



West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

*Elected Leadership Group
Level 3 Recommendations Snapshot
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Segments with comparative estimates greater than ST3 Representative Project are shown in italics

Segment	ST3 Representative Project	West Seattle Elevated/ C-ID 5 th /Downtown 6 th / Ballard Elevated	West Seattle Tunnel/ C-ID 4 th /Downtown 5 th / Ballard Tunnel	Scoping feedback	ELG recommendation
West Seattle (Junction/ Delridge)	41 st elevated station (east-west oriented) / N of Andover station	41 st elevated station (north-south oriented)/ S of Andover station	41 st , 42 nd , or 44 th tunnel station / N of Genesee station	Pigeon Ridge Tunnel or Yancy/Andover	TBD
Duwamish crossing	South crossing	South crossing	North crossing	Pigeon Ridge Tunnel alignment	TBD
SODO/ CID	E3 elevated / 5 th shallow station	E3 at grade / 5 th shallow or deep station	<i>E3 at grade / 4th shallow or deep station</i>	Elevate new and existing SODO station	TBD
Downtown	5 th and Republican	<i>6th and Mercer</i>	5 th and Harrison	NA	TBD
Smith Cove	Prospect St station	<i>Galer St station</i>	<i>Prospect St station</i>	NA	TBD
Interbay/ Ballard	Movable bridge with 15 th elevated station	<i>High fixed bridge with 14th elevated station</i>	<i>Tunnel with 14th or 15th tunnel station</i>	Tunnel with 20 th tunnel station	TBD

ELG Recommendations

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Segment	Recommendation		Notes
West Seattle (Avalon/ Junction)	<i>41st or 42nd tunnel station</i>	Elevated station with refinements	No support for the orange Alaska Junction Station option. Recommended an elevated to study but more support for tunnel.
West Seattle (Delridge)	Station north of Genesee with refinements		
Duwamish crossing	South crossing		
SODO	E3 at grade		
CID	<i>Majority interest to study all options</i>		
Downtown	5 th and Harrison		Study both 5 th and 6 th Ave alignments through Westlake and Midtown Stations
Smith Cove	<i>Prospect St station</i>	<i>Galer St station</i>	
Interbay/ Ballard	<i>Tunnel with 14th or 15th tunnel station</i>	<i>High fixed bridge with 14th elevated station</i>	No support for movable bridge. Recommended an elevated to study but more support for tunnel.

ELG Recommendations

ELG Level 3 Recommendation Discussion

Interbay/ Ballard

- ✓ General support for tunnel option across Salmon Bay
- ✓ Interest in continuing to study the fixed bridge in the DEIS as an elevated alternative to the tunnel option
- ✓ Potential refinements to the Ballard Station should optimize bus/rail integration and access to the Ballard urban village (such as improved connections across 15th Avenue NW)
- ✓ Mixed opinions about the new Tunnel with 20th tunnel station option and requests for more information to inform Sound Transit Board discussions – concerns about potential disruption to the neighborhood and feasibility, but interest in serving Ballard further west with a tunnel



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Smith Cove

- ✓ Interest in Smith Cove Station at Galer Street to better serve potential future development, connect to the Port's cruise terminals, and reduce costs

Downtown

- ✓ Given broad community support, study the 5th Harrison (blue) alignment, understanding there may be design refinements
- ✓ Study 5th and 6th Avenues from Westlake through Midtown Stations, looking for opportunities to optimize transfers and bus integration with Madison BRT



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C-ID

- ✓ Based on community feedback and technical work so far, interest in advancing all alternatives for the C-ID station and activating union station
- ✓ Concern with potential impacts to Ryerson Base and bus operations
- ✓ Concern about deep stations and long-term operational impacts (relying on elevators with a large volume of transfers)
- ✓ Balance near-term construction impacts with long term operations



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SODO

- ✓ Questions about two elevated stations option at SODO
- ✓ Support for E3 at grade with vehicle overpasses, being mindful of impacts to adjacent property owners
- ✓ Need to continue to examine the impact to bus transit currently using the E3 busway



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Duwamish Crossing

- ✓ Questions about the need for studying the north crossing in the DEIS as a 4f avoidance alternative

Delridge

- ✓ Some interest to explore a refined south crossing that includes a tunnel through Pigeon Point, with a further south Delridge station location and reduced neighborhood residential impacts; requests for more information to inform Sound Transit Board discussions
- ✓ Interest in refining the blue station location, prioritizing further south location and looking for opportunities to minimize residential impacts, create a high quality transfer environment, optimize TOD potential and reduce costs
- ✓ Interest in exploring a Yancy/Andover alignment to minimize neighborhood impacts with a Delridge Station serving Youngstown



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West Seattle (Avalon and Alaska Junction)

- ✓ Support for retaining Avalon Station, but continue to evaluate potential cost savings opportunities including consolidating stations and implications for ridership
- ✓ Support for looking for opportunities to minimize community impacts and create high quality transfer environment for both Avalon and Alaska Junction station locations
- ✓ Support for underground alignment to support TOD potential
- ✓ Support for a modified ST3 Representative project (Alaska Junction station oriented North/South and staying east of the Alaska Junction on Fauntleroy or in the vicinity of Jefferson Square)



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General Feedback

- ✓ Discussion about process and recommendations to the Sound Transit Board: mixed opinions about making recommendations on two alternatives, one if third party funding is secured and one if third party funding is not secured
- ✓ Discussion of need to look at potential sources of third party funding if project elements beyond the scope of the ST3 Representative project are carried forward; some interest in establishing a working group to consider third party funding
- ✓ Interest in further refinements and evaluation before identifying sources of third party funding

