North Link Brooklyn Station Update Capital Committee Meeting February 10, 2011

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Brooklyn Station

Current Status:

- Staff presented two station design options at last Capital Committee meeting
- Public and stakeholder outreach conducted to seek feedback on options
- Feedback results and design evaluation conclusions presented today



Brooklyn Station Options



Option 1 (Modified PE)

Option 2 (Single Entrance)



Public Feedback

- Over 150 people attended meeting on January 27
 - strong support for transit and Link station in U-District
 - each option had supporters, while many people appeared to support either option
 - Option 1 supporters liked 2 entrances, easier access to bus stops, better visibility for way-finding
 - Option 2 supporters liked better station circulation, lower construction risk, lower cost
- Blog meeting summary generated 200+ comments



Other Stakeholder Feedback

- UW staff neutral; can work with either option
 - access during construction and TOD opportunities are major interests going forward
- Neptune owner and Seattle Theatre Group prefer Option 2
 reduced impacts during construction
- U-District Chamber appears to support either option
 - business access during construction, public safety concerns going forward



Brooklyn Station Comparison

Issue	Option 1 (Modified PE)	Option 2 (Single Entrance)
Entrance Location(s)	NE 45 th St. & NE 43 rd St.	Mid-block on Brooklyn Ave
Comparative Capital Costs Construction costs Property acquisition & relocation costs 	Similar + tower plaza	Approx. \$10 million lower Similar
 Station Design Center platform Pedestrian access to station Passenger circulation in station 	28' wide ~48 seconds faster	34' wide with columns ~11 seconds faster
Constructability Temporary access restrictions Utility relocations Construction duration Cost & schedule risk 	Neptune, UW Tower More Higher	U. Manor Apts., UW Tower Less ~ 5 months shorter Lower
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Issue	Option 1 (Modified PE)	Option 2 (Single Entrance)
Environmental/Third Party IssuesHistoric property reviewConstruction coordination	Neptune, UW Tower	U. Manor Apts. U. Manor Apts., UW Tower
 Transit Benefits Ridership (in 2030) Bus transfer connections Entrance visibility 	12,000 daily boardings Better Corner entry locations	< 0.5% fewer Good Mid-block central entry
Transit Oriented DevelopmentTOD square footage (ground floor/total)TOD street frontage	18,000/114,300 SF Similar	14,000/102,400 SF Similar
Community Support Business & residential groups UW 	Supportive Neutral	Supportive Neutral

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Staff Conclusions

- Option 2 is best design to advance forward
 - meets long-term passenger needs
 - lower overall construction impacts
 - lower cost and schedule risk, lower cost (\$10 million)
- ST will explore ways of further improving Option 2 design
 - improve entrance visibility and way-finding
 - refine TOD analysis of station overbuilding
 - continue historic building review process
- Public/stakeholder review step helpful in confirming support



Brooklyn Station - Next Steps

- Design team will proceed forward on Option 2 concept
- ST will continue to work with UW, other stakeholders on design and construction issues
- 30% station design completed and presented this spring
 - Light Rail Review Panel
 - public open house
- Staff will provide regular updates to Capital Committee on work progress

