



West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Early Scoping Open Houses | February 2018

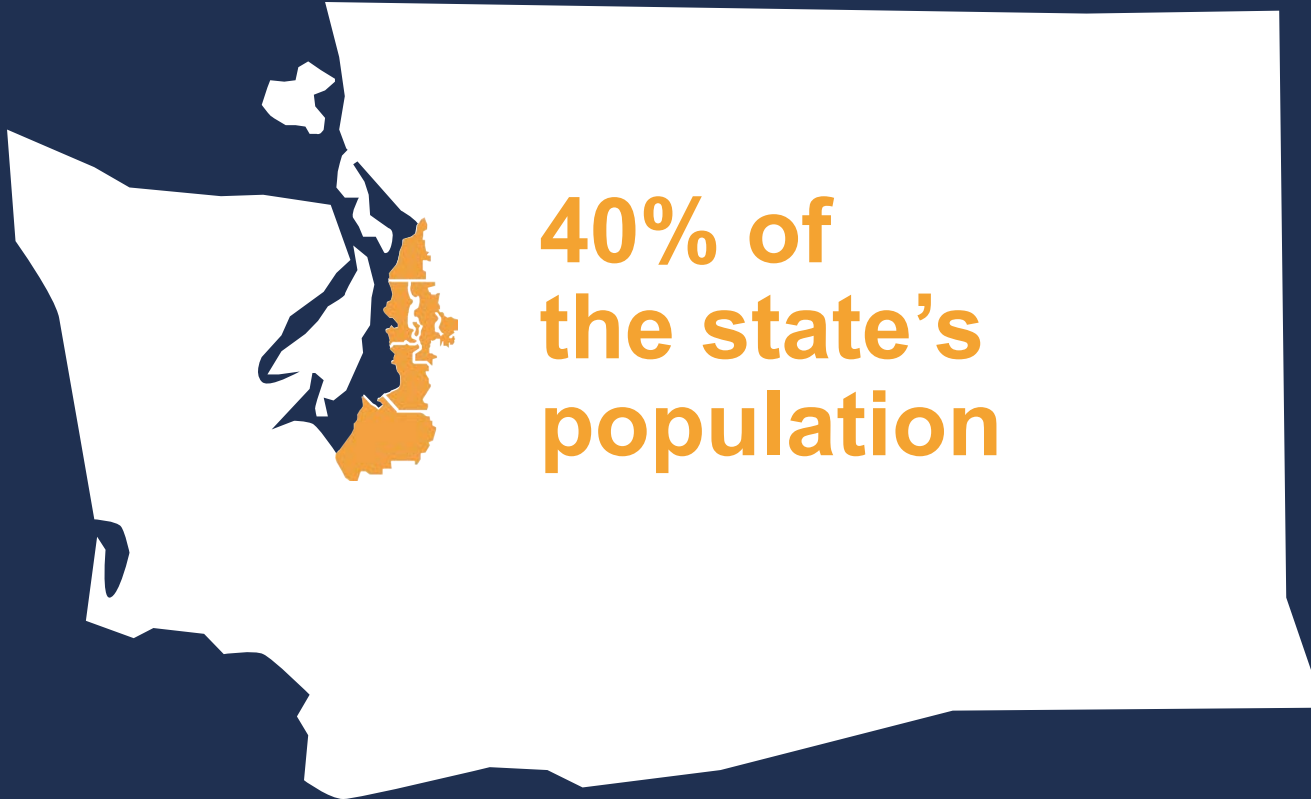
Welcome and agenda

- *Meet the project team*
- *Presentation*
- *Open house format*
- *Submit your comments*
- *Next steps and exit survey*

A woman with long dark hair is sitting by a train window, looking out at a blurred landscape. She is holding a smartphone in her hands. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the window. The text "System expansion" is overlaid in the center.

System expansion

Sound Transit district



Sound Transit
District



Sound Transit district

- 3 counties: King, Pierce, Snohomish
- More than 3 million residents
- 51 cities
- 800,000 more people by 2040

Meeting growing demand

Source: Sound Transit ridership reports, service implementation plan and financial plan.

Ridership (millions)

18.8 M

42 M

200 M

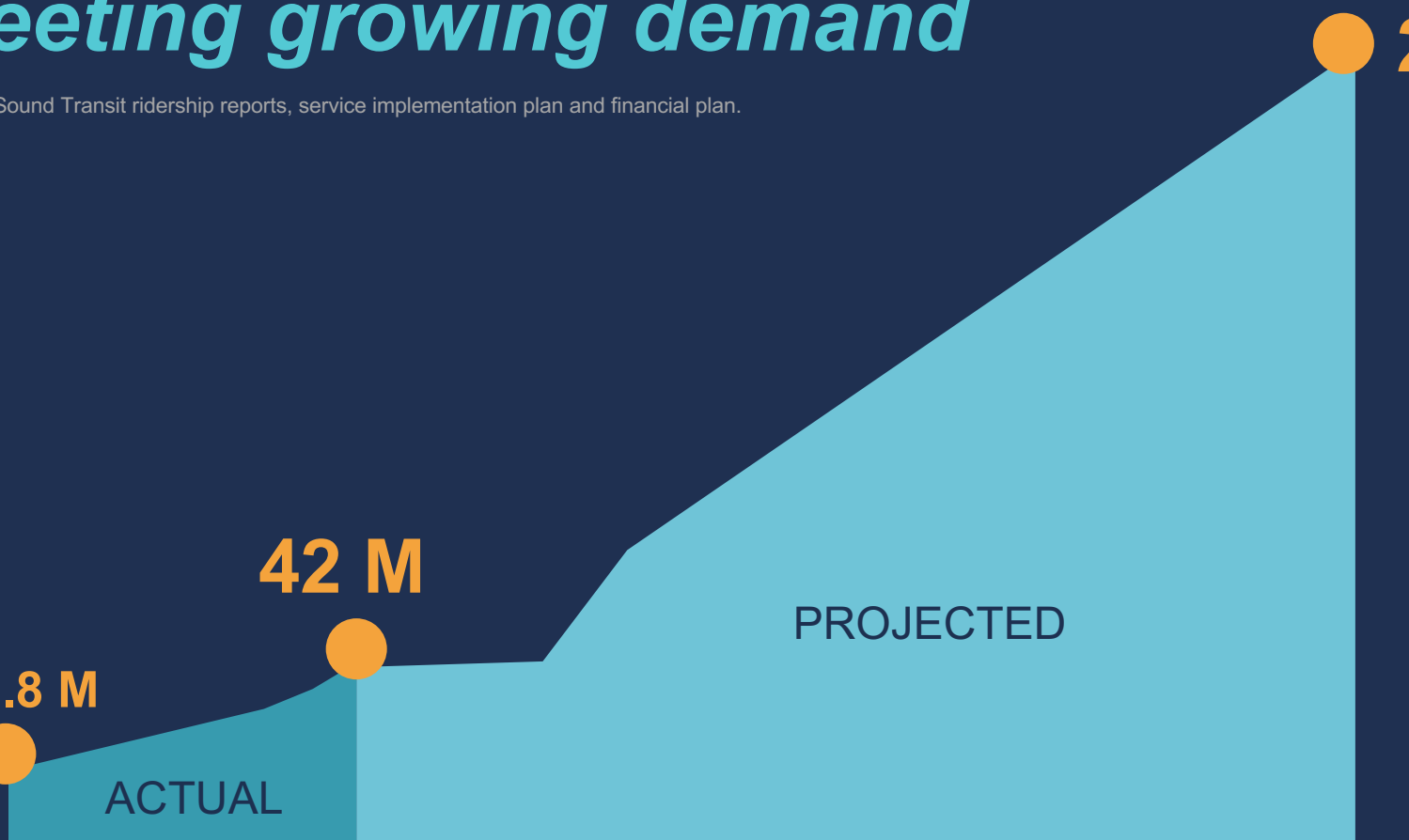
ACTUAL

PROJECTED

2009

2016

2040





System expansion

Sound Transit's system expansion means every few years new light rail, bus rapid transit and commuter rail stations open throughout the region, providing fast, reliable alternatives to congested roads.



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Regional light rail expansion

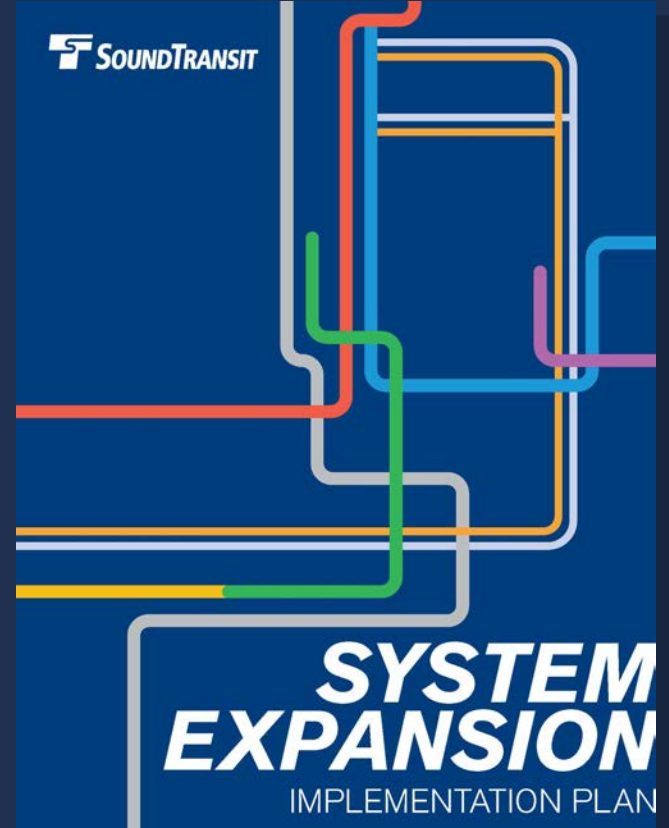
By 2040: 116+ miles | 80+ stations | 16 cities connected

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***New approach to
project 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

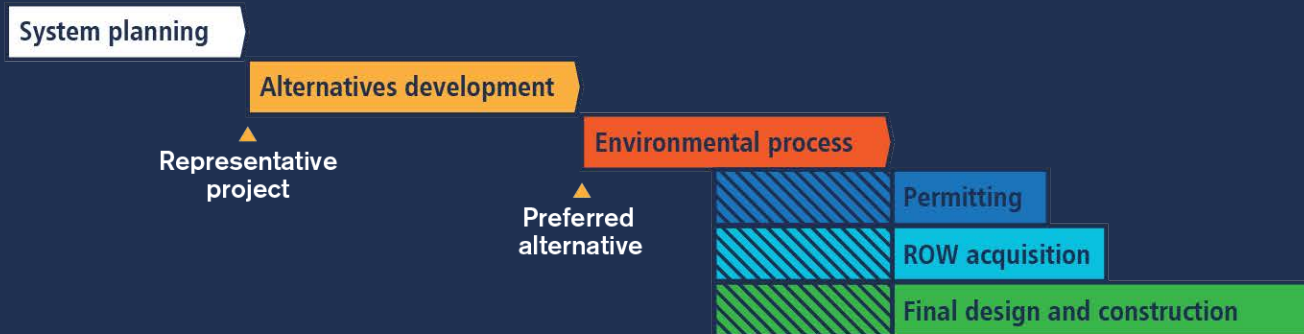


New approach to project development

ST2 process



ST3 process





West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions



Representative project

- Identifies mode, corridor, station areas
- Informs cost, schedule, operating needs

West Seattle Link Extension

- Opening 2030
- Four elevated stations at SODO, Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction; one at-grade station at Stadium
- New rail-only fixed span crossing of the Duwamish River
- Length: 4.7 miles

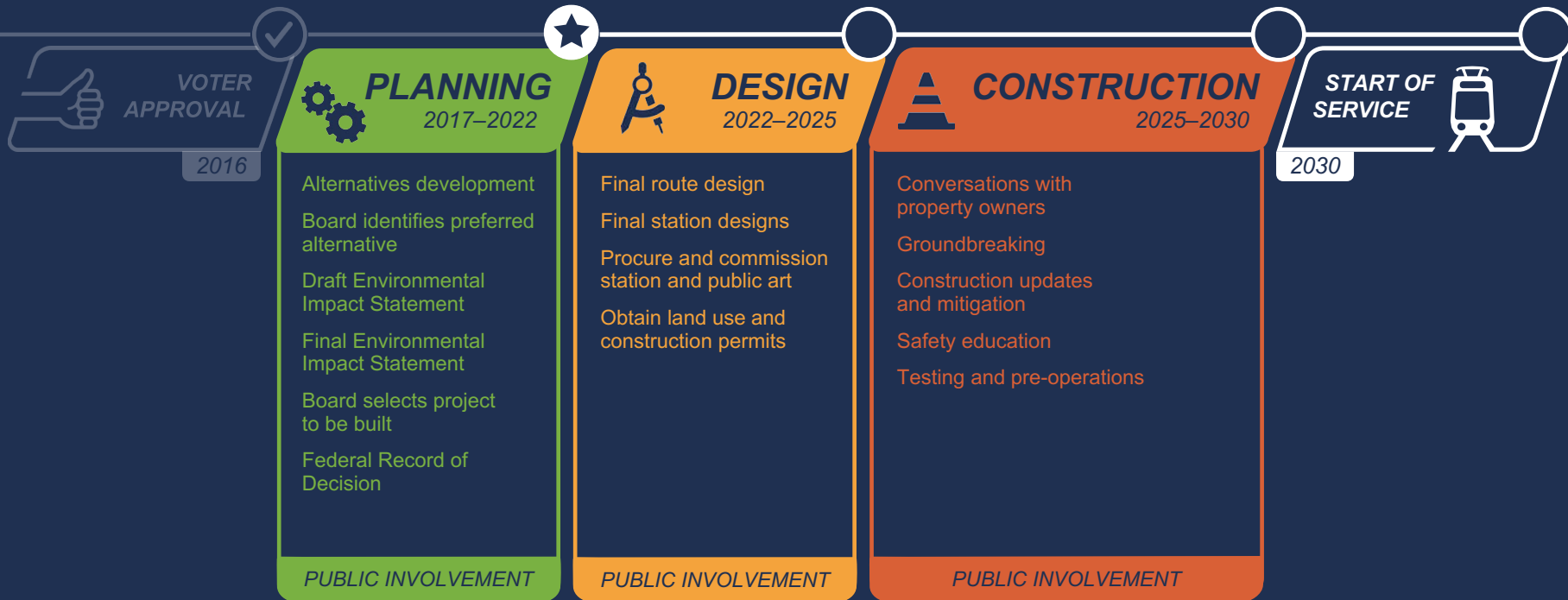




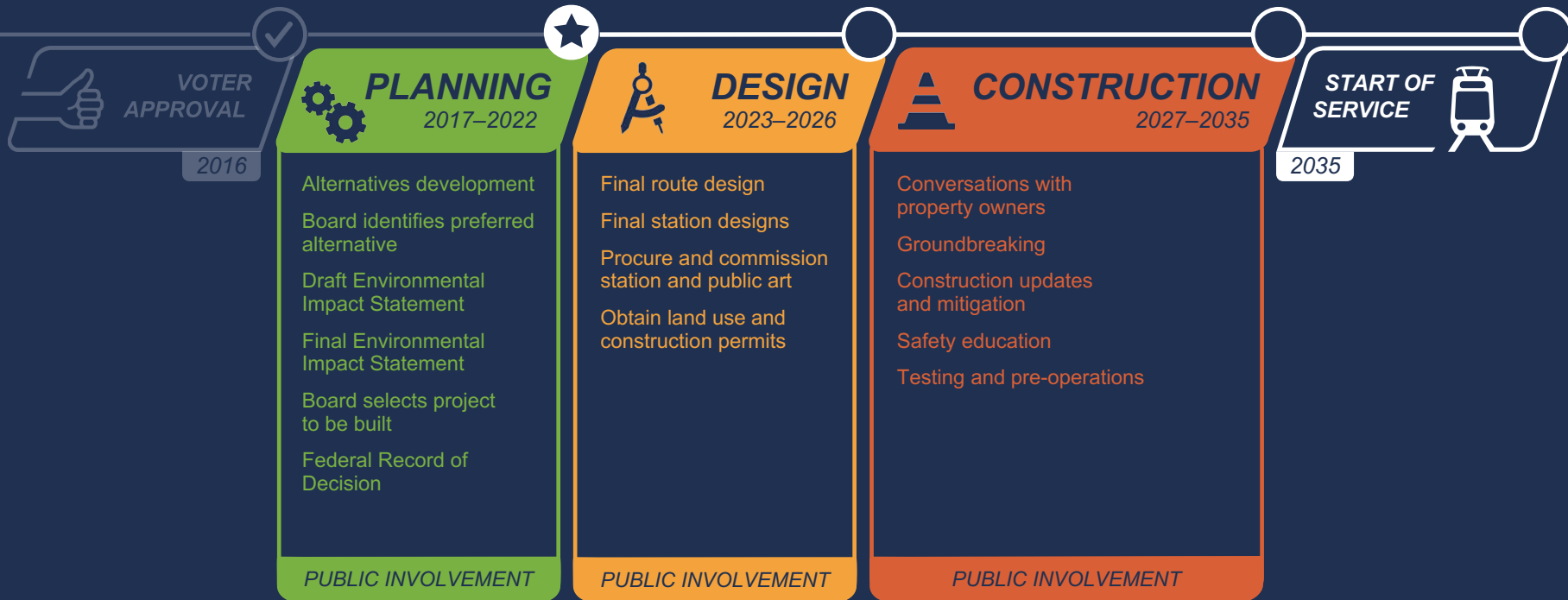
Ballard Link Extension

- Opening 2035
- Three elevated stations: Ballard, Interbay, Smith Cove
- Six tunnel stations: Seattle Center, South Lake Union, Denny, Westlake, Midtown, International District/Chinatown
- New rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay
- Length: 7.1 miles

West Seattle project timeline



Ballard project timeline



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Alternatives development process

VOTER
APPROVAL

2016



PLANNING



DESIGN

2017–2019

Alternatives
development

Board identifies
preferred alternative

2019–2022

Draft Environmental
Impact Statement

Final Environmental
Impact Statement

Board selects project
to be built

Federal Record of
Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Community engagement and collaboration



Meeting dates subject to change.



Community Updates



Neighborhood Forums



Stakeholder Advisory Group

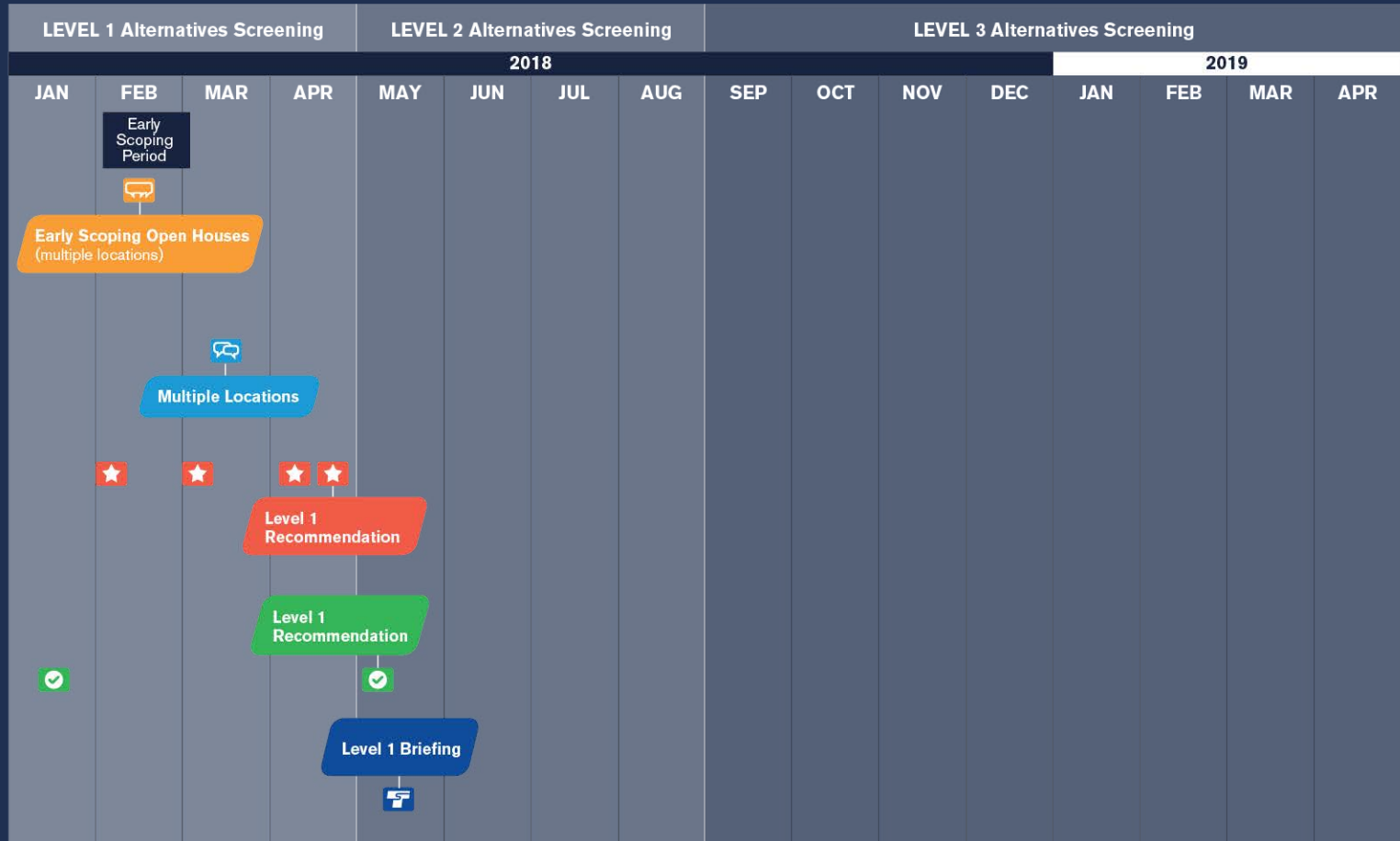


Elected Leadership Group



Sound Transit Board

Community engagement and collaboration



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Community involvement

Get involved!

Open Houses

Early Scoping

- **West Seattle:**
2/13, Alki Masonic Center
- **Ballard:**
2/15, Leif Erikson Lodge
- **Downtown:**
2/20, Union Station
- **Online:**
2/12 – 3/5

Elected Leadership and Stakeholder Advisory Groups

Open to Everyone

- Upcoming meetings
- More information online

Neighborhood Forums

Coming soon

- Early Q2
- ~3 hours
- All are welcome
- Deeper dive into more specific areas of study



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Early Scoping: Feb. 2 – March 5

Share your thoughts on:

- 1) The representative project and potential alternatives
- 2) The purpose and need of the project
- 3) Potential project benefits and impacts on your community, the environment and transportation

How to submit feedback



In person: Fill out a comment card today



Online: wsblink.participate.online



Email: wsblink@soundtransit.org



By mail: West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions
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Comment-writing tips

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



Submit your comments by March 5!

How to stay engaged

Contact ST

- › Call the project line to speak with an Outreach Specialist
- › Send an email with questions, concerns or comments



Get involved

- › Attend an open house
- › Participate in a neighborhood forum



Go online

- › Visit the project website
- › Respond to online surveys
- › Subscribe to email updates
- › Follow on social media





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