

# *West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions: CID Engagement Update*

*System Expansion Committee*

*10/13/22*



# *Why we're here today*

- Update on Chinatown International District (CID) station engagement
- No action today

# ***Motion No. M2022-57***

Confirms or modifies the preferred light rail route and station locations for the West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Final Environmental Impact Statement and requesting **further studies in some areas** to inform potential additional future Board action to confirm or modify the Preferred Alternative.

# ***Ballard Link Extension: Further studies – CID***

Further study and **engagement** between community and agency partners focused on the shallow CID options to:

- Seek to address remaining questions, minimize potential impacts and maximize community benefits
- Explore how to create an integrated, well-connected hub for all modes, opportunities to enhance ridership and access, activate or modify use of Union Station and plaza, as well as funding and cost savings opportunities
- The study should include **concepts requested by community and agency partners**, including ***but not limited to*** work to define a 4th Avenue shallow tunnel option with a goal to maximize benefits while minimizing costs and impacts

# *Next steps with Sound Transit Board*

- October 2022: CID station engagement update
- November 2022: Status update on areas of further study
- February 2023: Status report on areas of further study


# Potential CID Engagement Process



**Process informed by CID Engagement Toolkit and discussions with community**




**Key Questions**

- What hasn't worked with previous engagement?
- What does a transparent process look like?
- What would you like to see in the process?
- Would you like a facilitator?



## WHAT COULD THIS PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

iterative, facilitated, and responsive process adapts as needed to serve community

Early October	Early November	Mid/Late November	Early/Mid December	Early January	February
<p><b>Open House</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Context and Value</li> <li>• How we got here</li> <li>• Community informs engagement process and scope of studies</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Workshop 1: Options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring forward and evaluate</li> <li>• Breakout groups</li> <li>• Explore challenges and opportunities and identify refinements</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Workshop 2: Tradeoffs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss tradeoffs and refine options</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Workshop 3: Key Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem solving around key issues for each option</li> <li>• Discussion of mitigation measure</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Workshop 4: Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring it all together and get feedback on direction for Sound Transit Board</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Sound Transit Board: Status Report</b></p> 

## SUPPORTING THE PROCESS



## Targeted Level of Community Engagement: Involve We will aim to engage at a Collaborate level wherever possible.

# 10/13: CID Kick-Off Open House

## Agenda:

**4:30-7:30 p.m.**

Open house with information stations and activities to gather feedback:

- *How this process can reflect core neighborhood values and support neighborhood goals (CID Engagement Toolkit)*
- *Thoughts on design, construction, urban design and placekeeping opportunities for the 4th Shallow alternative*
- *Ideas for further study, including other locations for a Link transfer station in South Downtown*

**5:30 p.m.**

Welcoming remarks and overview of the event and opportunities to engage

***Community feedback will shape the approach, content, and activities for future community engagement and what we study further.***



***Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese interpretation and translated materials. Refreshments provided.***

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