

# *Tacoma Dome Link Extension Update*

*Motion No. M2023-19*

*Board of Directors*

*3/23/23*



# ***Why We're Here Today***

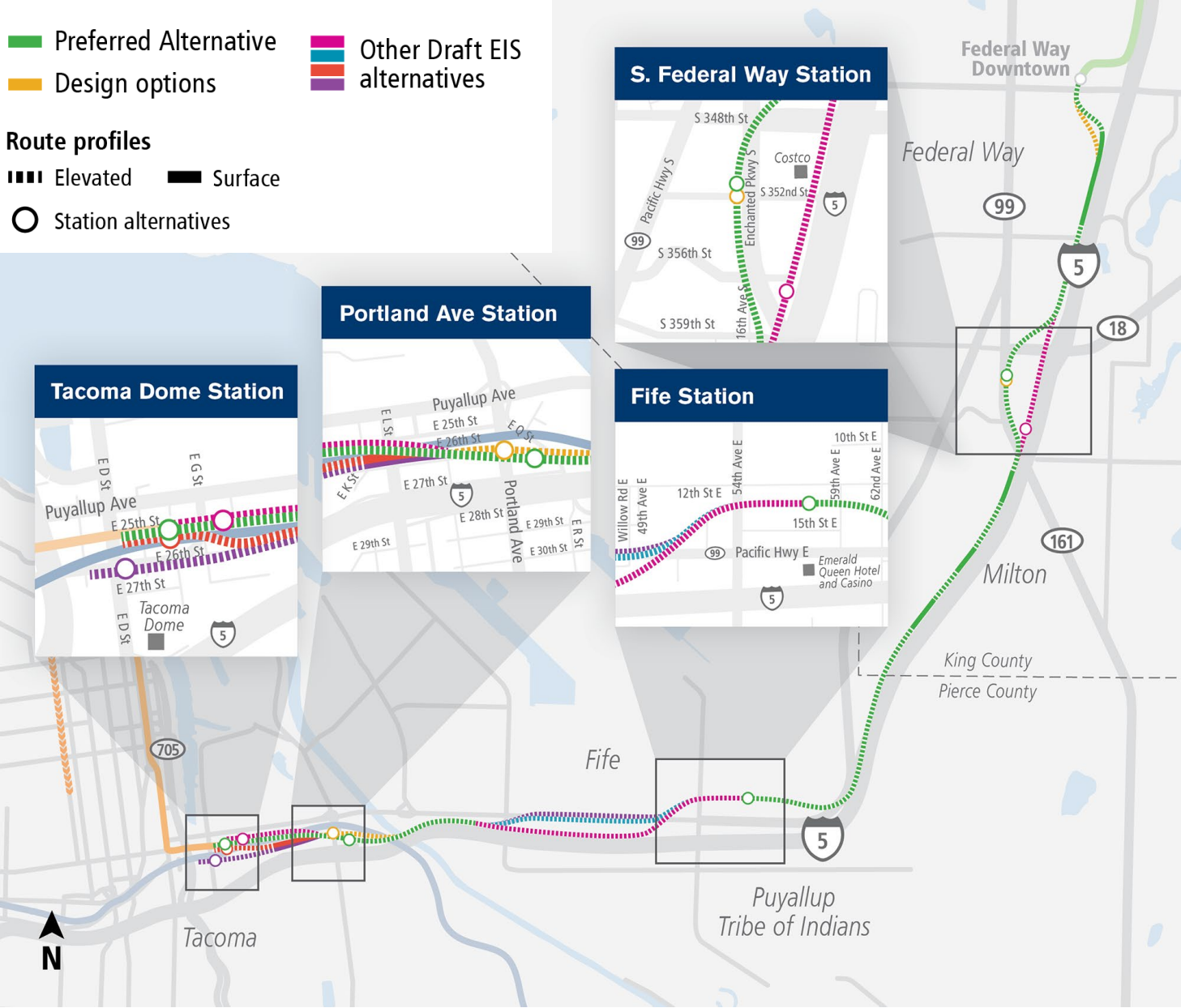
- Discuss SEC recommendation to modify the alternatives previously identified by the Board in Motion No. 2019-75 and 2019-77 by introducing additional alternatives for evaluation in the Draft EIS for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension (M2023-19)
- Update on community engagement
- Discuss schedule & cost implications

# Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)

- 10 miles
- 4 stations
- 1 river crossing
- Currently in DEIS phase

█ Preferred Alternative     █ Other Draft EIS alternatives  
█ Design options     █ █ █

**Route profiles**  
 Elevated      Surface  
 Station alternatives



# TDLE Project Performance Tracker Status



## **Cost Risks**

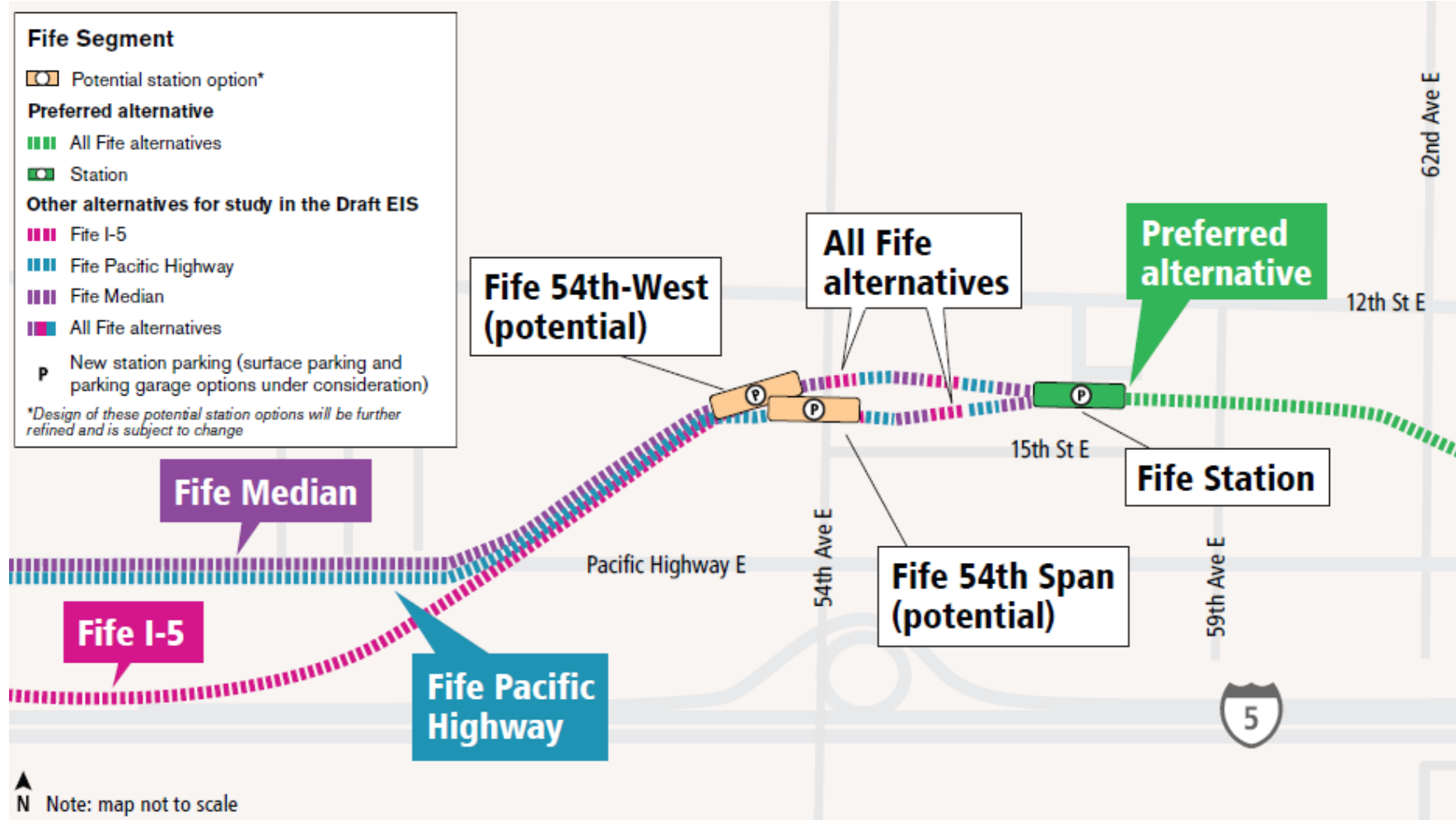
- **Design changes or unanticipated mitigation associated with cultural and/or natural resources**
- Challenges associated with crossing of Puyallup River
- Unknown third-party requests/ requirements
- Environmental mitigation costs could increase
- Higher real estate and construction costs

## **Schedule Risks**

- **Identification of new station options in Fife outside floodplain and additional alignment in South Federal Way**
- Cultural resources requiring additional investigation, design, coordination and potentially mitigation prior to construction
- Permitting challenges with permitting authorities
- Puyallup River crossing design and construction constraints

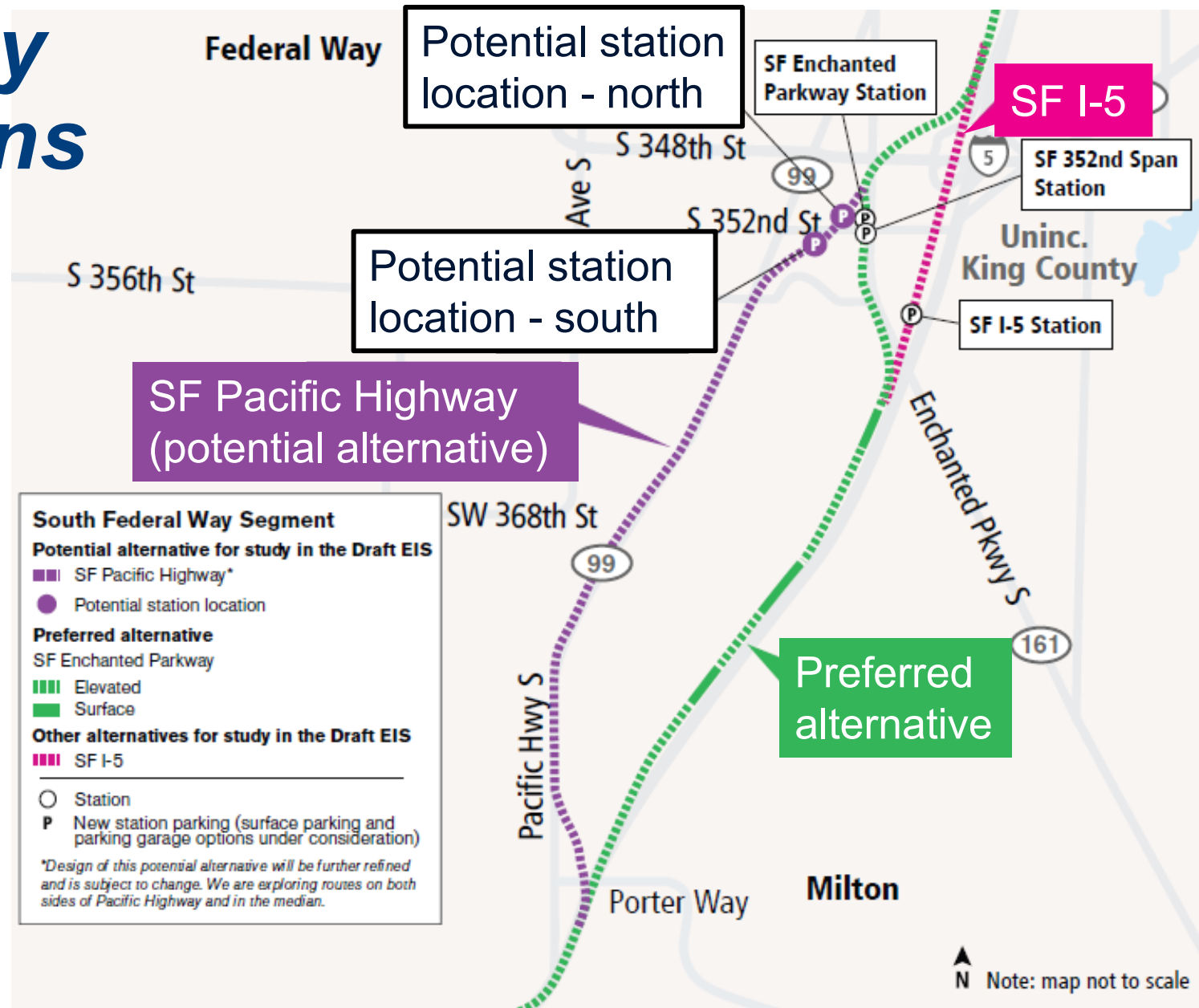
# Fife Proposed Additions

- Two proposed additional stations:
  - Fife 54th-West
  - Fife 54th Span
- Intended to meet federal environmental regulations related to floodplains
- Current PA remains in Draft EIS



# South Federal Way Proposed Additions

- Alignment from South Federal Way to Milton along Pacific Highway/SR 99 with two station options
- Seeks to avoid known cultural resources along I-5
- I-5 alignment south of station area would advance as additional alternative in the Draft EIS, no longer as the preferred alternative.



# Community Engagement Overview

 85+ comments and questions

 110+ attendees at 3 drop-in sessions

 12,900+ mailers

 60+ property owner calls

 5,200+ email subscribers

 2,150+ website visitors

# Key Comment Themes: Fife Station Area

## Comments about traffic, impacts

- Concerns that existing traffic congestion in the area could be made worse by station
- Questions about residential, business & community resource impacts from station and parking

## Support for the 54th station options

- 54th-West: Fewer traffic impacts
- 54th Span: Pedestrian access to both sides of street
- Preference for existing Preferred Alternative station location



*March 15 drop-in session at the Poodle Dog in Fife*



# Key Comment Themes: South Federal Way Alignment & Station(s)

## *Concerns about proposed Pacific Highway Alt*

- Residential and commercial property impacts and displacements, including petition
- Environmental impacts to trees and Hylebos Wetlands

## *Support for proposed Pacific Highway Alt*

- Potential to promote higher walkability and redevelopment in this corridor

## *No clear alternative station preference*

- General concerns about increased traffic and congestion in the future station area



*March 14 drop-in session at the Federal Way Community Center*

# Key Comment Themes

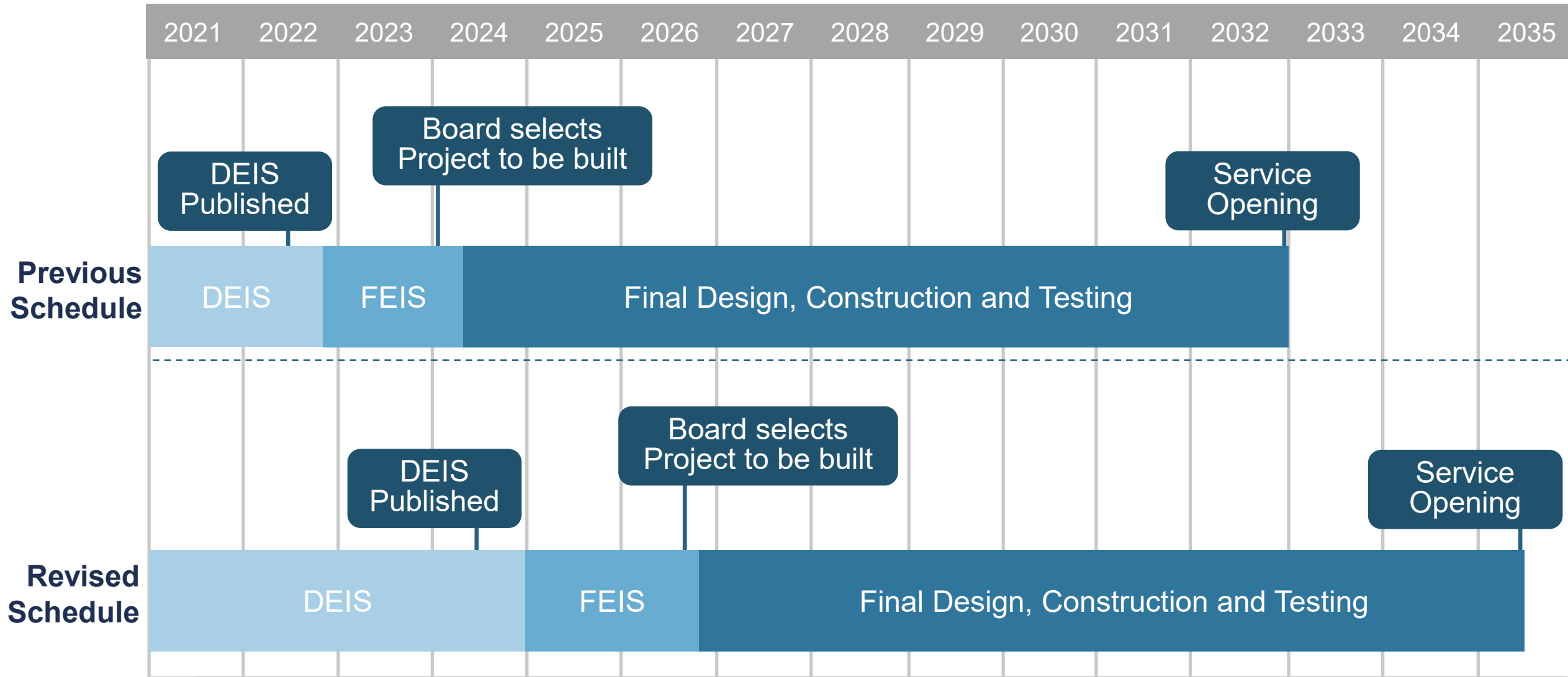
## *Businesses*

- General understanding of the rationale to study additional station and alignment alternatives.
- Questions/ concerns regarding the impact to the project schedule
- Interest to learn more and speak to project staff.
- Questions regarding the design of potential station options and route.

## *Elected Officials*

- Concerns about schedule delay.
- Understanding of need for additional alternatives.
- Desire to prioritize minimizing business/retail impacts.
- Positive interest in new South Federal Way stations.

# TDLE Project schedule update\*



# *Fiscal Impact*

- If this motion is approved, the revenue service date of the project will be updated to 2035. The fiscal impact of this is:
  - Increase in capital cost of \$400M (YOES) due to inflation from delay
  - Decrease in O&M cost of \$100M (YOES)
  - Delayed financing costs
- The cost of the additional alternative is anticipated to be greater than the current estimate for the I-5 alternative in the Financial Plan.
- **Anticipated cost increase is unaccounted for in the Financial Plan.**
- Staff will return to the Board by end of the year with information on the cost impact to the Financial Plan.

# ***Today's Action – M2023-19***

- Modifies the alternatives previously identified by the Board in Motion No. 2019-75 and 2019-77 by introducing additional alternatives for evaluation in the Draft EIS for the Tacoma Dome Link Extension.
- Identifies two additional station options in Fife and one additional alignment alternative in South Federal Way along Pacific Highway/ SR 99 for study in the Draft EIS.
- Removes the preferred alternative designation in the South Federal Way segment from the station area south to Fife.
- Identification of these additions to the Draft EIS would result in publication of the Draft EIS in mid-2024. This delay would have a corresponding impact on the revenue service date to 2035.

*Thank you.*



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