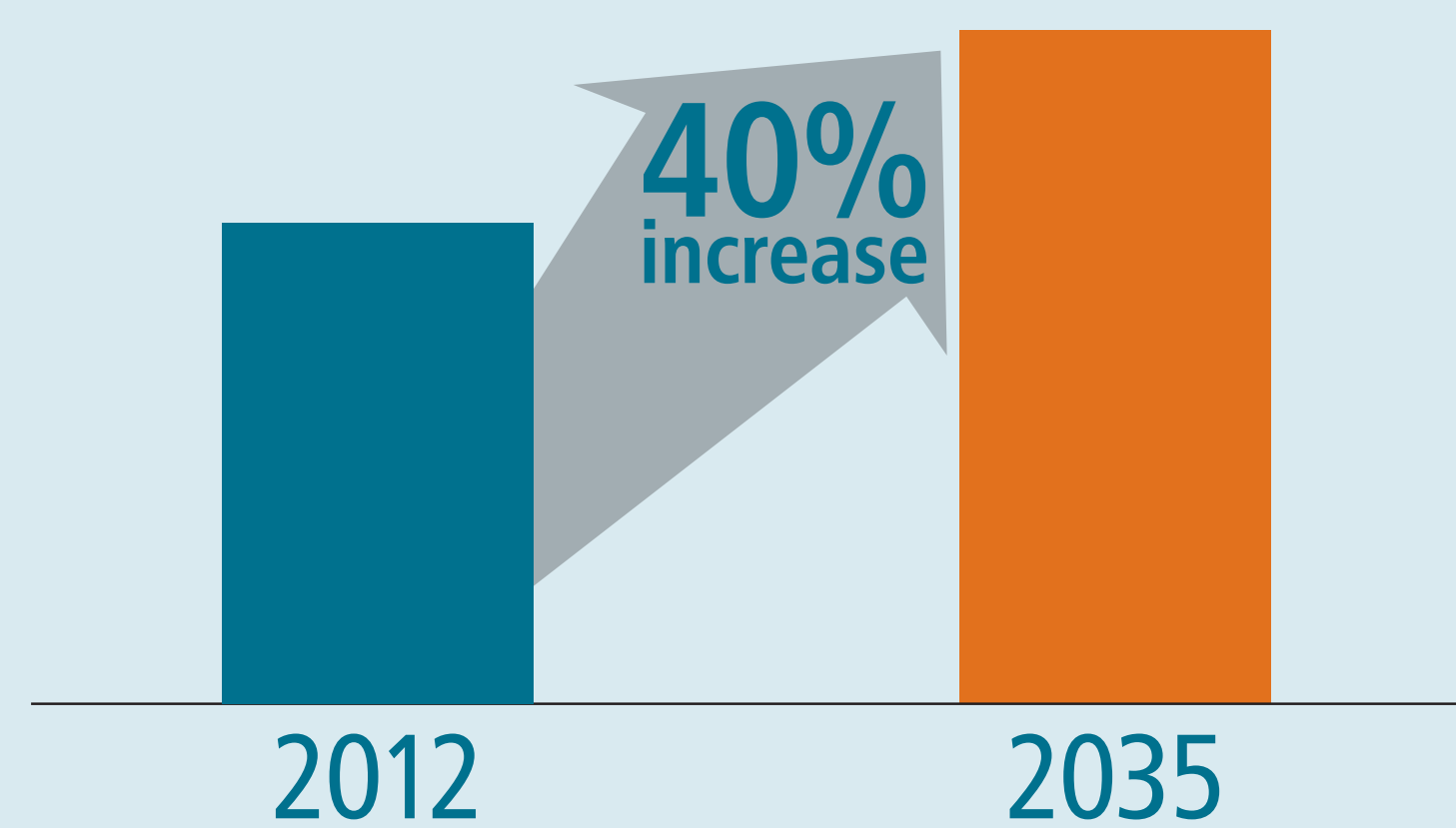
WHAT IS THE PROJECT NEED?

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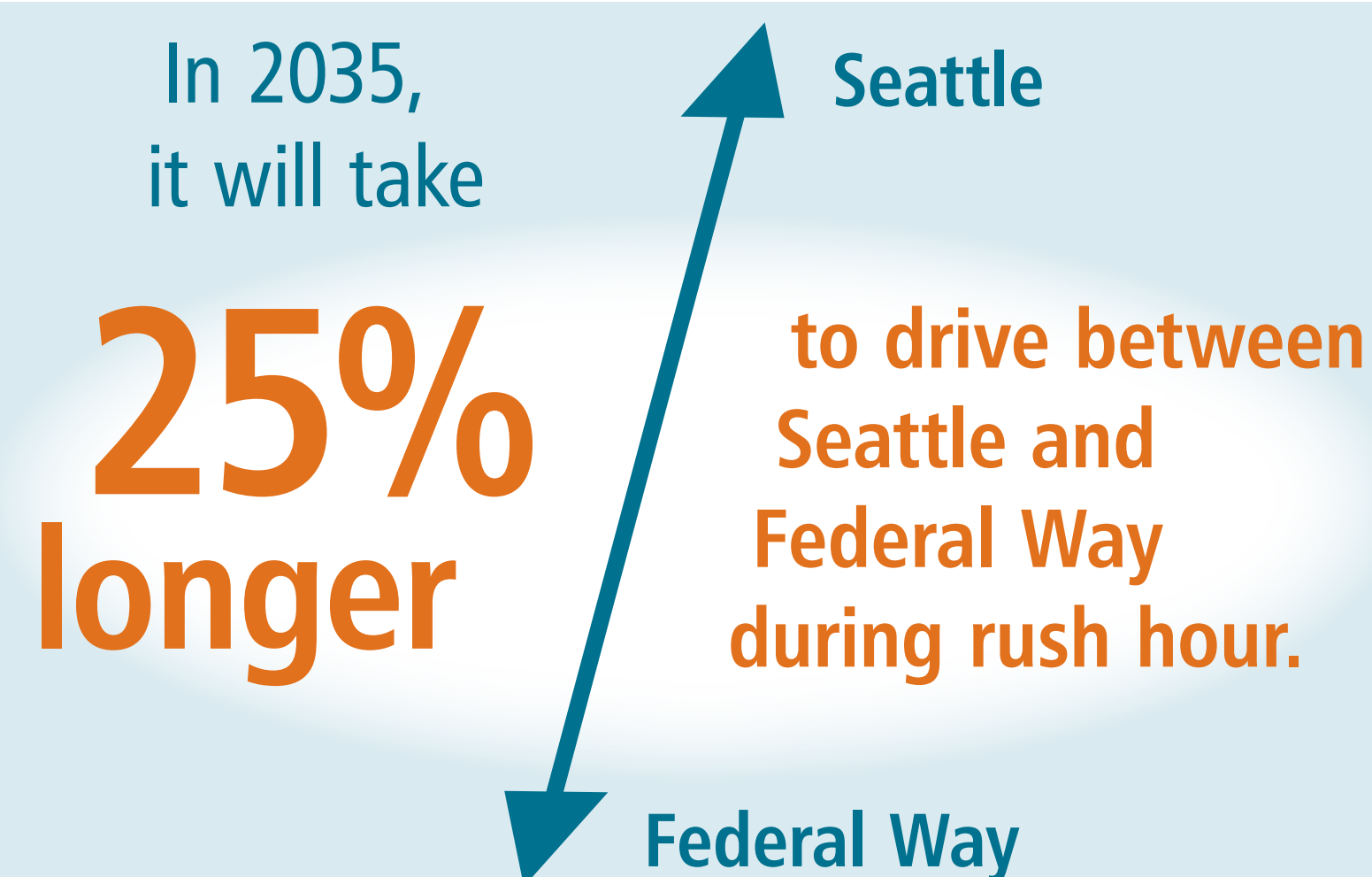
Demand for transit service



- More people will be living and working in the project area.



- Traffic congestion on I-5 will continue to worsen.



- Travel times will increase.

- Limited evening and weekend service.
- Does not connect to jobs and key destinations.
- Requires too much time and too many transfers.



- Existing transit service does not meet the needs of people in the corridor.

PROJECT NEED: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

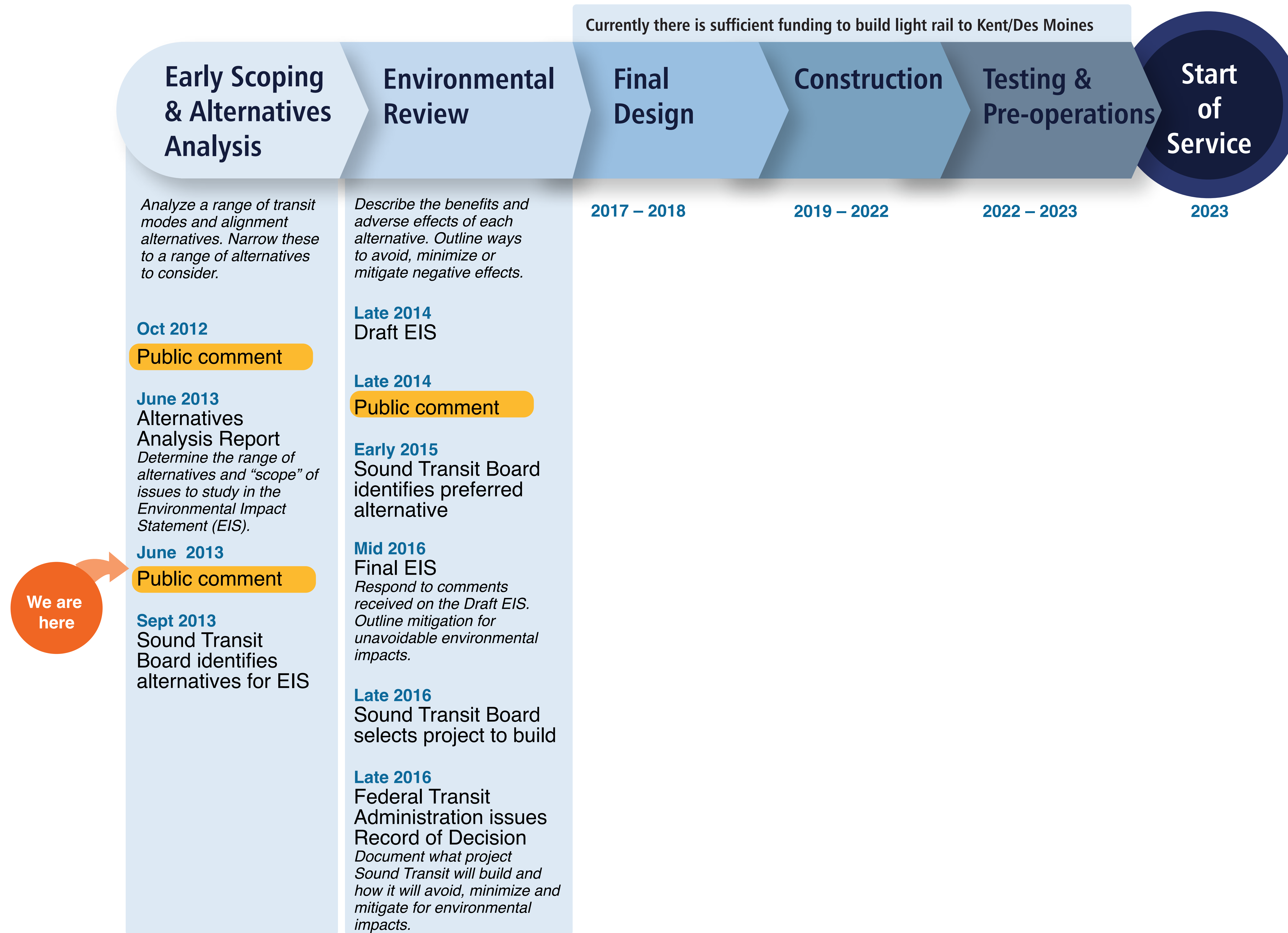
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TIMELINE/PROCESS

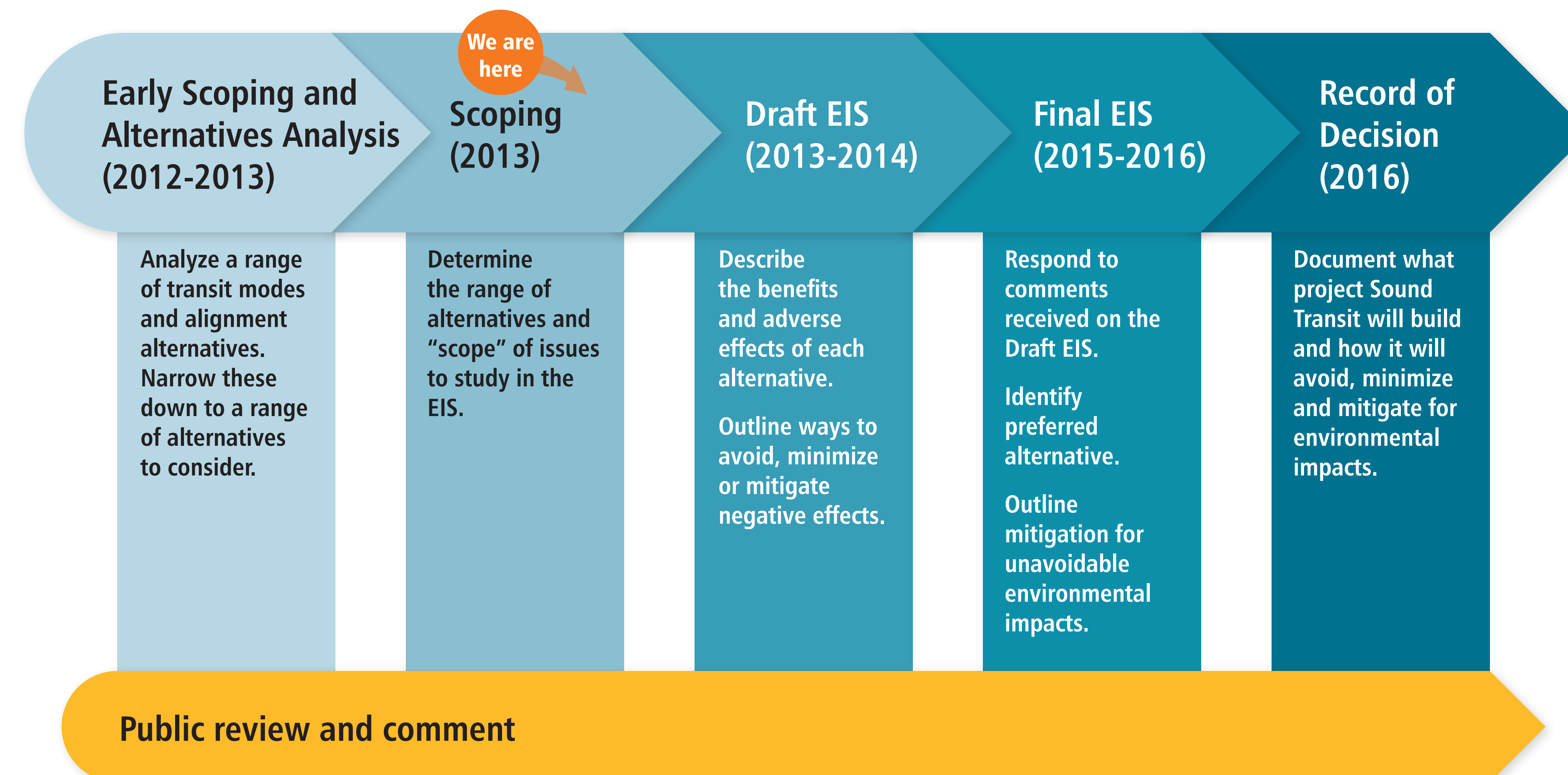
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WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS?

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Steps in preparing an EIS



Sound Transit and the Federal Transit Administration will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). In the EIS, Sound Transit will evaluate how the project could affect the community and the environment.

What is typically studied in an EIS?

Transportation:

- Transit
- Traffic

Natural environment:

- Air quality
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Ecosystems
- Water resources
- Geology and soils

Community impacts:

- Noise and vibration
- Visual effects
- Land use and economic activity
- Acquisitions, displacements and relocations
- Energy use
- Hazardous materials
- Public services and utilities
- Impacts on low-income and minority populations
- Cultural, historic and archaeological resources
- Parks
- Construction impacts

WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS?

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Sound Transit conducted an alternatives analysis process to:

- Examine bus and light rail transit modes, potential alignments within the project area and station locations.
- Incorporate public comments.
- Identify the most promising alternatives to evaluate in the Draft EIS.
- Help to secure potential federal funding.

We are Here

Environmental
Impact Statement

Early Scoping – Public Comment

1 Initial Range of Alternatives

2 Pre-screening Results

3 Level 1 Alternatives

4 Level 1 Evaluation Results

5 Level 2 Alternatives

6 Level 2 Evaluation Results

EIS Scoping – Public Comment

EIS Alternatives

EIS Evaluation Results

DEIS – Public Comment

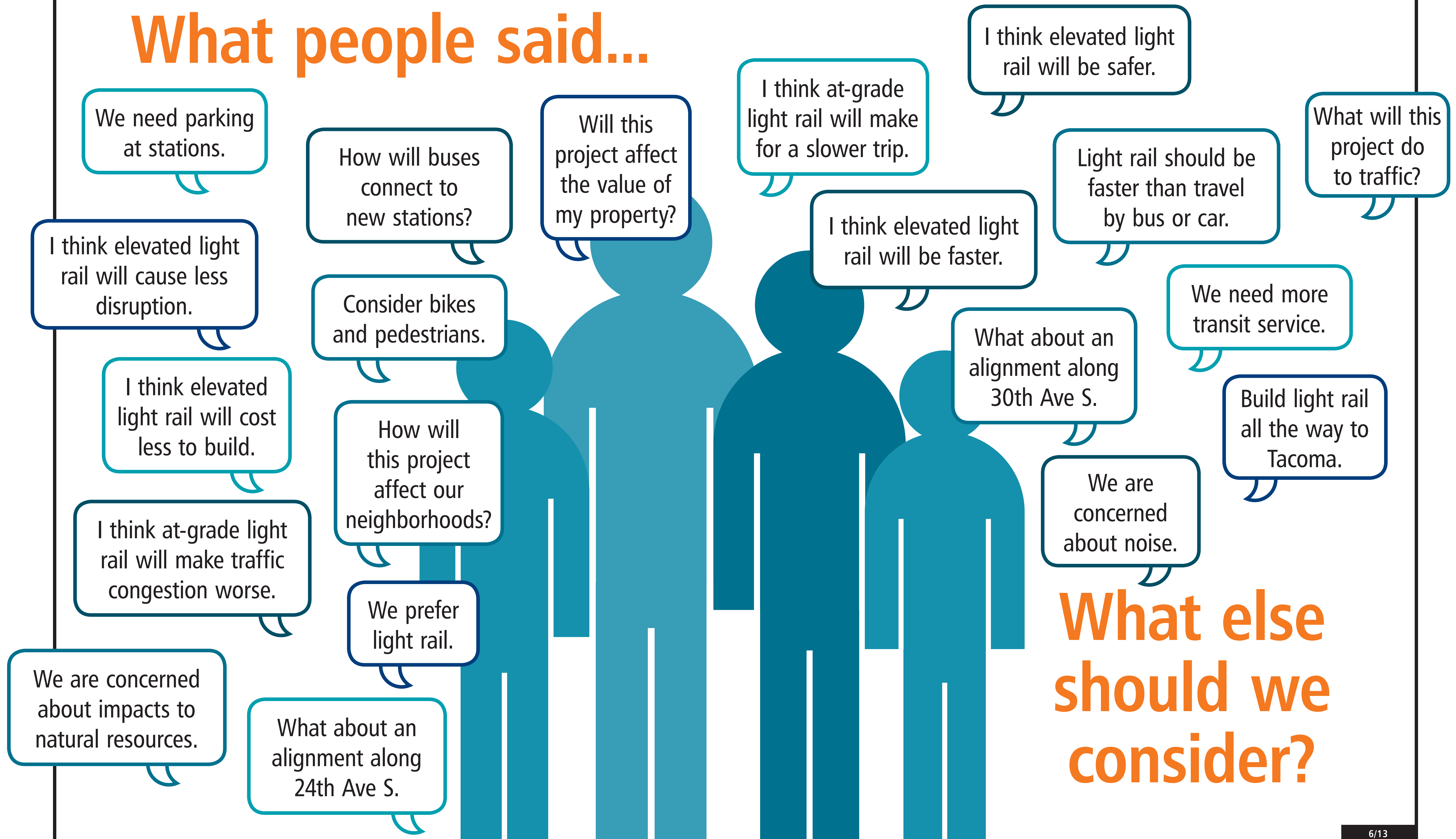
Preferred Alternative

Alternatives Analysis

WHAT DID WE HEAR DURING ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS?

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What people said...



What else should we consider?

WHAT EVALUATION CRITERIA DID WE USE?

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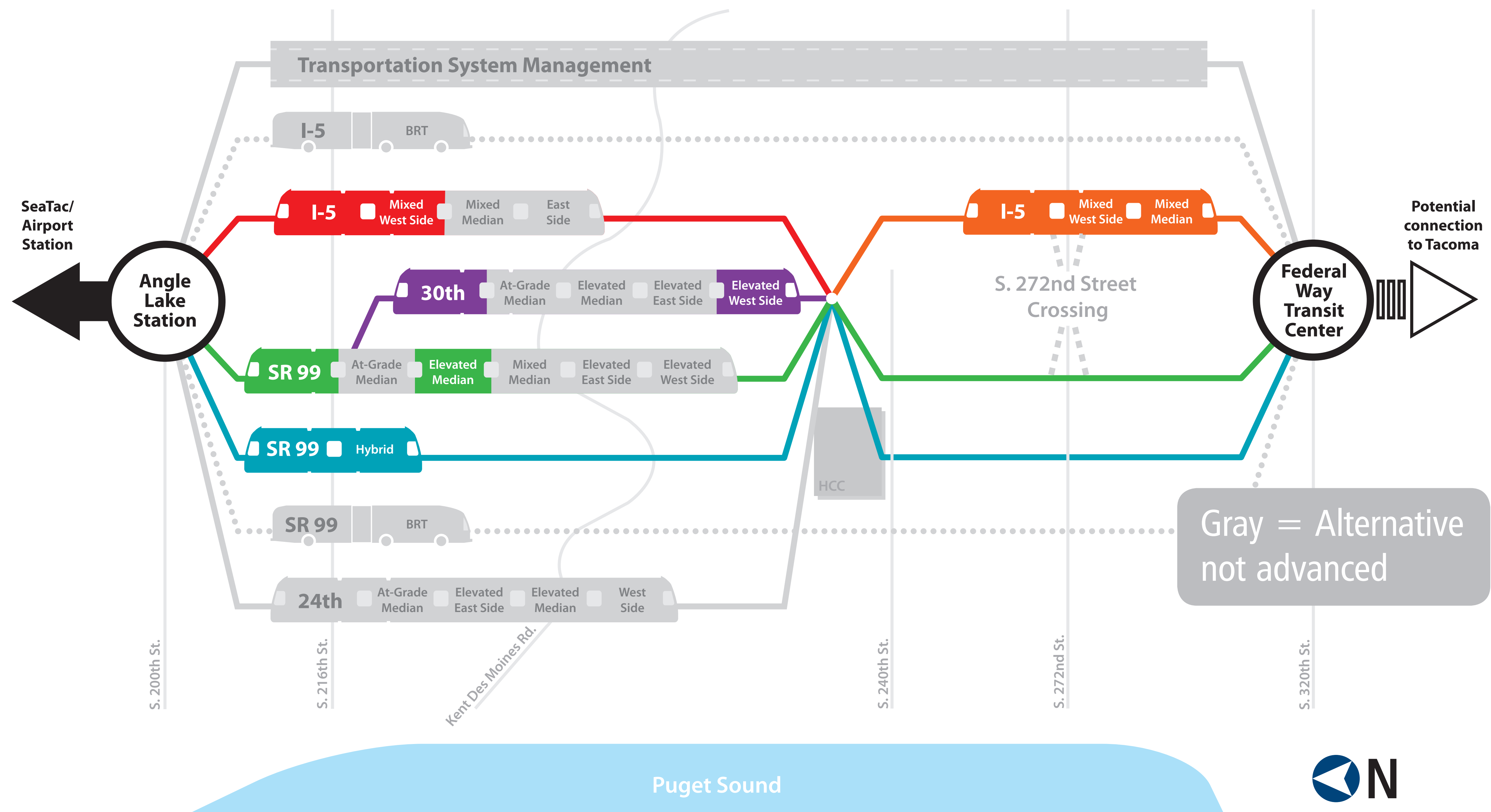
For each alignment under consideration, we asked these questions. Would this alignment:

- ✓ Increase transit ridership?
- ✓ Improve connections to regional transit?
- ✓ Improve transit service for people who do not have access to a car?
- ✓ Serve an area that is home to many low-income and/or minority residents?
- ✓ Connect to existing neighborhoods or major activity centers?
- ✓ Minimize impacts to the natural environment (such as wetlands, streams and lakes)?
- ✓ Minimize impacts to the built environment (such as parks, community facilities or private property)?
- ✓ Minimize or avoid traffic, noise and visual impacts?
- ✓ Be affordable to build?

WHAT ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES DID WE STUDY?

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Evaluation Results



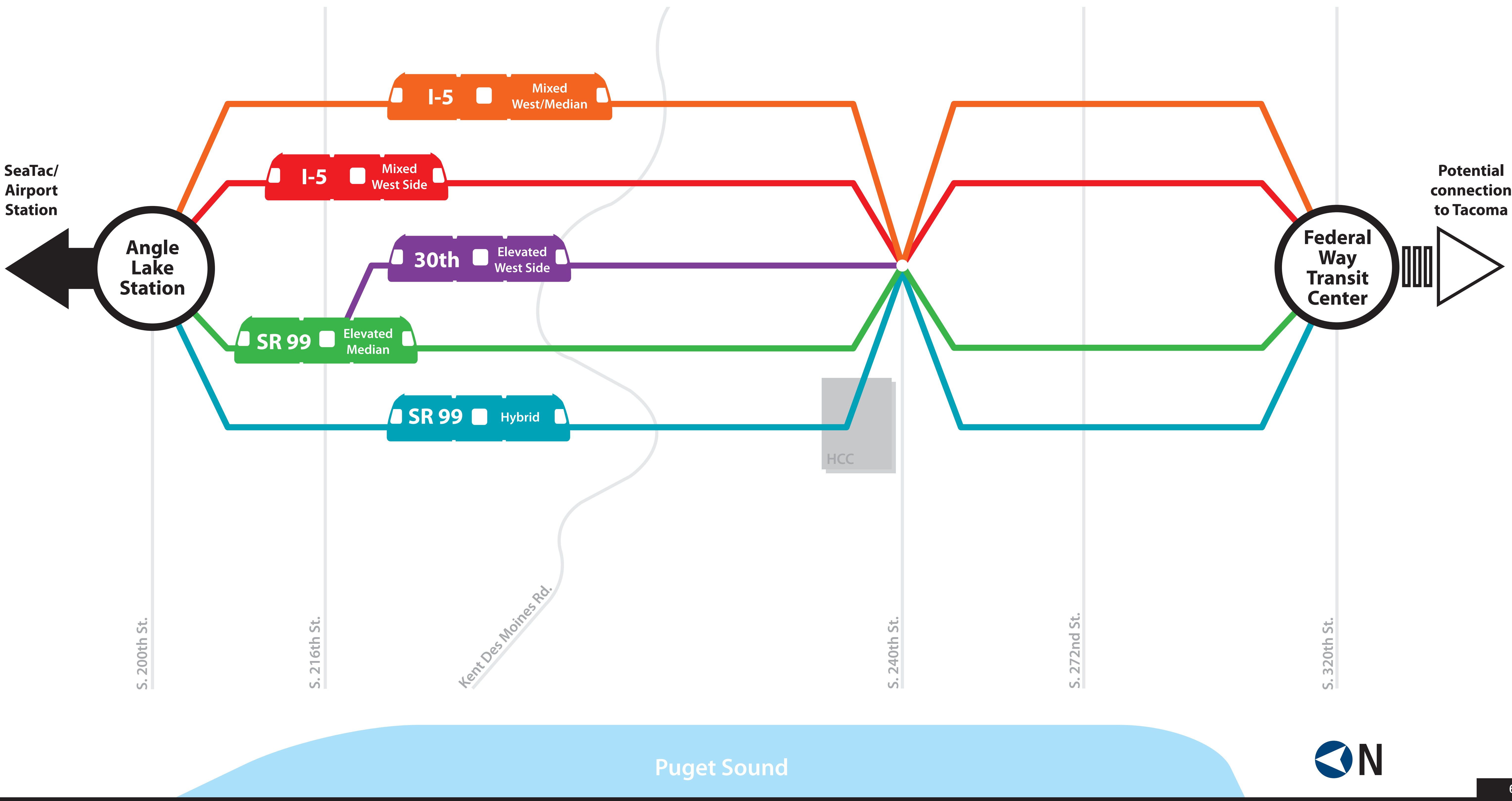
Alternatives were not evaluated further if they:

- Would not meet the project purpose and need.
- Would cause substantial impacts to the environment or communities.
- Would be too expensive to build compared with other alternatives.

WHAT ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES SHOULD WE STUDY IN THE DRAFT EIS?

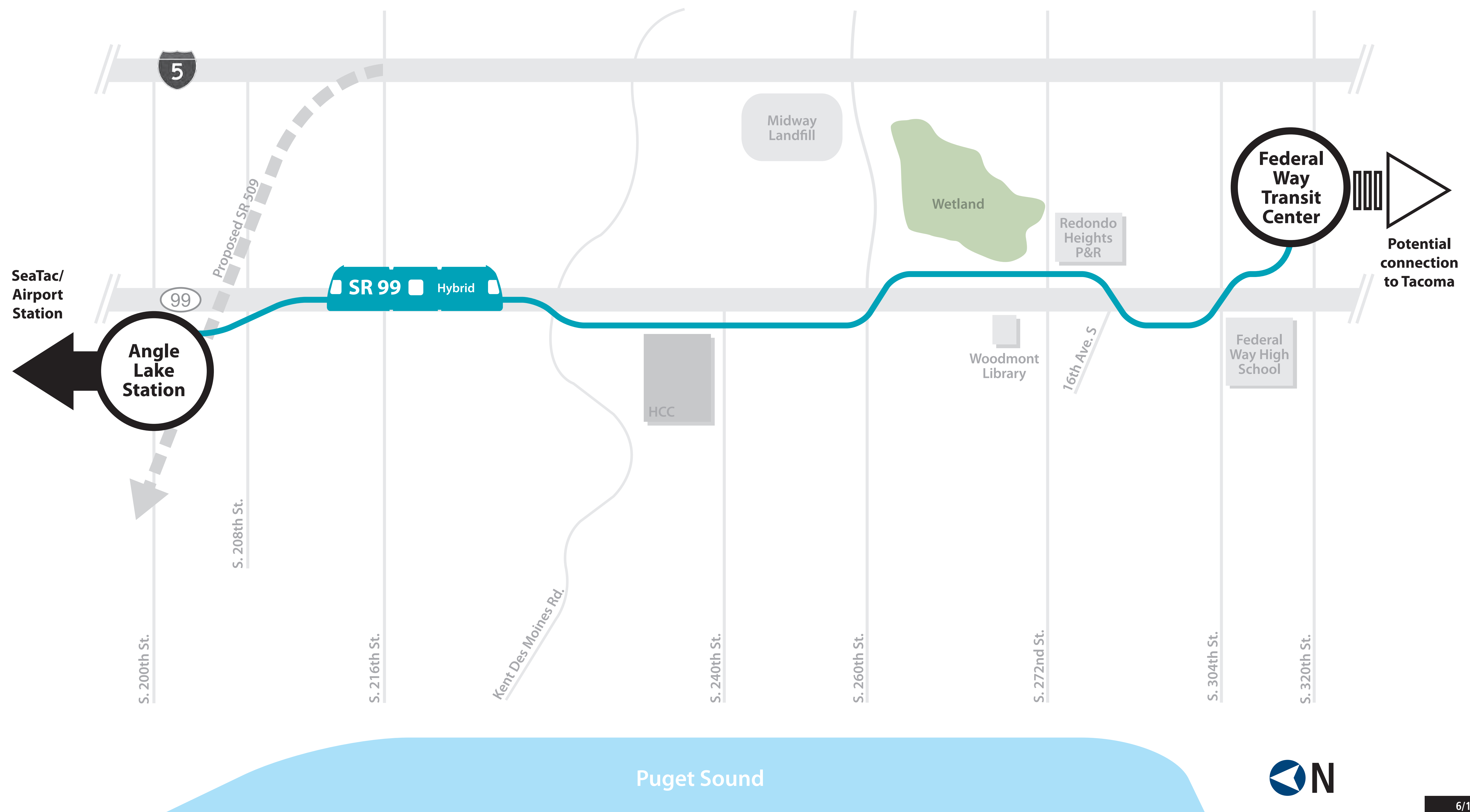
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Five alignment alternatives remain:



ABOUT THE SR 99 HYBRID ALTERNATIVE

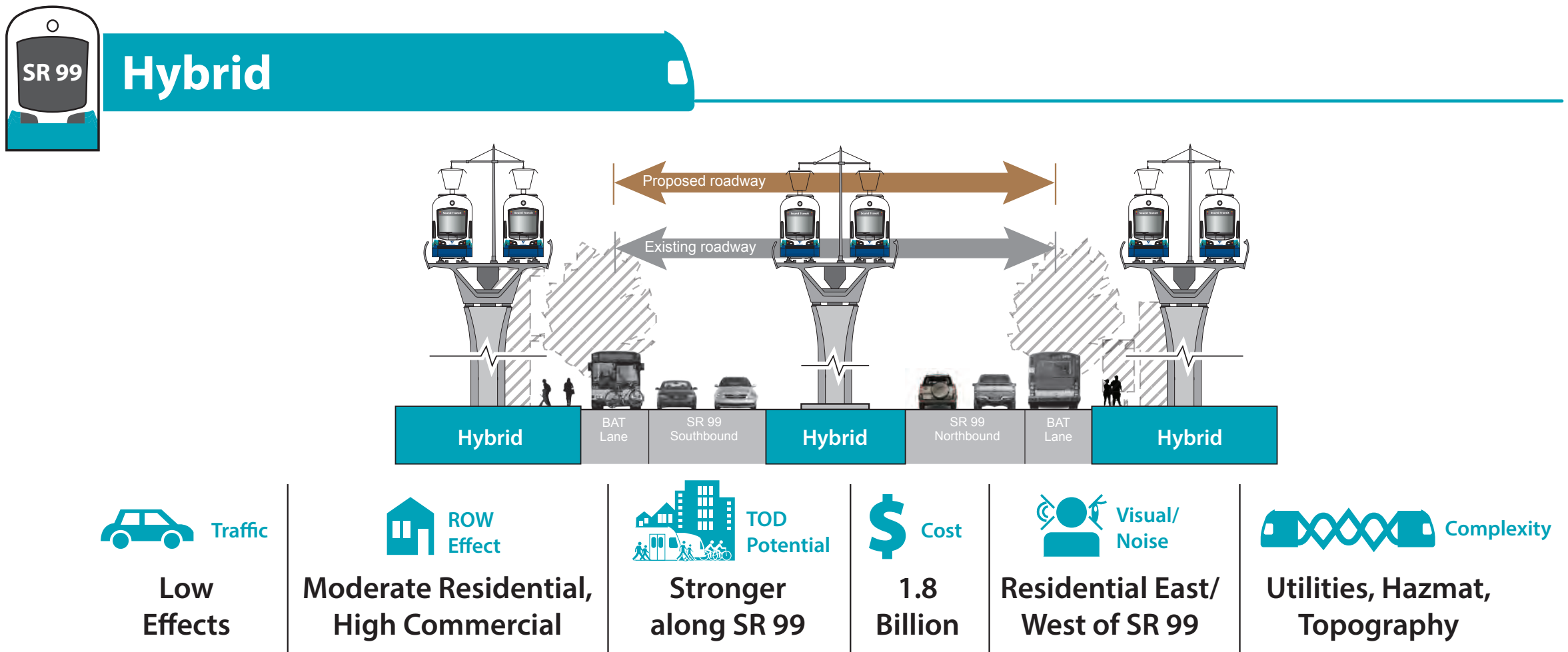
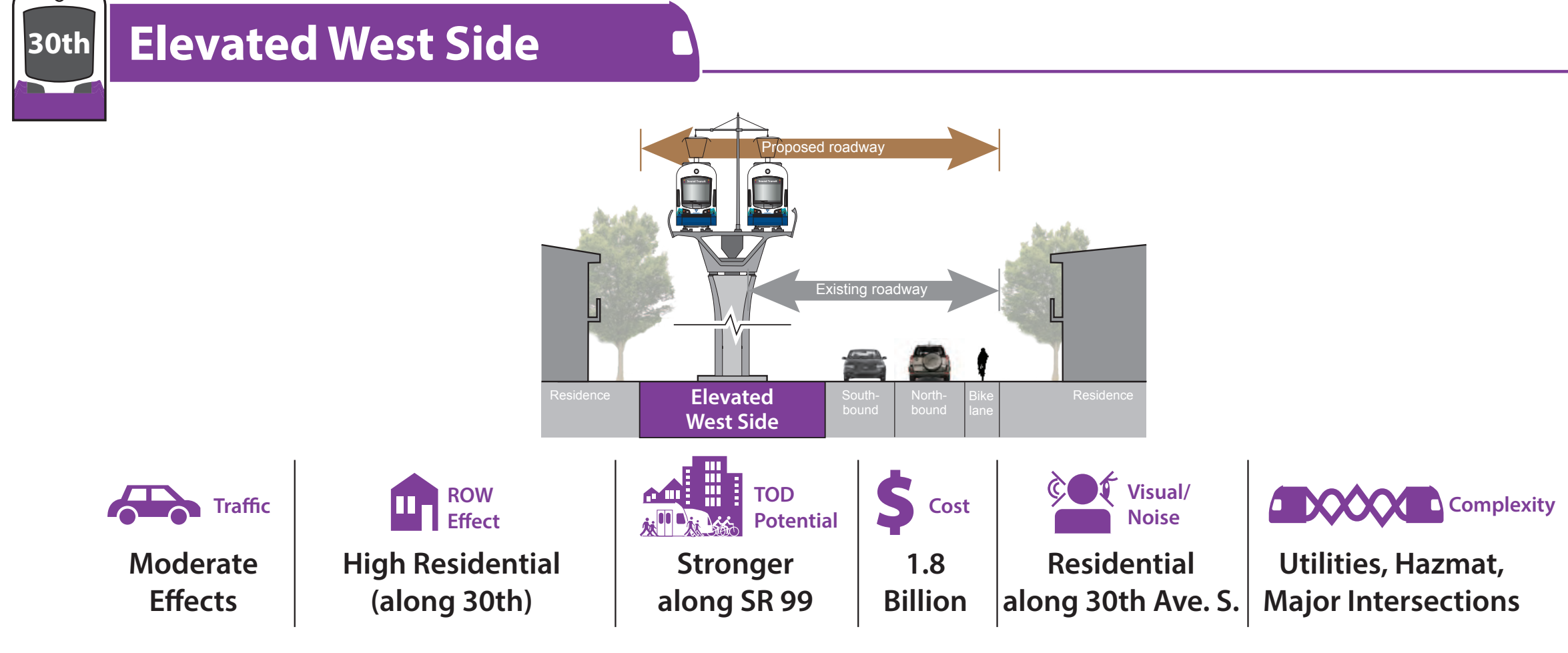
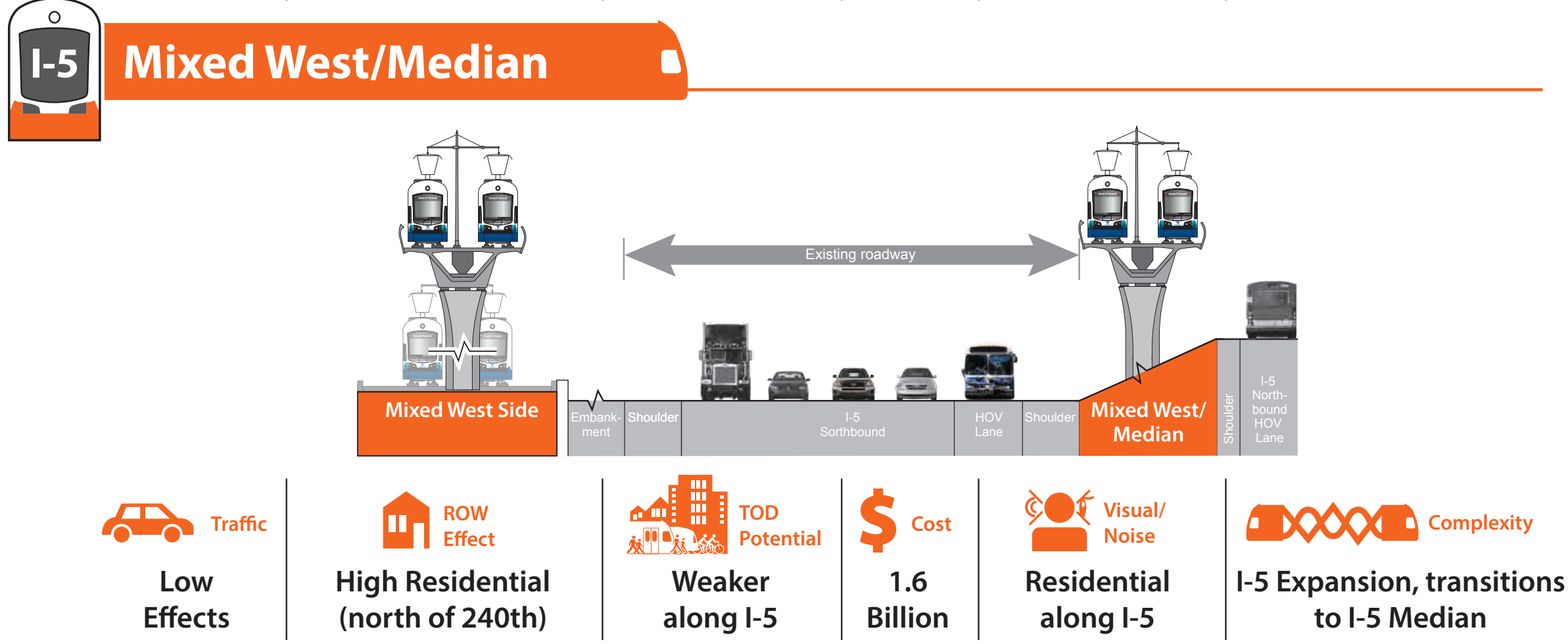
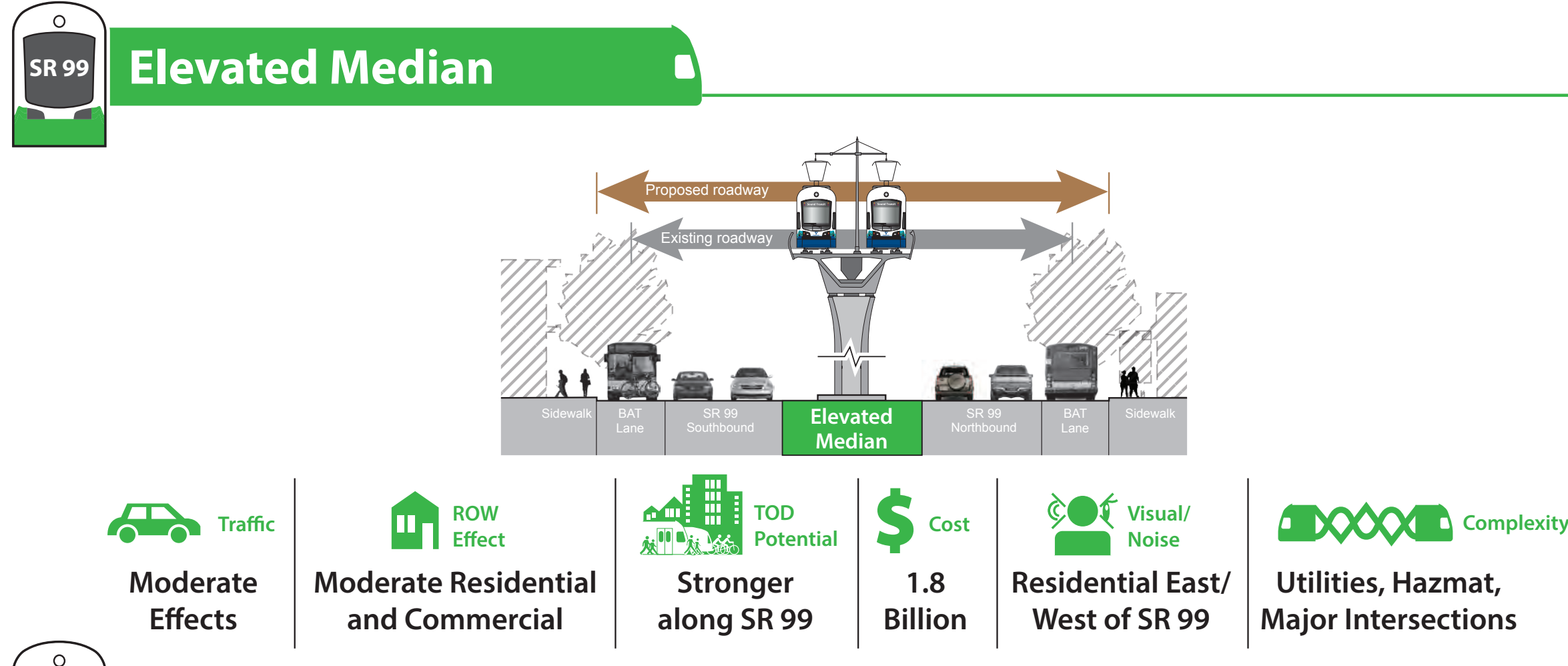
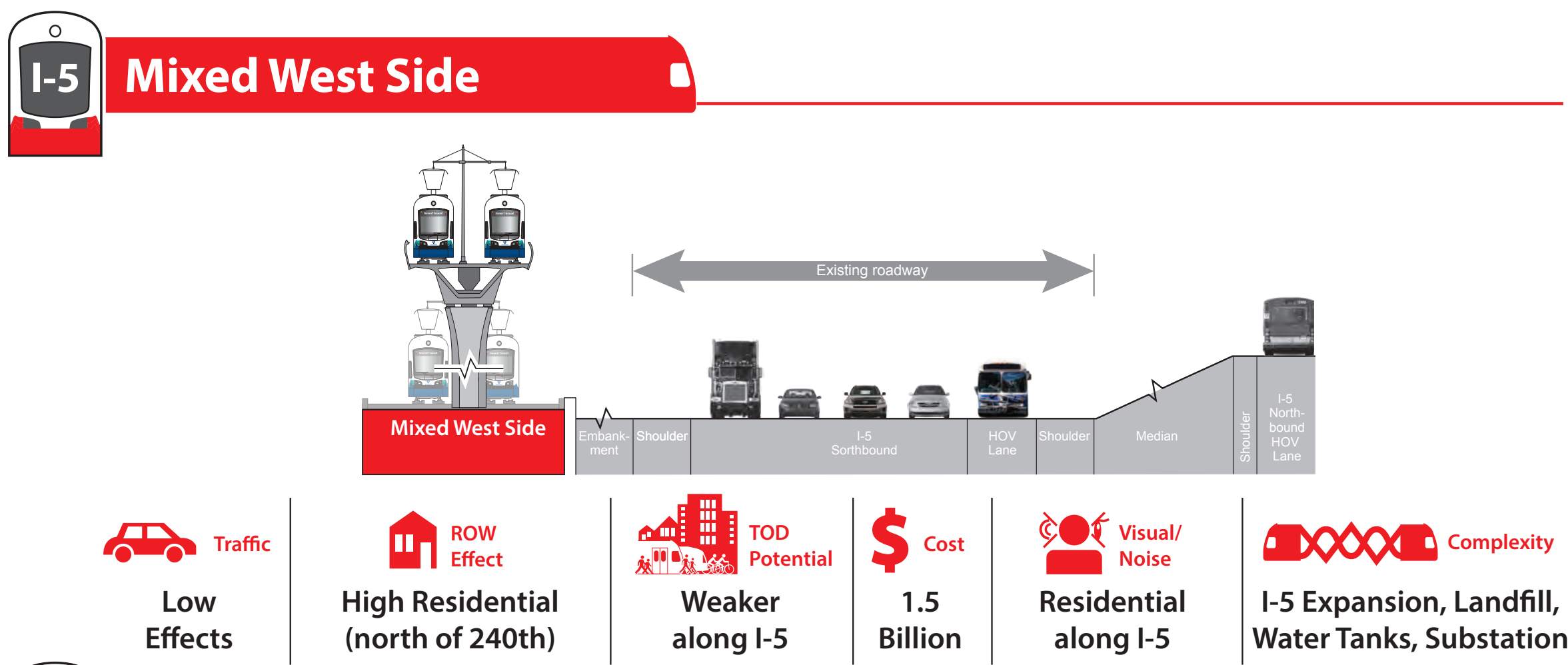
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ABOUT THE FIVE ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES

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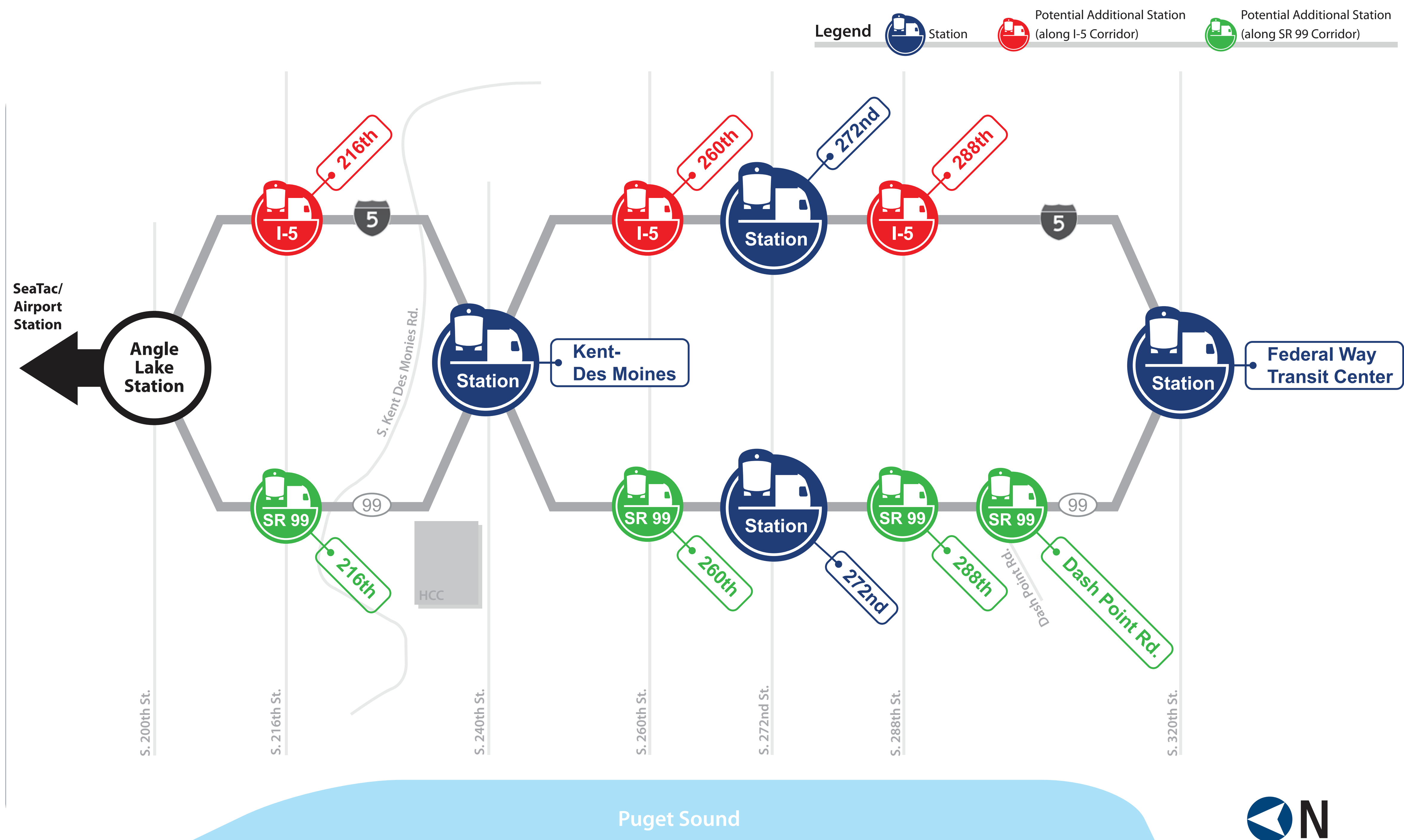
Common characteristics*:



*Population, employment and household data within 1/2 mile of stations.

WHAT STATION ALTERNATIVES DID WE STUDY?

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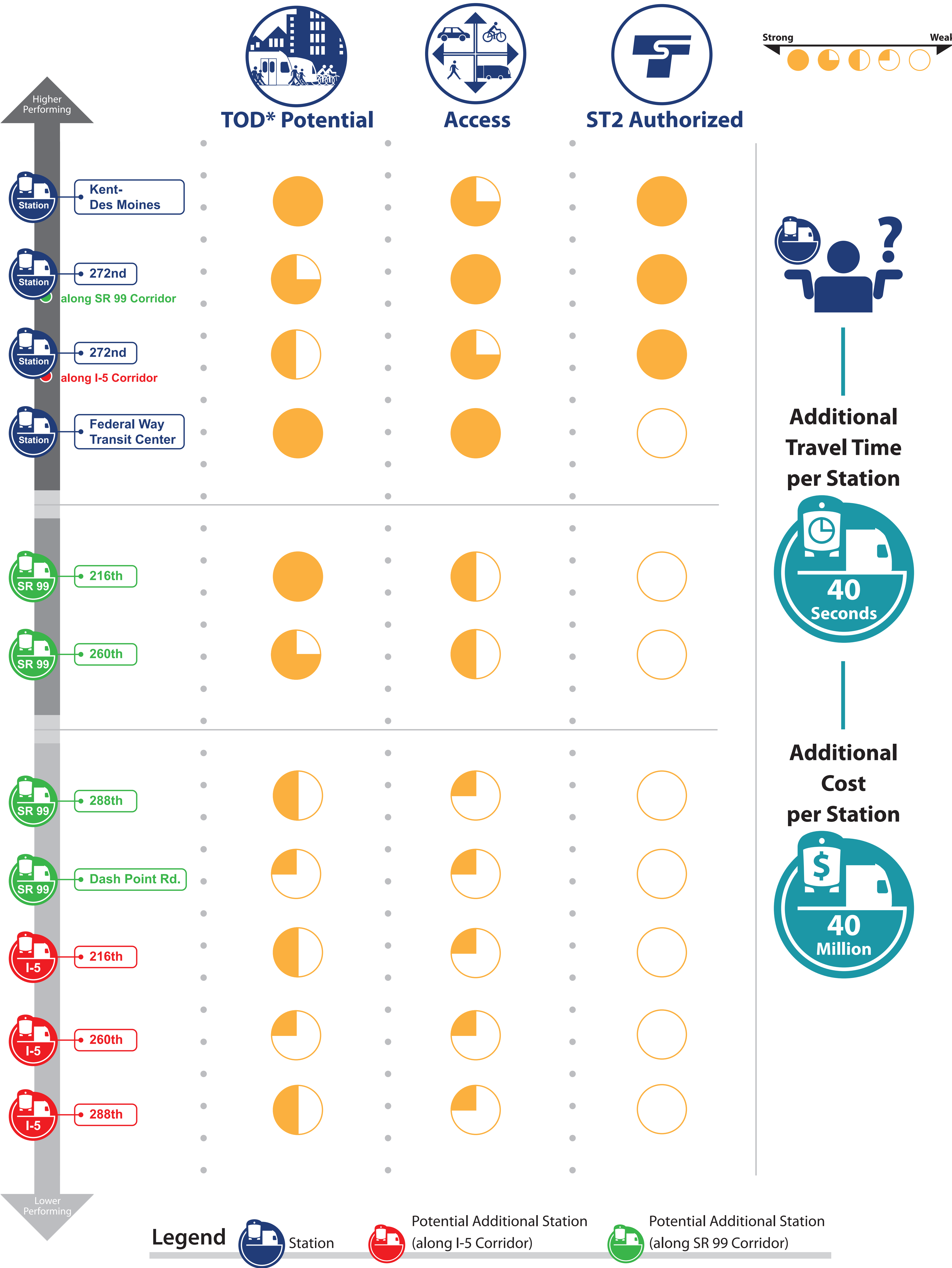
Sound Transit evaluated additional station locations during alternatives analysis based on comments received during early scoping.

Stations other than those identified in the voter-approved ST2 Plan would require additional taxing authority and funding.

The Sound Transit Board will decide which stations to evaluate further when it identifies the EIS alternatives in September 2013.

WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE STATION EVALUATION?

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*TOD=Transit Oriented Development

YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT!

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Tell us what you think:

- Are there changes Sound Transit should consider making to the draft purpose and need statement?
- Is Sound Transit considering the right alternatives?
- What social, economic, environmental and transportation issues are you concerned about in the project area?

How to comment:

- Fill out a comment form and drop it in a comment box or mail it from home.
- Online: Complete a scoping comment form at soundtransit.org/FWextension.
- Email: FWTE@soundtransit.org
- Mail: Kent Hale, Sound Transit
401 S Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104

How to stay involved:

- Sign up for the latest project updates by visiting soundtransit.org/subscribe.



Send us your comments by July 15, 2013

