



West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

*Elected Leadership Group
Level 3 Recommendations Snapshot
April 26, 2019*

Segments with comparative estimates greater than ST3 Representative Project are shown in italics

| Segment | ST3 Representative Project | West Seattle Elevated/ C-ID 5 th /Downtown 6 th / Ballard Elevated | West Seattle Tunnel/ C-ID 4 th /Downtown 5 th / Ballard Tunnel | Scoping feedback | ELG recommendation |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------|
| West Seattle (Junction/ Delridge) | 41 st elevated station (east-west oriented) / N of Andover station | 41 st elevated station (north-south oriented)/ S of Andover station | 41 st , 42 nd , or 44 th tunnel station / N of Genesee station | Pigeon Ridge Tunnel or Yancy/Andover | TBD |
| Duwamish crossing | South crossing | South crossing | North crossing | Pigeon Ridge Tunnel alignment | TBD |
| SODO/ CID | E3 elevated / 5 th shallow station | E3 at grade / 5 th shallow or deep station | <i>E3 at grade / 4th shallow or deep station</i> | Elevate new and existing SODO station | TBD |
| Downtown | 5 th and Republican | <i>6th and Mercer</i> | 5 th and Harrison | NA | TBD |
| Smith Cove | Prospect St station | <i>Galer St station</i> | <i>Prospect St station</i> | NA | TBD |
| Interbay/ Ballard | Movable bridge with 15 th elevated station | <i>High fixed bridge with 14th elevated station</i> | <i>Tunnel with 14th or 15th tunnel station</i> | Tunnel with 20 th tunnel station | TBD |

ELG Recommendations

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| Segment | Recommendation | | Notes |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| West Seattle (Avalon/Junction) | <i>41st or 42nd tunnel station</i> | Elevated station with refinements | No support for the orange Alaska Junction Station option |
| West Seattle (Delridge) | Station north of Genesee with refinements | | |
| Duwamish crossing | South crossing | | |
| SODO | E3 at grade | | |
| CID | <i>Majority interest to study all options</i> | | |
| Downtown | 5 th and Harrison | | Study both 5 th and 6 th Ave alignments through Westlake and Midtown Stations |
| Smith Cove | <i>Prospect St station</i> | <i>Galer St station</i> | |
| Interbay/ Ballard | <i>Tunnel with 14th or 15th tunnel station</i> | <i>High fixed bridge with 14th elevated station</i> | No support for movable bridge |

ELG Recommendations

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Interbay/ Ballard

- ✓ General support for tunnel option across Salmon Bay
- ✓ Potential refinements to the Ballard Station should optimize bus/rail integration and access to the Ballard urban village (such as improved connections across 15th Avenue NW)
- ✓ Mixed opinions about the new tunnel with 20th tunnel station option and requests for more information to inform Sound Transit Board discussions – concerns about potential disruption to the neighborhood and feasibility, but interest in serving Ballard further west with a tunnel



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Smith Cove

- ✓ Interest in Smith Cove Station at Galer Street to better serve potential future development, connect to the Port's cruise terminals, and reduce costs

Downtown

- ✓ Given broad community support, study the 5th and Harrison (blue) alignment, understanding there may be design refinements
- ✓ Study 5th and 6th Avenue alignments from Westlake through Midtown Stations, looking for opportunities to optimize transfers and bus integration with Madison BRT



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C-ID

- ✓ Based on community feedback and technical work so far, interest in advancing all alternatives for the C-ID station and activating Union Station
- ✓ Concern with potential impacts to Ryerson Base and bus operations
- ✓ Concern about deep stations and long-term operational impacts (relying on elevators with a large volume of transfers)
- ✓ Balance near-term construction impacts with long term operations



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SODO

- ✓ Questions about two elevated stations option at SODO
- ✓ Support for E3 at grade with vehicle overpasses, being mindful of impacts to adjacent property owners
- ✓ Need to continue to examine the impact to bus transit currently using the E3 busway

Duwamish Crossing

- ✓ Questions about the need for studying the north crossing in the DEIS as a 4(f) avoidance alternative



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Delridge

- ✓ Some interest to explore a refined south crossing that includes a tunnel through Pigeon Point, with a further south Delridge station location and reduced neighborhood residential impacts; requests for more information to inform Sound Transit Board discussions
- ✓ Interest in refining the blue station location, prioritizing further south location and looking for opportunities to minimize residential impacts, create a high quality transfer environment, optimize TOD potential and reduce costs
- ✓ Some interest in exploring a Yancy/Andover alignment to minimize neighborhood impacts with a Delridge Station serving Youngstown



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West Seattle (Avalon and Alaska Junction)

- ✓ Support for retaining Avalon Station, but continue to evaluate potential cost savings opportunities including consolidating stations and implications for ridership
- ✓ Support for looking for opportunities to minimize community impacts and create high quality transfer environment for both Avalon and Alaska Junction station locations
- ✓ Support for a modified ST3 Representative project (Alaska Junction station oriented north/south and staying east of the Alaska Junction on Fauntleroy or in the vicinity of Jefferson Square)



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General Feedback

- ✓ Discussion about process and recommendations to the Sound Transit Board; mixed opinions about making recommendations on two alternatives, one if third party funding is secured and one if third party funding is not secured
- ✓ Discussion of need to look at potential sources of third party funding if project elements beyond the scope of the ST3 Representative project are carried forward; some interest in establishing a working group to consider third party funding
- ✓ Some interest in further refinements and evaluation before identifying sources of third party funding

