

# Community Engagement Summary

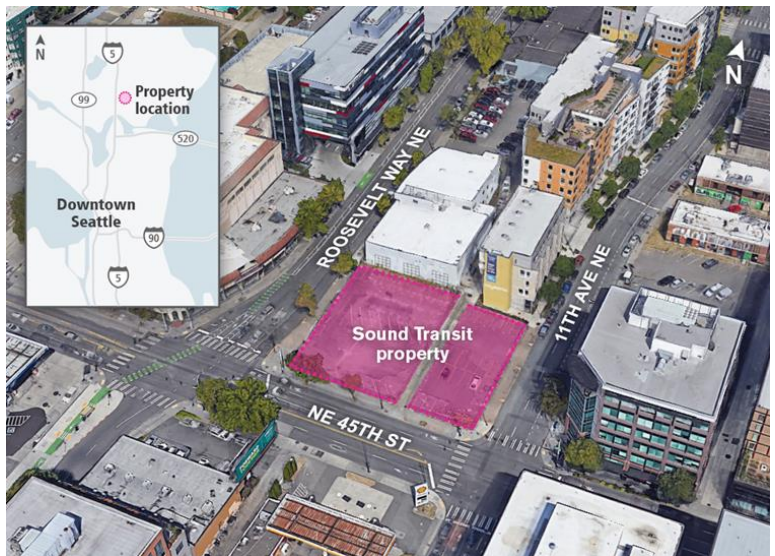
# University District TOD



## Introduction

Sound Transit owns a property at 1000 NE 45th Street in Seattle's U District, approximately two blocks from the U District Link station. At approximately 18,000 square feet, the property is about the size of six tennis courts and was used during construction of the light rail extension to Northgate. Located near the core of the U District, Sound Transit plans to make this property available for transit-oriented development (TOD), which could include housing, retail, office, and/or community space.

Sound Transit met with stakeholders and reached out to the general public in the spring and fall of 2021 to understand community priorities and help us identify goals for the site.



## Key findings

This section provides a high-level overview of the feedback we gathered over the course of the entire engagement process, organized by theme.

### ***Affordable housing is the top priority for this site***

- Affordable housing should be the primary focus of the project
- Housing should be complemented by ground-floor uses, like retail or other community-oriented uses

### ***Maximizing the number of housing units, while accommodating a range of household sizes, is also important***

- Focus on strategies to achieve as much housing as is physically and financially feasible, such as realigning the alley and building a tall building
- Accommodate a range of household sizes, including families

### ***The project should improve the street-level and pedestrian environment in this busy district***

- Design safe and comfortable spaces for those traveling at street level, including pedestrians
- Any alley changes should provide benefits including more affordable housing and improved pedestrian connections

## Next steps

The community feedback collected through this engagement effort will be used in Sound Transit's competitive process to select a development partner or partners for this project. Among other criteria, Sound Transit will consider how well prospective partners reflect what we have heard from the community.

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<https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/creating-vibrant-stations/transit-oriented-development/u-district>