Workshop 1: Overall Concepts
Activity Guide

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Welcome to the first workshop of the South Downtown Hub Plan. We will be working together to develop concepts and options for investment in key streets and public spaces connecting Chinatown International District (CID) and Pioneer Square neighborhoods with existing and potential future transit stations located in South Downtown Seattle.

The South Downtown Hub Plan is a partnership between Sound Transit, the City of Seattle, and King County to ensure alignment of planned investments with the vision and needs of South Downtown neighborhoods. This comes from a recognition of the harm caused by large scale public projects in the past, and a commitment to do better.

Over the next year and a half, agency partners will engage community in an iterative series of workshops that develop, evaluate, and advance ideas for projects enhancing neighborhood connections and spaces. Our goal is to deliver tangible benefits to community through investments in transportation and public spaces, guided by community voice.

南市中心枢纽计划是Sound Transit、西雅图市和金县之间的合作计划，旨在确保计划投资与南部市中心社区的目标和需求保持一致。这合作计划源自对过去社区大型公共计划所造成的危害的认知，以及对未来必须做得更好的承诺。

在接下来的一年半中，合作伙伴将与社区参与一系列的研讨会，以构思、评估和推进增强社区联系和空间的专案想法。我们的目标是在社区声音的指导下，透过对交通和公共空间的投资，为社区带来实际的利益。
In November 2023, we held an open house in which we asked about themes gleaned from a review of past community plans. Those themes are displayed on this page.

We heard that the themes are still accurate and relevant, with a common thread being interest in improved safety and access for neighborhood businesses and residents, along with activation of underutilized spaces and buildings such as Union Station.

Some comments favored specific, smaller-scale improvements, and some favored bolder transformations. We have interpreted the feedback, along with ideas contained in past community plans, into concepts we can explore in greater depth together.

在2023年11月，我们举行了一次现场资询会，询问了从回顾过去的社区计划中收集到的主题。这些主题显示在此页面上。

我们在现场资询会上听到这些主题仍然准确且相关，其共同点是对改善社区企业和居民的安全和街道连接感兴趣，以及激活联合车站内未充分利用的空间。

其他意见包括赞成个别、小规模的改进，更有些意见支持更大胆的变革。我们已将回馈以及过去社区计划中包含的想法，融合为我们可共同深入探讨的概念。
Our focus in this workshop is on a few key streets and public spaces connecting the neighborhoods and the sites of existing and potential future transit stations.

The focus areas are shown in the map at right, and include:

- **A** The intersection of 4th Avenue South and South Jackson Street between historic King Street Station and Union Station
- **B** 2nd Avenue Extension South and 4th Avenue South between Yesler Way/City Hall Park and the historic stations
- **C** South Dearborn Street and intersections with Seattle Boulevard, 4th Avenue South, 5th Avenue South, and 6th Avenue South

We have prepared concept ideas that represent a spectrum of change in these places with the common objective of supporting safe movement and access. Other ideas connections and public space opportunities are also shown on the map and listed at right. Our goal in this initial workshop step is to build understanding of trade-offs and identify what ideas merit further development.

Other opportunities for connections and public spaces (derived from past planning efforts and November 2023 open house):

1. Improve triangle corner spaces along 2nd Avenue Extension South
2. Convert Sinking Ship Garage into a public space
3. Reconfigure Prefontaine Place South to transit-only street
4. Reconfigure Terrace Street to pedestrian-only street
5. Yesler Terrace Hillclimb and connections
6. South King Street and South Jackson Street underpass connections
7. Union Station and plaza activation
8. Reconfigure and activate Lumen Field parking lots

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Concurrent Projects and Plans

1. Fortson Square redevelopment (City of Seattle)
2. Yesler Way and 3rd Avenue streetscape improvements (City of Seattle)
3. City Hall Park redesign (City of Seattle)
4. King County Civic Campus Plan (King County)
5. Potential new Link station entry (Sound Transit)
6. Railway Park redesign (City of Seattle)
7. 2nd Avenue Extension South and South Jackson Street Bridge Planning Study (City of Seattle)
8. King Street Station platform access project (Sound Transit)
9. Georgetown to Downtown Safety Project (City of Seattle)

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The intersection of 4th Ave S, 2nd Ave Extension S, and S Jackson St is the historic point of entry to downtown Seattle by train. Built over the tide flats that sustained generations of the Coast Salish people, the area still hosts active regional and intercity rail service at King Street Station, and is mirrored to the east by light rail service at the existing International District/Chinatown Station.

Our focus in this area is to explore ways in which we can heal the gap between Union and King Street Stations caused by the configuration of transportation infrastructure, which have historically served to create a barrier between CID and Pioneer Square.

Adjustments and potential transformation of streets and public spaces here can create a setting that both historic neighborhood and stations deserve.

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南第四大道、2nd Ave Extension South和南积臣街的交汇处是历史上乘坐火车进入西雅图市中心的入口。该地区建在供养了几代Coast Salish人的潮滩上，至今景街火车站仍在提供活跃的区域铁路服务，并与东旁现有的CID唐人街/国际区车站的轻轨服务相呼应。

我们在这个重点地区是探索如何疗合以往在联合车站和景街火车站之间因交通网路设置而造成的差距，这些差距历来是CID唐人街/国际区和Pioneer Square之间的障碍。

调整和潜在改造这里的街道和公共空间可以带来一个历史文化区和车站应有的合适环境。
**Potential benefits**

- Better walking and rolling experience on South Jackson Street and 4th Avenue South
- Better connections to regional transit
- More accessible crossings for pedestrians
- Construction in roadway could constrict vehicle traffic and access to neighborhoods
- Roadway redesign will be limited by street car and capacity
- Planters/modifications around the openings over the railway will require review by the railway and by the historical boards

**Potential challenges**

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**Potential benefits**

- Better walking and rolling experience on South Jackson Street and 4th Avenue South
- Better connections to regional transit
- Safer and more accessible crossings

**Construction near the roadway could cause disruption to traffic during implementation**

**Ability to build over openings over the railway will require review by the railway and by the historical boards**

**During construction, access to the Sounder platform may be constricted**

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**Potential challenges**

- Implementing this project could cause disruption to traffic during implementation.
- Building over the railway may require review by the railway and the historical boards.
- Access to the Sounder platform may be constricted during construction.

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**Summary**

- Covering the open triangle and providing a public open space on South Jackson Street.
- Improving pedestrian and cycling access.
- Enhancing the pedestrian experience.

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**Potential benefits**

- Increase walking and cycling accessibility on South Jackson Street and 4th Avenue South.
- Enhance regional transit connections.
- Improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

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2ND AVENUE EXTENSION SOUTH AND 4TH AVENUE SOUTH

**Potential benefits**

- **Widen sidewalks** support pedestrian access and movement
- Trees and plantings protect space for walking, rolling, and biking
- Increased pedestrian activity encourages access to multiple storefronts on a street

**Potential challenges**

- Implementation might include shut down of lane(s) during construction, temporarily constraining vehicle traffic and access in the area
- Potential reduction in on-street parking and loading
- Potential reconfiguration of the bus island
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**Potential coordination with adjacent concurrent projects**

-与相邻开发项目的潜在协调

**Potential mid-block crossing**

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**Concepts come from - Jackson Street Connections Plan (2016) and Ballard Link Extension Further Studies (2023)**

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About

Close 2nd Avenue Extension South between Main Street and 4th Avenue South to general vehicle traffic. This concept could create open space for the neighborhoods and opportunities for activation. This concept also can leverage several other projects happening concurrently.

Potential benefits

- Better walking and rolling experience on South Jackson Street and 4th Avenue South
- Better connections to regional transit
- Calmer, simplified intersection
- Enhanced and expanded open space for neighborhoods
- Opportunity to enhance and leverage concurrent projects into a single improvement project and phase

Potential challenges

- During construction vehicle traffic and access to neighborhoods may be constricted
- Changes to bridge may require review by the railway and historical boards
- New signals and reconfiguration of traffic flows & patterns would need to be considered throughout the area
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简介

封南积臣街和南第四大道之间的2nd Avenue Extension South来创造公共空间

概念来自 / Ideas from - Jackson Street Connetions Plan (2016) and Ballard Link Extension Further Studies (2023)
Just three blocks north of the historic train stations sits the historic City Hall Park and King County’s Civic Campus, an area poised for reimagining and redevelopment, and the focus of concurrent planning initiatives by the City and County.

A potential light rail station here would provide transfers between light rail lines as well as many city bus lines, and be in walking distance of intercity rail and passenger ferry service. Transit-oriented development that includes housing, retail, cultural uses, and green space could breathe new life into currently underutilized buildings and spaces.

Our focus in this area is to think about the experience along 2nd Avenue Extension South and 4th Avenue South between South Jackson Street and Yesler Way, considering ways these streets could support a more pleasant walking environment. Adjustments and potential transformation of streets and public spaces here would help tie together existing neighborhoods, potential new development, and transit stations.
Maintain/extend cycletrack

Narrowing/reconfiguring roadway

Expand/improve sidewalk

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**About**

- Better walking and rolling experience on South Jackson Street and 4th Avenue South
- Better connections to regional transit
- Enhanced and expanded open space for neighborhoods
- Potential for more active ground floor uses in adjacent buildings
- Opportunity to enhance and leverage concurrent projects and studies

**Potential benefits**

- During construction vehicle traffic and access to neighborhoods may be constricted
- New signals and reconfiguration of traffic flows & patterns would need to be considered through out the area
- Potential reduction in on-street parking and loading
- Requires conversion of 4th Avenue South to two-way on adjacent segments

**Potential challenges**

- Concept treatment could potential extend north to Yesler Way.

**2ND AVENUE EXTENSION SOUTH AND 4TH AVENUE SOUTH**

- Narrowing/reconfiguring roadway and convert 4th Avenue South to two-way traffic.
- Create a landscape buffer.

**Location**

Maintain/extend cycletrack

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**Potential benefits**

- Adding in south Jackson and forth Avenue South steps and various movement options.

**Potential challenges**

- Provided better regional connection.
- Provide more expanded community open space.
- Provide the new structure surface layer is more active potential.
- Have the potential to coordinate with the new project.

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**Potential benefits**

- Construction期间，车辆交通和前往
- 邻近目的地的通道可能会受到
- 限制
- 整个区域可能需要重新配置
- 交通灯以及交通流动模式
- 可能减少路边停车和装卸区
- 需要将相邻的南第四大道路
- 段改造成双向行车

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A potential light rail station here could catalyze new development and public space that expands the boundaries of CID, and provides space for new growth and development that strengthens the neighborhood without displacing existing residents and businesses.

Our focus in this area is to think about the function and design of streets to create more public space and walkable connections in the south end of CID. This could tie into additional opportunities to connect to the stadiums and Sounder train service across the railway tracks.
Improve the pedestrian experience by expanding and/or improving the quality of sidewalks to promote walking and rolling and increase street activity. Eliminate right turn lane on 5th Avenue South, increase sidewalk spaces, and raise crosswalks to improve intersection. Add pedestrian lights on South Dearborn Street that are consistent with the CID historic district for safety and character.

About

Potential benefits

- More pleasant walking and rolling experience on Dearborn
- Better connection between Chinatown neighborhood core and potential future development hub
- More pleasant walking experience on Seattle Boulevard South
- Maintain current freight access

Potential challenges

- Construction might constrict vehicle traffic and access to some destinations in neighborhood
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**Create a landscape buffer**

**Improve pedestrian crossing**

**Expand/improve sidewalk**

**4th Ave S**

**Seattle Blvd S**

**Sounder station platform**

**Lumen Field parking lots**

**Potential new pedestrian bridge to connect between 4th Avenue South, Sounder station platform, and Stadium District**

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**Concept ideas from - Ballard Link Extension Further Studies (2023)**

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   - 单车、行人和车辆道要有明确分隔
   - Clear separation of bikes, pedestrians, and cars
   - 暴雨植栽缓冲区
   - Stormwater planting buffer
   - 调整适用的斑马线
   - Better crosswalks aligned to people

2. **PEOPLE FIRST INTERSECTION**
   - 提高行人安全性
   - Improved pedestrian safety
   - 轻松穿越
   - Ease of crossing

3. **MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK**
   - 有可能的话，在斑马线处收窄街道
   - Street narrowing at crosswalk if possible
   - 增加步行路线选择
   - Increased walking route options
   - 交通缓行
   - Traffic calming
4 PEDESTRIANIZED STREET

- Promotes walking and activity at shops
- Space for small vendors and plantings
- Lighting and signs for pedestrians

5 FESTIVAL STREET

- Street closed to traffic for special events
- Activates local businesses
- Pop-up events for small vendors

6 CAFE STREET

- Attractive destination for residents and tourists
- Attraction of customers to local restaurants
- Street activation

Examples:
- Ximen Pedestrian District, Taipei, Taiwan
- Seattle CID Night Market, WA
- Pike Place, Seattle, WA
### FEATURE CARDS

#### MARKET SPACE
- Farmer's market events
- Outdoor gatherings
- Community-led activation

#### OVERHEAD PROTECTION
- Weather and sun protection
- Covered destination street
- Shop activation

#### STREET TREES
- Enhances character and appearance of streets
- Provides shade and natural elements

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**Examples:**
- Little Saigon, Seattle, WA
- Tanjong Pagar, Singapore
- Portland Saturday Market, OR
**Feature Cards 10-12**

10. **Street Murals**
- Increased safety
- Contributes to community identity and cultural expression

11. **Activated Alleys**
- Increased activation and safety in alleys
- Public space
- Opportunity for small business

12. **Strolling Street**
- Special paving for a better walking experience
- Planters provide protection from traffic
- Example: The Porch at 30th St Station, Philadelphia, PA

**Public Space**

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PUBLIC SPACE

▪ 在街道建立目的地和地標
   Creates a destination and beacon in the neighborhood

▪ 有助於社區特色和文化表達
   Contributes to community identity and cultural expression

CONNECTIVITY

▪ 燈光提供人行道的可見度以確保安全
   Light provides visibility of faces and sidewalk for safety

▪ 提供一個愉快、安全的環境
   Provide pleasant, safe environment

SAFETY

▪ 活化的公共空間
   Activated public space

▪ 配置資訊和維持安全的員工
   Staffing for information and safety

INFO / SECURITY BOOTH

例子 / Example: Occidental Square, Seattle, WA

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING

例子 / Example: Assembly Row, Sommersville, MA

OVERHEAD ART ELEMENTS

例子 / Example: Sainte-Catherine Street, Montreal, Canada
**WAYFINDING ELEMENTS**

- Helps people find their way
- Can incorporate community identity
- Clarity of navigation can add to sense of safety

**PLACE TO PLAY**

- Naturalistic elements
- Shaded play structures
- All ages activity

**PLACE TO SIT**

- Mix of seating options
- Movable tables and chairs
- Provide seating around planters

**Examples**

- Chinatown, Los Angeles, CA
- Cincinnati Smale Riverfront Park, OH
- Hing Hay Park, Seattle, WA
- Public space
  - Bridge with landscape/public space on top

- Community benefit
  - Partnerships with community groups

- Public space
  - Activated public space with seasonal activities

- Equitable development
  - Non-profits activate park with services

- Community benefit
  - Community exercise services

- Public space
  - Large lawn spaces and walking trails

- Community benefit
  - Connects community while boosting local economy

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**FEATURE CARDS 22-24**

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**活跃地面商层的地区停车场**

**DISTRICT PARKING WITH ACTIVE GROUND FLOOR**

- 并合停车场以促进社区发展
  Consolidates parking to allow more opportunity for community development
- 提供零售空间的地面商层
  Ground floor is active with small retail spaces

#### 社区效益
COMMUNITY BENEFIT

#### 社区经济
ECONOMICS

### 23

**社区活化的历史建筑**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVATED HISTORIC BUILDING**

- 从新再利用历史建筑
  Adaptive reuse of a historic building
- 社区资源和学习
  Community resources and classes
- 社区活动
  Community events

#### 历史文化
HISTORY & CULTURE

#### 社区效益
COMMUNITY BENEFIT

### 24

**社区主导的发展**

**COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT**

- 住房类型的混合和经济实惠性
  Mix of housing types and affordability
- 整合的可持续性和绿色空间
  Integrated sustainability and green spaces
- 社区设施
  Community amenities

#### 公平发展
EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### 社区效益
COMMUNITY BENEFIT
25. 露天剧场
AMPHITHEATER

- 社交座位
  Social seating
- 表演和活动空间
  Performance and event space

例子 / Example: Museum Park, Moscow, Russia

26. 活用屋頂
ACTIVATED ROOF

- 建築物頂部的公共空間
  Public space on top of building
- 目的地和視點特徵
  Destination and viewpoint feature
- 可以包括山上的連接
  Can include connections on hills

例子 / Example: Hypar Pavilion, NY

27. 活動前公共空間
PRE-EVENT PUBLIC SPACE

- 与车站相结合的户外座位和活动
  Outdoor seating and activity integrated with transit station
- 位于体育馆旁边以支持社区活动的小型活动空间
  Smaller event space next to an arena to support community activity
- 体育场活动的预备份
  Pre-function for stadium events

例子 / Example: Target Field Station, Minneapolis, MN
**HILL CLIMB ASSIST**

- Support for accessibility for various users
- Better connections on steep slopes

**PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

- Safe crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Signature style can add to community character
- Sustainable structure

**UNDER-FREEWAY LIGHTING & ACTIVATION**

- Art supports positive activity under the freeway
- Light provides visibility of sidewalk and faces for safety

Examples:
- Gran Via, Vigo, Spain
- El Paso Pedestrian Pathways, El Paso, TX
- "Aspire" by Warren Langley, Sydney, Australia
▪ 雕塑艺术
Sculptural

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▪ 地标
Landmark

例子 / Example: “Beyond Reflection” by Lawrence Argent, China
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