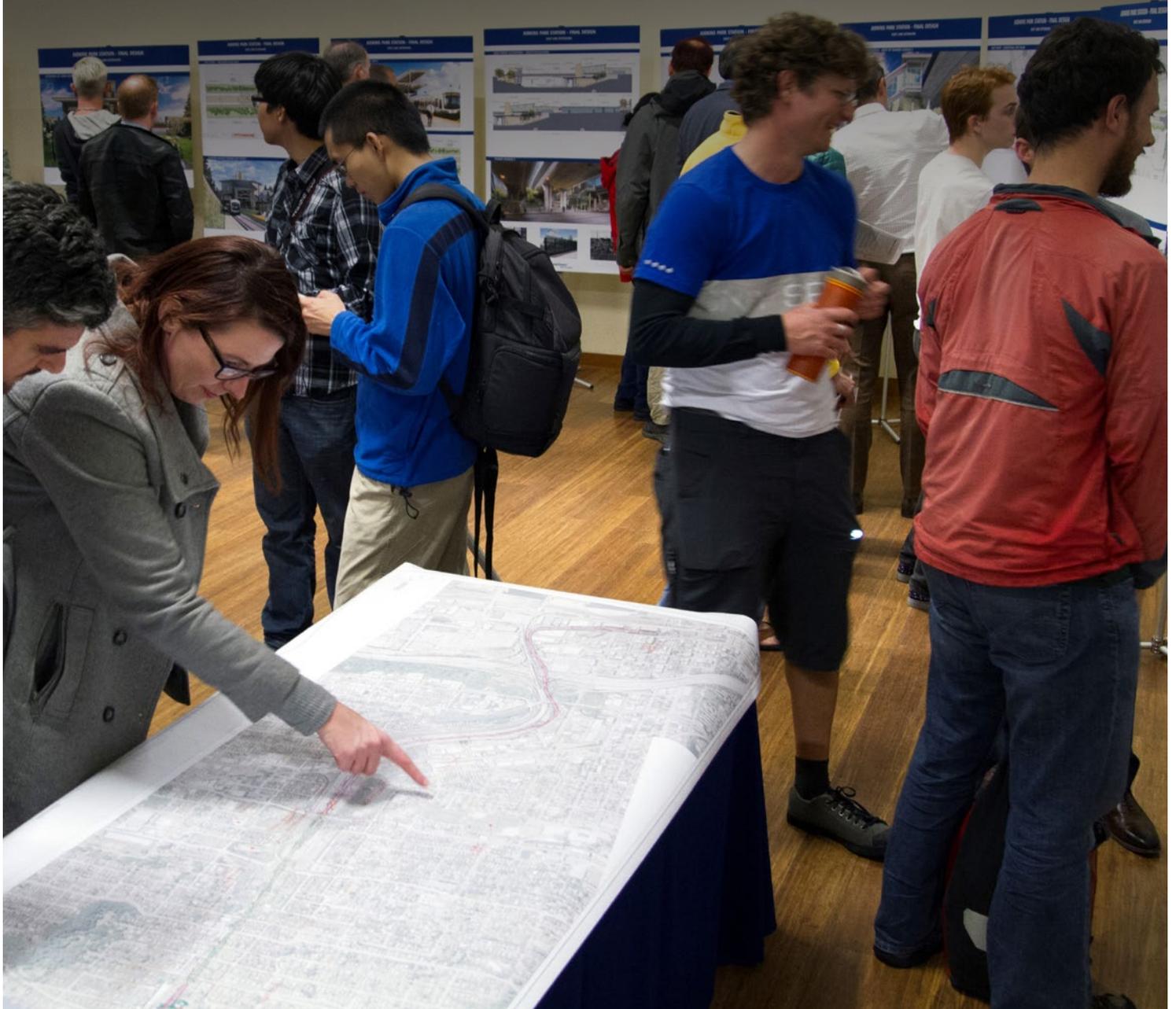




East Link Extension



October 28, 2016

Judkins Park 90% Final Design Open House Public Involvement Summary

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Background

East Link Extension is a key element of the regional mass transit system approved by voters in 2008. This 14-mile light rail line will benefit local communities and support regional growth with fast, frequent, and reliable light rail service, connecting the Eastside's biggest population and employment centers to Seattle.

The project builds on the Link light rail system running between Angle Lake at S. 200th and the University Link station that opened in 2016. East Link is part of the new light rail extensions being built north, south, and east of Seattle. When East Link opens around 2023, 10 stations, serving Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, South Bellevue, and Overlake in Redmond, will become a part of a regional light rail system stretching more than 50 miles. By 2030, an estimated 50,000 riders will use East Link every day.

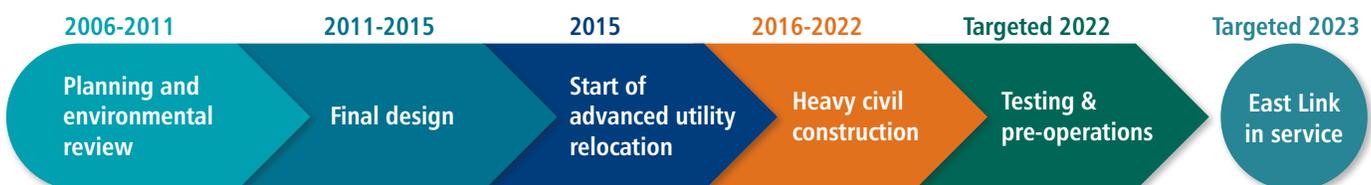
During final design, project architects and engineers defined the light rail system, determining the technical specifications for the stations and track. To keep stakeholders informed and empowered to provide input throughout this project phase, Sound Transit hosted three public meetings, multiple briefings with nearby businesses and property owners, and additional in-person and electronic outreach.

Final design has been a collaborative effort between Sound Transit and project stakeholders including:

- Community members and neighborhood groups
- City of Seattle
- Other jurisdictional authorities, such as Washington State Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Transportation, emergency service providers, King County, and transit providers

The East Link Extension project team actively sought public feedback at key design milestones. Public input was shared with the project team and considered with attention to feasibility, design guidelines, and jurisdictional requirements. The Judkins Park Station final design is the result of ongoing community conversations and stakeholder input since the segment final design kickoff.

Visit the East Link document archive for a summary of outreach at each final design milestone: soundtransit.org/projects-and-plans/east-link-extension/east-link-extensiondocument-archive



Overview

On October 25, 2016, Sound Transit hosted an open house to share final design plans for the Judkins Park Station of East Link Extension. Sound Transit presented the final Judkins Park Station corridor design plans, introduced the community to the art concepts selected for the Judkins Park Station, and explained the construction planning work underway and next steps. The open house was held at the Northwest African American Museum in Seattle from 5 to 7 p.m.

Judkins Park Station

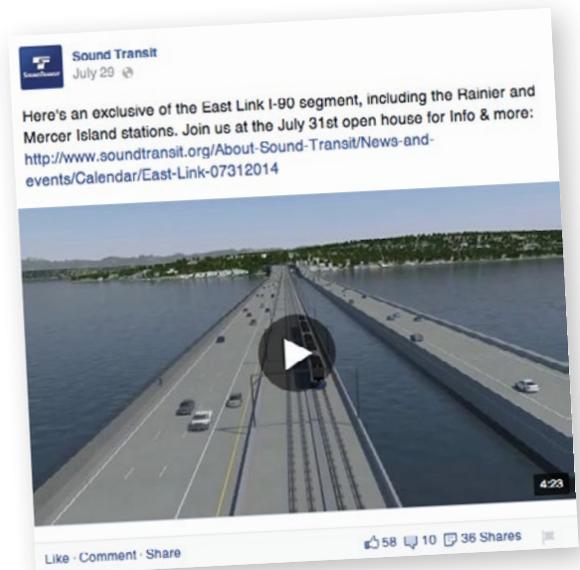
Located in the center roadway of I-90, riders will enter at Rainier Avenue South and 23rd Avenue South. This station includes bus and paratransit transfer facilities.



Notification

The open house was publicized through the following channels:

- Display advertisements in La Raza, Seattle Transit Blog, Capitol Hill Blog, and Daily Journal of Commerce
- Postcards mailed to over 17,000 residents and businesses
- A press release to local newspapers and blogs
- Email notification and reminder to approximately 6,000 subscribers of the East Link Extension listserv
- Announcement on the Sound Transit project web page
- Announcement on the Sound Transit Facebook page including boosted posts targeting neighborhood residents
- Announcement to local community groups



Sound Transit has reached an important milestone! Plans for the **Judkins Park Station** are in the final design phase. This open house is your opportunity to review current designs, meet the East Link project team and learn about upcoming construction.

Learn about:



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PLEASE JOIN US:
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016 • 5 - 7 p.m.
 Presentation begins at 5:30 p.m.

Northwest African American Museum
 2300 S Massachusetts St.
 Seattle, WA 98144

Learn more and submit comments online at soundtransit.org/eastlink or contact Sound Transit at 206-398-LINK, eastlink@soundtransit.org.

To request information in alternative formats or accommodations for persons with disabilities, call 1-800-201-4900/TTY Relay: 711 or email accessibility@soundtransit.org.

Get involved
 There's plenty to do before construction begins

The East Link Extension will open in 2023. During final design, Sound Transit encourages community members to comment on station design plans, landscaping, art and more. This open house will focus on the **Judkins Park Station**, situated at I-90 with entrances from Rainier and 23rd avenues south. The City of Seattle will provide information about concurrent projects in the area.

East Link is among the more than 30 miles of light rail extensions that Sound Transit will deliver in the next 10 years. These extensions will dramatically increase the region's transportation capacity as the Puget Sound population grows a projected 30 percent by 2040.

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Link light rail system map

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Open House Overview

Approximately 95 people attended the open house to learn about final design plans for the Judkins Park Station. Attendees were greeted by project staff, asked to sign in, and provided with a Community Guide to Construction and segment fact sheet. Display boards and roll plots featured information about East Link, the light rail construction process and updated design plans for the Judkins Park Station.

An overview presentation was held at 5:30 p.m. Project staff were available throughout the meeting to answer questions and explain design details. All meeting materials and electronic versions of the comment forms were made available on the East Link project website following the open house.



Comment Summary

Sound Transit accepted public comments in person at the open house, and by mail, email, and electronically on the East Link website. The following section is a summary of 20 comment forms received between October 25 and November 8, 2016.

Seattle Segment Design

General comments and questions about the Seattle segment and light rail alignment:

- You are doing a great job! Great presentation! Nice art work! Can't wait for it to open!
- What options for languages (Korean) are there for non-native speakers in the community? Can literature or e-newsletters be available for distributions?
- The light rail on the street follows the speed limit. Does that apply to trains that are adjacent to the street?
- Your station design is beautiful, very functional and attractive. Thank you for requesting input and then acting upon it. Your task is difficult but you're doing an excellent job!
- I hope there is a bike drop off cage like Beacon Hill Station.
- I thought the station would have been closer to Rainier Avenue.
- Sound Transit has executed this project really well, with some challenging physical and budgetary hurdles.
- This is awesome! Any plan to integrate retail? A coffee shop would rule.
- Will there be a display board to indicate when trains will be arriving?
- Will the Mountains-to-Sound Trail be open during construction of the light rail?

Interest in natural design features, amenities, and landscaping:

- Looks good for the most part. I like the "green/landscape" art/details integrated into the structure and sound/screen wall design.
- Public safety is very important since the north 23rd side is low lit and low human traffic.
- Additional coverage on the platforms would be beneficial for waiting passengers during wet weather.
- Currently there is a muddy, sketchy path from Rainier Avenue (Route 7, 9, etc.) to 23rd, MLK and the neighborhood. Not ADA accessible, not safe.
- Please provide easy ADA accommodations.
- Very nice! Appreciate the chosen species of trees.
- How about adding a station melody on arrival? It could help identify the station for the blind like the pictographs do for people who see. For this station a Hendrix song seems appropriate. See Tokyo's Yamanote's line for an example "Yamanote station melodies".

Comments on parking and traffic:

- During construction how do residents south of I-90 get to Bellevue?

Concerns about potential noise impacts:

- Long term construction noise is a concern. Please no night construction!
- Please, please make sure the rails don't screech.

Construction Impacts

General comments:

- Please reconsider using broken concrete as hardscaping. Creating more habitat for the rats is not appreciated by the residents of Judkins Park.

General comments on bus re-routes and station access during construction:

- Please keep the existing bus stops as long as possible, especially the Seattle to Bellevue links.
- I would love to see a temporary route heading north on Rainier Avenue and getting on I-90 heading east (preferably to downtown Bellevue). As of now, it appears that I will need to take a bus to Seattle and transfer to ST 550, or walk about one mile and transfer to 550 on Mercer Island.

General comments on pedestrian/bicycle access during construction:

- This area needs pedestrian improvements wrapped into planning. It has long been neglected, not walkable, or safe. We need amenities for underserved neighborhoods.
- Must keep access to Mountain to Sound Trail during construction from the south.
- The 23rd crossing could use some yellow flashers in the roadway for when the cars get a red light. I've had cars try to run it, presumably while not expecting a stop light "midblock".

General comments on parking and traffic during construction:

- Traffic jam during construction period will be a big concern to me.



Tell us about yourself! How do you plan to use East Link?

Do you live or work near a station?

Yes (5)



No (4)



How often do you anticipate using the station?

2-3 times a week (1)



2-5 times a week (3)



2-3 times a year (2)



Once every 2-3 weeks (1)



Do you intend to use light rail for daily commuting, special events, or both?

Daily commuting (0)



Special events (1)

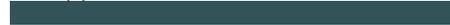


Both (8)



How do you plan on accessing the station? (Check all that apply)

Walk (6)



Drive (0)



Bus (5)



Bike (4)



Passenger drop off (1)



Next Steps

Construction planning is underway and Sound Transit will continue to engage the community early and often throughout construction. Sign up for our email listserv (listed below) to receive construction updates. The next formal opportunity to learn more will occur at the pre-construction meeting, anticipated for spring 2017.



Stay Involved

Visit the project website for the latest news:
soundtransit.org/eastlink

Request a briefing for your organization: Contact Sound Transit Community Outreach staff at
eastlink@soundtransit.org
or **206-398-LINK**

Subscribe to the construction notification listserv:
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Artwork at Rainier Avenue S



Platform Canopy Looking West

