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2026 MAJOR ACTIVITIES

ST3 City Work

Racial Equity

- Joint Agency Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) Outcomes
- BLE RET Update
- WSLE RET Integration

Planning Workgroup

- Overview
- West Seattle Link Extension
- BLE – Concept Plans
- Graham Station
- TOD Planning

Upcoming SDC Touchpoints

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Joint Agency Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) 2018-ongoing

RET Outcomes:

- Advance environmental and economic justice to improve economic and health outcomes for communities of color.
- Enhance mobility and access for communities of color and low-income populations.
- Create opportunities for equitable development that include expanding housing and community assets for communities of color.
- Avoid disproportionate impacts on communities of color and low-income populations.
- Create a sense of belonging for communities of color at all stations, making spaces where everyone sees themselves as belonging, feeling safe, and welcome.
- Meaningfully involve communities of color and low-income populations in the project.



Joint Agency Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) 2018-ongoing

Chinatown-ID station area RET Outcomes:

- *Limit harmful impacts of the project and work with impacted communities to identify opportunities to repair past harm.*
- *Maximize connections for all users.*
- *Community shapes decisions that impact them, through self-determination and with a 100-year vision for future generations.*

Delridge corridor RET Outcomes

- *An excellent transfer experience including bus and rail integration and options for RET community-desired amenities provided at the station.*
- *Equitable transit-oriented development serving the community.*



2026 MAJOR ACTIVITIES: **RACIAL EQUITY**

BLE RET Update

Sound Transit is advancing the Joint Agency BLE RET Report alongside the BLE DEIS process. Following completion of Round 1 City review in Q4 2025, the focus has shifted to:

- **City's Round 2 BLE RET review (2026)** will emphasize environmental justice content, public comment summary, and RET–DEIS alignment — including City equity analysis of the Preferred Alternative and lower-cost alternatives.
- **Ongoing City–Sound Transit coordination** to ensure RET outcomes inform the City's DEIS review and that community-centered equity considerations are reflected in impact and mitigation analysis. Ongoing City-ST coordination to identify opportunities to prepare and inform communities, especially communities of color and low-income populations, about the publication of the RET report and how they can use it to inform their comments on the BLE DEIS.

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WSLE RET Update

With WSLE moving into Phase 2, the focus has shifted from framework development to identifying opportunities for interagency coordination for integration of RET Outcomes into project delivery.

The City ST3 Equity Lead and ST3 Engagement Lead are actively collaborating with the ST WSLE Engagement Team to identify opportunities for City and ST teams to integrate WSLE RET Outcomes into project-level workstreams.

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Station Access Planning

The City works to support light-rail and improve access to future stations through several efforts:

Station Area Planning

- OPCD and SDOT coordinated community planning processes to grow neighborhoods and improve mobility around future light rail stations
- Implemented before or after station opening

Non-Motorized Access Allowance (NMAA)

- Access projects funded by Sound Transit as part of ST3
- More design work done earlier and projects completed by station opening

Street Concept Plans

- City-led redesign of streets adjacent to stations
- Partially implemented through ST construction



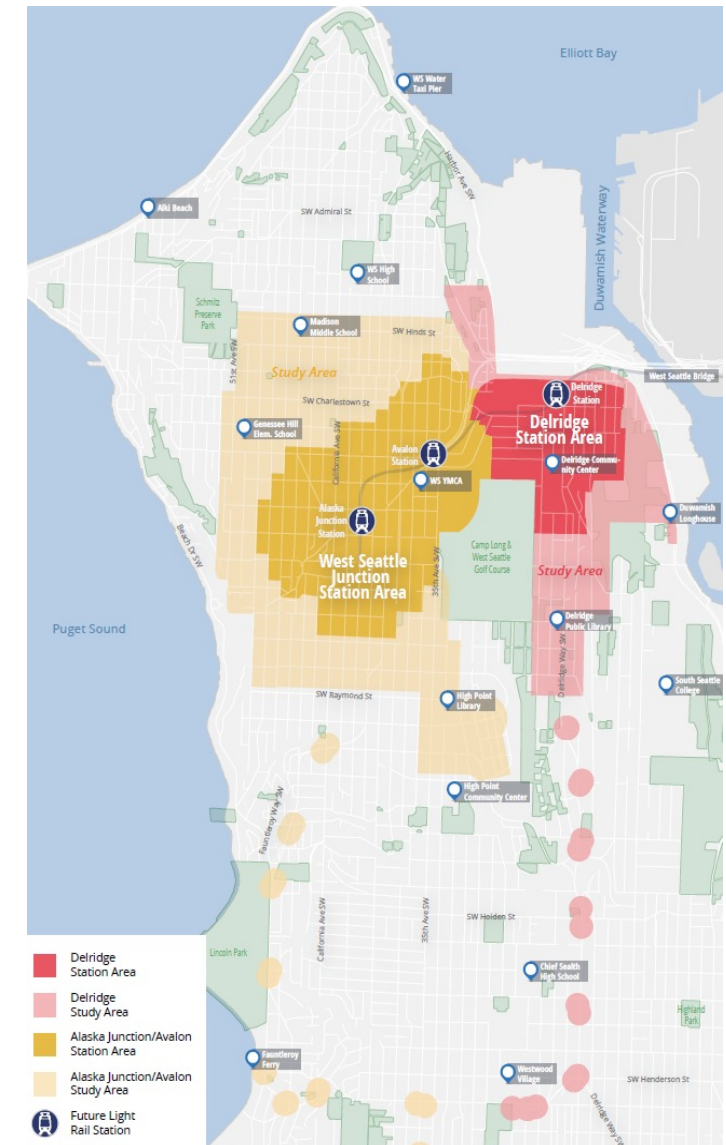
West Seattle Link Extension

Station Area Plan

- Phase 1 engagement summary out soon!
- Phase 2 engagement this summer – emerging directions and project ideas

Non-Motorized Access Allowance (NMAA)

- Obligated \$5.7M grant from the PSRC on June 1
- Grant will fund advancing design of West Seattle NMAA projects to 100% design



Ballard Link Extension

Street Concept Plans

- SDOT is launching a handful of street concept plans around the planned BLE stations this year
- First plan is around Seattle Center Station (Republican Street)
- Also exploring plans Denny Station and/or Dearborn Station

SPOTLIGHT: We are kicking off the Seattle Center Station (Republican St) street concept plan work, and we are currently working through internal concept identification and vetting. We plan to start public engagement, partnering with OPCD, Seattle Center, and ST, later this summer and/or fall. Work will build on past planning efforts, such as the Uptown Urban Design Framework and the Seattle Transportation Plan.

UPTOWN
urban design framework



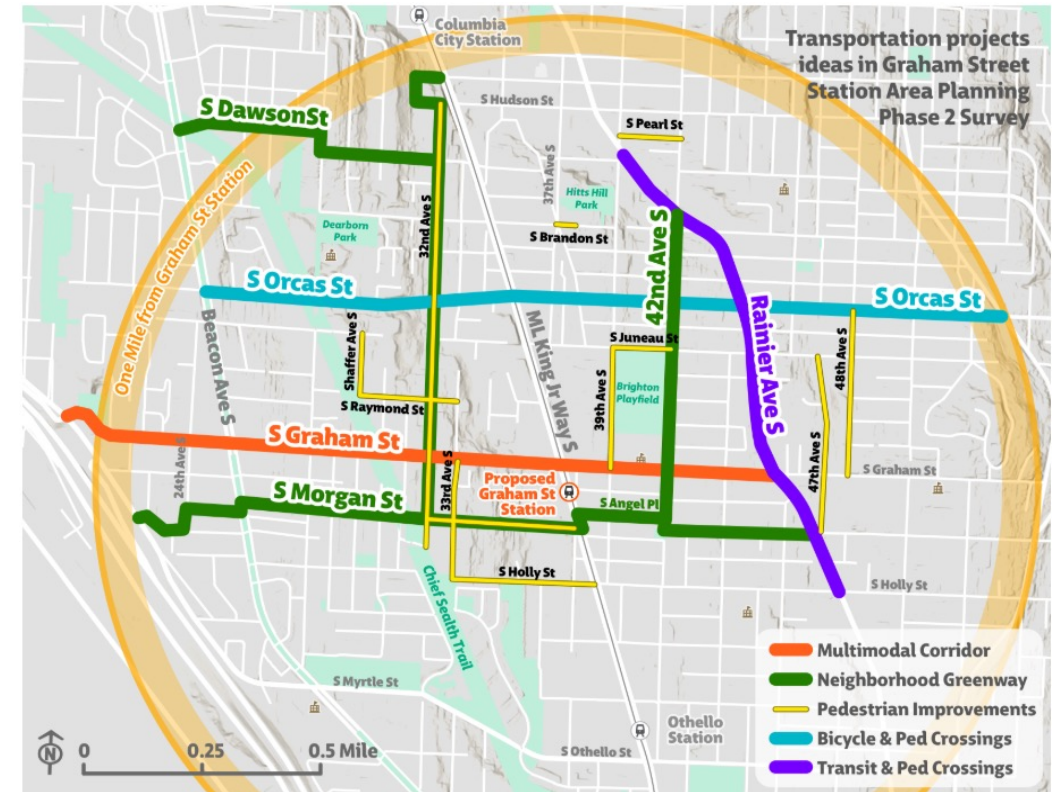
Graham Station

Station Area Plan

- Public survey on transportation improvements launched in April
- Additional engagement this summer – emerging directions land use concepts

Non-Motorized Access Allowance (NMAA)

- Advancing project evaluation process post-Enterprise Initiative
- Conceptual design work starting this fall



TOD Planning

Equitable Transit-Oriented Development

Community Advisory Group:

- Anticipated adoption of policy recommendations Oct. 2026

Chinatown International District & Delridge Place-based Groups:

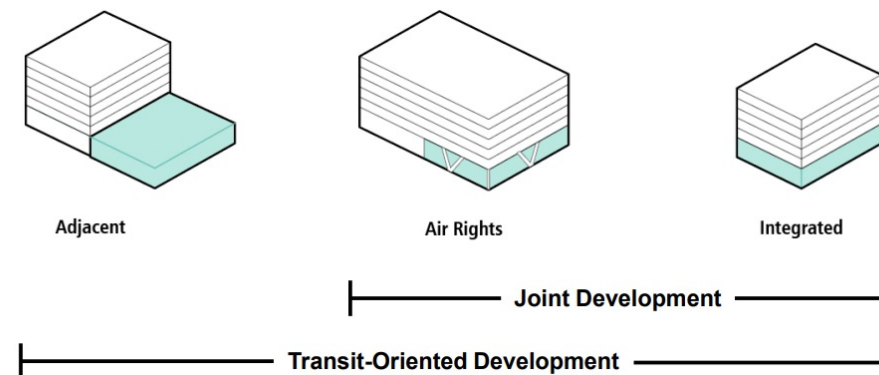
- CID Technical Consultant is convening the PBG in Spring/Summer, 2026
- Delridge PBG will be convened in Q4 2026

Remnant Parcels Technical Analysis:

- Presenting to the CAG in June to discuss scope & understand the CAG's priorities in shaping tool

Advancing Joint Development

- Working with ST to identify permitting complexities and pathways for futureproofing
- Advancing zoning barriers through Station Area Planning
- Working with ST to optimize TOD sites through Co-Planning workstreams



Upcoming SDC Touchpoints

Upcoming Formal Project Reviews*

- 2026: South Graham Street infill station PE/pre-permitting project review
- 2026 June: WSLE SDC Sub-committee
- 2026 TBD: WSLE 30% project reviews (4)
- 2027 TBD: BLE PE/pre-permitting project reviews, including station context briefings (# TBD)

Other SDC Touchpoints

- Possible special topics during BLE DEIS comment period: Elliott Guideway, City DEIS comments
- Quarterly Updates from City Team

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**Subject to Sound Transit project schedule*

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