



Light Rail Communities

Stakeholder Meeting
February 25, 2020

Today's Agenda

- Background
- Station Area Planning
- Subarea Planning
- Schedule and Upcoming Outreach Events



Station area planning does not include the design of the station itself, construction, mitigation, operation or maintenance of light rail; those are the responsibility of Sound Transit. Final decisions on the actual station location and alignment will be made by Sound Transit.



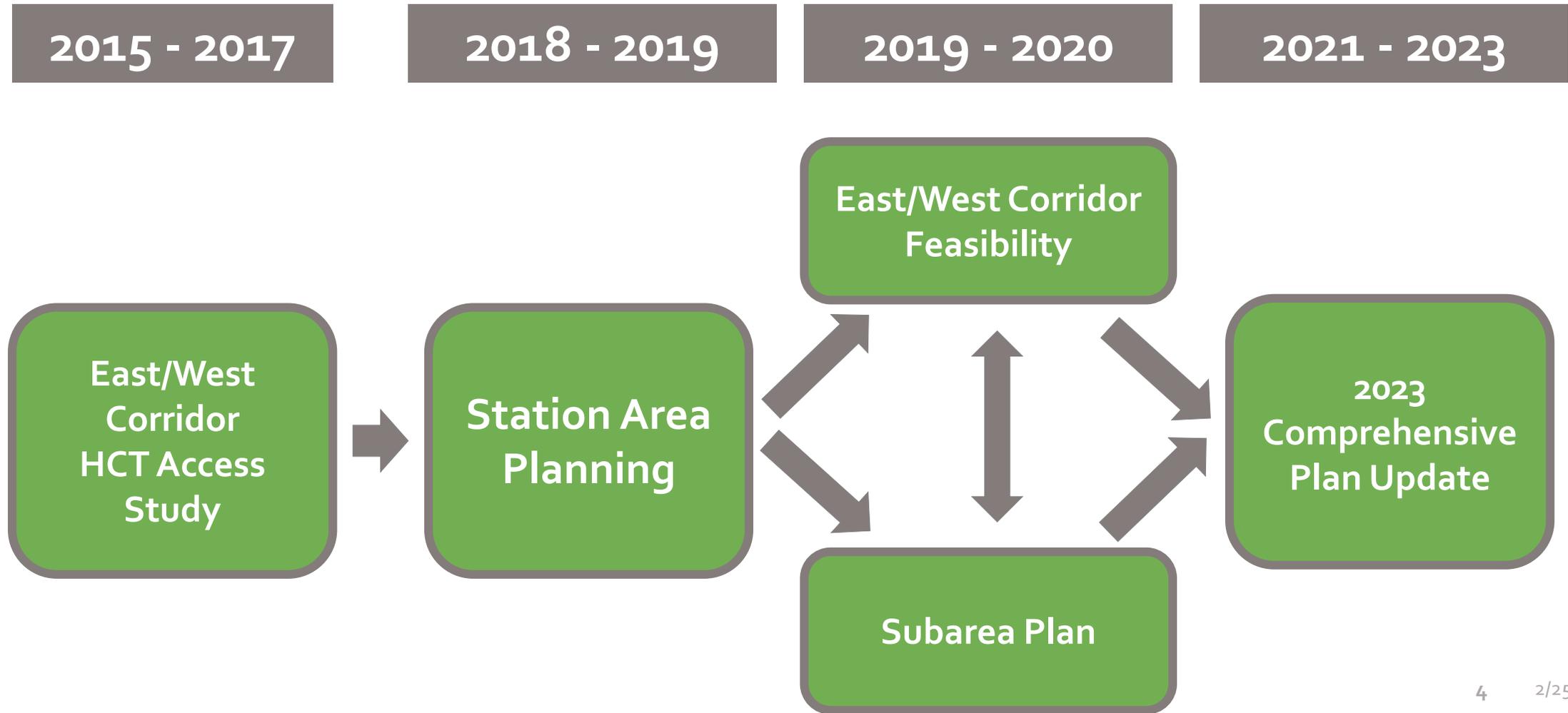
- ST3 approved in November 2016
- Includes Everett Link Extension:
 - Two funded unincorporated stations:
 - Ash Way
 - Mariner
 - One provisional (unfunded) unincorporated station:
 - SR 99/Airport Rd (Provisional)



- **Service between Lynnwood and Everett begins in 2036**



Big Picture Timeline





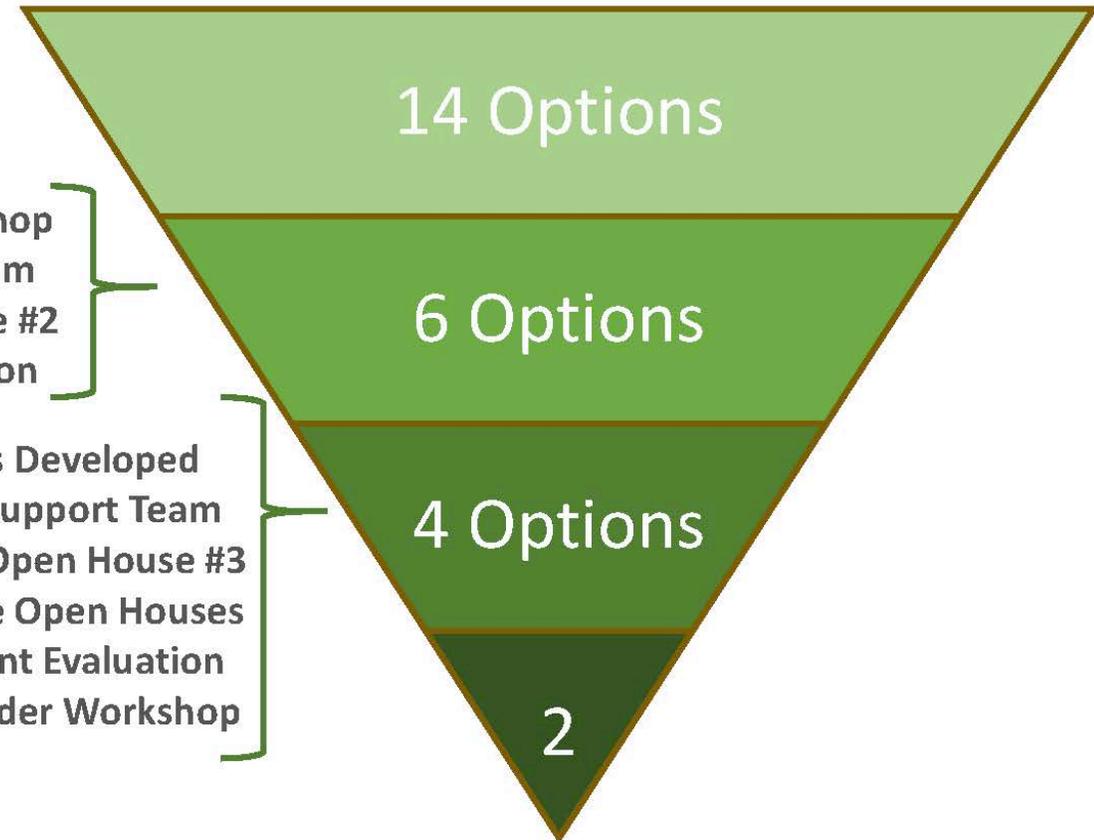
Process of Identifying Options

- Market Analysis
- Agency Support Team
- On-line Open House #1
- Stakeholder Workshop

- Consultant Evaluation
- Stakeholder Workshop

- Stakeholder Workshop
- Agency Support Team
- On-line Open House #2
- Consultant Evaluation

- Concepts Developed
- Agency Support Team
- On-line Open House #3
- 2 On-Site Open Houses
- Consultant Evaluation
- Stakeholder Workshop

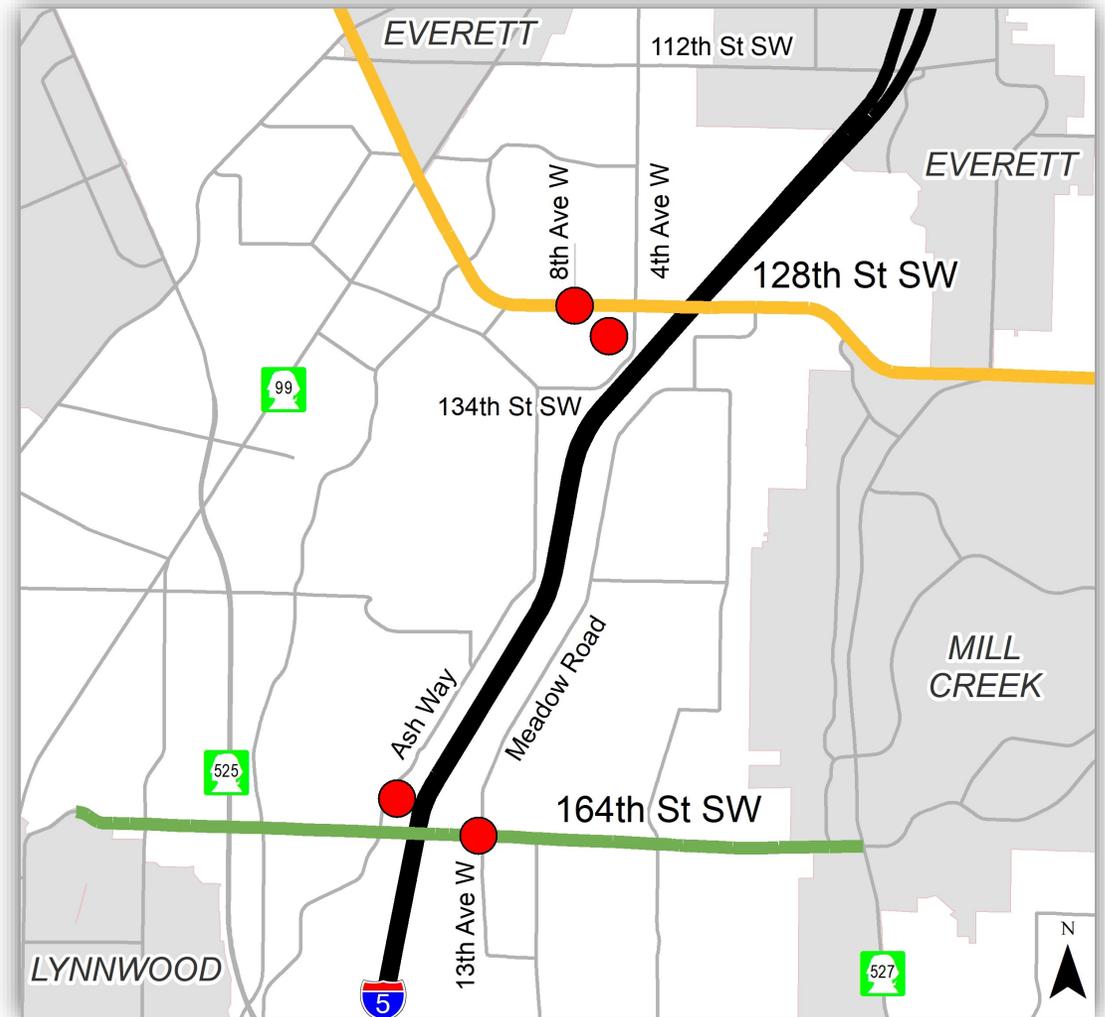




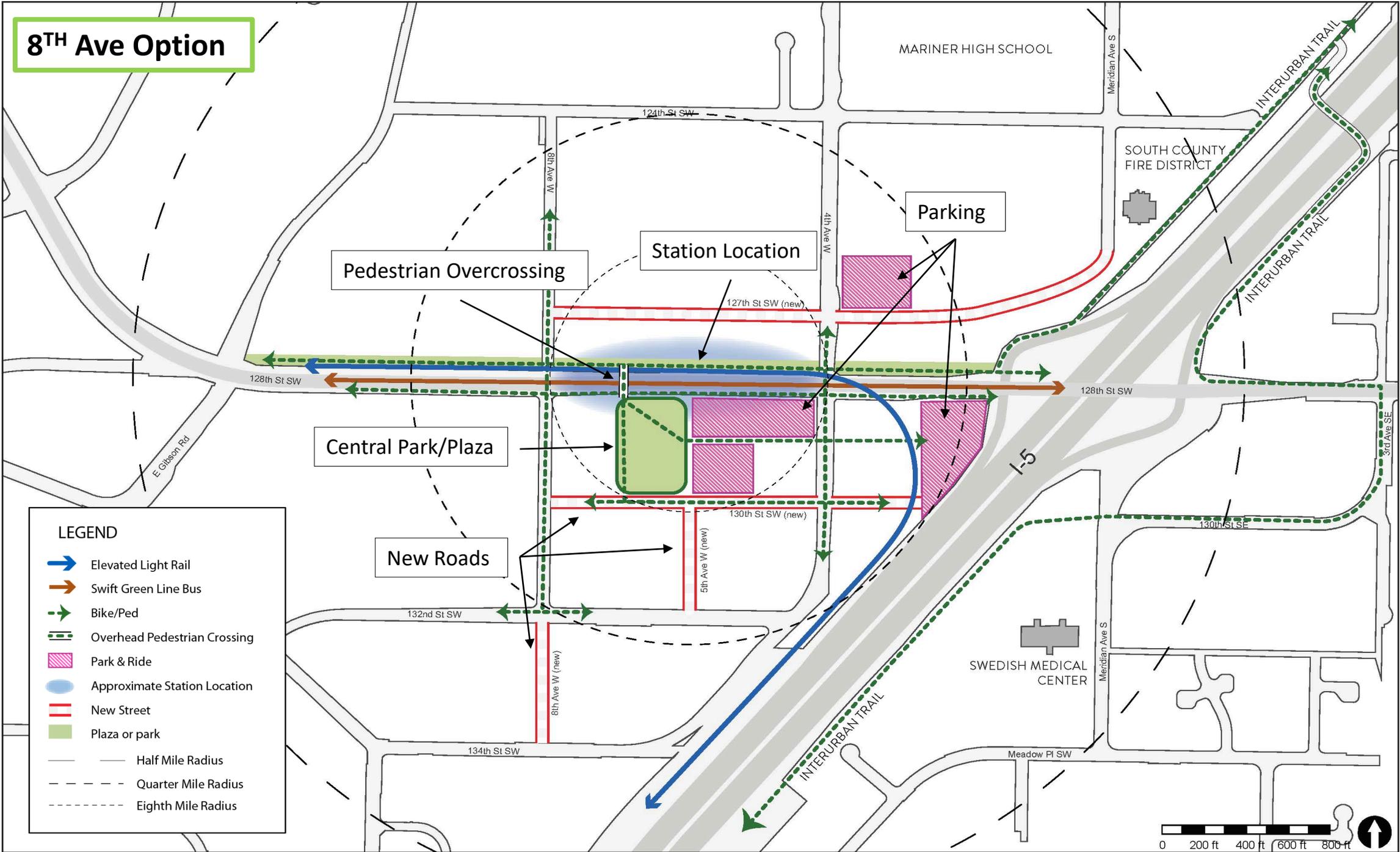
Station Location Options

- Two near I-5 and 128th St
 - 8th Ave W
 - 130th St

- Two near I-5 and 164th St
 - Ash Way Park and Ride
 - 164th East of I-5

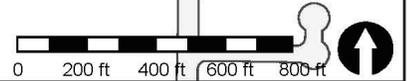


8TH Ave Option

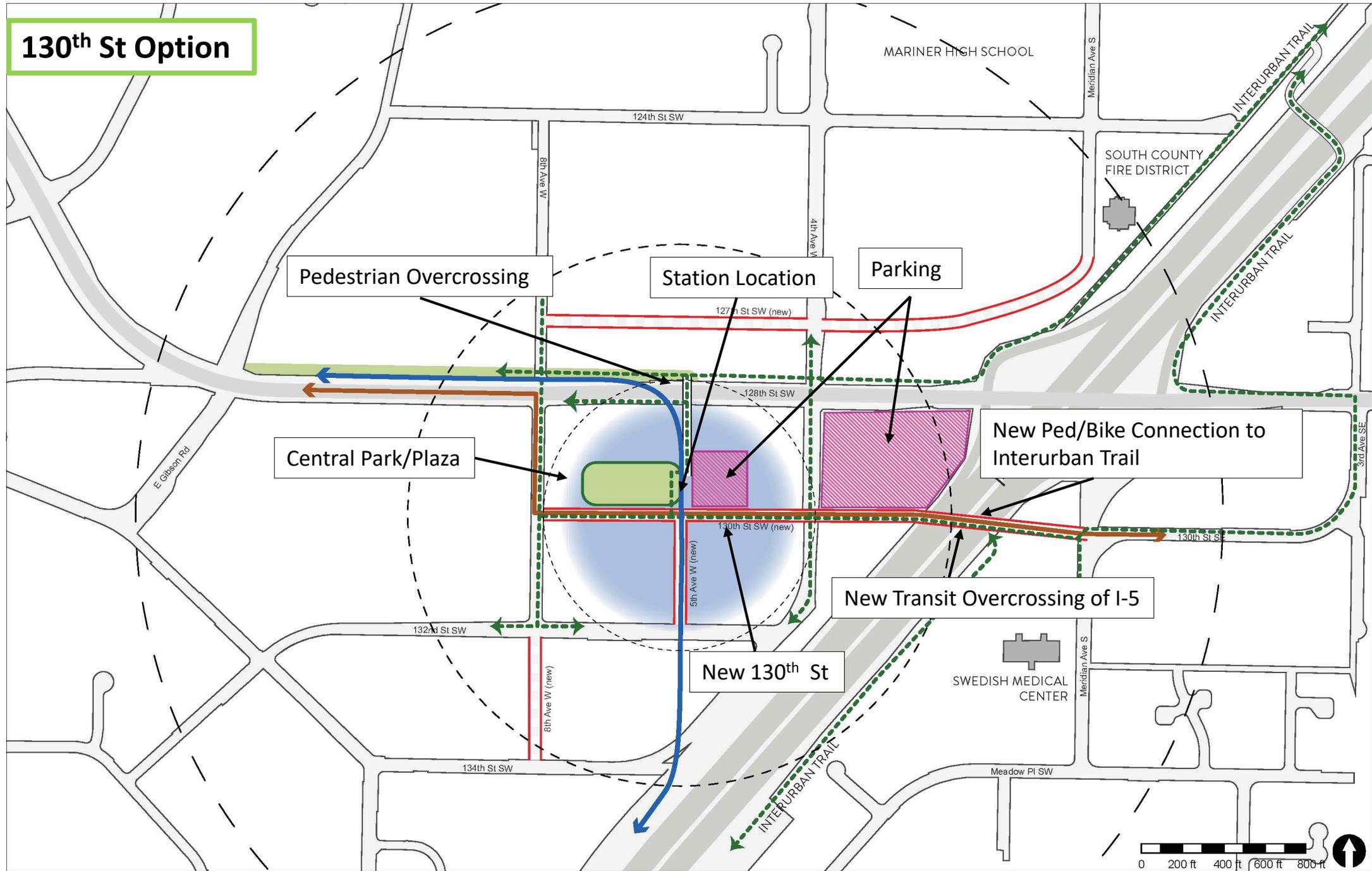


LEGEND

- Elevated Light Rail
- Swift Green Line Bus
- Bike/Ped
- Overhead Pedestrian Crossing
- Park & Ride
- Approximate Station Location
- New Street
- Plaza or park
- Half Mile Radius
- Quarter Mile Radius
- Eighth Mile Radius



130th St Option





Mariner Station - Option Comparison

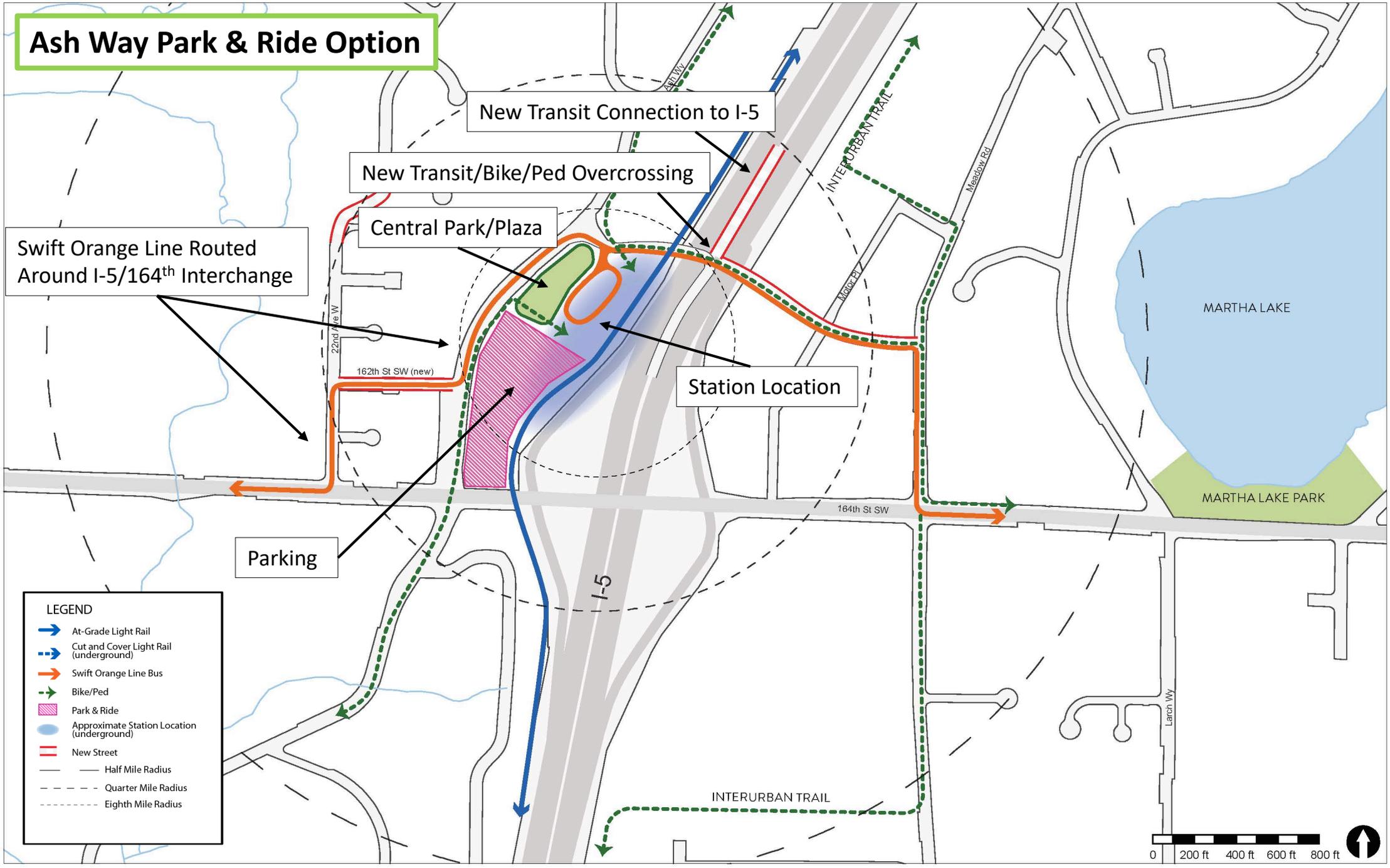
	130 th Ave	8 th Ave
Transit Access	★ ★	★
TOD Opportunities	★ ★	★ ★
Non-motorized	★ ★	★



Mariner Station - Option Comparison (continued)

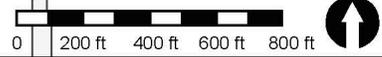
	130 th Ave	8 th Ave
Cost	★ ★	★ ★
Public Input	★ ★	★
Other Factors	★ ★	★

Ash Way Park & Ride Option

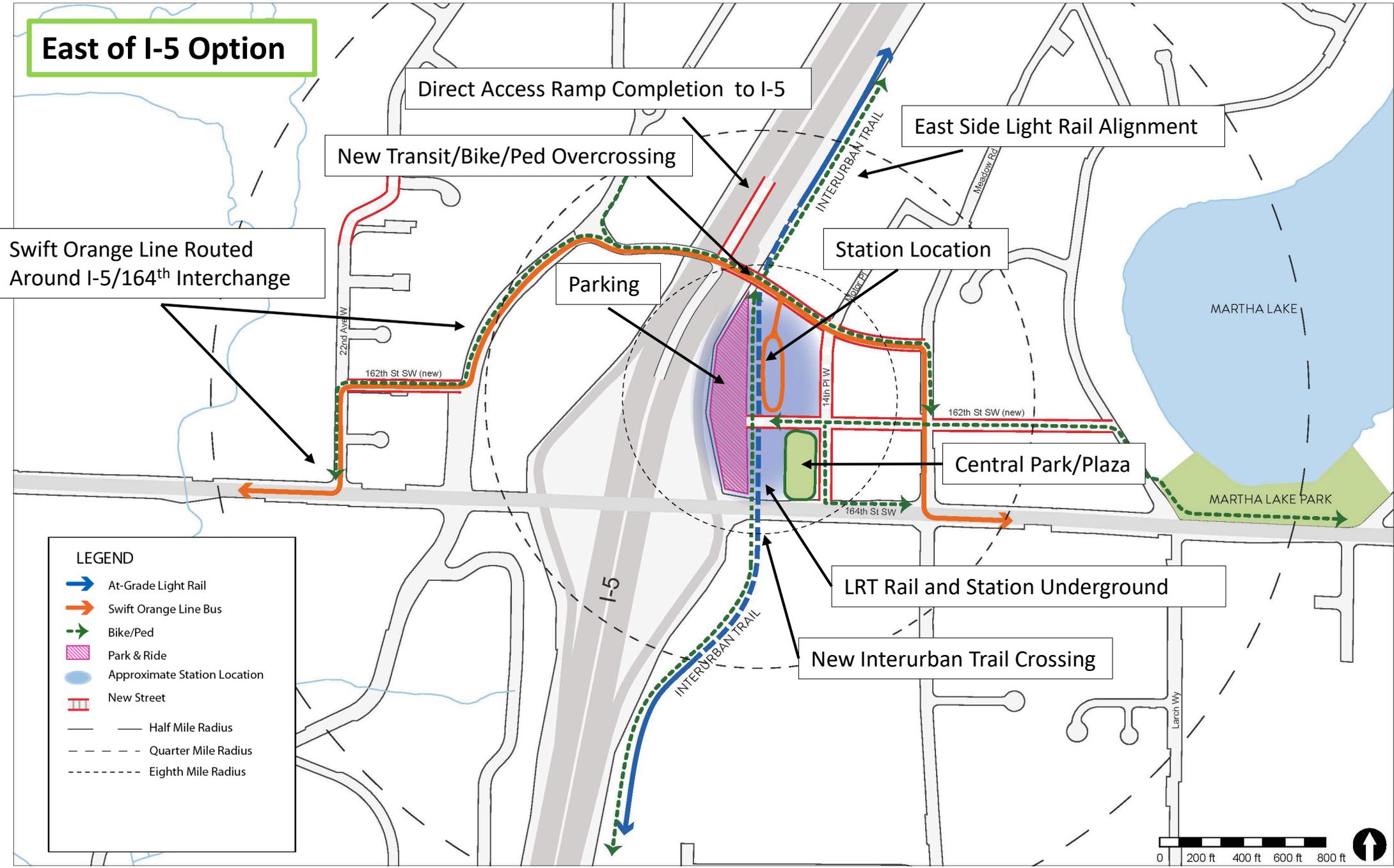


LEGEND

- At-Grade Light Rail
- Cut and Cover Light Rail (underground)
- Swift Orange Line Bus
- Bike/Ped
- Park & Ride
- Approximate Station Location (underground)
- New Street
- Half Mile Radius
- Quarter Mile Radius
- Eighth Mile Radius



East of I-5 Option





Ash Way Station – Option Comparison

	East of I-5	Ash Way Park and Ride
Transit Access	★ ★	★ ★
TOD Opportunities	★ ★	★
Non-motorized	★ ★	★



Ash Way Station - Option Comparison (continued)

	East of I-5	Ash Way Park and Ride
Cost		
Public Input		
Other Factors		



Joint Council/Executive Resolution

- Support 130th St as the locally favored option for the Mariner light rail station
- Support east of I-5 as the locally favored option for the Ash Way light rail station
- Support of use of these station locations for planning purposes
- Encourage Sound Transit to consider these locations as alternatives in their Everett Link Extension alternatives analysis process
- Resolution adopted February 18, 2020



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20-004

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AND
COUNTY EXECUTIVE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY
LIGHT RAIL STATION PLANNING**

WHEREAS, in 2016, the voters in the Sound Transit District approved a package of regional transit improvements known as Sound Transit 3 (ST3); and

WHEREAS, ST3 includes an extension of Sound Transit's light rail system from Lynnwood to Everett, known as Everett Link, with funded stations in unincorporated Snohomish County at 164th St/I-5 (Ash Way) and 128th St/I-5 (Mariner); and

WHEREAS, ST3 includes a provisional station at Airport Rd/SR99 in unincorporated Snohomish County and the City of Everett that is dependent on the availability of funding; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit will evaluate several alternative alignments and station locations through the Everett Link Extension alternatives analysis and environmental review process which will be completed by 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Sound Transit Board to make final alignment and station location decisions for the Everett Link Extension at the conclusion of the alternatives analysis and environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, the funded stations at Ash Way and Mariner and the provisional station at Airport Rd have the potential to significantly change the land use patterns and transportation networks in the unincorporated areas between Everett and Lynnwood; and

WHEREAS, early identification of locally favored station locations by Snohomish County is necessary to update the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Planning and Development Services departments have begun a joint project, named Light Rail Communities, to provide the necessary planning for land use, transportation, and other county services necessary to support the Ash Way, Mariner, and Airport Rd light rail stations; and

WHEREAS, as a first phase of Light Rail Communities it is necessary to identify and evaluate potential station locations for the Mariner station and for the Ash Way station, prior to the Sound Transit Board selecting final station locations, for use in sub-area planning and the 2023 update to the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a consultant team was hired to identify potential locations, provide a market analysis of potential residential and commercial development, evaluate land use opportunities, evaluate transit, non-motorized and other transportation access, develop conceptual designs for the potential station areas, and assist county staff with the public outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County will plan for the Airport Rd/SR 99 station through the subarea planning phase of the Light Rail Communities project; and

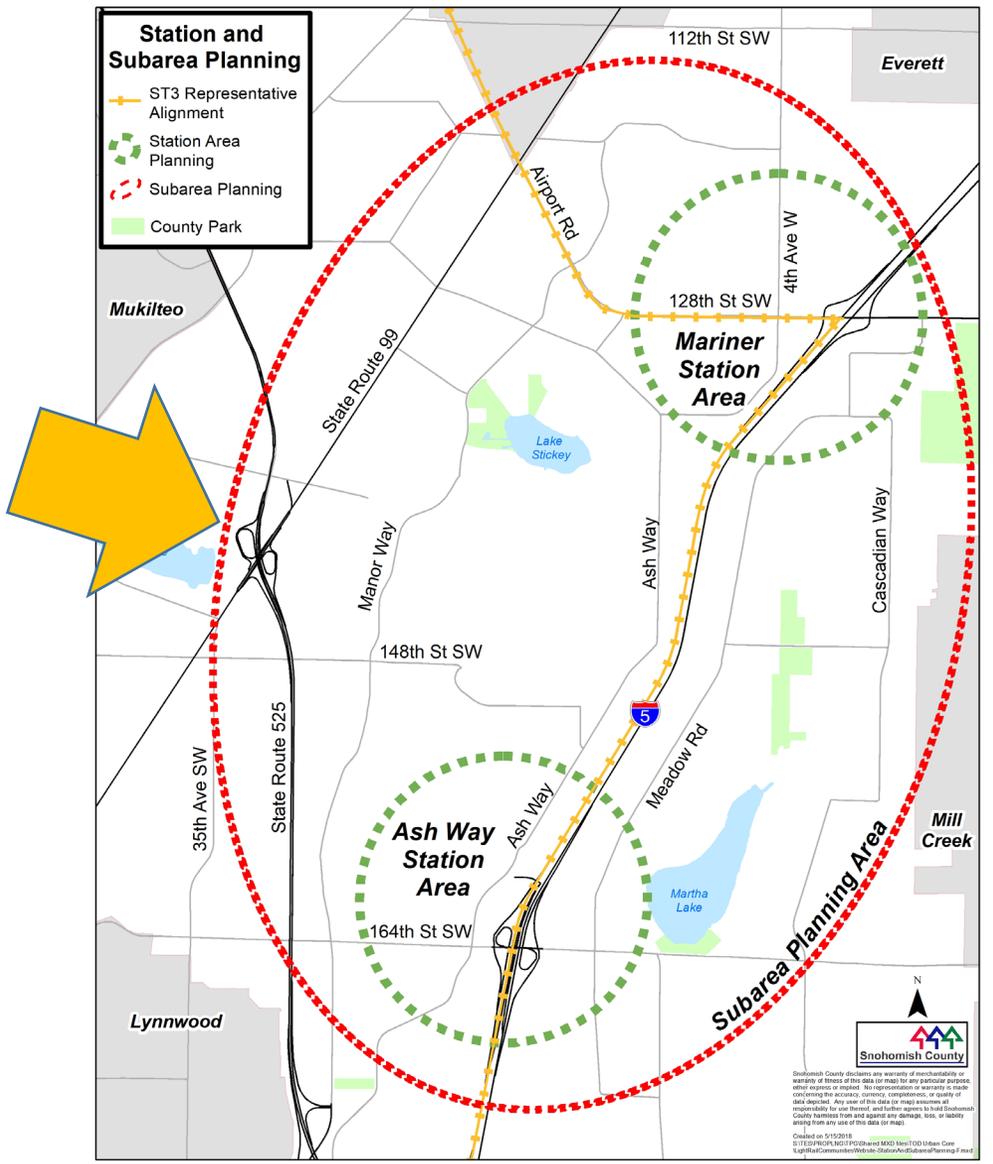
WHEREAS, it is the intention of Snohomish County that information generated by the Light Rail Communities project, including its locally favored station locations, be considered by Sound Transit as it makes decisions based on its own alternatives evaluation, public outreach, and environmental review processes for the Everett Link project; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County will update planning documents after the Sound Transit Board makes final alignment and station location decisions so to remain consistent with the Sound Transit system plan; and



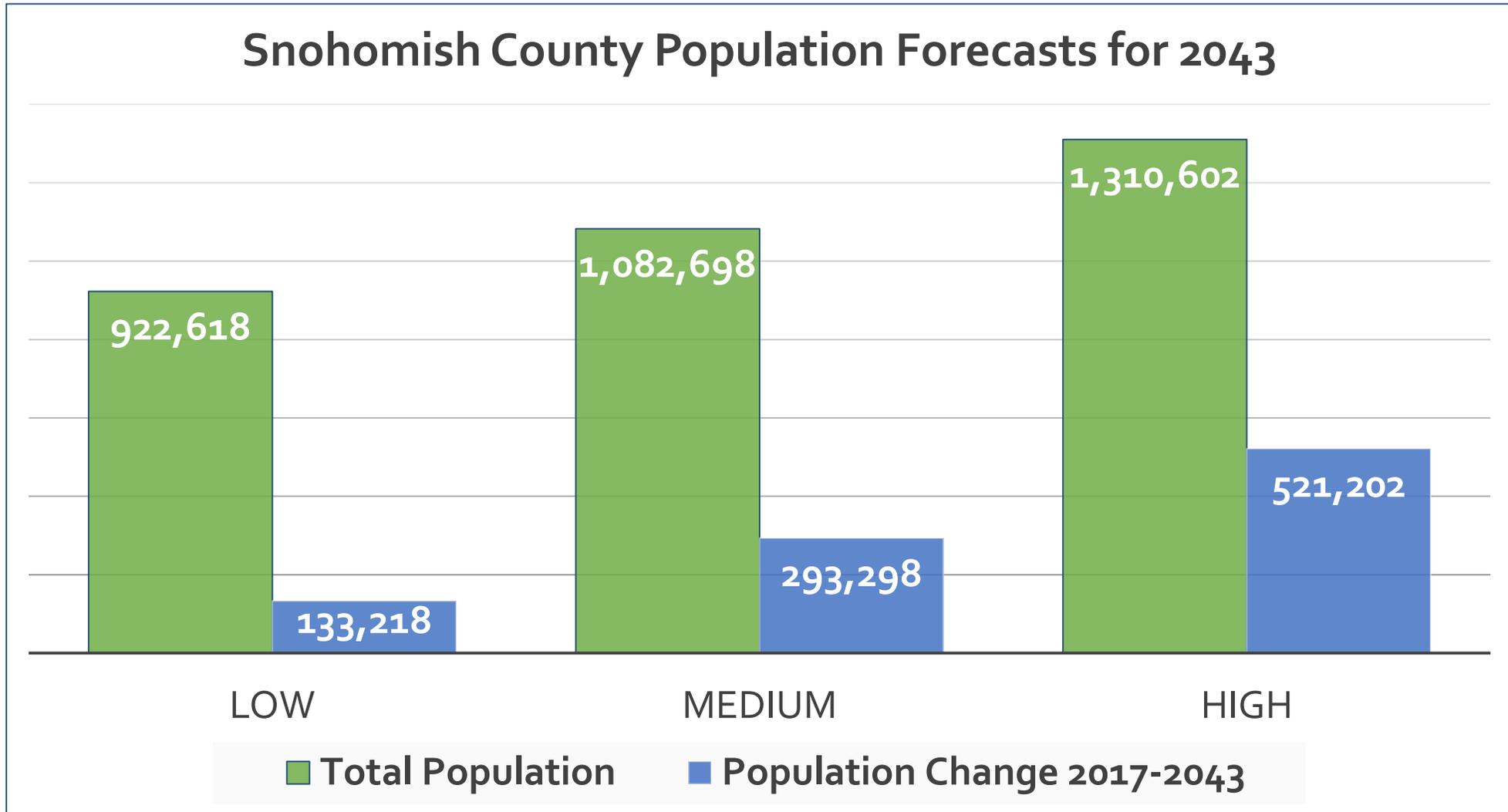
Subarea Planning

- Prepare a subarea plan to guide future planning decisions
- Provide certainty to residents, property owners, developers and the community-at-large





Snohomish County Population Forecasts for 2043

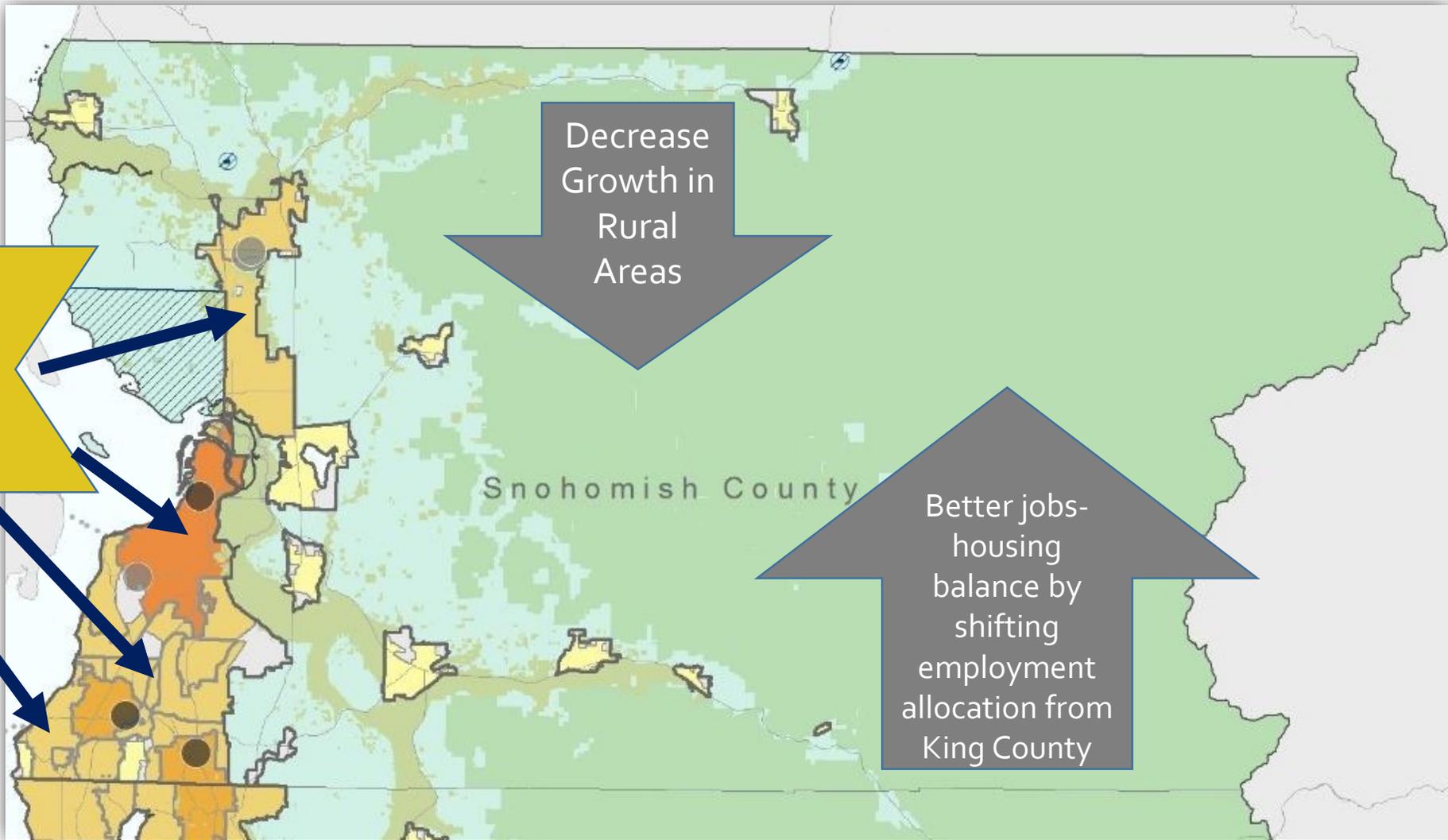


Source: Office of Financial Management



Draft Vision 2050 Regional Growth Strategy

Goal for 75% of the region's growth to occur near high capacity transit



Decrease Growth in Rural Areas

Better jobs-housing balance by shifting employment allocation from King County



Guiding Principles



Preserve Neighborhood Character



Cultivate Economic Development



Promote Sustainability



Support Affordable Housing



Strive for Equity



Create a Walkable Environments



Maintain Healthy Communities



Topics to be Addressed



Vision



Parks and Recreation



Land Use and Zoning



Natural Environment



Housing



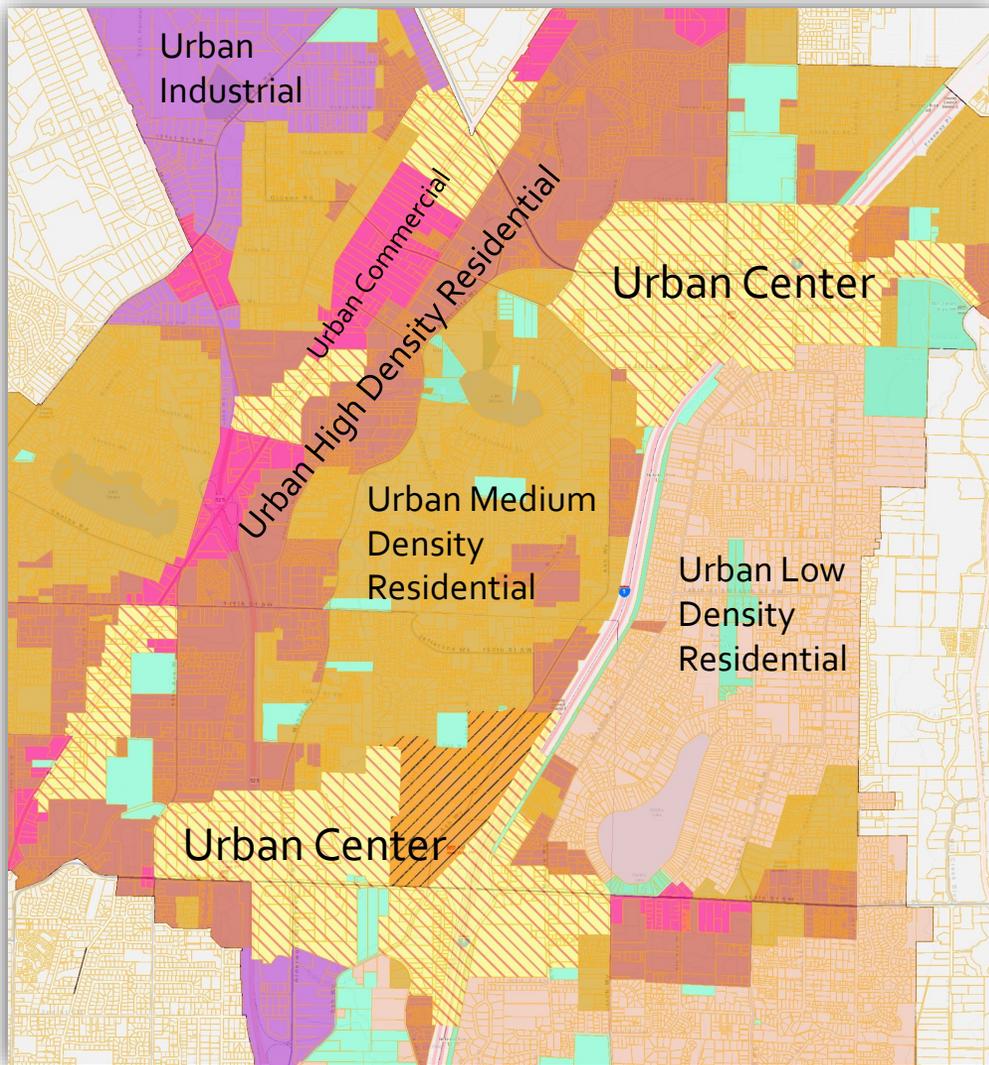
Public Services and Utilities



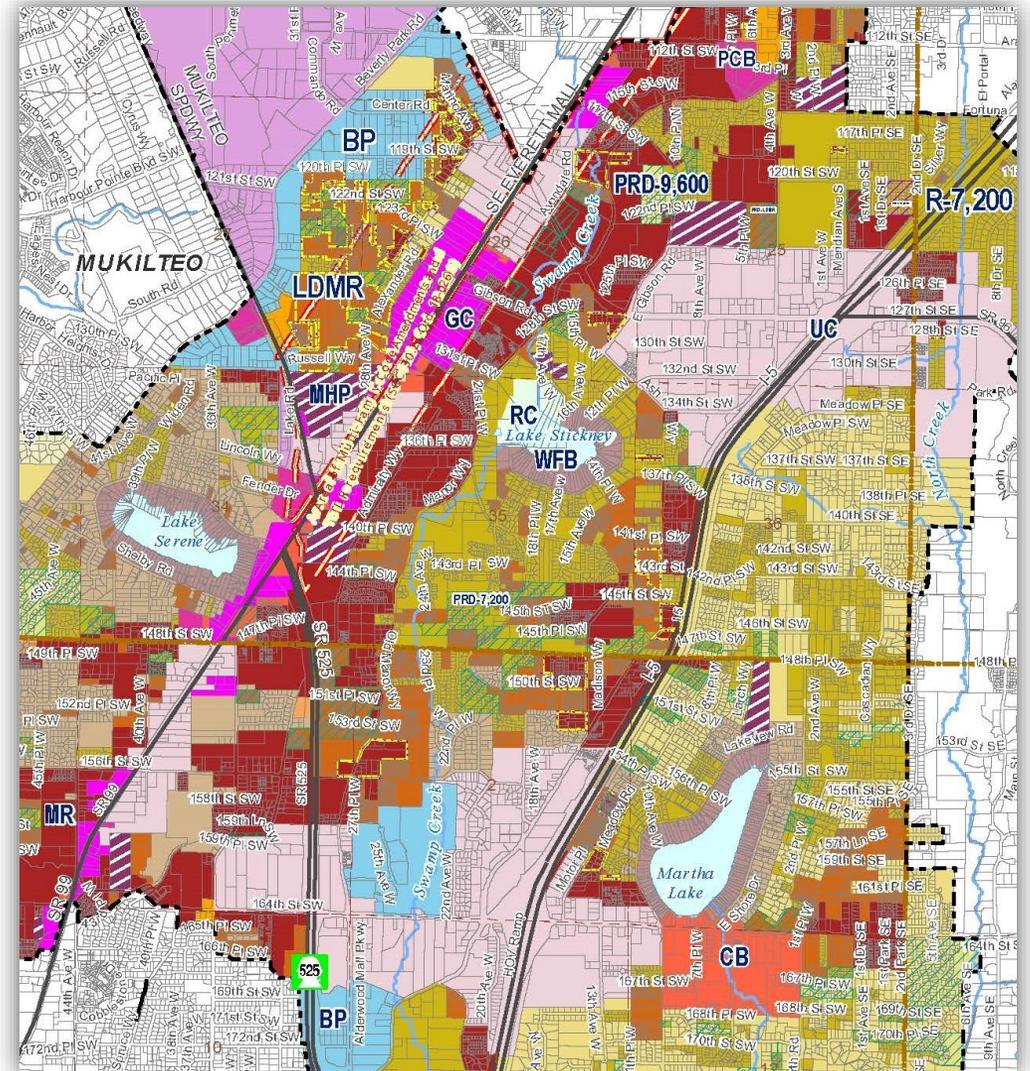
Transportation



Economic Development



Future Land Use



Zoning



Form Based Codes

- A **Form-Based Code (FBC)** is a means of regulating land development to achieve a specific urban form
- Fosters predictable built results and a high-quality public realm by using physical form (rather than separation of uses) as the organizing principle



Schedule and Upcoming Outreach Events





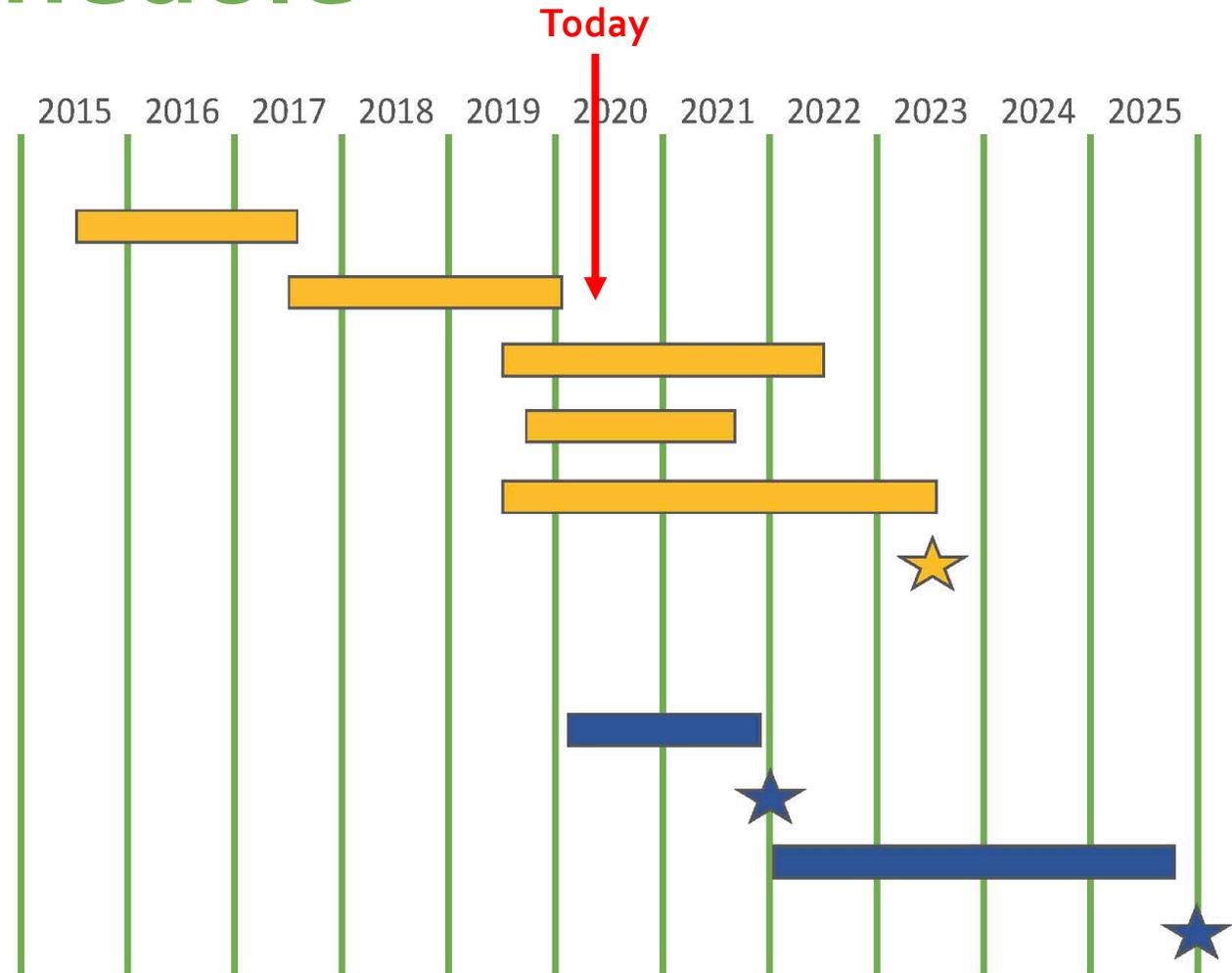
Schedule

Snohomish County Light Rail Planning Projects

- East/West Corridor HCT Access Study - Phase 1
- Light Rail Communities - Station Area Planning
- Light Rail Communities - Prepare Sub-Area Plan
- East/West Corridor HCT Access Study - Phase 2
- Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan Update
- Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Update and Sub-Area Plan

Sound Transit Everett Link Project Development

- Alternatives Analysis
- ST Board Selects Preliminary Preferred Alternative
- EIS Process
- ST Board Selects Project to be Built





Details

#	Project/Task	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Online Survey-Community Preferences & Vision	March			
2	Community Workshops-Growth & Land Use	April			
3	Prepare Subarea Plan	—————			
4	Community Workshops-Development Regulations	Fall			
5	Prepare Implementing Regulations		—————		
6	Public Engagement Opportunity		TBD		
7	Environmental Review*		—————		—————
8	Planning Commission Briefings and Hearing(s)			—————	
9	County Council Briefings and Hearing(s)				—————

*In conjunction with the 2023 GMA Comprehensive Plan Update

Dates subject to change

Online Community Survey

- Better understand the community preferences of people who interact within the subarea
- Opens March 6-Closes May 8

Automobile Transportation

Types of Housing

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

Parks and Recreation

Community Facilities

Neighborhood Characteristics

Use of Public Lands



April Community Workshops

April 23

- TBD
- 6-8 pm

April 30

- Odyssey Elementary School
- 6-8 pm

- What amenities does the community want?
- Where do you see the most growth occurring in the future?
- What type of buildings should be used to accommodate growth and where should they be located?



April Stakeholder Workshop

April 30

- 9:30-11:30
- Robert Drewel Building Public Meeting Room First Floor (West Side)

2020 APRIL						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

www.free-printable-calendar.com



Question 1

What are your top two concerns looking out over the next 20 years?

Question 2

Please identify your top two things you would like to see within the area being planned.

Question 3

Is there something missing that we should include within our process?



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