

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

*System Expansion Committee
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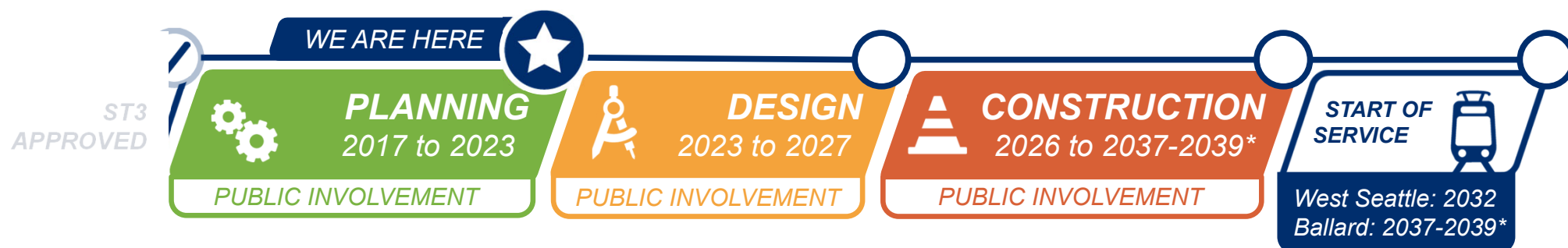


Why we're here today

- Review steps ahead on West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions project
- Review agenda for May 20 System Expansion Committee workshop on project
- No action today

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Project timeline





PLANNING

2017–2019

Alternatives development

- ✓ Feb–March 2018: Early scoping
- ✓ Feb–April 2019: Scoping
- ✓ May–Oct 2019: Board identified preferred alternatives and other DEIS alternatives



2019–2023

Environmental review

Early 2022: Publish Draft EIS

Public comment period

Board confirms or modifies preferred alternatives

2023: Publish Final EIS

Board selects projects to be built

Federal Record of Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Draft EIS alternatives

What we're studying in this phase

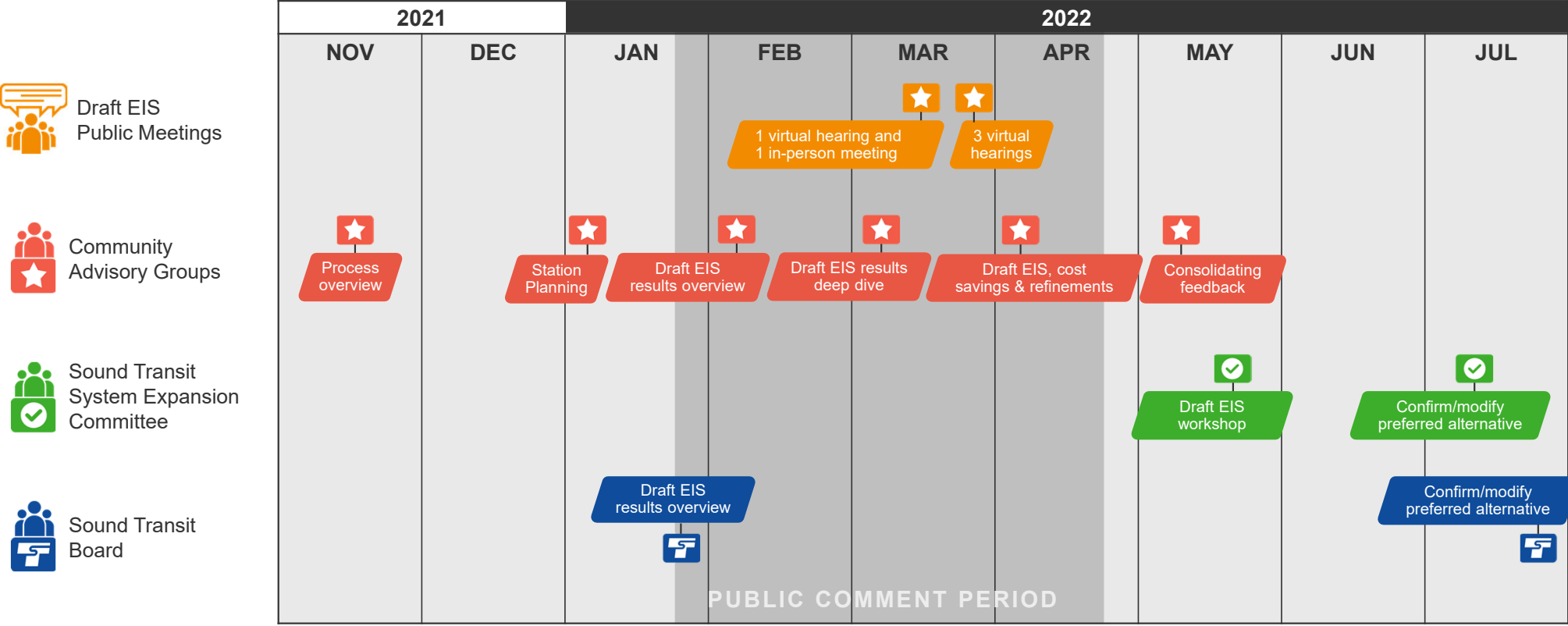


- Preferred Alternatives
- Preferred Alternatives with Third-Party Funding
- Other Draft EIS alternatives

*Dates reflect an affordable schedule based on current financial projections and cost estimates, and a target schedule.

Community engagement and collaboration

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



External engagement snapshot (1/28-4/28)


 **5,000+** Draft EIS comments


 **5** Draft EIS public meetings

 **1** online open house engaging more than **19,500** online visitors

 **82** community briefings, office hours and workshops

 **74** property owner webinars, office hours and meetings

 **12** Community Advisory Group meetings

 **Ads** featured on **30** unique radio, digital and print publications

 **38** posts on social media platforms, with 140K+ impressions

 **34** Fairs, festivals and other tabling events

 **8** email updates engaging more than and blog posts **10,900** subscribers

 **1,200+** posters delivered along the corridor

 **11** Community liaisons engaging more than **280** businesses

Upcoming Sound Transit Board Meetings



System Expansion Committee WSBLE Workshop

Draft EIS

Friday, May 20, 2022

System Expansion Committee

Overview of Draft EIS comments

Thursday, June 9, 2022

System Expansion Committee

Confirm or Modify Preferred Alternative

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Sound Transit Board

Confirm or Modify Preferred Alternative

Thursday, July 28, 2022

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System Expansion Committee Workshop

Draft agenda

- **Welcome, opening remarks**
 - ST3 overview, realignment, funding
- **Project overview**
 - Timeline and process, community engagement, racial equity, passenger experience
- **Segment alternatives, benefits and key differentiators**
 - Interbay/Ballard, Downtown, CID/SODO, West Seattle/Duwamish segments
- **Cost savings and refinement ideas**
- **Next steps**

Next steps



Comments

Public comments shared with Sound Transit Board.

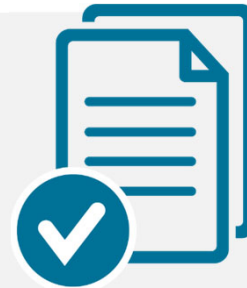
June 2022



Board action

Sound Transit Board confirms or modifies the preferred alternative.

July 2022



Final EIS

Sound Transit staff prepares the Final EIS, which responds to comments received on the Draft EIS.

Mid 2022 - 2023



Board action

Sound Transit Board selects the project to be built.

Late 2023

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