Welcome
Background
South Downtown Hub Plan

- Authorized by ST Board in M2023-18
- Partnership amongst Sound Transit, City Seattle, King County, and community to define an implementable plan of improvements to mobility and public spaces like Union Station, regardless of station location choice
- Builds upon and scales past community-based plans and concurrent projects and planning initiatives
How we started

- Reviewed past plans and synthesized goals and objectives into eight community themes
- Developed scenarios that integrate and interpret project concepts from past plans and recent community engagement
- Engaged community in both developing and evaluating community themes and design concept scenarios

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What we’ve heard

- Strong support for converting 2nd Ave Ext S into public space and people-focused Green Streets
- Strong support for traffic calming and streetscape improvements on S Dearborn St
- Some concerns about traffic impacts and whether additional public space can be successfully programmed/managed
What we found from traffic study

- Conversion of 2nd Ave Ext S to public space and people-focus streets with traffic diversions farther north does not cause gridlock or reduce access to CID
- Some increase in traffic diversions through CID neighborhood if S Dearborn St is closed to vehicles
- Recommendation: pursue street conversion on 2nd Ave Ext S, while focusing on traffic calming and improvements to walking experience along S Dearborn St.
Proposed synthesis for further study

- Convert 2nd Ave Ext S to public space/people-focused street between S Washington and 4th Ave S; potential to make Main-Jackson segment transit only
- Convert 4th Ave S to two-way between S Jackson St and S Washington St, allowing for sidewalk widening
- Enhance streetscape of 5th Ave S, S King St to support community uses
- Focus on Dearborn adjustment to alleviate chance of cut-through traffic
- Explore grid realignment of Seattle Blvd S
Learn more in person and online!

- Visit the SDH Exhibition space in the Great Hall to see all the vision boards and learn more about the traffic study findings and proposed direction for further study.
- Exhibition available for view 8 AM—5 PM daily and will be up through the end of 2024.
- Take our online survey, accessible at https://southdowntownhub.participate.online/
What we're doing today

- Tabletop activity focused on urban design concepts at Midtown, CID/Dearborn, and Union Station activation/IDS Plaza

- Concepts include ideas for public space, historic preservation, and new transit-oriented development around existing and proposed stations

- Evaluate how concepts respond to and support community vision, and provide direction for further refinement of concepts

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Central Area
Focused Concepts

- Union Station activation
- Surrounding plazas
- Community connections
South Area Focused Concepts

- Public space opportunities
- Transit-oriented development integrated and adjacent to station
- Community connections
North Area Focused Concepts

- Public space opportunities
- Transit-oriented development integrated and adjacent to station
- Community connections
Today’s activity
Base Maps

- Existing connections
- Key places and destinations
- Concurrent projects and plans
- Workshop 1 concepts identified for further study
Focused Concept Ideas

- Simple sketches depicting design concepts
- Printed on transparencies to foster exploration and layering
- Weigh potential benefits and challenges, and discuss as a table which to keep on the map
- If there are differences of opinion or refinements to consider, note or draw them out
Vision Feature Cards

- Precedent images convey potential design features and treatments
- Printed on cards with written descriptions and applicable community themes on back
- Pick as many/few as the table likes (refer to your Activity Guide for full list)
Extra materials

- Stickies
- Blank Concept Transparencies
- Blank Feature Cards
- Tape for other connections
Compiled Vision Board: Example
Our next steps from today

Tonight's conversations will help us define which concepts to develop into more detailed designs.

We will be back in the fall to share progress and confirm we are on the right path

Follow the conversation at our exhibition in the Great Hall and at [www.southdowntownhub.participate.online](http://www.southdowntownhub.participate.online)

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Begin work at tables

Activity concludes at 6:30 PM
Halfway point

Activity concludes at 6:30 PM
Begin wrap-up

Activity concludes in 5 minutes
Activity complete!

Help yourself to sandwiches and join us in the Ruth Fisher Board Room for a report-out at 6:40

Feel free to tour vision boards until 7:30 PM