

WHO IS SOUND TRANSIT?

We plan, build and operate regional transit systems and services to improve mobility in urban areas of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.



Sounder commuter rail

Our Sounder trains travel between Lakewood and Seattle (making stops in South Tacoma, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila) and between Everett and Seattle (making stops in Mukilteo and Edmonds). Sounder regularly runs weekday mornings and afternoons with weekend service for major events.



Link light rail

Currently, Link light rail runs from Angle Lake and Sea-Tac Airport to and from downtown Seattle and as far north as the University of Washington. Construction is underway to extend service to Northgate in 2021 and to the eastside in 2023. Link light rail runs seven days a week with trains running every 6, 10 or 15 minutes depending on the time of day.



ST Express bus

ST Express bus routes serve urban centers in Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties. Our 28 routes provide fast service between major cities and job centers, and allow for easy transfers to train service and local buses. ST Express service is offered seven days a week for many routes.

Our Board

Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member Board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The Board establishes policies and gives direction and oversight.

Funding

The system plan is paid for with a combination of voter-approved local taxes, federal grants, farebox revenues, borrowed funds and interest revenues. By 2026, system operating costs will be paid for with local taxes, farebox revenues, interest earnings, private sources and federal operating assistance.

FUTURE SERVICE

Sound Transit System Expansion will:

- Build a 116-mile light rail network extending from Everett to Tacoma, and from Seattle neighborhoods to Redmond and Issaquah.
- Establish Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to the north, east and south of Lake Washington.
- Expand Sounder south line capacity and service, adding two new stations.
- Improve access and expand parking at stations.

Link Light Rail

Future service:

- Everett–Seattle–West Seattle
- Redmond–Seattle–Mariner
- 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
 P Added parking
 ⊕ Station improvements
 ∞ Major transfer hub
 ○ Existing station or bus facility
 P Existing parking
 ○ Provisional light rail station



WEST SEATTLE AND BALLARD LINK EXTENSIONS

The West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions are part of the regional ST3 package that voters approved funding for in November 2016.

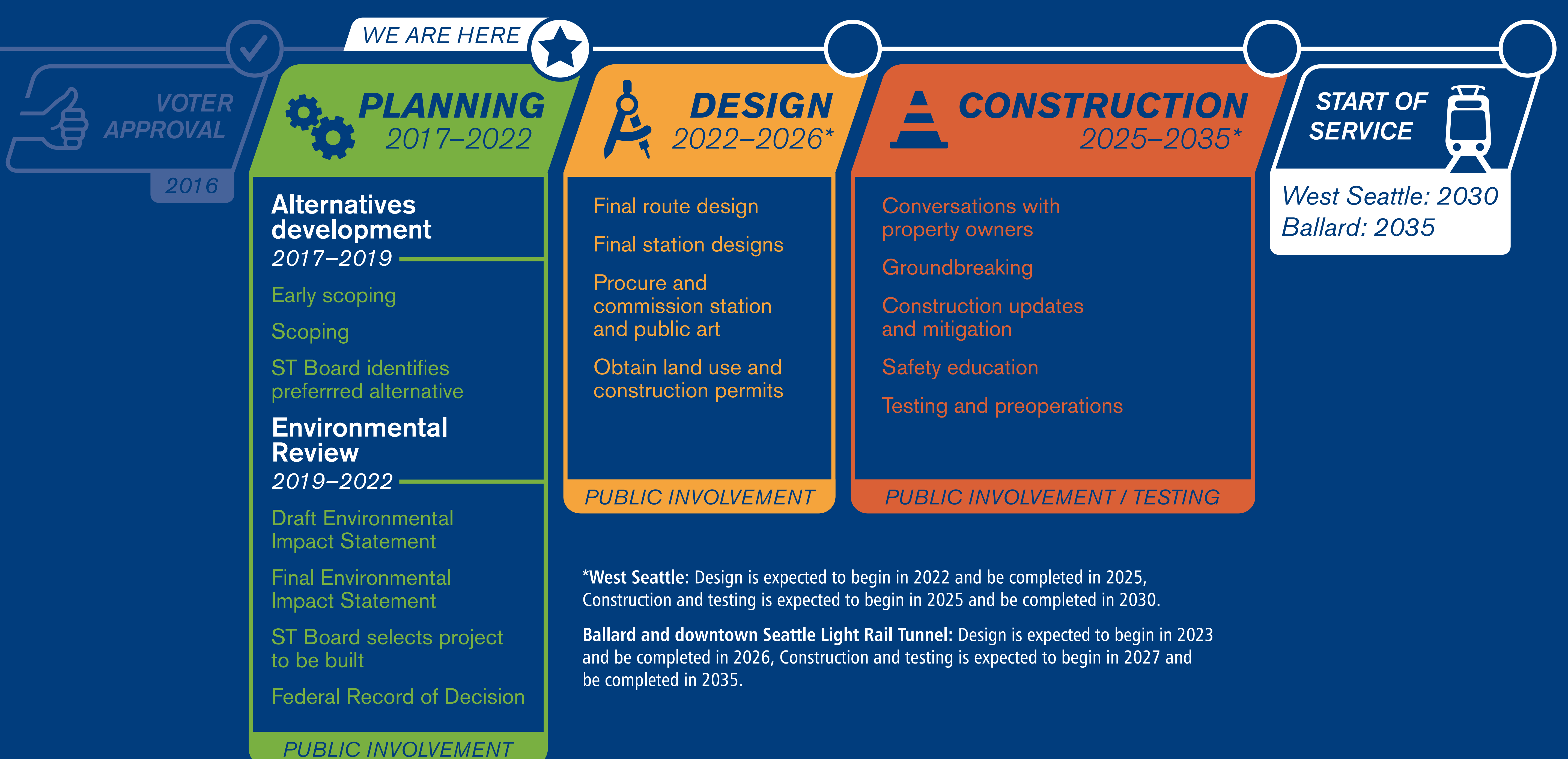


These separate extensions will provide:

- Fast, reliable light rail connections to residential and job centers between West Seattle and Ballard.
- A new downtown Seattle light rail tunnel.

These extensions reflect years of study and public engagement, and are very early in this phase of project planning.

Project schedule



We heard you ... “Build it quickly”

Public input provided during the development of ST3 brought to light the importance of getting light rail extensions in service as fast as possible. **To be efficient, we need your input** to help the Sound Transit Board identify a preferred alternative early so we can start construction sooner.

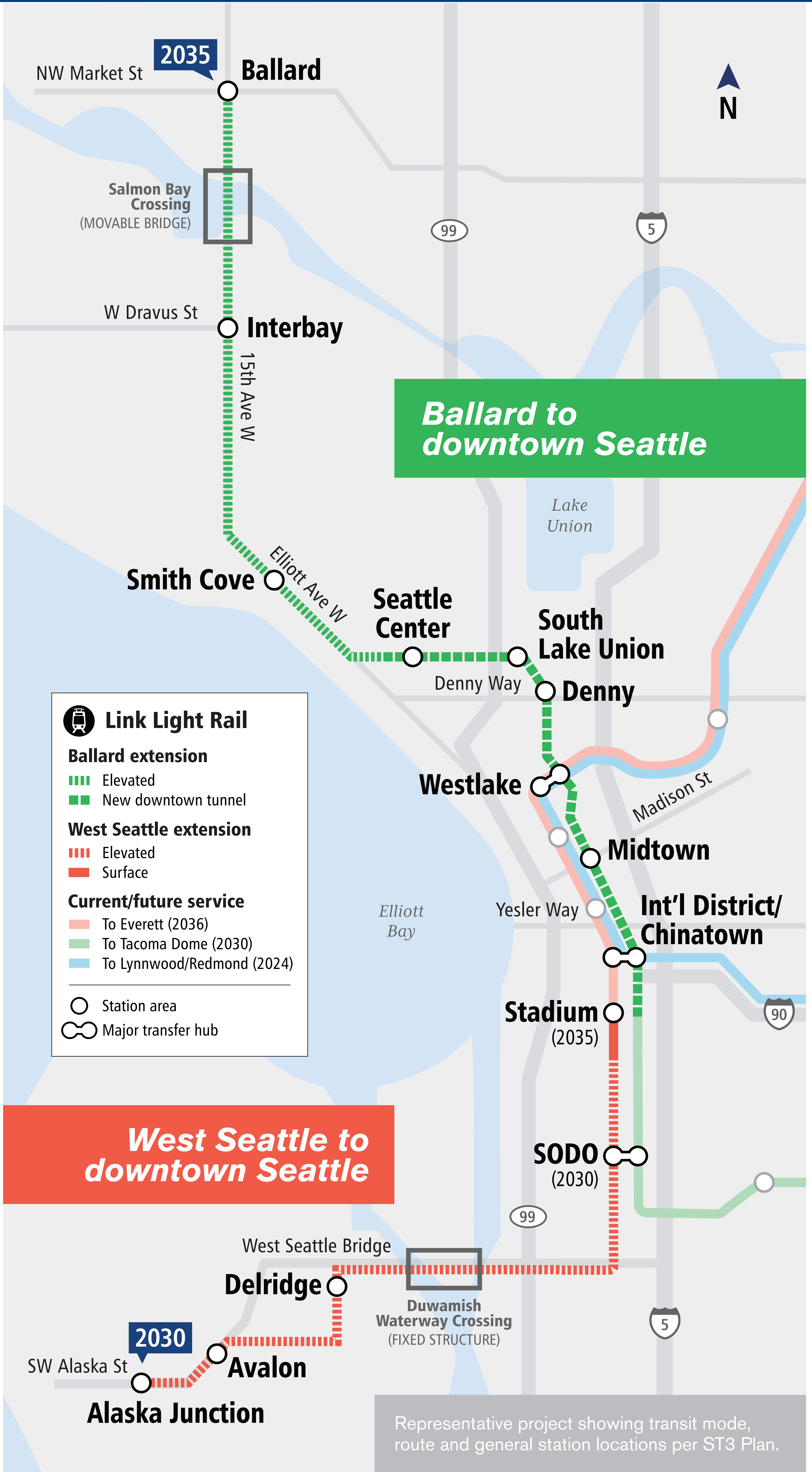


We want your help

Your input over the next 18 months will be important in helping the Sound Transit Board, after working with stakeholder groups and the community, determine what route alignments and station locations to study in the project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The final selection of the project to be built will be made by the Sound Transit Board after the Final EIS.

PROJECT MAP



Fast and frequent service to destinations

- › West Seattle to SODO in 10 minutes.
- › Ballard to Westlake in 15 minutes.
- › Trains run every 6 minutes from West Seattle to downtown Seattle, and downtown Seattle to Ballard as the system builds out (2040).

WEST SEATTLE EXTENSION

Benefits

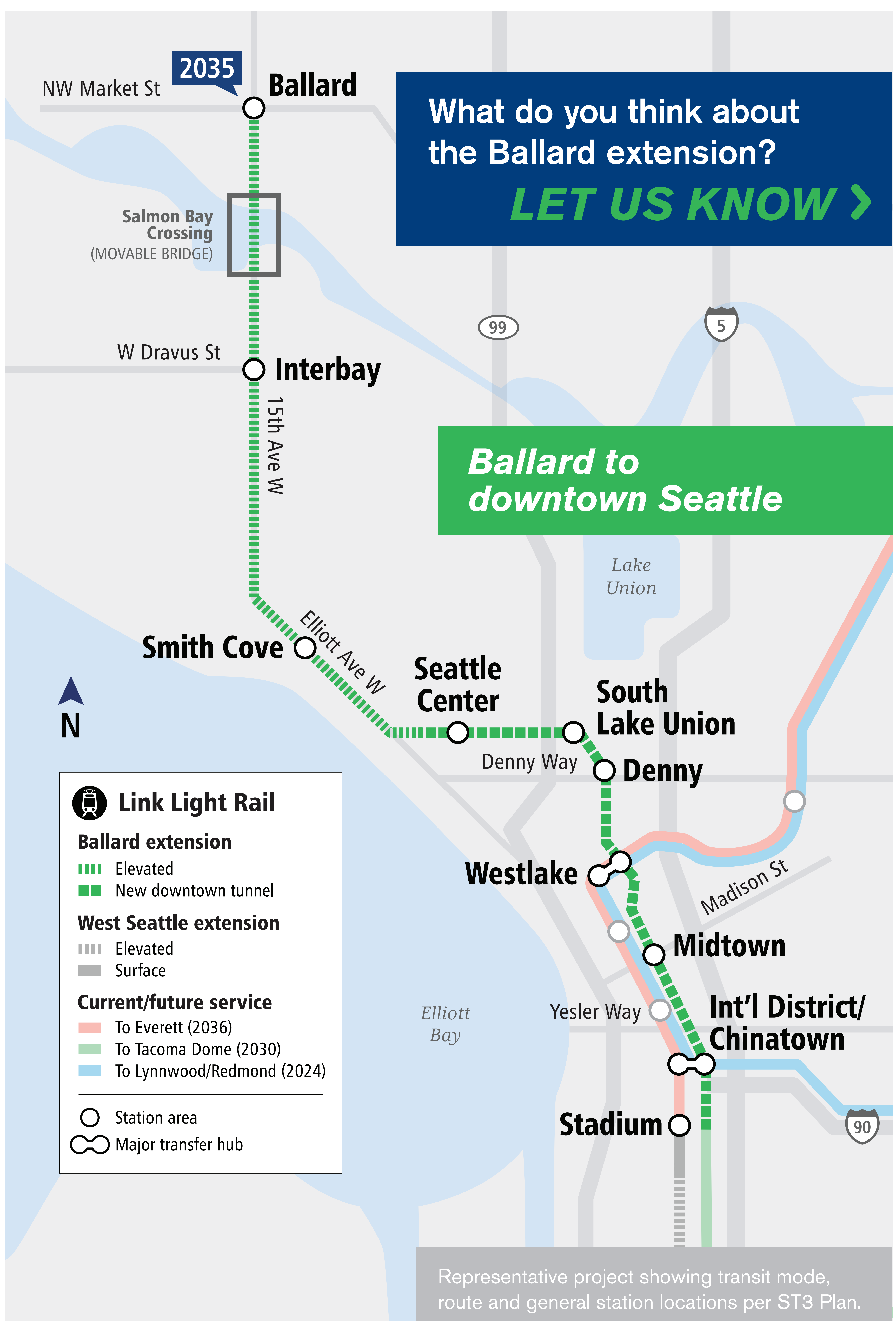
- 4.7 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to West Seattle's Alaska Junction neighborhood.
- 5 light rail stations (3 new and 2 expanded) between the Stadium area and Alaska Junction.
- Representative project runs primarily on an elevated guideway with a new rail-only fixed span crossing the Duwamish River.
- Open for service in 2030.



BALLARD EXTENSION

Benefits

- 7.1 miles of light rail service from downtown Seattle to Ballard's Market Street area, including a new downtown Seattle rail-only tunnel.
- 9 light rail stations (7 new and 2 expanded) between International District/Chinatown and Market Street.
- Representative project runs through tunneled and elevated sections with a rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay.
- Open for service in 2035.



EARLY SCOPING

What is early scoping?

Early scoping is work needed to prepare the project for the environmental review process. During this time, Sound Transit is seeking public and agency input on alignment and station location alternatives.



Share your thoughts on:

**Representative project
and potential alternatives**

***VISIT THE MAPS
ON TABLES*** >

**Purpose and need
of the project**

TAKE A FLYER >

**Potential project benefits
and impacts on your
community, the environment
and transportation**

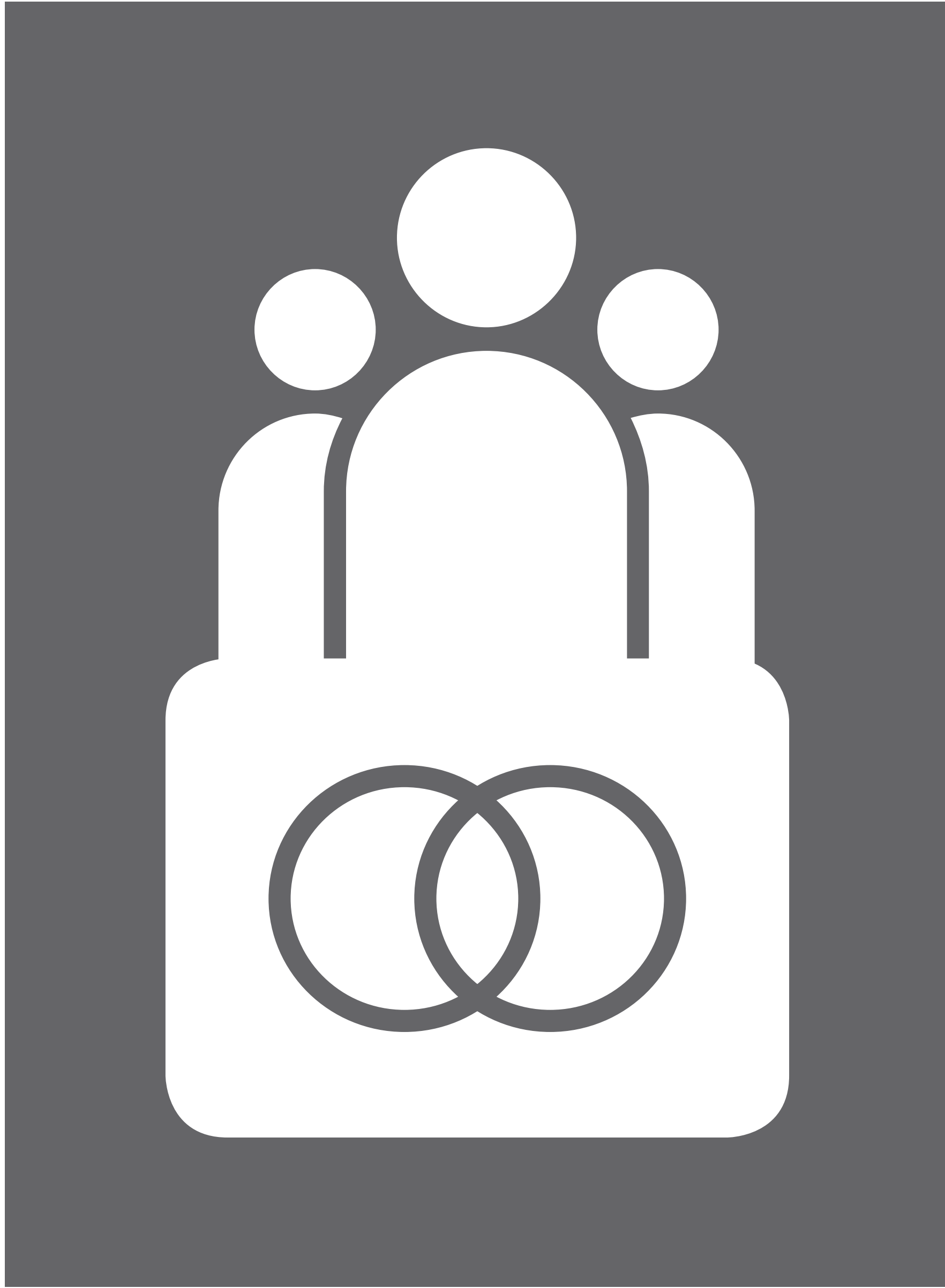
***CHECK OUT THE
EXTENSIONS BOARD*** >



**Early scoping
comments
will be accepted
through March 5**

Visit our Comment Station to submit your feedback. Comments received will be documented in the Early Scoping Summary Report.

PROJECT PARTNERS



To meet the challenge of delivering projects as quickly as possible, we've developed a System Expansion Implementation Plan that includes working with project partners, local jurisdictions, elected officials, community members and the public.

The following groups will help provide strategic input throughout project development:

Elected Leadership Group

- Elected officials who represent the project corridor.
- Appoint Stakeholder Advisory Group members.
- Represent the communities they serve and share community priorities.
- Make recommendation on a preferred alternative.

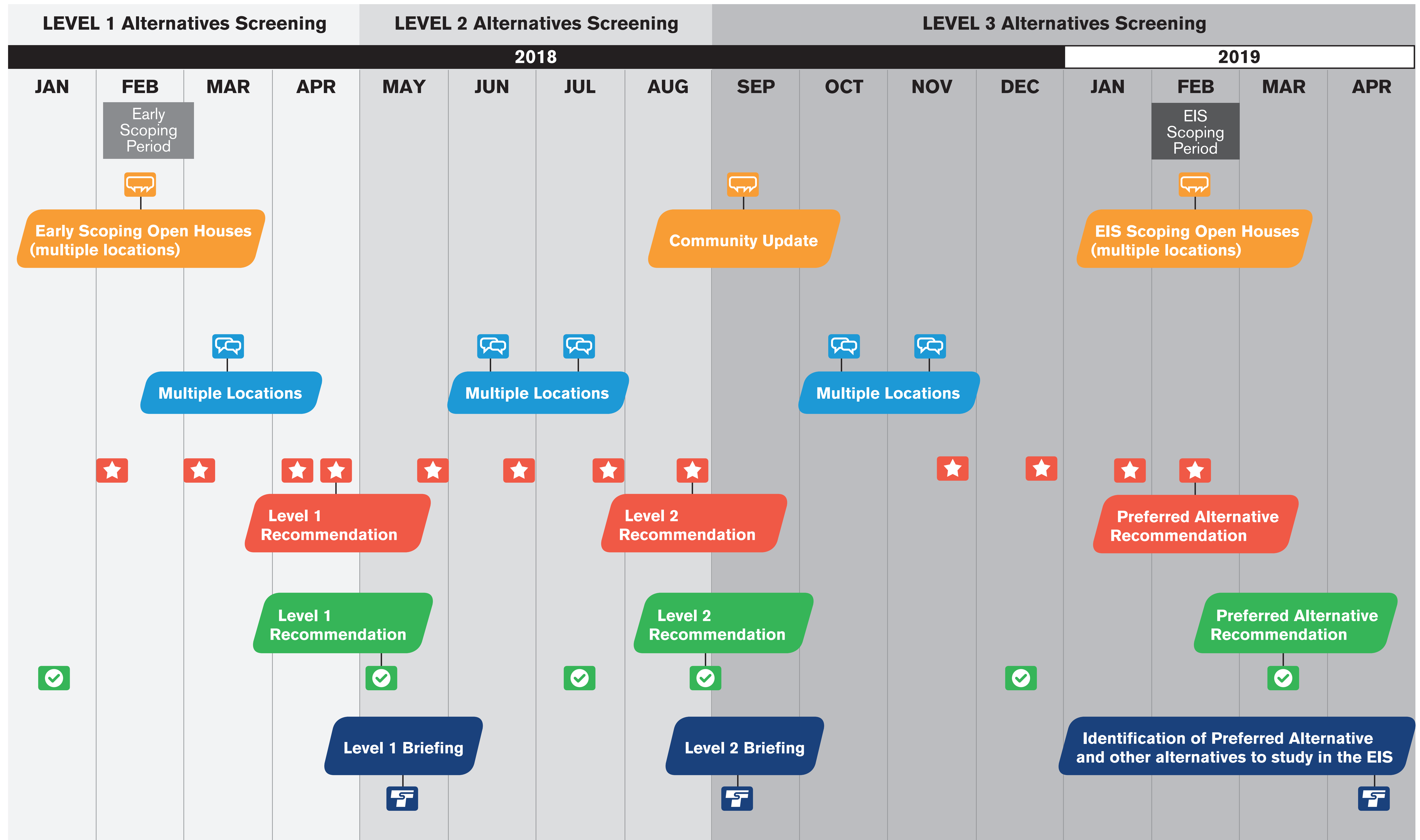
Stakeholder Advisory Group

- Selected community members representing neighborhoods along the extensions.
- Highlight issues and consider trade-offs.
- Make recommendation on a preferred alternative.

Sound Transit Board

- Oversees the implementation and delivery of the project.
- Considers recommendations and feedback from stakeholder groups and the public.
- Provides final voting authority on preferred alternative and other major decisions.

PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



Meeting dates subject to change.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

CONTACT US



Call the project line to speak with an Outreach Specialist
206-903-7229



Email us with questions, concerns or comments
wsblink@soundtransit.org

GO ONLINE



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GET INVOLVED



Neighborhood Forums

Join your community and roll up your sleeves to participate in planning workshops; dive into the details about how this project can fulfill your community vision.



Open Houses

Come back to the next open house to learn about how the community's input has helped shape the project. Provide your feedback and comment on current plans.

NEXT STEPS

Thank you

Thank you for attending our early scoping open house. Your feedback will play an important part in developing and refining project alternatives.



What we'll do with your feedback:

- Document input in the Early Scoping Summary Report.
- Share input with the Stakeholder Advisory Group, Elected Leadership Group and the Sound Transit Board.
- Discuss project in greater detail at upcoming neighborhood forums.
- Bring back alternatives to review later this year.



Stay engaged



Sign up to receive project emails
soundtransit.org/wsblink



Participate in neighborhood forums



Visit future open houses



Send us your thoughts

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COMMENT HERE



Share your early scoping comments



Fill out: comment card



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Helpful comment-writing tips:

- Provide input on the ST3 representative project and potential alternatives.
- Comment on the purpose and need of the project.
- Help identify and provide feedback on potential project benefits and impacts on your community, the environment and transportation.

Your feedback is vital in developing and narrowing project alternatives.