



# *Tacoma Dome Link Extension*

*Elected Leadership Group Meeting #1 | 2.16.18*

# Agenda

- › *Community perspectives*
- › *Project background and details*
- › *Alternatives development*
- › *Community engagement*
- › *Stakeholder Group*

A woman with long dark hair is looking out a window, holding a tablet. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an evening or night setting. The window shows a blurred view of trees and a building. The text "Project background and details" is overlaid in white, bold, italicized font.

***Project background  
and details***

- Link Light Rail**
- Future service:**
  - Everett–Seattle–West Seattle
  - Redmond–Seattle–Mainer
  - Ballard–Seattle–Tacoma
  - Issaquah–Bellevue–South Kirkland
  - Tacoma Dome–Tacoma Community College
- In service:**
  - Univ. of Washington–Angle Lake
  - Tacoma Dome–Theater District
- Sounder Commuter Rail**
- Future service:**
  - DuPont–Lakewood
- In service:**
  - North Line (Everett–Seattle)
  - South Line (Lakewood–Seattle)
- Bus**
- Future service:**
  - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- In service:**
  - ST Express bus (service re-evaluated annually)
- New station or bus facility
- Added parking
- ⊕ Station improvements
- ⊕ Major transfer hub
- ⊕ Existing station or bus facility
- ⊕ Existing parking
- ⊕ Provisional light rail station



# System expansion

Sound Transit’s voter-approved system expansion means the opening of new light rail, bus rapid transit and commuter rail stations across the region every few years will provide fast, reliable alternatives to congested roads.

 [soundtransit.org/system](https://www.soundtransit.org/system)



# 2017

## Link light rail

- Regional: University of Washington, Capitol Hill, Downtown Seattle, Sea-Tac Airport, Angle Lake
- Tacoma Link: 1.6 miles

## Sounder commuter rail

- Everett to Seattle
- Lakewood/Tacoma to Seattle

## ST Express bus

- 28 regional bus routes



# 2021

## Link light rail

- Northgate Link Extension

## Sounder commuter rail

- Sumner and Puyallup stations parking





# 2022

## Tacoma Link light rail

- Tacoma Link Extension to Hilltop



# 2023

## Link light rail

- East Link Extension to Overlake Village

## Sounder commuter rail

- Kent and Auburn stations parking and access improvements





# 2024

## Link light rail

- Federal Way Link Extension
- Lynnwood Link Extension
- Downtown Redmond Link Extension

## Sounder commuter rail

- Sounder north parking and access improvements

## ST Express bus

- I-405 BRT - Lynnwood to Burien
- SR 522 BRT – Shoreline to Bothell
- North Sammamish Park-and-Ride



# 2030

## Link light rail

- Tacoma Dome Link Extension
- West Seattle Link Extension



# 2031

## Link light rail infill stations

- NE 130th St.
- South Graham St.
- South Boeing Access Rd.



# 2035

## Link light rail

- Ballard Link Extension



# 2036

## Link light rail

- Everett Link Extension

## Sounder commuter rail

- DuPont Sounder Extension
- Sounder south capacity and access improvements completed



# 2039

## Tacoma Link light rail

- Tacoma Link Extension to Tacoma Community College



# 2041

## Link light rail

- Issaquah Link Extension



A light rail train is stopped at a station platform. Several people are walking along the platform, and one person is boarding the train. The train has a white body with blue and green decorative graphics. In the background, there are buildings and a blue sign with a white train icon. The text is overlaid in white on a semi-transparent dark blue background.

***Developing the Tacoma  
Dome Link Extension  
representative project***

# Previous planning for high-capacity transit to Tacoma

CPSRTA  
Regional  
Transit Plan

1994

Sound Move  
1996

Long Range Plan  
Update  
2005

ST2  
2008

HCT Corridor  
Studies/Long Range  
Plan Update

2014

ST3  
System Plan  
2015–2016

ST3  
2016

# Long-Range Plan

- Regional Transit Long-Range Plan Update  
*December 2014*
- Vision for high-capacity transit in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties
- Identified as a potential light rail corridor



# System planning

## Federal Way to Tacoma

**SOUND TRANSIT 3**

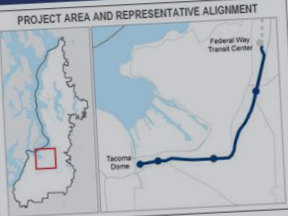
### Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma Dome Light Rail

Subarea	South King/Pierce
Primary Mode	Light Rail
Facility Type	Corridor
Length	9.7 miles
Date Last Modified	July 1, 2016

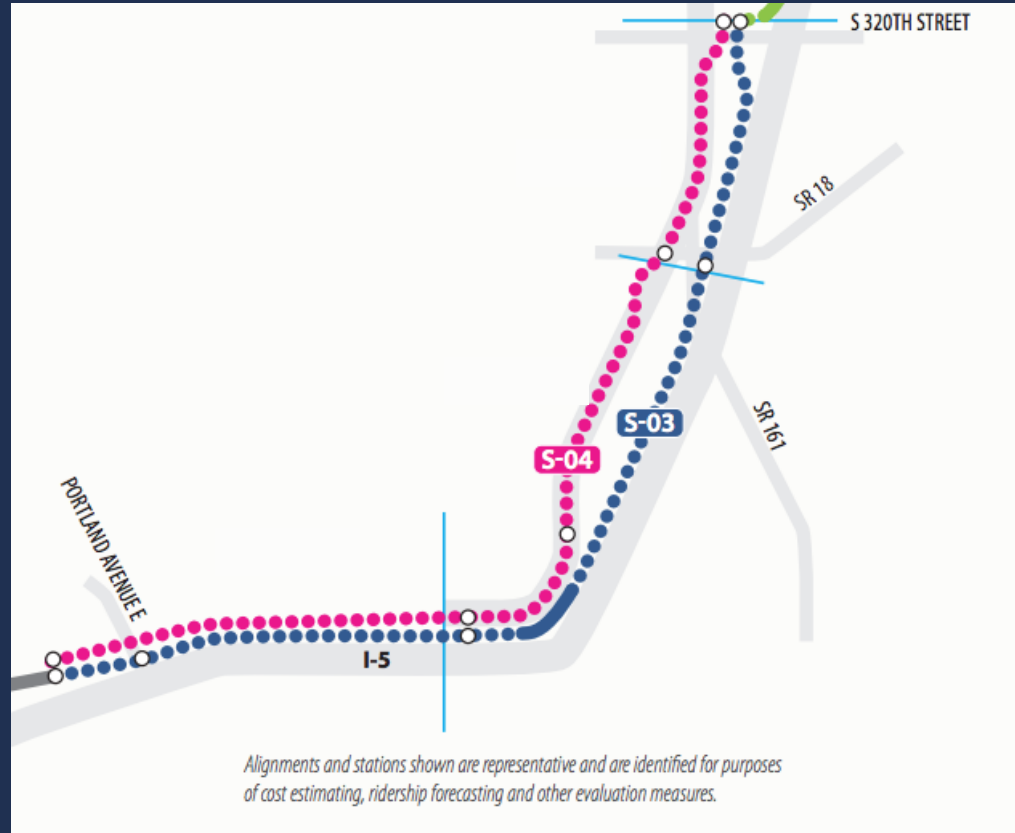
**SHORT PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project would extend light rail from the Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma adjacent to I-5 with three elevated stations at South Federal Way, File, and East Tacoma and one at-grade/retained station at Tacoma Dome.

Note: The elements included in this representative project will be refined during future phases of project development and are subject to change.

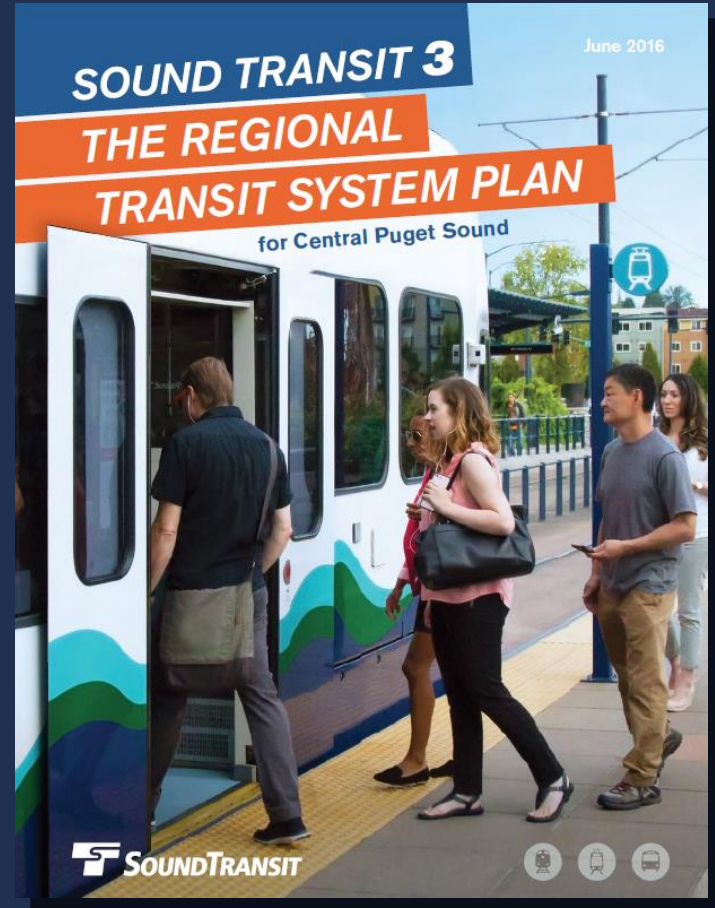


KEY ATTRIBUTES	
REGIONAL LIGHT RAIL SPINE	Yes
Does this project help complete the 2011 rail plan?	
CAPITAL COST	\$1,884 — \$2,026
Cost in Millions of 2014 \$	27,000 — 37,000
RIDERSHIP	2040 daily project riders
PROJECT ELEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 9.7 miles of light rail in a mixture of at-grade and elevated guideway</li> <li>• 3 elevated stations: South Federal Way, File, and East Tacoma (in the vicinity of Portland Avenue).</li> </ul>



# ST3 Plan

- Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Plan  
*June 2016*
- Voter approved and funded  
*November 2016*





# Federal Way to Tacoma

## Representative Project

- Included in ST3 plan
- Identifies mode, alignment on west side of I-5, station areas and Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) – South
- Informs cost, schedule, operating needs





## Tacoma Dome Link Extension

# Tacoma Dome Link Extension

### Federal Way Transit Center to Tacoma Dome

- **Length:** 9.7 miles
- **Stations:** 4 (2 parking garages)
- **Daily Project Riders:** 27,000-37,000 (2040)
- **Cost:** \$1.85 to \$2.03 billion (2014\$)

### Operations and Maintenance Facility – South along corridor

- **Cost:** \$501.33 to \$537.13 million (2014\$)





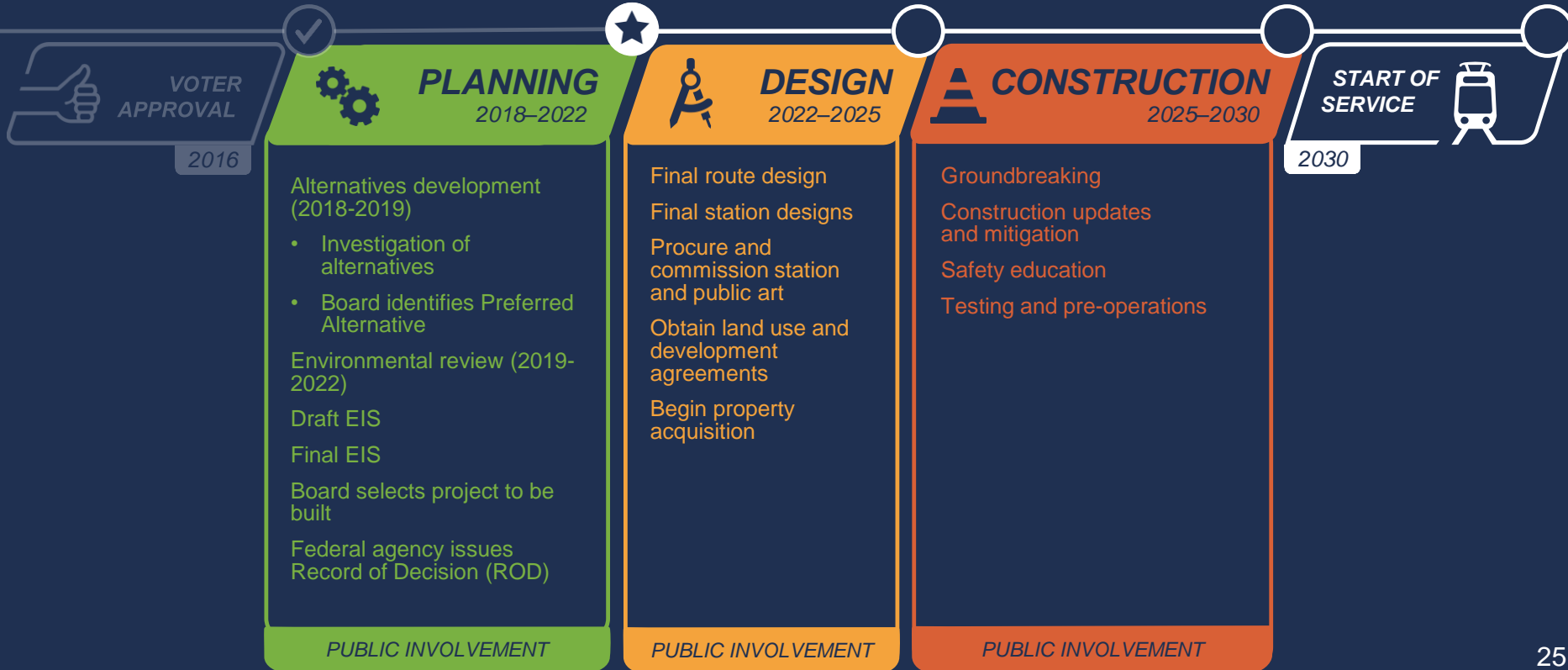
# *Alternatives development*

# *New approach to project development*

- Enhance commitment to partnership, community engagement, collaboration, transparency and accountability
- Apply innovative ideas and lessons learned to streamline project delivery



# TDLE project timeline



# Alternatives evaluation approach

**Goal:** Identification of Preferred Alternative to include project alignment, station locations and OMF–South and other alternatives to be studied in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

## Activities:

- Partnering Agreements
- Environmental considerations
- Advanced engineering
- Public outreach



# Partnering

- Separate agreements between Sound Transit and Federal Way, Milton, Fife and Tacoma (anticipated spring 2018)
- Discussing a potential agreement with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Agreements include commitments on:
  - Collaborative community engagement to build consensus
  - Shared environmental review documents
  - Streamlined permit review and processing
- Assign designated representatives from each agency to the project

# *Project guiding principles*

- Expand rapid, reliable and efficient regional transit service
- Increase transit capacity and connectivity
- More transit connections between regional growth centers.
- Solutions are technically feasible and fiscally sustainable to build, operate and maintain

# *Project guiding principles*

- Improve mobility and access
- Preserve and promote a healthy environment
- Deliver the project within approved timelines and budget
- Consider input from stakeholders, communities along the corridor, regional transit riders and the public
- Support future transit system expansion



A photograph of three men in a community engagement meeting. The man on the left is wearing a checkered shirt and glasses, looking towards the other two. The man in the middle is wearing a white t-shirt, a cap, and a shoulder bag, smiling. The man on the right is wearing a white shirt, glasses, and a blue backpack, gesturing with his hands while speaking. The background shows a room with posters and other people.

# *Community engagement*

# Community Engagement



Community Updates



Stakeholder Group



Station and Operations & Maintenance Facility Area Workshops



Interagency Group



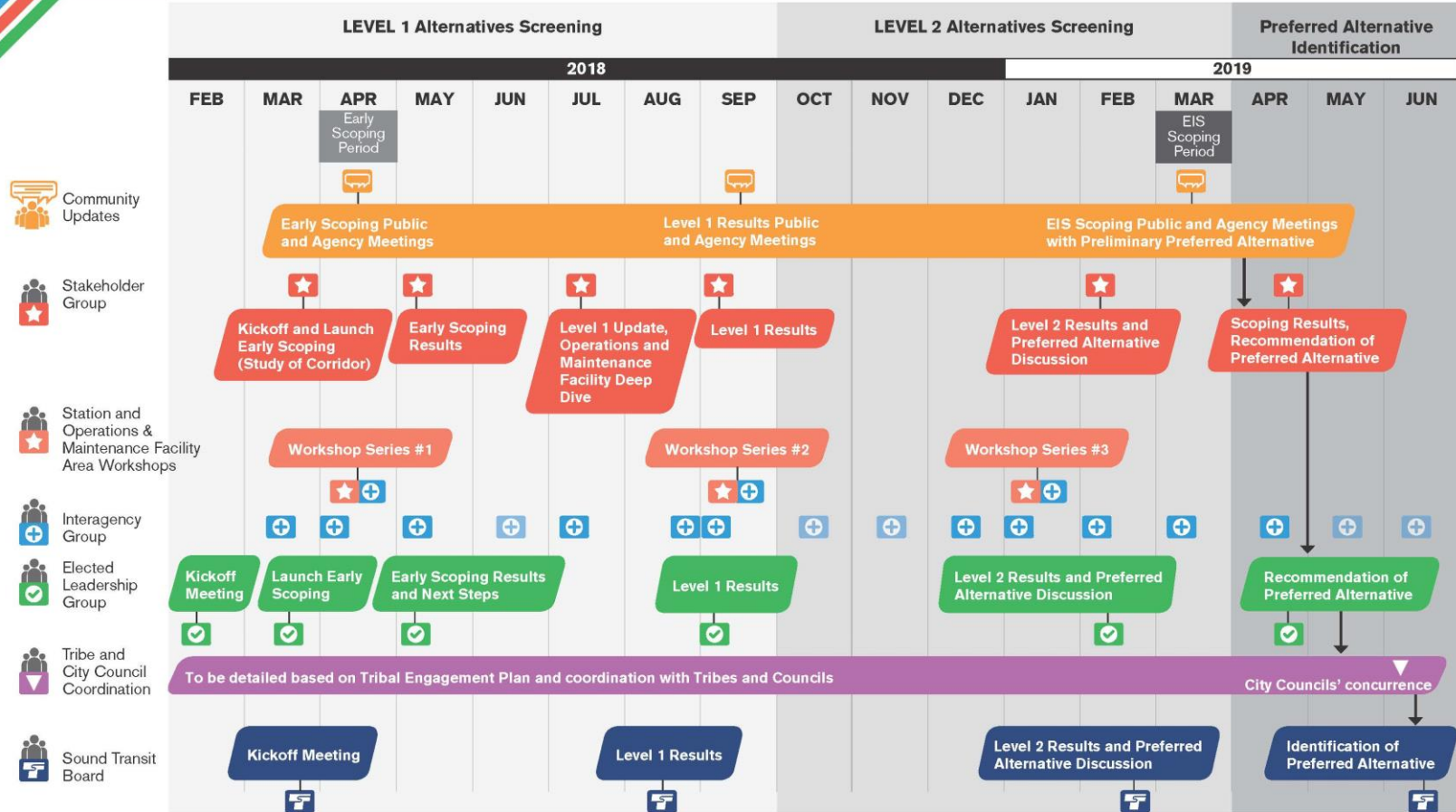
Elected Leadership Group



Tribe and City Council Coordination



Sound Transit Board



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# Public engagement

## Contact ST

- › Call the project line to speak with an outreach specialist
- › Send an email with questions, concerns or comments to [tdlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:tdlink@soundtransit.org)



## Get involved

- › Attend an open house
- › Participate in community/neighborhood briefings



## Go online

- › Visit the project website. [www.soundtransit.org/tdlink](http://www.soundtransit.org/tdlink)
- › Respond to online surveys
- › Subscribe to email updates
- › Follow on social media







# ***Elected Leadership Group (ELG) chartering***

# *Elected Leadership Group charge*

- Appoint Stakeholder Group members
- Consider Tacoma Dome Link Extension needs within the context of the entire regional transit system
- Work with project staff to understand and evaluate tradeoffs
- Represent communities you serve and share community priorities
- Recommend a preferred alternative for board consideration, including alignment, station locations, OMF – South location



# *ELG operating guidelines*

- Attend all ELG meetings
- Facilitator, co-chairs lead meetings
- Openly share observations and views
- Keep an open mind regarding others' opinions, ideas and viewpoints
- Listen to other members while they are speaking
- Strive for consensus and an affordable and executable recommendation to Sound Transit Board



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# *Stakeholder Group*



# Stakeholder Group charge

- Discuss key project decisions and work through project issues as needed
- Represent local concerns and perspectives
- Provide input at key milestones, including:
  - Identifying alternatives to study during environmental review.
  - Identifying a preferred alternative.
- Highlight specific issues and trade-offs in the corridor



✓ ***Present recommendations for consideration to Elected Leadership Group.***

# Stakeholder Group overview

- **Start:** March 2018: 8-9 meetings over 15 months
- **Size:** 20-25 community members
- **Membership goals:**
  - ✓ Reflect the diversity of the corridor
  - ✓ Balance neighborhood and community interests from communities along the project corridor
- **Process:** ELG appoints first slate of members today and second slate at second ELG meeting following open application period



# Stakeholder Group representation

Seek to represent the diversity of the corridor, including:

- Geographically balanced representation
- Socio-economic and cultural representation
- Residents
- Businesses
- Nearby property owners
- Transit riders
- Non-motorized access

**Call for applications via:** website announcements, social media posts, media release/earned media



# *Membership responsibilities*

- Understand public transportation and mobility.
- Understand one or more of the affected communities.
- Act as a community ambassador.
- Participate collaboratively with those with different views.
- Participate fully in the process.

# Next steps

## Stakeholder application process

- **Deadline:**  
3/6
- **Staff and ELG review:**  
3/7-15
- **Group confirmation by ELG:**  
3/16

## First Interagency group meeting

- 3/5 (first Mondays)

## First Stakeholder Group

- 3/28

## Next ELG meeting

- 3/16  
9-11 a.m., Fabulich Center, Fife



# Questions?

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