

Ballard Link Extension & West Seattle Link Extension

R2026-02 & R2026-03

*System Expansion Committee
2/12/2026*



Why we are here

1. Obtain authorization for acquisition of real property interests for one parcel in Seattle for the **Ballard Link Extension**.
2. Obtain authorization for acquisition of real property interests for one parcel in Seattle for the **West Seattle Link Extension**.

Staff requesting Committee's do-pass recommendation

Ballard Link Extension



Ballard Link Extension

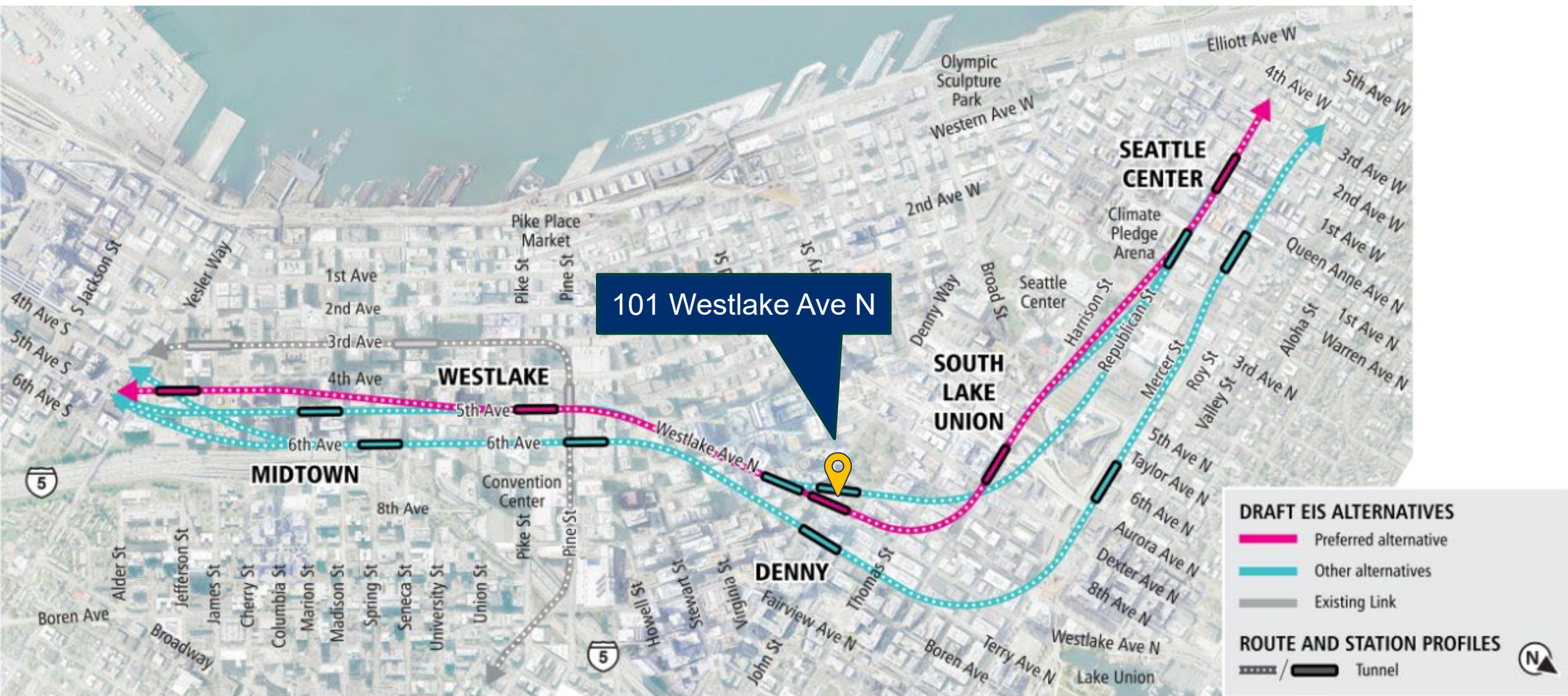
- Included in Sound Transit 3 (ST3) voter approved plan.
- Adds nearly **eight miles of light rail service**, including a new light rail-only downtown tunnel.
- Includes **nine new stations** from Chinatown-International District to Ballard.
- Improves regional mobility by **increasing connectivity and capacity** through Downtown Seattle to meet the projected transit demand.
- Provides high-capacity transit stations and **increased options for multi-modal access** necessary for increased residential and/or employment density.

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To Acquire Real Property Interests Necessary for the Ballard Link Extension

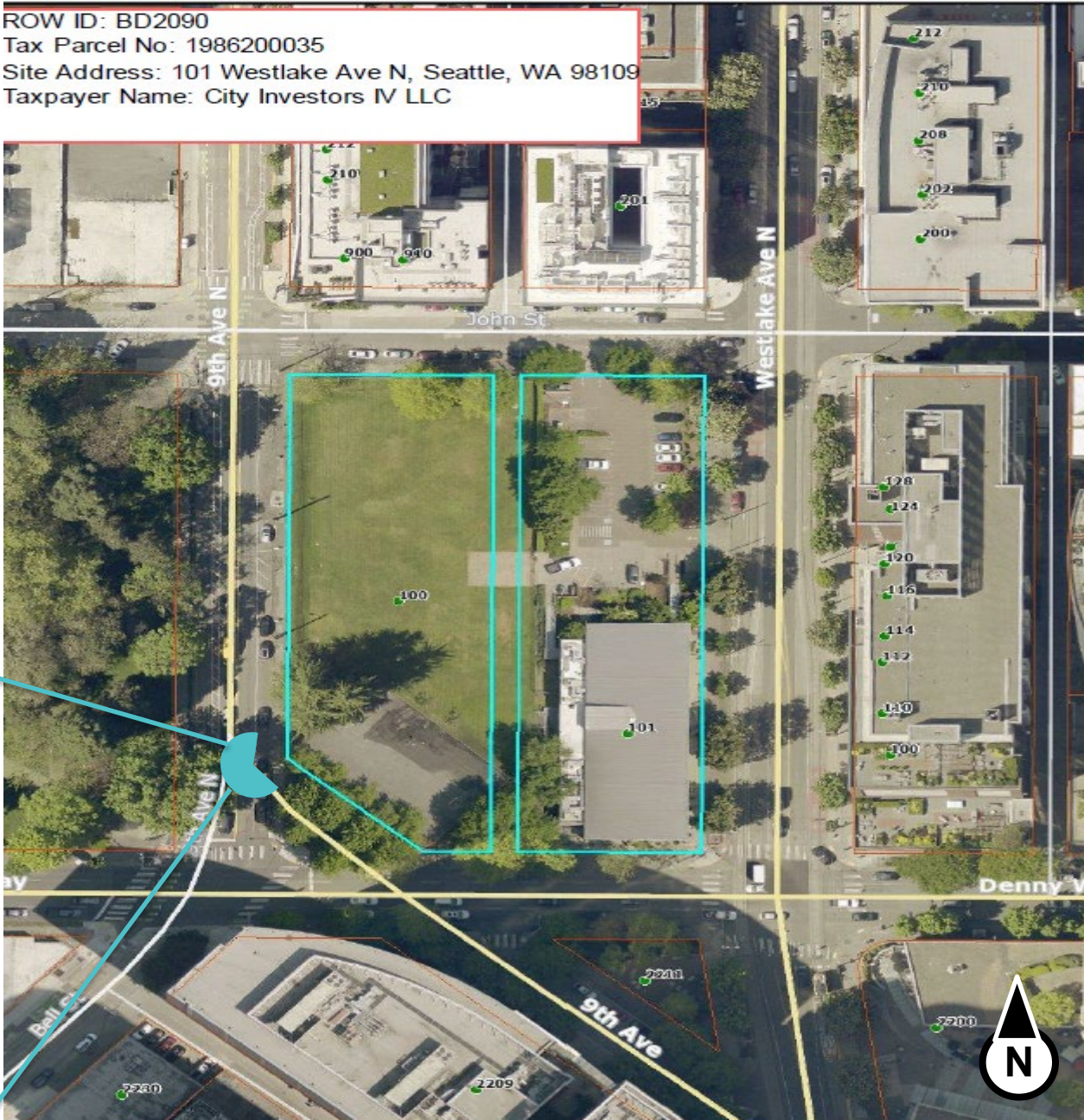
Authorization for one parcel acquisition is being sought for a
property with imminent risk of development.

Draft EIS alternatives Downtown



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Map of property area



West Seattle Link Extension



Link light rail

West Seattle Link Extension

--- Elevated route

--- Tunnel route

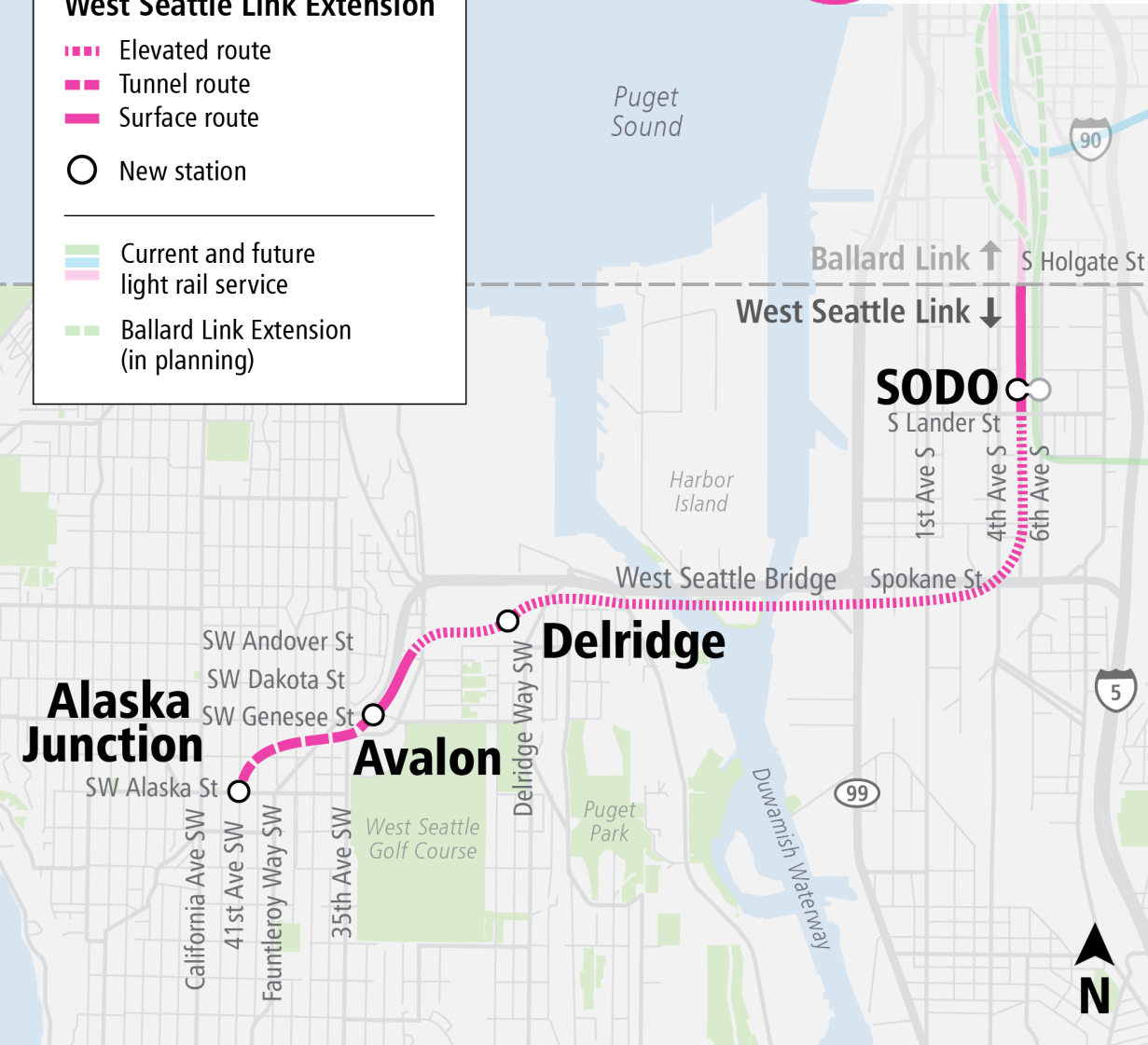
--- Surface route

○ New station

--- Current and future light rail service

--- Ballard Link Extension (in planning)

3 Line



West Seattle Link Extension

- **Adds 4.1 miles** of light rail service and **4 stations** with connections in SODO, Delridge, and West Seattle.
- **Reduces transit travel** time from Alaska Junction to Westlake Station by 50% once Ballard Link Extension is complete.
- **Improves** transit service **frequency**, **reliability** and **capacity**.
- Facilitates redevelopment near stations, with focus on **affordable housing**.
- **Provides travel alternative** if West Seattle Bridge is congested or closed for repairs.
- **Facilitates future expansion** to south.

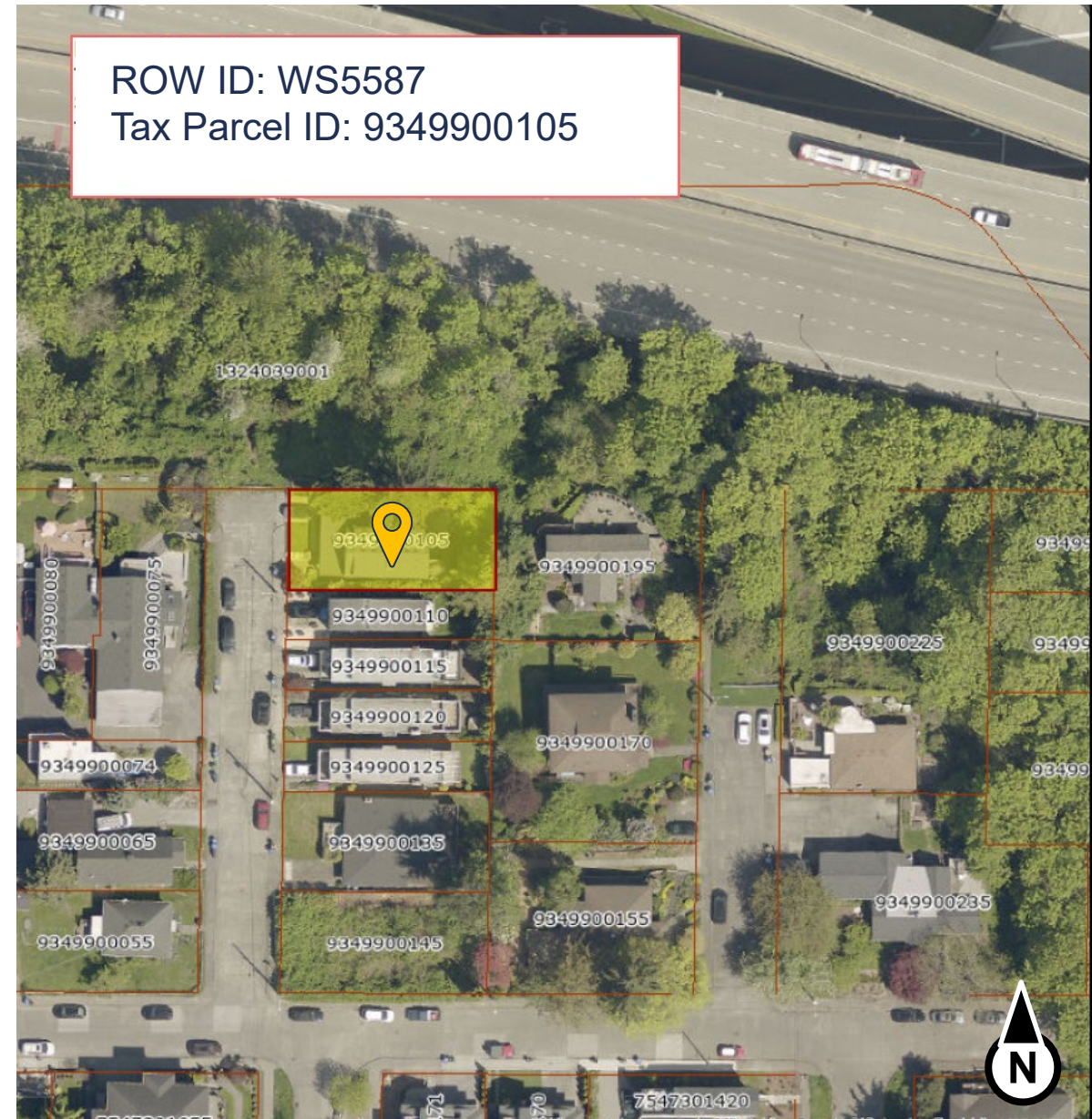
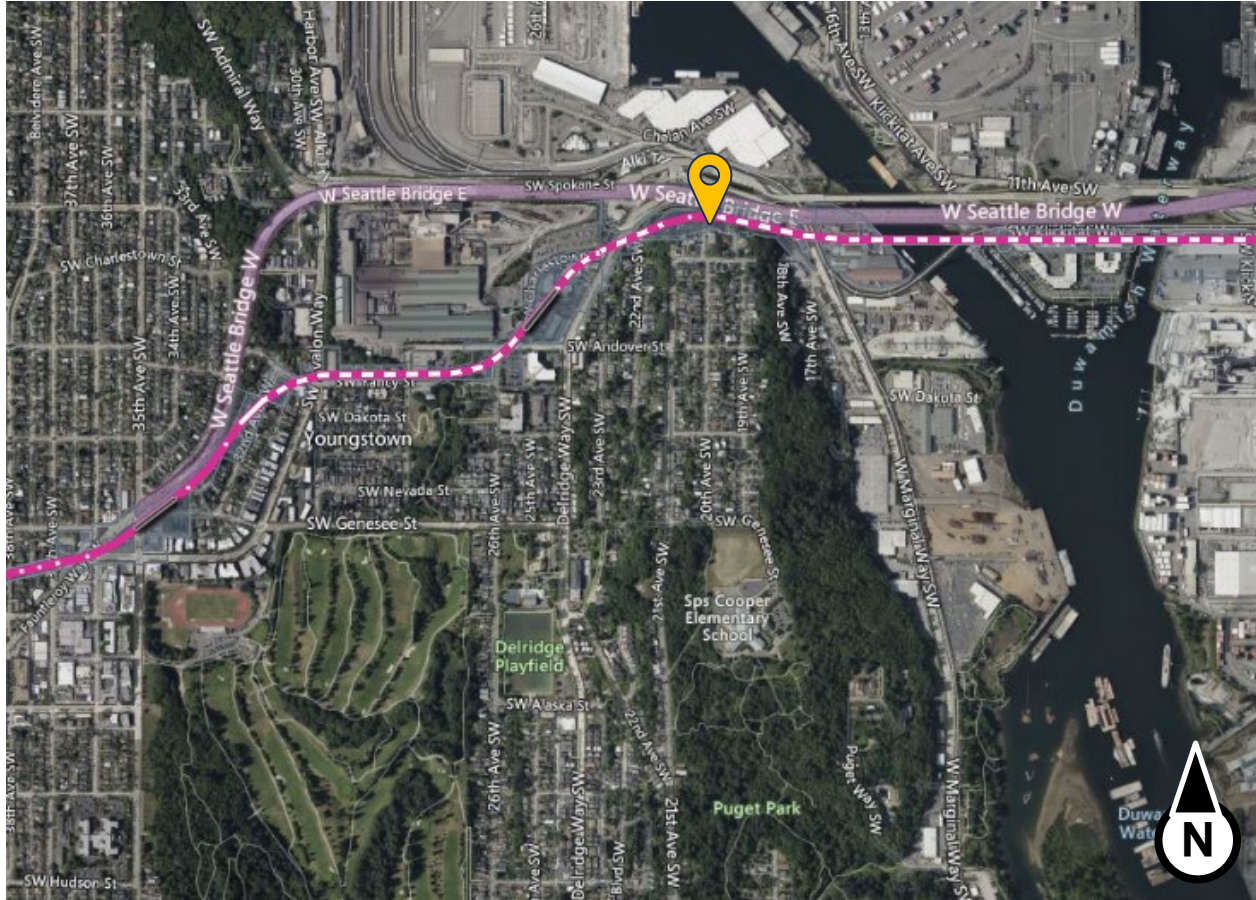
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To Acquire Real Property Interests Necessary for the West Seattle Link Extension

Authorization for one parcel acquisition is being sought to assist
a property owner experiencing medical circumstances

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Map of property area



Next Steps

February 12

System Expansion Committee

→ Seeking Do-Pass Recommendation

February 26

Board Meeting

→ Potential Final Action

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Authorization to acquire real property interests in Seattle necessary for the **Ballard Link Extension**

Resolution No. R2026-03

Authorization to acquire real property interests in Seattle necessary for the **West Seattle Link Extension**

Thank you.



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