How to comment

Submit your comment by April 28, 2022.

The 90-day Draft EIS comment period is from January 28 through April 28, 2022. After reviewing the Draft EIS and the comments from agency partners and the public, the Sound Transit Board will confirm or modify the preferred alternative for further evaluation in the Final EIS.

Online: wszlink.participate.online/#comment-now

Virtual public meetings
Each public hearing will include a brief presentation, Q&A session and oral testimony captured by a court reporter.

Find meeting links at wszlink.participate.online.

Interbay/Ballard segment: Thursday, March 17, 12:30-2 PM

Downtown segment: Tuesday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 PM

West Seattle/Duwamish segment: Wednesday, March 30, 5:30-7:30 PM

Drop-in open house*
Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are offering multiple virtual opportunities to engage for the health and safety of the community. We are also offering one in-person drop-in open house to provide assistance for those who may need more support or prefer not to engage online.

Full project and all proposed stations: Seattle WA 98104
Union Station, 401 S Jackson St.

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401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104
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About the project
The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions will provide fast, reliable light rail connections to densely residential and job centers throughout the region. In addition, a new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel will provide capacity for the entire regional system to operate efficiently. These two separate light rail extensions are part of the regional transit system expansion approved by voters in November 2016.

What is an EIS?
A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a federal requirement that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of a proposed project.

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Chapter 4 Environmental Consequences:

- Acquisitions, displacements and relocations
- Land use
- Economic
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- Visual and aesthetic resources
- Air quality and greenhouse gases
- Noise and vibration
- Ecosystems
- Water resources
- Energy impacts
- Geology and soils
- Hazardous materials
- Electromagnetic field
- Archaeological and historic resources
- Parks and open space
- Section 404 resources

Chapter 5 Cumulative Impacts:

- What are the cumulative impacts within the project area?
- What are the cumulative impacts with other projects?
- What are the cumulative impacts with all projects in the region?

Chapter 6 Alternatives Evaluation:

- How were the alternatives developed?
- How were the alternatives compared?
- How were the alternatives condensed?

Key Project Milestones

Throughout the life of the project and during these major milestones, Sound Transit has been committed to providing meaningful engagement opportunities for the public to get involved, provide feedback, and stay informed. Some of these opportunities have included open houses, neighborhood forums, community workshops, community listening sessions, and community advisory groups. Additionally, Sound Transit has published key project milestones to engage the public and keep them up to date on the project's progress.

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Numerous additional appendices (A-N), including technical reports for the project, are also available for review in the Draft EIS.