



***West Seattle  
Link Extension and  
Ballard Link Extension***

**Q2 2023 EXTERNAL  
ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

**April/May/June 2023**

## Activities snapshot



32 comments and questions



43 community briefings and property owner meetings



Three festivals engaging over 630 community members



Two email updates engaging 11,000+ subscribers



Ongoing fieldwork activities<sup>1</sup> throughout the project corridor



The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers throughout the region.

<sup>1</sup> Sound Transit is in the planning phase for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project. As part of this phase, Sound Transit is coordinating with property owners throughout the corridor to collect and analyze information necessary to plan and design potential light rail alignments to be studied in the environmental review process.



# West Seattle Link Extension

## West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE)

Stations: SODO, Delridge, Avalon, and Alaska Junction



### Fairs and festivals for WSLE

In the West Seattle neighborhood, we attended two events to share about the project with the community:

- **West Seattle Farmers Market**
  - Date: June 11, 2023 | Visitors: 550
- **Delridge Farmers Market**
  - Date: June 24, 2023 | Visitors: 23



### Common questions and comments for WSLE

The following is a summary of questions and comments obtained through property owner meetings, community briefings, emails, and voicemails to the project inbox.

- Questions regarding station planning.
- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline and status for property acquisition.
- Questions about when the final decision of which stations to build will be made.
- Questions about the timeline for the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Questions regarding impacts to existing stations.
- Questions regarding capital gains and tax on relocation payment for tenants potentially affected by alternatives.
- Questions from West Seattle residents about construction impacts for properties near the light rail but not affected by acquisition.
- Questions requesting clarification about preferred alternatives and which ones were being studied for the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Question about length of time to construct light rail.
- Questions regarding the refinements and further studies of the alternatives and the potential new impacts.
- Requests for list of potentially impacted properties.
- Questions concerning negotiation process and relocation assistance.



# Ballard Link Extension

## Ballard Link Extension (BLE)

Stations: Chinatown-International District, Midtown, Westlake, Denny, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, Smith Cove, Interbay, Ballard



### Fairs and festivals for BLE

We attended one event to share about the project with the community:

- **Expedia Transportation Fair**
  - Date: June 13, 2023 | Visitors: 60



### Email updates

During the reporting period, the project team sent two email updates to a public listserv with more than 11,000 subscribers. These updates highlighted the information on webinars about the Denny and South Lake Union stations.

#### Project update



Updates on Denny Station keep the Ballard Link Extension moving forward.

#### Save the date!

If you live, work, or spend time in South Lake Union, we'd like your feedback! We're holding two live webinars in July to share project updates for the Denny and South Lake Union stations, answer questions, and collect input from transit riders. Feedback from these webinars will be shared with the Sound Transit Board of Directors and inform the status report and potential action on July 27.

Mark your calendars!

• [July 20 – 12-1 p.m. PST](#)

• [July 25 – 5:30-6:30 p.m. PST](#)

For more information about the upcoming webinars and how to attend, visit our [online open house](#) and sign up for [project email updates](#).



# Ballard Link Extension



## Common questions and comments for BLE

The following is a summary of questions and comments obtained through property owner meetings, community briefings, emails, and voicemails to the project inbox.

- Questions regarding station design and planning in Chinatown-International District.
- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline and status for property acquisition and relocation.
- Questions about the timeline and process for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the CID stations.
- Questions about when the Sound Transit Board of Directors will select the final route and stations to be built.
- Questions regarding impacts to existing stations at Westlake and CID.
- Feedback on the alternatives serving the CID.
- Question about length of time to construct light rail.
- Questions about traffic impact studies, project costs, and transit ridership data on the Denny/South Lake Union stations.
- Questions about the role between City of Seattle and Sound Transit on Union Station activation and Jackson Hub improvements.