



West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Summer 2021

Getting ready for the Draft EIS

Chinatown/Int'l District Station



What is the Draft EIS?

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is an environmental review document that outlines the possible routes and station locations under consideration – collectively called “alternatives.” It will help Sound Transit, our partner agencies, the public and other decision-makers understand the potential impacts and benefits of each alternative by describing how the alternatives might affect the natural and built environments and transportation systems during both construction and future operation. We expect to publish the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft EIS for public review and comment in early 2022.

We need your input!

The Draft EIS comment period is an important milestone to provide input and help shape what this project looks like in your community. Your input is a key part of the Draft EIS process and will help the Sound Transit Board understand what is important to you as they consider which alternative to build.

Learn more about the project and how and when to get involved:

wsblink.participate.online

How and when to comment

You'll be able to share your comments* on the Draft EIS through a variety of formats, including:



Online



Phone



Mail & Email



Meetings**



Comment early next year

Sound Transit expects to release the Draft EIS in early 2022, followed by a comment period.

We'll notify the community through various print and digital media.

* Comments can be made in any language. We will translate in-language comments received via any of the formats listed above.

** In-person activities are contingent on state and federal guidelines in effect when the Draft EIS is released.

Link light rail

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions: International District/Chinatown station

- Tunnel route alternatives
- Tunnel station alternatives

- Existing light rail service
- Existing International District/Chinatown light rail station



Map for illustration purposes only. Not to scale.

Puget Sound



Lumen Field

Chinatown/ Int'l District



What does a comment look like?

The following suggestions may help you think about what to include in your comments on the Draft EIS:

- ✓ **Focus on a specific problem or issue instead of making general statements.**
- ✓ **Share your opinion on the project and support your comments with details, explanations, and references.**
- ✓ **State what you support and what you disagree with and suggest potential solutions.**

What happens after you comment?

Based on the Draft EIS analysis and public comments received, the Sound Transit Board will confirm or modify the preferred alternative*. The preferred alternative and other Draft EIS alternatives, along with responses to comments received on the Draft EIS, will be included in the Final EIS, which we expect to publish in 2023. After that, the Sound Transit Board will select the project to be built.

* Preferred alternative indicates a "preference" among alternatives but is not a final decision or obligation. The final decision on the route and stations to be built will not be made until after the Final EIS is published.

Questions?

Contact Community Engagement:
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Subscribe to project email updates to stay informed on upcoming opportunities to get involved.

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