



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

**Q3 2023 EXTERNAL
ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

July/August/September 2023

Activities snapshot



57 comments and questions



36 community briefings and property owner meetings



Ten festivals engaging over 5,390 community members



Two public webinars



Three email updates engaging 11,000+ subscribers



Ongoing fieldwork activities¹ 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.

¹ 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

In the WSLE project corridor, we attended four events to share about the project with the community:

- **West Seattle Summer Fest**
 - Date: July 14-16, 2023 | Visitors: 2,600
- **White Center Block Party**
 - Date: August 26, 2023 | Visitors: 265
- **SODO Flea Market**
 - Date: September 9, 2023 | Visitors: 210
- **SODO Greenspace Open House**
 - Date: September 28, 2023 | Visitors: 10



Common questions and comments

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 the Right of Entry (ROE) agreement form associated with fieldwork activities.
- Question about the project delivery methods for each segment.
- Questions about early acquisition.
- Questions about the timeline for the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Question about the travel time between stations.
- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline and status for property acquisition.
- Question about the distance between homes and active light rail lines.
- Question requesting detailed maps of the project.
- Question about tunnel depths beneath homes.



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

In the BLE project corridor, we attended six events to share about the project with the community:

- **Ballard Seafood Fest**
 - Date: July 15-16, 2023 | Visitors: 1,200
- **CID Celebration**
 - Date: July 22, 2023 | Visitors: 361
- **Celebrate Little Saigon**
 - Date: August 5, 2023 | Visitors: 98
- **CID Block Party**
 - Date: August 26, 2023 | Visitors: 151
- **CISC Resource Fair**
 - Date: September 16, 2023 | Visitors: 4
- **Fishermen's Fall Festival**
 - Date: September 30, 2023 | Visitors: 493



Public meetings

We hosted two webinars to share project updates, answer questions, and seek feedback regarding the Denny and South Lake Union stations.



Email updates

During the reporting period, the project team sent three 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. These updates were sent in four companion languages, frequently spoken by residents along the project corridor: Spanish, Vietnamese, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese.



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- Comments on the July Board decision on the Denny/South Lake Union station.
- Questions about upcoming milestones and timeline for the Ballard Link Extension.



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- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline and status for property acquisition.
- Questions regarding the Denny/South Lake Union alternatives.
- Question about how the Ballard station locations studied were determined.
- Question about the contractor and design team for BLE.
- Question about the existing Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel in relation to BLE.