



 **SOUNDTRANSIT**

West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions

Mercer Corridor Stakeholder Committee | 7.31.18



System expansion

Sound Transit's system expansion means every few years new light rail, bus rapid transit and commuter rail stations open throughout the region, providing fast, reliable alternatives to congested roads.



[soundtransit.org/system](https://www.soundtransit.org/system)

A young man with glasses and a backpack is smiling and standing on a transit platform. He is holding a suitcase handle in his right hand and resting his left hand on a metal railing. The background shows a blurred transit station with tracks and overhead structures.

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Link Extensions***



Representative project

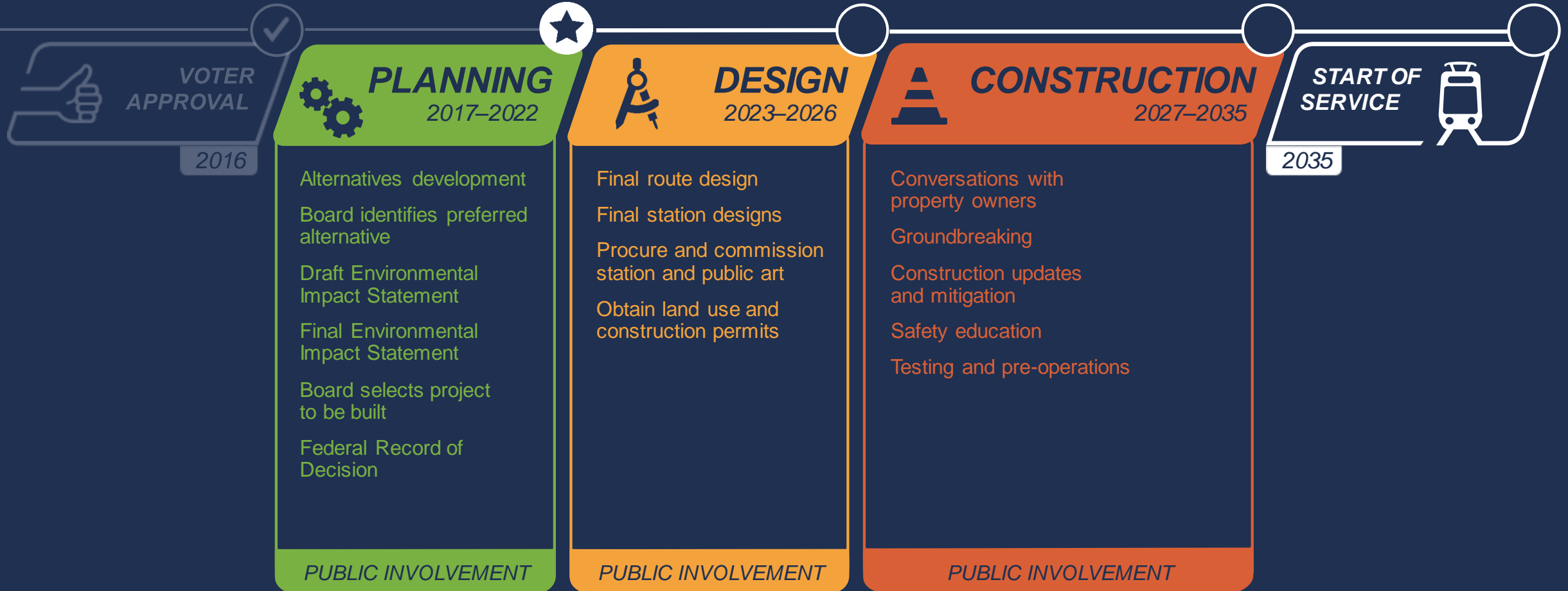
- Identifies mode, corridor, number of stations, general station locations
- Informs cost, schedule, operating needs



Ballard Link Extension

- Opening 2035
- Three elevated stations: Ballard, Interbay, Smith Cove
- Six tunnel stations: Seattle Center, South Lake Union, Denny, Westlake, Midtown, International District/Chinatown
- New rail-only movable bridge over Salmon Bay
- Length: 7.1 miles

Ballard project timeline



VOTER
APPROVAL

2016



PLANNING



DESIGN

2017–2019

Alternatives
development

Board identifies
preferred alternative

2019–2022

Draft Environmental
Impact Statement

Final Environmental
Impact Statement

Board selects project
to be built

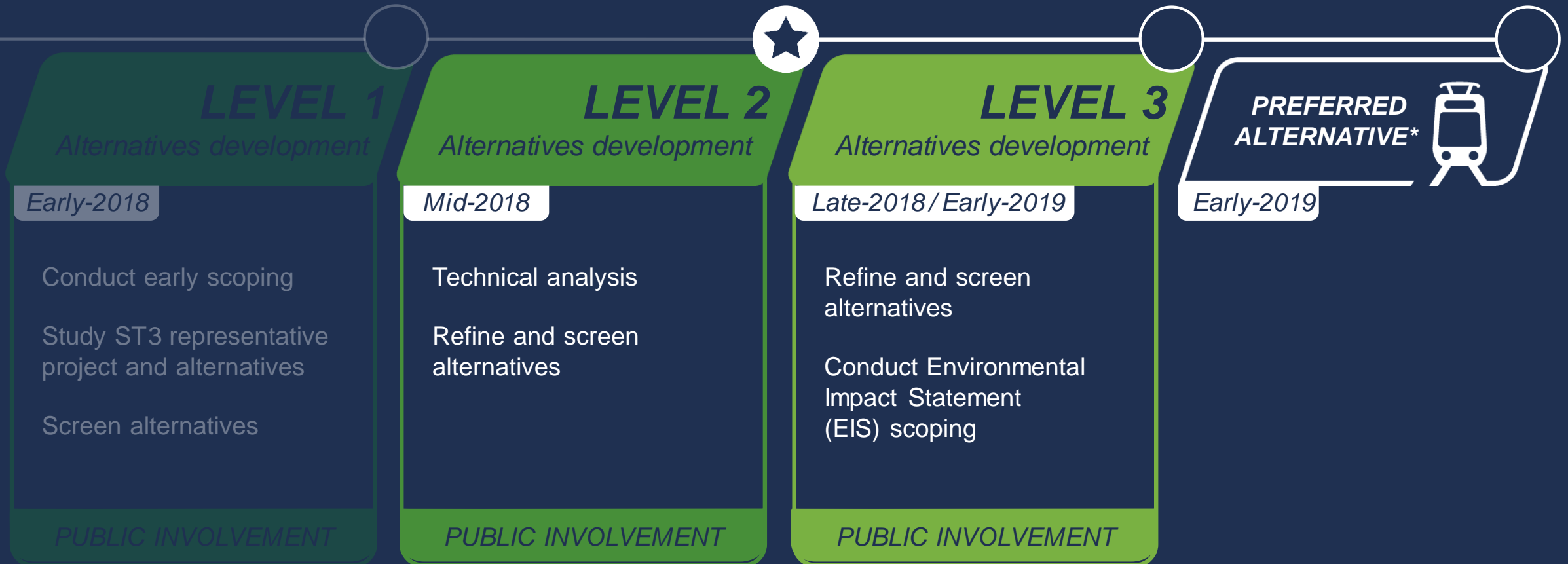
Federal Record of
Decision

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a maroon polo shirt, is leaning over a table. He is focused on a task, with his hands near a pen and some papers. The table is covered with various documents, including one with colorful sticky notes. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a meeting or office setting. The overall lighting is soft and professional.

Alternatives development process

Alternatives development process



*The Sound Transit Board identifies preferred alternatives and other alternatives to study.

Community engagement and collaboration



Community Updates



Neighborhood Forums



Stakeholder Advisory Group



Elected Leadership Group



Sound Transit Board



Meeting dates subject to change.

A photograph of a modern light rail train at a station platform. The train is white with a blue wave-like stripe along the side. The number '139B' is visible on the side of the train. The text 'COVING TRANSIT' is visible on the front of the train. The platform has a metal railing in the foreground and a sign above the train. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

***Level 1
recommendations***






SAG & ELG

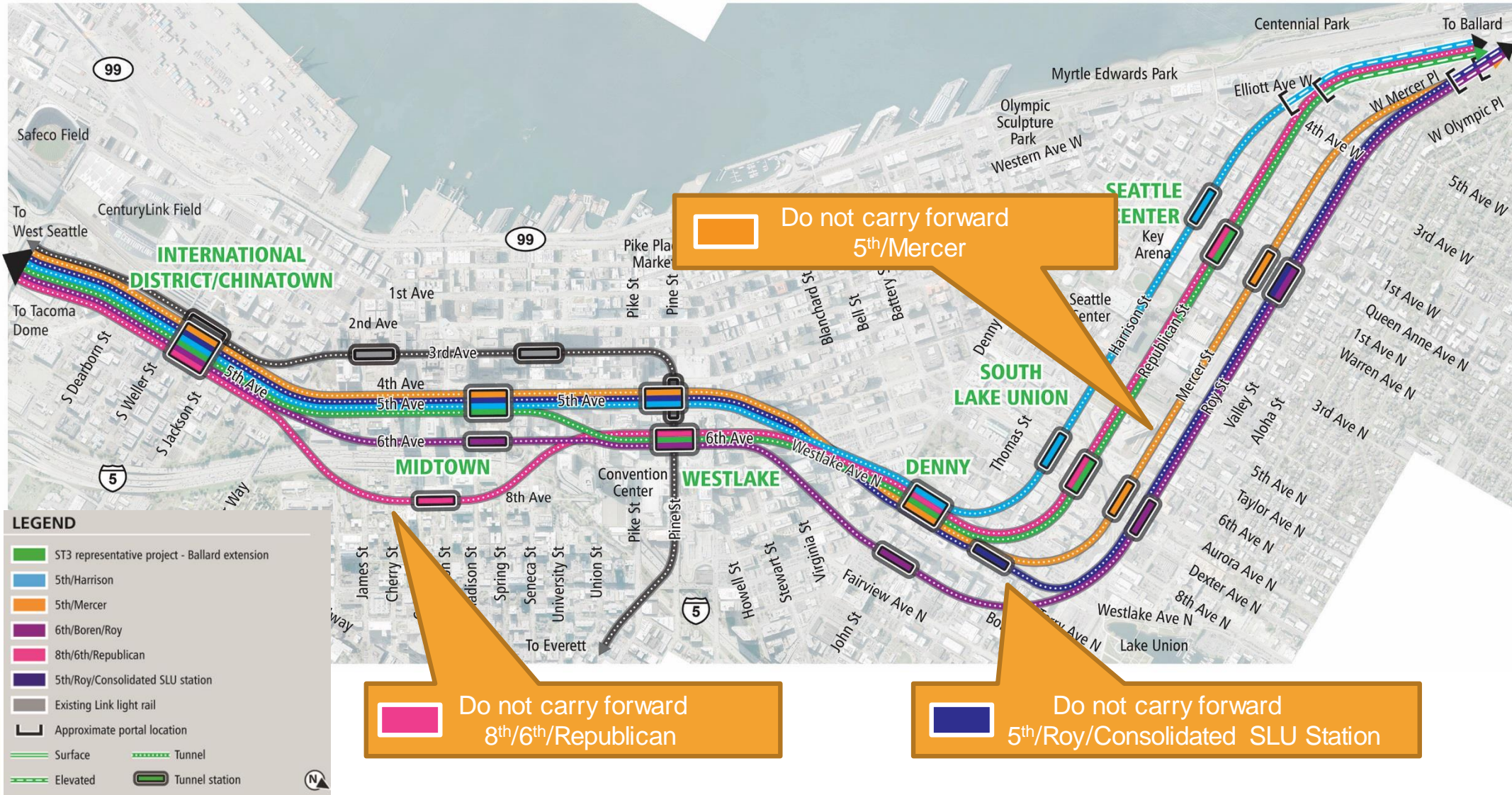
Advisory groups for project

- ✓ 4/17 and 4/24: Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings
- ✓ 5/17: Elected Leadership Group meeting



ELG Recommendations *Downtown Seattle*

	Alternative		Carry forward?	Do not carry forward?	Notes/Comments
Alternatives with more potential	ST3 Representative Project				
	5th/Harrison		✓		
	6 th /Boren/Roy		✓		
Alternatives with greater challenges	5 th /Mercer			✓	Explore availability of city-owned properties
	5 th /Roy/Consolidated SLU Station			✓	
	8 th /6 th /Republican (First Hill)			✓	Address ridership needs for First Hill neighborhood (Madison BRT)
Not practical suggestions	Use Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT)			✓	
	Design for potential extensions to north and/or east			✓	



Level 1 alternatives Downtown Seattle

Additional feedback

Downtown Seattle

- Explore transit integration opportunities for the SLU station at the Harrison and Roy sites
- Explore Terry Ave as potential site for Denny station
- Consider “hybrid” route combinations between SLU and Seattle Center stations

A photograph of a Sound Transit train at a station platform. The train is white with a blue stripe and has the number '139B' on its side. The text 'SOUND TRANSIT' is visible on the front and side of the train. The platform has a yellow tactile strip along the edge. The text 'Level 2 alternatives' is overlaid in a large, white, italicized font across the center of the image.

Level 2 alternatives

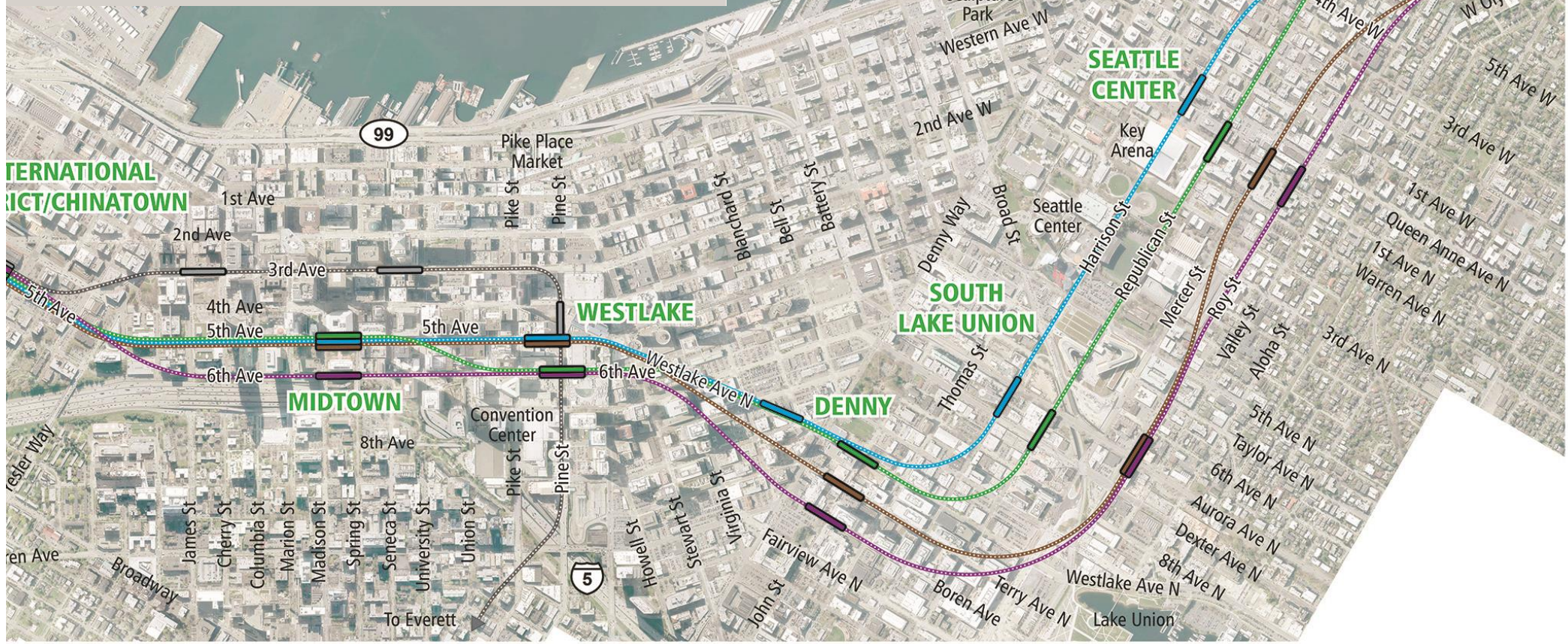
Level 2 alternatives

Downtown

- ST3 Representative Project
- 5th/Harrison
- 6th/Boren/Roy
- 5th/Terry/Roy/Mercer (new)

LEGEND

- ST3 representative project - Ballard extension
- 5th/Harrison
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- 6th/Boren/Roy
- Existing Link light rail
- Approximate portal location
- Surface
- Tunnel
- Elevated
- Tunnel station



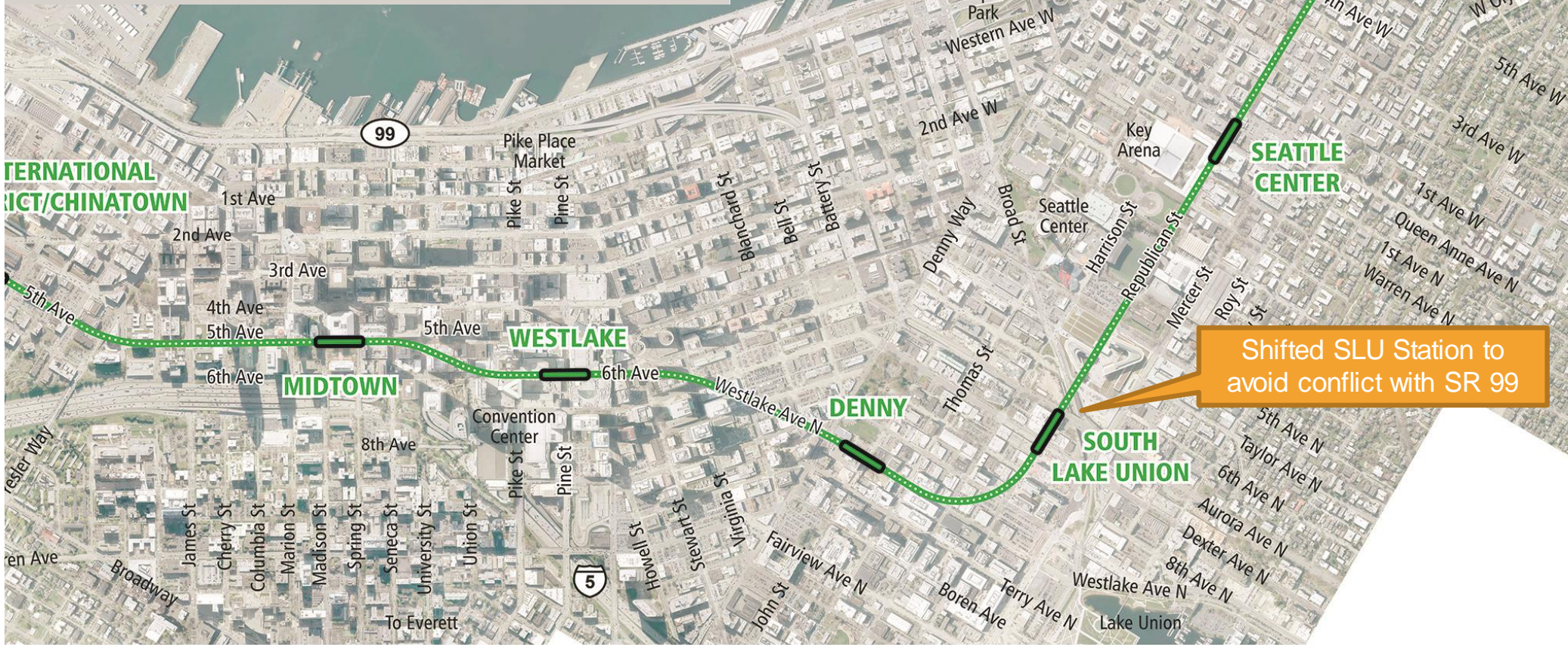
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- / Ballard extension/Station area

Downtown – Level 2 alternatives

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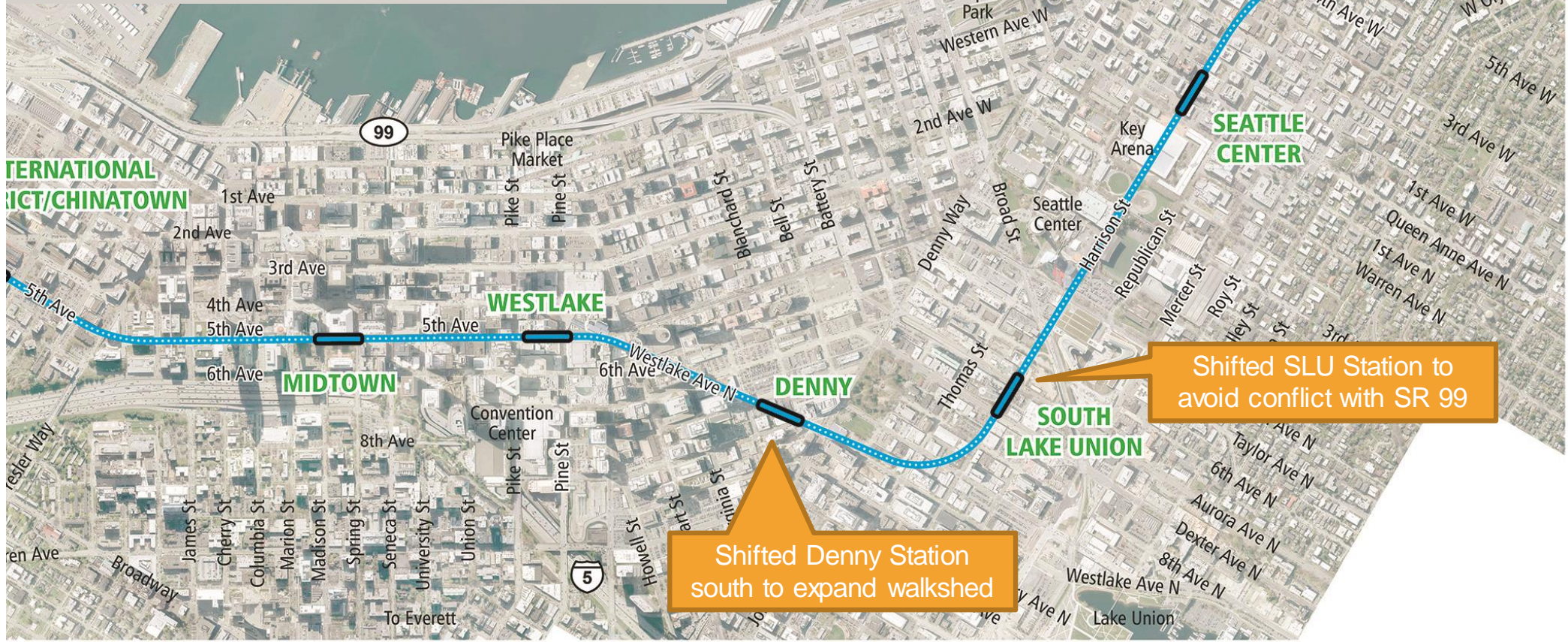


Downtown

Level 2 Alternative – ST3 Representative Project

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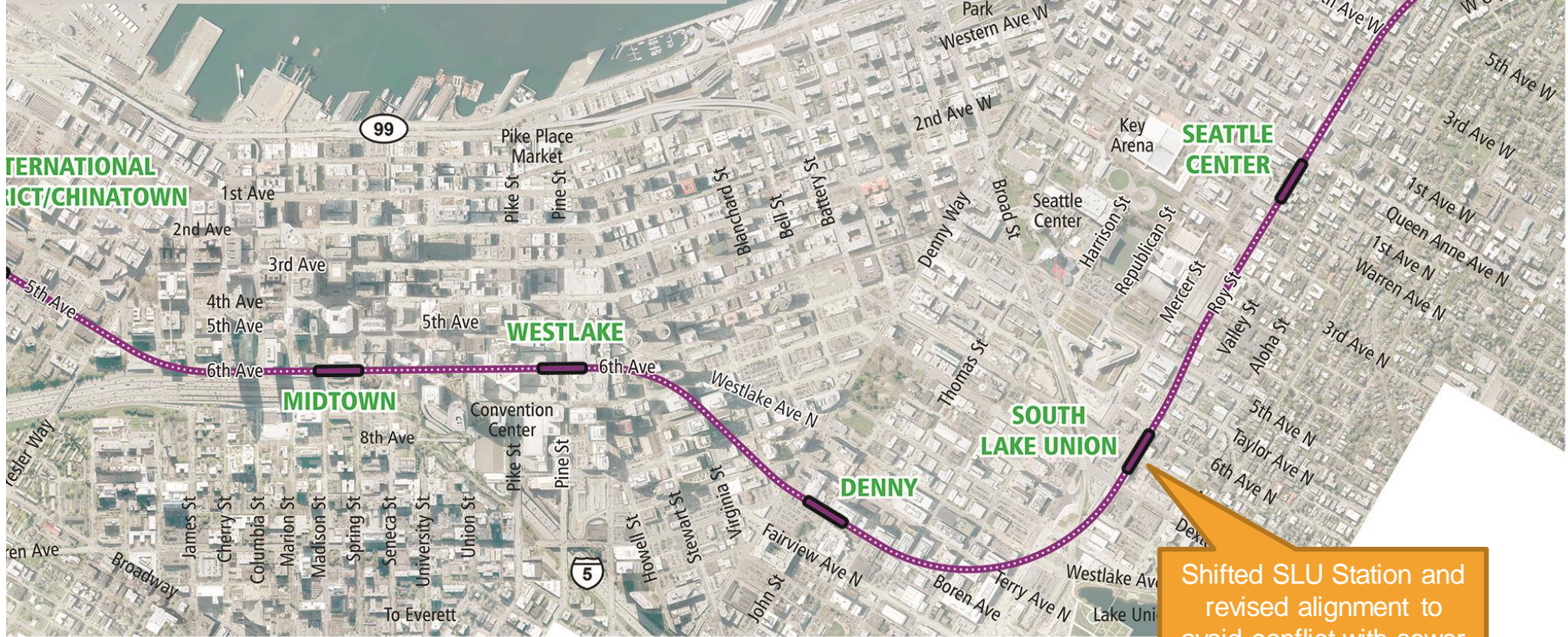
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Downtown

Level 2 Alternative – 5th/Harrison

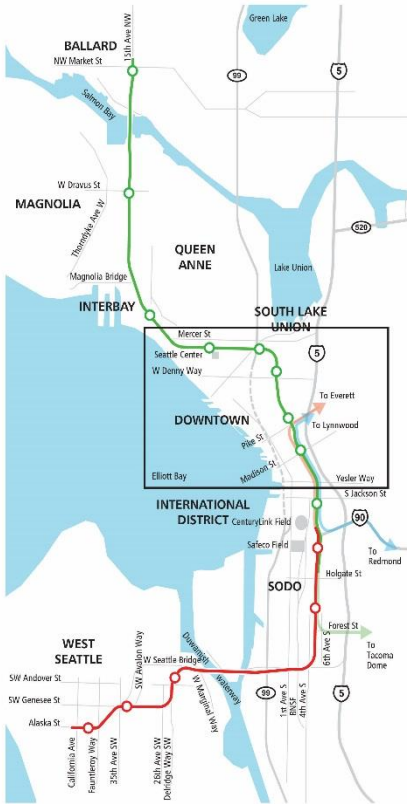
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Shifted SLU Station and revised alignment to avoid conflict with sewer

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Level 2 Alternative – 6th/Boren/Roy

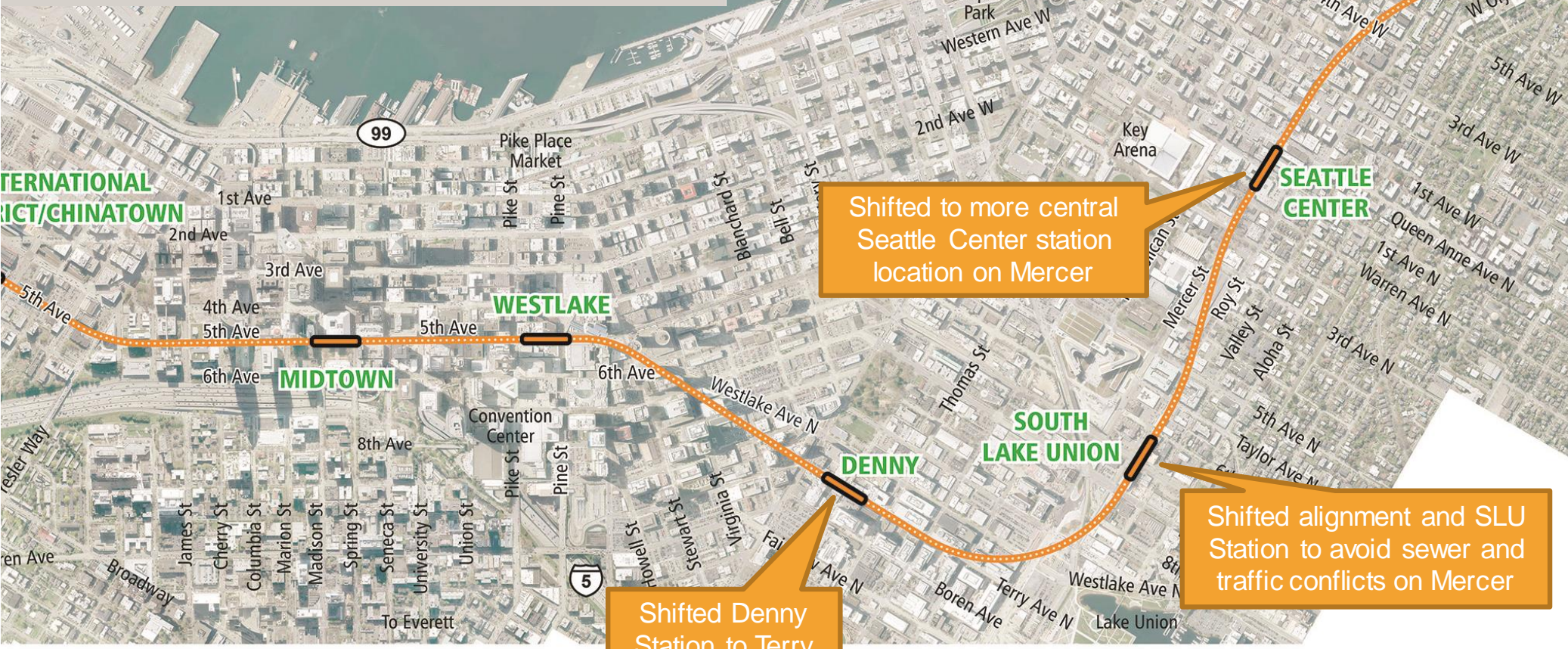
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Downtown

Level 2 Alternative – 5th/Terry/Roy/Mercer (new)

Upcoming stakeholder/ community engagement

WHO IS SOUND TRANSIT?

We plan, build and operate regional transit systems and services to improve mobility in urban areas of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.



Sounder commuter rail

The Sounder train (shown between Everett and Seattle) carries passengers, bicycles, horses, horses, horses, and more! Sounder has the largest and most frequent service in the region, connecting major business and industry hubs, providing a reliable and safe mode of transit for the region.



Link light rail

Currently, Link light rail runs from King Lake and SeaTac Station to downtown Seattle and will be expanded to the University of Washington campus in 2020 and to the University of Washington Medical Center in 2021. Link light rail is a high-capacity, high-speed transit mode that will provide a reliable and safe mode of transit for the region.



Express bus

Express bus routes offer a reliable and safe mode of transit for the region. The system plan is to build a new express bus route that will provide a reliable and safe mode of transit for the region.

Our Board
Sound Transit is governed by an 18-member Board made up of local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The Board establishes policies and gives direction and oversight.

Funding
The system plan is paid for with a combination of voter-approved local taxes, federal grants, farebox revenues, borrowed funds and interest revenues. By 2035, system operating costs will be paid for with local taxes, farebox revenues, interest earnings, private sources and federal operating assistance.

SOUNDTRANSIT

FUTURE SERVICE

Sound Transit System Expansion will:

- Build a 116-mile light rail network extending from Everett to Tacoma, and from Seattle neighborhoods to Redmond and Issaquah.
- Establish Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to the north, east and south of Lake Washington.
- Expand Sounder south-line capacity and service, adding two new stations.
- Improve station parking at stations.



SOUNDTRANSIT

Community engagement and collaboration



Community Updates



Neighborhood Forums



Stakeholder Advisory Group



Elected Leadership Group



Sound Transit Board



Meeting dates subject to change.

2018 Festivals

- ✓ Morgan Junction Festival (6/16)
- ✓ Festival Sundiata (6/16-6/17)
- ✓ West Seattle Summer Fest (7/13-7/15)
- ✓ Ballard Seafood Fest (7/13-7/15)
- ✓ Dragon Fest (7/14-7/15)
- South Lake Union Block Party (8/10)
- Delridge Day (8/11)
- Celebrate Little Saigon (8/26)
- Night Market (9/8)
- Fishermen's Fall Festival (9/15)
- Sustainable Ballard Festival (9/22)
- Dia de Muertos (10/27-10/28)
- Magnolia Farmers Market (TBD)





Station Charrettes

Collaborative design sessions with agencies, community stakeholders

- ✓ 6/28: Ballard / Interbay
- ✓ 7/12: Seattle Center
- ✓ 7/20: Delridge
- ✓ 7/24: Alaska Junction / Avalon
- **7/31: Chinatown/ ID**
- **8/2: Denny / SLU**
- **for September: SODO/ Stadium, Smith Cove and Midtown / Westlake**

Coming soon: Neighborhood Forums/Open Houses

West Seattle

(Includes Delridge, Avalon and Alaska Junction stations)

Downtown Seattle

(Includes Denny, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, Midtown, Westlake, Chinatown-International District, Stadium and SODO stations)

Ballard

(Includes Smith Cove, Interbay and Ballard stations)

Saturday, Sept. 8

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Seattle Lutheran High School Gym (4100 SW Genesee St., Seattle)

Tuesday, Sept. 11

5:30 – 8 p.m.

Ruth Fisher Boardroom, Union Station (401 S. Jackson St., Seattle)

Monday, Sept. 17

5:30 – 8 p.m.

Ballard Eagleson VFW (2812 NW Market St., Seattle)

Stakeholder Advisory Group

- **Andres Arjona**, Community Representative - Ballard
- **Becky Asencio**, Seattle Public Schools
- **Brian King**, Community Representative – West Seattle
- **Bryce Yadon**, Futurewise
- **Colleen Echohawk**, Chief Seattle Club
- **Dave Gering**, Manufacturing Industrial Council
- **Deb Barker**, Community Representative – West Seattle
- **Erin Goodman**, SODO Business Improvement Area
- **Ginny Gilder**, Force 10 Hoops/Seattle Storm
- **Greg Nickels**, Former Mayor of Seattle
- **Hamilton Gardiner**, West Seattle Chamber of Commerce
- **Jon Scholes**, Downtown Seattle Association
- **Julia Park**, Community Representative – Ballard
- **Katie Garrow**, Martin Luther King Labor Council
- **Kelsey Mesher**, Transportation Choices Coalition
- **Larry Yok**, Community Representative – Chinatown/ID



Stakeholder Advisory Group

- **Maiko Winkler-Chin**, SCIDpda
- **Mark Nagle**, Expedia
- **Mike Stewart**, Ballard Alliance
- **Paul Lambros**, Plymouth Housing
- **Peter Schrappen**, Northwest Marine Trade Association
- **Robert Cardona**, Community Representative - Uptown
- **Ron Severt**, Space Needle
- **Savitha Reddy Pathi**, Wing Luke Museum
- **Scott Rusch**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- **Steve Lewis**, Alliance for People with disAbilities
- **Walter Reese**, Nucor Steel
- **Warren Aakervik**, Community Representative - Freight
- **Willard Brown**, Delridge Neighborhood Development Association



➤ **Next Meeting – September 5th, 2018**

Elected Leadership Group

Executive Dave Somers
Sound Transit Board Chair

Mayor Jenny Durkan
Sound Transit Board Member

Executive Dow Constantine
Sound Transit Board Member

Councilmember Rob Johnson
Sound Transit Board Member

Councilmember Joe McDermott
Sound Transit Board Member

Councilmember Lisa Herbold
Seattle City Council

Councilmember Bruce Harrell
Seattle City Council

Councilmember Sally Bagshaw
Seattle City Council

Councilmember Mike O'Brien
Seattle City Council

Councilmember Lorena González
Seattle City Council

Commissioner Stephanie Bowman
Port of Seattle

> Next Meeting – October 5th, 2018



How to stay engaged

Contact ST

- › Call the project line to speak with an Outreach Specialist
- › Send an email with questions, concerns or comments



Get involved

- › Attend an open house
- › Participate in a neighborhood forum



Go online

- › Visit the project website
- › Respond to online surveys
- › Subscribe to email updates
- › Follow on social media



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