

Creating Connected Communities

Sound Transit Light Rail expansion in Seattle



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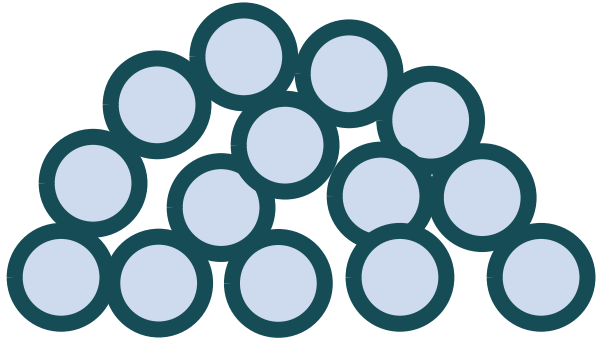
- Sound Transit's light rail expansion in Seattle and the role each of us are playing
- The draft vision & guiding principles for the City's work
- Your current hopes and concerns about the light rail project and how to maximize the benefits in your neighborhood
- The upcoming conversation about planning investments in the station area and your neighborhood

Slide 2

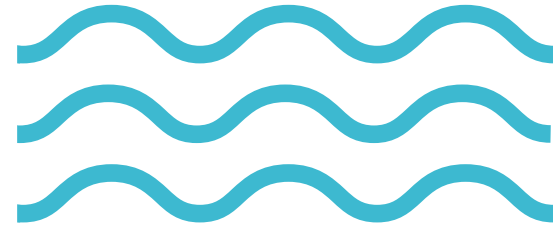
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Feedback from Presenter: This slide felt redundant. Do we really need it?

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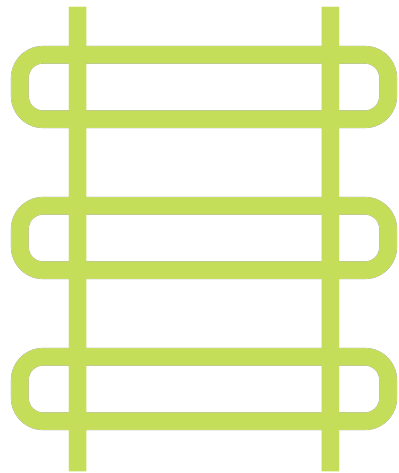


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miles of new track



a new tunnel
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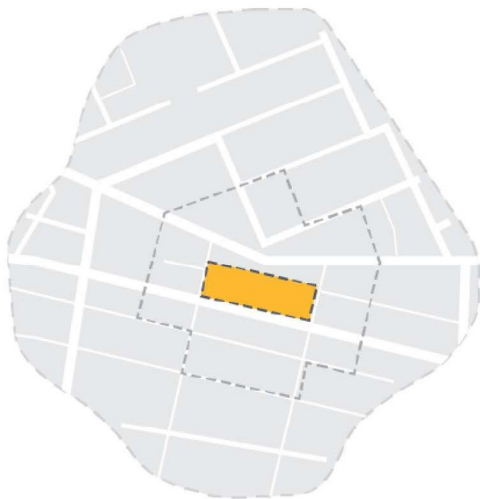
evaluate potential alignment and station locations.
conduct planning, environmental review, and design of the light rail system.
build and operate new light rail system.

Center racial equity for better outcomes
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Co-planning stations with communities

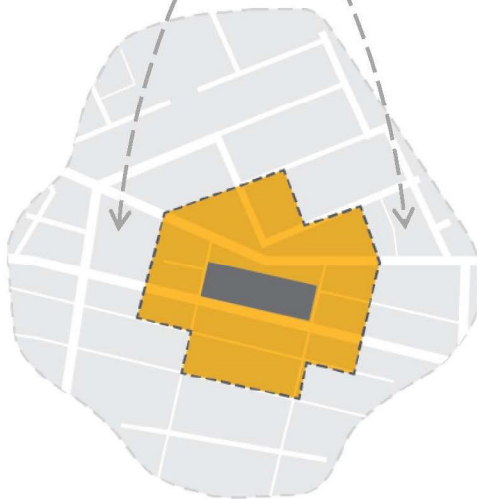


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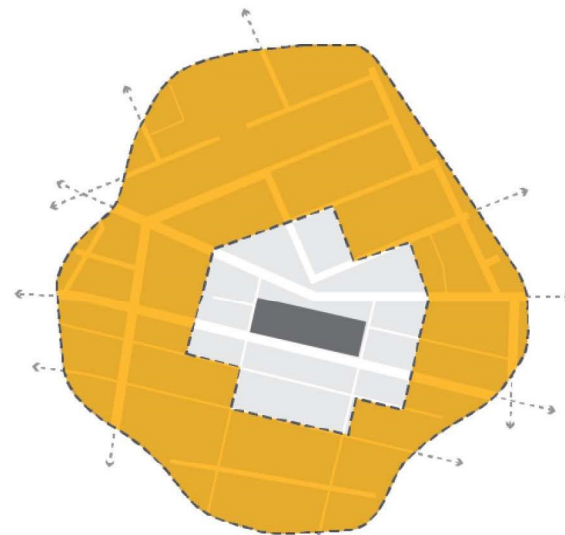
- Mayor Jenny Durkan & Councilmember Debora Juarez sit on the Sound Transit Board that will make final decisions.
- Plan housing, businesses, and open spaces to make great neighborhoods around new stations.
- Issue permits to Sound Transit to build stations and track.



Station



Station Context



Station Area

Our Impact

Help inform Seattle decision makers over the next 2-3 years about station and track locations.

Your input will help shape the changes in how your neighborhood looks and functions

We will be having many conversations about how to set priorities for city investments and actions in station areas.



Current City Work to Support ST3

Establishing strong relationships with Sound Transit to identify issues early and craft solutions

Creating teams for permitting, planning, and public engagement

Working to support delivering light rail faster and within budget

Collaborating with Sound Transit on a Racial Equity Toolkit to center issues of race





Our Vision

A thriving, equitable city connected by a world class transportation system.

Dependable Transit

Support efficient and reliable light rail service to your neighborhood that gets you where you need to go.

OBJECTIVES:

- Connects you to work, school, shopping, and recreation in other neighborhoods
- Integrates with robust transit service in your neighborhood
- Reduce number of cars on the road, improving travel times for all
- Allows efficient movement of freight
- Supports a safer transportation network and fewer collisions



Vibrant Communities

Create opportunities for affordable housing and businesses located near stations that support your diverse community with more places for you to live, work, and shop.

OBJECTIVES:

- Draws people to the neighborhood and enhances community
- Supports more affordable homes and retail spaces
- Adds shared public areas like plazas and improves access to parks
- Improves public safety through active streetscapes
- Supports public art and the neighborhood culture



Climate Action

Reduce our dependence on cars and give communities real, clean energy alternatives for transportation that reduces our impact on the changing climate.

OBJECTIVES:

- Reduces vehicle emissions, improves local air quality, and supports our climate action goals
- Incentivizes walking, biking, and bus riding through locating stations and city investments
- Limits parking near stations to encourage other options



Equity

Race and social justice is the foundation for City decision-making on light rail expansion.

What is racial equity?

When social, economic and political opportunities are not determined by a person's race.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provides welcoming and comfortable light rail options for all, regardless of race
- Reduces short- and long-term negative impacts that disproportionately burden communities of color
- Provides access to transit regardless of language proficiency, physical ability, age, income, or other status



things to think about. We'll circle back.

What feedback do you have on the City's guiding principles?

How can we make the station a positive change in your neighborhood?

What access improvements and other investments are needed in the station area?



What's Next?

The City wants to stay in touch with you on this and other topics.

This is the start. We will be back with more information and opportunities for further dialog.




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seattle.gov/lightrail



Sound Transit project updates:
soundtransit.org/wsblink

Thank you

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