



West Seattle Link Extension

Q4 2023 EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

October/November/December 2023



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Activities snapshot



41 comments and questions from inbox and voicemail



20 community briefings and property owner meetings



Four festivals engaging over 138 community members



Four public open houses and focus groups



Six email updates engaging 12,000+ subscribers



Ongoing fieldwork activities¹ throughout the project corridor



The West Seattle Link Extension will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to dense residential and job centers in the SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle neighborhoods.

¹ Sound Transit is in the planning phase for the West Seattle Link Extension 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.



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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:

- **Dia de los Muertos Tabling at Evergreen High School**
 - Date: November 4, 2023 | Visitors: 70
- **Delridge Library Tabling**
 - Date: November 19, 2023 | Visitors: 3
- **Hope Central Tabling**
 - Date: December 9, 2023 | Visitors: 40
- **West Seattle Food Bank Tabling**
 - Date: December 12, 2023 | Visitors: 25



Public meetings

We hosted WSLE station planning events to gather feedback on design and station planning.

- **WSLE Station Planning Forum**
 - Date: October 25, 2023
- **WSLE Station Planning SODO Drop-in Session**
 - Date: November 29, 2023
- **WSLE Station Planning Vietnamese Focus Group**
 - Date: December 13, 2023
- **WSLE Station Planning Somali Focus Group**
 - Date: December 16, 2023



Email updates

During the reporting period, the project team sent six email updates to a public listserv with more than 12,000 subscribers. These updates highlighted the information about the WSLE Station Planning Forum, splitting the West Seattle Link Extension and Ballard Link Extension projects, and reminders about the station planning survey.



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.



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- Questions regarding the “No-Build” and “Eliminate Avalon” alternatives.
- Questions from potentially affected property owners and tenants about the timeline and status for property acquisition.
- Question about detailed maps of the Duwamish and Delridge alignment.
- Question about WSLE transit integration in the South Delridge and White Center areas.
- Questions from business owners inquiring about business relocation support.
- Questions about transit-oriented development (TOD).
- Question regarding the project delivery methods.
- Question about consideration of an aerial gondola.
- Question regarding light rail construction impacts to the West Seattle bridge.
- Questions regarding the Right-of-Entry (ROE) schedule and fieldwork associated with the ROE.
- Question about the status and timeline of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.